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Becky and Tom's ride, Jackson County Brevet, Braselton, Georgia—June 13-14, 2014
Raising money for THE KELLY WILHITE APLASTIC ANEMIA RESEARCH FUND at Emory University





George Hincapie with Tom

If you don't know who George Hincapie is, he is one of the most amazing pro cyclists of all time. He rode the Tour de France 17 times—working as *domestique* for the Tour champion nine of those times, and for the winning sprinter several more. A domestique is a worker—a strong champion who works for his team rather than for his own glory. In other words, Lance Armstrong gives his credit to George. George was present for the entire Jackson Brevet to lend his support.



Photo explanations

To the left, at Friday dinner, George Hincapie is holding a copy of *Chasing AllieCat*, which I just gave him. He also signed his memoir for me. Below: Me, George, Tom. On the other page: Tom and I are in the middle. Clockwise: the highest fund-raisers, who got to ride 34 miles with George and have dinner with him on Friday--I'm second from left, next to George. Tom is on right; Climbing a hill next to George; Alec at the pool (reason all this is so important); small group Tom and I rode with both days (99 miles total)—at this moment, Tom is not in photo because he's riding next to George up front (they finished the ride side-by-side, which is why the “knucks” above);

Nikki's “baby bump”—another reason this matters so much; small group at finish with Alec; me riding with George.

So much to say. So grateful.

Once again, my son-in-law Tom is the healthiest survivor of Aplastic Anemia we know. We met a woman who does triathlons as a survivor. We also met a 9-year-old girl who will have a bone marrow transplant in July—her only chance for survival. Kelly Wilhite is struggling daily. It matters so much that we contribute to research that will change a nearly 3-decade-old treatment so others can live full lives in spite of this disease. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

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Once again, our ride in the Jackson County Brevet proved an emotional experience. Riders included Robert Wilhite's wife Kelly, who has Aplastic Anemia, and for whom he named the ride. She was able to ride a short distance, but her health is affecting every aspect of life. She is pictured below with her husband Robert along with George Hincapie and his wife Melanie at our Friday night dinner.

