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THE NEWSLETTER OF SILVER WHEELS CYCLING CLUB

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See the club roster for specific contact information

From The Editor

We recently finished some major club events. The Ride of Silence, A "best of Michigan" cycling trip and the annual Depot Day, which were all well attended. A short summary of the Ride of Silence and Depot Day ride can be found in this issue. But wait there's more.... GOBA, Independence Day ride, Ride The Dog and Dog Days Wine Tour are all coming up soon. All this and of course daily rides means there is no excuse to not finding something of interest. A good way to meet lots of members during the week is our Wednesday evening all-star ride. These attract dozens of riders when the weather is good. What a great way to get some mid-week exercise!

Steve

Hello fellow club members:

It has been six interesting, fun filled months since I assumed the role as club president. This is a brief update of all the fun I have had.

January started off with quite a bang. I was faced with the task of having to cancel the Awards Banquet due to the weather. First time in the club's history that the banquet has been cancelled! Many thanks to the Banquet Committee, Cheryl Burkhardt, Betsy Nestor, Cindy Pesta, Steve Oz., and Gary Schmitt, and Randy Lottman, Tom Weber, and my dear hubby, Rick, for all their help in notifying the members and helping with the re-planning.

February brought a change within our membership management system, Wild Apeak, concerning Dan Del. Thanks to the Board for researching this

with APRICOT, concerning PAYPAL. Thanks to the Board for researching this and coming up with a resolution. Just a little bump in the road and we are back to business as usual.

Dare I speak too soon, but it has been pretty much smooth sailing since Feb.. There is no way I could do this job without my fellow Board members, the committee chairs, the committee members, my fellow club members, and my guiding mentor, Bob Burkhardt. I don't know if everyone is aware of all the hard workers we have. They make my job fairly easy.

All members are always welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings. See the events calendar for the date and times. I am planning on conducting a club goals review in the early fall after the Dog Days event to see how on track we are.

Thank you for having the confidence in allowing me to do this job. I am trying my best, but will gladly accept suggestions. Feel free to let me know any concern you may have.

***Madame President* (as some of the members now refer to me)**

AKA Sue Wells



The 2019 Ride of Silence was attended by approx. 35 people on a beautiful May evening. Our brief ceremony included Sue Wells sharing the names of people who have lost their lives in bike accidents along with the names of Silver Wheels members we have recently lost and Dennis Stout reading the Ride of Silence poem. The six mile ride was started with the sound of Amazing Grace being played by Pati Habenicht on the bagpipes. We appreciate everyone who came out for this special ride. A special note of thanks to the Oberlin Police Department for their escort through the City of Oberlin.

Bob Esper



Dog Days News



The Dog Days Wine Tour is only a month away. Have you signed up to help? The date is Saturday, July 13th at the New Russia Township Hall on Butternut Ridge Rd. After many years in LaGrange, this year we are trying a new location for the event. As this is our only fundraiser, it is important for us to really make this event a success. We use the funds to run our club and to donate to worthy cycling causes. With over a hundred riders from numerous states already registered, we expect close to 500 for the ride. This is a big event and we want all our guests to come away satisfied.

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far. We still need about 25 more helpers

If you are a new member, please consider helping out. We will provide training (minimal, but training none the less), a free lunch, and a chance to meet members of the club that you may not get to meet on the rides. It is always a fun event.

Please contact Sue Wells at wellsfour@yahoo.com if you can help. Thanks, Silver Wheels needs you!!



DEPOT DAYS 2019 – Dedicated to the late Steve Woosley:

It was another great Silver Wheels event on June 1. Many riders started early when the weather was expected to be pleasant. Rain was forecast to start in the early afternoon but all riders completed their routes before any raindrops fell. It was a great turnout and it may have been the largest ever. A review of the days statistics will be in next months Rollin'.



Riders gathering for a tribute to Steve Woosley at Depot Day



The first club campout of the year was held May 17-19. This self-contained bike camping trip started on Friday afternoon in Oberlin. It was a cool, windy ride to Camp Conley in Collins, OH that included a beverage stop at the Wakeman Elevator. After setting up camp, it was time to eat and relax. The campfire was very welcome that evening as the temps dropped into the 50's. Overnight in a tent was a cold experience and the morning rain made things a bit soggy. By 9am Saturday, the skies were clearing and the warm air began blowing in. We headed out on unloaded bikes into Milan and Norwalk. It was a 42 mile trip but it took 7 hours because of several stops. A coffee shop, Edison museum, D&D Smith Winery and Sandy Ridge Winery were welcome stops on the tour. This ride included a big portion of one of the Dog Days routes so the map makers could fine tune the cue sheets. The day turned out very warm with intense sunshine, a rarity so far this season. We returned back to camp around 4PM. Sunday morning was dry, warm and very breezy. The campers packed up and were on the road at 9:30am. Wind gusts were 30-40mph but luckily it was mostly at our backs making an easy return to Oberlin.

Overall, it was a great trip and the campers are looking forward to the next one. If you want to join in, check the club calendar for details. We have a trip planned for each month this summer.



Bike Racing

With the Tour de France coming up soon, here are some facts about bicycle racing.

According to "Bicycling Magazine," the average Tour de France rider maintains an average speed of 25 to 28 mph on flats, or a 2:24 to 2:08 minute mile

The largest cycling race contained 31,219 finishers and was the 2004

Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour in Cape Town, South Africa, on 14 March 2004. The race featured 42,614 entrants. The tour had humble beginnings, with only 525 entrants and 446 finishers in its inaugural 1978 running. The 2011 edition of the race capped the number of entrants at 35,000

The lightest bike weight allowed in the Tour de France is 8.6kg or 14.99 lbs.



Ohio's Governor Mike DeWine has signed House Bill 62 into law. Of the \$8.5 billion transportation budget, \$70 million from the general revenue fund will be allocated for Ohio's public transportation options, which includes building places to bike that are safe and easy to access.

This bill is a win for bikes. It will lead to more bike infrastructure and allow for the state's 61 rural and urban communities to become more bikeable, walkable and accessible by public transit.

Thank you to Governor DeWine, the Ohio state legislature, MOVE Ohio and to our supporters who took action to advance this legislation.

Together we can make bicycling in Ohio better!

— The PeopleForBikes team





It's not often someone shouts out "Turtle!" on a ride but it happened. This helmet-sized brute was lounging on the NCIT during Depot Day.

**I don't mean to brag, but I can cycle hundreds of miles a week
and still gain weight.**



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