

# Rollin'

Newsletter of the Silver  
Wheels Cycling Club, Inc.

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## Editor's Column

By Larry Best

So, there I was, minding my own business as usual when, all of a sudden, **Wham-blam-BOOM-Crack**. What the...? My neighborhood had turned into someplace in Ukraine! Charley, my dog, was hiding under the bed with me and we were both whimpering. Oh yeah, I remember now, it's early July and some people on the street were celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> a little

early, as usual.



Speaking of Independence Day, SWCC's annual July 4<sup>th</sup> ride starts at First Church of Oberlin, 106 N. Main St. Parking is in the rear. **All Rides will start from First Church of Oberlin, 106 N. Main St.** at 7:30 A.M. Ride early, meet, eat, and be your way by mid-morning to pursue your personal holiday celebrations.

The rear doors to the church will open at 7 a.m. for those delivering food items to share and/or in need of a restroom. This is an All-Star ride with ride leaders for most levels. For those wishing to just socialize and/or eat, the serving line will open at 10 a.m. If you haven't registered yet, please do so ASAP at <https://form.jotform.com/221556718166057>.

The club version of The Dog Day's Wine Tour is this coming Saturday, 7/8/23. The ride starts from the Auto Zone lot. From there you can easily ride to Professor St. and pick up the route. Actual route starts at the college but we don't have permission to park there. Please understand that this is basically an unsupported map ride (YOYO), with no real services or leaders. Rest stops may not be open to us in the early morning. It is advised to group up with others who

wish to ride the chosen route at a similar pace

28 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43437849>

50 miles <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43437930>

62 Mile route <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43438033>

## The 2023 Dog Days Wine Tour

The 2023 Dog Days Wine Tour is our 15th year hosting the event.

Learn for yourself why Bicycling Magazine listed "The Dog" as 'one cool ride' and why the League of American Bicyclists awarded the Silver Wheels Cycling Club Regional Club of the Year.

- **Saturday, July 15, 2023**

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6:00 AM - 7:00 PM

- Location

Austin E. Knowlton Athletics Complex, 210 Woodland St. Oberlin, OH 44074

We need club members to help. If you haven't already, please volunteer now. Call

## Do you know these people?



Well, if you don't, you should!

Tom (he's the one on the right) and Eva Weber have been very active members in SWCC for many years. Tom is the guy who monitors the club calendar-a big and important job. He also leads rides, and has served on various committees. Eva also leads many, many rides, some of which are her famous, History of Oberlin rides at 1:00 on Sundays. She researches historical facts and sites in the Oberlin area, selects a few, and the ride stops at them while she recounts their significance. If you haven't done one of these 1\* rides, you're missing out. They're very interesting.

But WAIT! There's more. Both Tom and Eva have been volunteers for the Lorain County Metroparks at the Wellington

reservation and have recently been named as **The Lorain County Metroparks Volunteers of the year**. Congrats to you two. It's hard to imagine two more deserving folks.

**FIRE**



### **NYC to Get E-bike Charging Stations After Fatal Battery Fires**

New York City is allocating \$25 million for safe e-bike charging stations in public housing to combat the growing number of deadly lithium-ion battery fires.



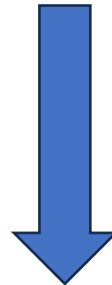
**So far this year, 13 New Yorkers have lost their lives and 71 others were injured in e-bike fires caused by batteries.** Using the wrong chargers (universal chargers), faulty or damaged batteries, over charging are some of the causes. Be careful with your bateries & monitor them. Be especially careful of dropping them. If you smell an electrical fire, if your battery is warm or hot to the touch, is the surface if bulging and the paint/surface has bubbled, take the battery to a qualified repairman. It's also important to take your battery to a recycle facility when it needs to be discarded. Throwing it away could start a dump fire.

Fires from lithium batteries are especially difficult to extinguish due to a chemical reaction. A faulty battery can burst into flames or actually explode if it comes in contact with water.

So, be sure the charger you're using is one that is made specifically your battery. Don't use "universal chargers." Check your battery often for signs of damage like a bulging or blistering surface, or warmth well after the time it's been used. It's also suggested that your battery be charged away from the

interior of your house, preferably somewhere away from other flammables. Check your battery often.

Happy Independence Day, and remember kids, please don't set off any fireworks. Leave that to the adults that have been drinking all day.



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Funny set of rules.

You're not allowed to cycle but you are allowed to injure a young child or elderly person.

