

SOLAR CYCLE WEEK



January 24th-31st, 2010

Hosted by the George A. Smathers Libraries

The SolarCycle Week committee (Bonnie Smith, Christine Driver, Beth Zavovyski, Laurie Brennan, Barbara Gundersen, Michelle Foss, Chelsea Dinsmore, Lexie Albe and Tarik Eluri) received a library mini-grant to sponsor a week of activities, highlighted by a visit and presentation by the Solar Cyclists, Susie Wheeldon and Jamie Vining. The committee thanks the UF Office of Sustainability (for co-sponsorship), Alex Palomino – president of the Student Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society, Judy Russell, Bess de Farber and the Grants committee, Barbara Hood, Jennifer Farrington, Paul McDonough, Cynthia McLean, Peter Miller, Bill Hanssen, Brad Hatch, Margeaux Johnson, Tina Pruitt, Jan Swanbeck, the PR & Marketing committee, the Reitz Union Board, Tim Byrne from the US Department of Energy, Kathy Viehe from GRU, and the SolarCycle Expo participants.

Streaming video of the Solar Cyclists' presentation at the library can be viewed at

<http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=92be2a8539024d5fa0cec4f3ca24aab3>



Solar Cyclists Jamie Vining and Susie Wheeldon (front) rode in to UF on January 27 with Gainesville Cycling Club members and were welcomed by committee member Christine Driver.



Above and below: Jamie & Susie summarize their amazing cycling journey across the globe to promote solar energy use, followed by questions from the audience. Right: Christine Driver presents the door prize winner a solar backpack donated by G24 Innovations.



Solar Expo on the Plaza of the Americas





Kathy Viehe, assistant general manager of GRU Strategic Planning, spoke on the Plaza of the Americas Thursday about GRU's groundbreaking Solar Tariff program.



Tim Byrne from the US Department of Energy gave a hands-on workshop on energy databases on Monday.



A member of the Bikes and More Cycling Team, Randy Wells and Alex Palomino braved the rain to ride with the cyclists out of Gainesville on Saturday morning.