

Rollin'

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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, the rain stopped. As of this writing, I can't even remember when it rained last, and there's no rain predicted in the near future. Well, the lawns don't like it, ducks might not like it, flowers might not like it, but cyclists love  it! And the proof is, there's been a whole lotta ridin' goin' on. There was a large turnout for Depot Days, lots of rides rather suddenly appeared on the monthly calendar. Overnight camping rides were also made available. This

Saturday, June 10th, is an all-star ride dedicated to the memory of Ron Townsend. It starts from Sherod Park in Vermilion at 10:00 A.M. Look for more information on this important ride on the calendar.

And remember, when you're driving your bikes, be careful, read the safety tips, act like you're a car.

**Hey look everybody! We got
newbies.**



Let's give a warm welcome to Kathy MacLean, Susan Varga, David Dauphine, and Joe, Joyce, and Koral Kasnyik. We're glad you joined us and we hope to see you on a ride soon.

From President Steve Oz

State of the Club

Here we are in June already! Many members have been riding (as long as the weather cooperates) and logging impressive mileage. For me, I have been riding some but need to step it up and get out more. How about you? If you are new to the club or even a long-term member, check out our events calendar and you will find many opportunities to ride. And remember, the calendar is updated every few days so check often. You might just find a ride that perfectly suits your schedule.

Along with our daily rides, we also have some big events on the way. On Saturday, June 10th we have the Ron Townsend Memorial Ride and luncheon. This event honors Ron who is greatly missed. Details can be found in the ride posting on the calendar. And, the Dog Days Wine Tour is July 15. This is our annual fundraiser that utilizes dozens of volunteers. Please help if you can! Contact Cheryl Burkhardt if you can volunteer some time that day or even before the event.

This club has about 330 members now and owes its success to our hard-working board officers, committee members and of course all our members. And remember, make the most of your membership and come on out and ride with us!

Steve Oz

GOBA 2023

(AKA) Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

BY Norm Diederich

The 34th Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure



GOBA 34 - Beaches, Bridges, and Buggies in Northeast Ohio! Come join the weeklong adventure that is a perfect full-service introduction to extended bicycle touring.

GOBA is rapidly approaching. It starts June 17th & ends on June 24th.

The final camp locations have been posted along with some route summary information. Google GOBA.com for more info.

If you are planning on riding **GOBA**, please send your name, email address, and cell phone number to norm.diederich@gmail.com

I will put together a list, an email group, and a text group. I will send out what I have to the group the week before GOBA, and if there are updates, the night before GOBA. After GOBA, please provide your total miles and I will submit them to the club.

HATS OFF TO BAY VILLAGE



The city decided to put up new signs making it safer for all road users.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

BY Ed Stewart



Ohio has a very strong law about dogs not on leashes. Called “leash laws” they place responsibility and liability on the dog owner. This includes property and personal damage. If attacked, try to find where the dog’s owner resides and get police involved. If need be, (likely) get an attorney. Just because someone allows their dog to run loose does not mean you have to pay medical costs and/or buy a new bike out of pocket.

Another addition: when the club riders experience repeated problems with the same dog and owner, publish the location to let everyone know what to avoid AND get the

police/sheriff involved or at least notified, in writing, to establish a file on the club’s behalf in case of future incidents.

The club can, and should, send a registered letter to the owner, copied to the law enforcement office that has jurisdiction.

The club should adopt a zero-tolerance toward this issue and have set procedures for dealing with it.

July 4th Ride

By Bob Burkhardt



Silver Wheelers:

Announcing plans for our annual July 4th breakfast ride. This year’s start and end will be First Church of Oberlin, 106 N. Main St. Parking is in the rear. The rear doors to the church will open at 7 a.m. for those delivering food items to share (see registration link below) and/or in need of a restroom. This is an All-Star ride with ride leaders for most levels. Rides will start at 7:30 a.m. For those wishing to just socialize and/or eat, the serving line will open at 10 a.m. **Riders and non-riders should use the registration link below.** Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 4th.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgzGsmhbCLFcjDnNGWHKchbkqcLrM>

TIRES PART 3

By Larry Best



Since the late 80s innovations and improvements to bicycles have multiplied. Indexed shifting, brake/shift levers, clipless pedals, carbon fiber frames are just a few. Tires are, in my opinion, one of the greatest improvements. Those who rode when the pyramids were being built, as I did, have undoubtedly noticed a huge difference. Aside from tubeless tires, the latest euphony has been

that skinny tires don't roll as easily as fatter ones. I remember when everyone's "standard tire size" was 23mm. I've even seen folks ride on 19mm tires. Well, after lots & lots of truly scientific testing it turns out that fatter tires actually roll easier and are faster than the skinny ones. To a degree. There's no doubting that wider tires are heavier and that has negative effects on acceleration and climbing. The facts are that for all round road riding tires with widths of 25, 28mm aren't only faster, but they ride more smoothly, get better traction last longer and are less prone to puncturing. Of course, there comes a point where too much of a good thing comes into play. When the tire width becomes so wide that it negates the advantage

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