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# Bicycle festival to roll out in Titusville

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TITUSVILLE — Bike Week in Titusville will be less about Harleys and more about Giants, Haros and Treks.

The six-day event — officially called the Titusville “Gateway to Nature and Space” Bicycle Festival — starts Monday.

It will include an array of activities, ranging from a bicycle ride with the mayor to a cocktail party with an astronaut. There also will be bicycle and helmet giveaways for children who otherwise would not have one this summer.

Event organizers Karan and Mark Conklin see this year’s festival as a prelude to bigger events in coming years, when Titusville will become a hub for a regional bicycling loop that will encompass a wide area of East-Central Florida.

Event hosts include the city of Titusville, the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Titusville Center and the U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum.

Here is a rundown of what’s planned during the six-day festival:

**Monday:** Bicyclists can join Titusville Mayor Jim Tulley and Brevard County Commission Chairman Robin Fisher on a leisurely ride around the Chain of Lakes Park, off U.S. 1, north of Brevard Community College’s Titusville campus, to open the festival from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Residents are encouraged to ride bicycles to work or for leisure.

**Wednesday:** Students are encouraged to ride bicycles to school.

**Thursday:** There will be a free concert featuring island-themed music performed by Lionheart from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Nevin’s Courtyard, along the 300 block of South Washington Avenue (northbound U.S. 1) in downtown Titusville.

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## Bikes will be rolling at festival

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Custom bikes from Lowlife Bikes of Cocoa will be on display.

**Friday:** Emma Parrish Theatre at 301 Julia St. downtown will host a “Bike-tail Party.” Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the program starts at 8 p.m. Retired astronaut Robert Springer, a mission specialist on space shuttle missions in 1989 and

1990 and a retired Marine Corps colonel, will be guest speaker. Tickets are \$15 a person. Dress is business-casual.

**Saturday:** The festival concludes with a large-scale free event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Space View Park.

There will be music, a custom bike display, a children’s area and exhibitors promoting safety, health, environmental, trails and recreational issues.

At least 20 bicycles and helmets will be given to children in need, with the help of the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office Bikes for Tykes program, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization bicycle/pedestrian safety education coordinator Kim Smith and the Space Coast Pilot Club. ■

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