



rideATAXIA - A Strong Start to 2018!

Dear rideATAXIA Teammate,

While we each participate in individual rides, we are all part of one rideATAXIA team. Together, we are physically active and raising over \$1M annually to advance FA research. To that end, I'd like to keep you informed quarterly on ride and FARA happenings. Please feel free to share this email with teammates and supporters. If you are receiving this email as a forward, you can subscribe directly [here](#).

See you on the road,
Kyle

rideATAXIA SoCal

On a beautiful February day, Bolsa Chica State Park in Huntington Beach, CA, became the new home of rideATAXIA SoCal. The event welcomed 300 cyclists for a day of family, fun, and cycling. rideATAXIA SoCal surpassed the fundraising goal by raising over \$74K!

Special thanks to **Outback Steakhouse** and **Lazy Dog Restaurant** for catering lunch.



To read more about the day, [click here](#) for a blog post from FARA Ambassador, Frankie Perazzola.

To view the rideATAXIA SoCal photo album, [click here](#).

rideATAXIA Dallas



Mother Nature gave us another beautiful day to be outside on our bikes on March 24th in Denton, TX. rideATAXIA Dallas welcomed 600 cyclists. Over 20 FA Families gathered, not only from the greater Dallas area but also Oklahoma, Louisiana and Kansas, to raise \$130,000!

Special thanks to **Outback Steakhouse** and **Grub Burger** for grilling at the rest stops and providing lunch and milkshakes. Yum!

To read more about the day [click here](#) for a blog post from FARA Ambassador, Christin Haun.

To view the rideATAXIA Dallas photo album, [click here](#).

Check Out Our New rideATAXIA Video!



rideATAXIA Impact: The Fitzhugh Family

In this video, the Fitzhugh family share their story and what rideATAXIA means to them.

"You can wait for the storms to pass or you can learn to D A N C E in the R A I N."

*This video made possible by
Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*



Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award

In 2017, FARA granted the Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award to an exciting project that brings together a technology familiar to many with a name that is well known in the FA Scientific Community. The grant was awarded to a company called CRISPR Therapeutics to fund research on in vivo CRISPR/Cas9-based gene-editing approaches to treat FA, which will be performed in collaboration with Dr. Marek Napierala at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Kyle met Dr. Napierala during his very first ride in 2007, and he continues to be a powerful contributor to the community. We are proud to co-fund this grant with the Cure FA Foundation.



"We believe that our gene editing technology is uniquely suited to target the underlying genetic causes of genetic disorders such as FA"

- Tony Ho, MD, Head of Research & Development, CRISPR Therapeutics.

[Read the entire press release here](#)

Join us for an upcoming
rideATAXIA event.

We hope to see you there!

For more information about
rideATAXIA, [click here](#)

Upcoming rideATAXIA Events 2018

[#rideATAXIA2018](#)

rideATAXIA NorCal | 6.2 | Winters, CA

rideATAXIA Chicago | 7.22 | Channahon, IL

rideATAXIA Philly | 10.14 | Blue Bell, PA

rideATAXIA Orlando | 11.10 | Clermont, FL

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