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THE NEWSLETTER OF SILVER WHEELS CYCLING CLUB

Your Current Leadership Team

President:	Cheryl Burkhardt
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Secretary:	Sandy Lottman
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Sunshine:	Eleanor Stout
Mileage Minder:	Wesley Simmons
Newsletter Editor:	Steve Osmialowski
Ride Committee:	Dennis Stout
Social Committee:	Karen Hobbs
Education/Safety:	Peggy Doheny
Dog Days:	Scott Edmundson
Physical Assets:	Emily Townsend
Social Media:	Mel Cruzado and Cheryl Burkhardt

Directors: Peggy Doheny, Mel Cruzado, Scott Edmundson, Bill Mansfield

See the club roster for specific contact information

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From The Editor

May is National Bike Month! As we advance through the spring months, things are slowly getting closer to normal (or new normal?). This is evident by the number of club rides on the calendar and the reopening of facilities for club meetings. Note that state recommended Covid safety rules are still in effect at the rides and meetings. Please review the revised guidelines on the club website. We are all hoping the infection rates keep falling and even more club events can happen. Stay safe and ride on!

There will be a general membership meeting (the first one in over a year!) on May 20. Check the calendar for more details. A special trip review slide show will be presented. Come out and see your fellow members (and guess who is behind the mask).

Steve



Ponderings From The President

Rv Cheryl Burkhardt

Behind the Scenes....

Silver Wheels is a great club, but behind the scenes are folks working hard to make and keep it great. Board members and officers meet monthly to keep the club running smoothly and tackle issues, but there are other positions that many take for granted or do not know about. This column aims to shed some light on those working under the radar.

Here is a rundown of some behind the scenes people. Not many of you realize that one of our most important jobs is the website and calendar maintenance. Tom Weber has handled this job adeptly for years. He is responsible for posting rides submitted to him as well as keeping us up to date on our website host, Wild Apricot. How would we know when and where to go for rides were it not for his diligence? Steve Oz has been our newsletter publisher for several years and is now vice president too. Every month, he works behind the scenes to write or collate articles for Rollin'. Articles submitted by club members are always welcome. As vice president, he is responsible for general membership meeting speakers among other duties. Secretary, Sandy Lottman, takes minutes at monthly board meetings and generally helps us keep our heads screwed on straight as none of us can quite remember where we put our phones or keys let alone what happened from meeting to meeting. Rick Wells, assisted by Betsy Nestor, are capably managing our funds. This is a big job, especially around Dog Days Wine Tour ride time. Speaking of Dog Days, Scott Edmundson has coordinated this ride for many years. We have had to put it on hold with Covid for the last two years, but he is already working behind the scenes for 2022. Putting on Dog Days is a massive undertaking, and Scott and his committee put in many hours, especially closer to the ride. Randy Lottman somehow finds time to coordinate our membership. This is no small job in that we have over 300 members. He masterfully keeps track of everyone by putting in long hours in the evenings. Another position that many do not know about is our Assets Manager. In this case, we are not talking money, but an actual large shed that is filled with equipment used in Dog Days and other club events. Emily Townsend has spent time sweating away during the dog days of summer keeping an inventory and checking the condition of our property. The club also has some merchandise for sale. Jose Morell is our merchandise coordinator. Contact him if you need a cue sheet holder or helmet mirror among other things. Know a club member who is facing an illness, an injury, surgery, a crisis? Eleanor Stout has sent cards and sometimes gift cards to members in need. She is our ray of sunshine during periods of gray skies. If you know of someone in need, contact her. The other half of the Stout family, Dennis, is our Ride Committee chair. He coordinates with committee members as well as the board to help set policy for rides. His committee also plans group rides like our Depot Days ride. Have you enjoyed the Silver Wheels postings on Facebook or used a ride route from Ride With GPS? Mel Cruzado is the man in charge of these two entities. His creativity has us informed and often smiling. Education and safety are first and foremost on our minds when riding. Peggy Doheny is the chair for this committee. They have produced articles and videos to further our education about cycling and dealt with safety issues that have come up as we ride. Then there is Karen Hobbs. She is our social committee chair. With Covid, we have not had the opportunity to socialize as much, but as the world becomes safer, Karen will be once again coordinating our delicious snacks at meetings, our annual banquet, and various potluck gatherings. Finally, one of our most important behind the scenes folks is Wesley Simmons. He is our Mileage Minder. As such, he has streamlined and updated the way that rides leaders turn in mileage. Members can access their mileage at any time under the Members Section of the website.

Our hearts go out with gratitude to these sterling club members. as well as

the folks who serve on the committees mentioned. Without all of you, we would be so much less than the wonderful cycling community that is Silver Wheels. Thank you!



All-Star Ride of Silence - Wednesday May 19

Begins at the Oberlin Depot at 5PM

(park across the street at the Auto Zone lot)

This will be our 9th Annual Ride of Silence. We participate in this unique event along with hundreds of other groups across the country. It originated to memorialize friends who were killed while riding and to bring to driver's attention that they are sharing the road with bicycles. We go one step further and recall all members who have passed while part of our organization. We have had two members die on bikes and quite a few more who have passed otherwise.

After a brief ceremony at the Oberlin Depot, our route will take us on a slow, six-mile loop around Oberlin, escorted by the Oberlin Police. We depart the Depot and ride silently in single file. Silver Wheels will provide some black armbands for the occasion. It is a moving ceremony for a great cause.

Any regular Wednesday evening club ride(s) will start after the completion of the RoS..

Hope to see you all there.

Regards,
Bob Esper
RoS Coordinator



**Silver Wheels General Membership Meeting: Thursday, May 20
7PM - Carlisle Nature Center.**

Dennis Stout will be presenting: Spain - Under the Andalusian Sky, arranged by Vermont Bicycle Trips (VBT). It will be an overview of the 10 day cycling trip with slides and commentary describing 10 days in Southern Spain featuring stops in Seville, Cordoba and Granada with their blend on Moorish and Spanish architecture and panoramic views of the Spanish country side as experienced by 10 members of Silver Wheels in October 2019

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We will be in the large meeting room which enables social distancing. Face coverings are still required inside the facility.

CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR BIKE

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

CYCLING CLASS

Fee for the class is \$5.00

About the teacher: Larry Best is a retired high school teacher who has 56 years & about 150,000 miles of cycling experience. He is a former racer, club rider, has done long distance tours, and has worked as a mechanic in cycle shops. He is also a League of American Bicyclists Cycling Instructor, & a long-time member of Silver Wheels Cycling Club.

About the Class:

Care and feeding of your bike. This class covers the basics of how to take care of your bike, your wallet, and your personal safety. What to lubricate, what to lubricate it with, and what never to lubricate will be clearly shown. Yes, lubricating parts or lubricating them with the wrong lube can create disastrous results maybe resulting in \$\$\$\$ repairs. How to avoid expensive repairs from parts wearing out prematurely, finding maddening squeaks and creaks and how to fix them, how to remove and reinstall wheels on your bike, and how to keep your bike looking & working great for many years are just some of the topics that will be covered.

When? 4:00 PM Sunday May 16, 2021

Where? 246 Warren Ave. Elyria, Ohio 44035

Why? Because if you're a beginning cyclist, or even if you have been riding for years, you'll greatly benefit from this class. Ask some SWCC members who've taken it.

Fee? \$5.00

Road Repairs 101 This is a class for newbies as well as experienced cyclists that covers what to do if you're stuck at the intersection of Tarantula Blvd. & Rattlesnake Road. with nothing around for miles. and you have some

sort of breakdown. You'll learn how to get home safely by being able to do simple, common repairs on things that go bang, thud, screech, ping or crunch.

When? 4:00 PM Sunday, May 23, 2021

Where? 246 Warren Ave, Elyria, Ohio 44035

Why? Do you really have to ask why?

Fee? \$5.00

Advance Registration is a MUST!

To register please do this: Send an email to Larry Best cycletheus2012@gmail.com stating which class(es) you'd like to attend. There is a maximum enrollment of 6 to 8 students per class...no exceptions, begging, pleading, threats or bribes will make no difference. Please DO NOT call to register. Please use email.

Advisory! I've been teaching these classes for more than a few years & historically they fill up very quickly. Having a class filled the first day of this notice is mailed is not unusual. ACT NOW! Registration is strictly a 1st come; 1st served basis. Emails come with a time stamp which allows me to see who requested a place in the class in chronological order.

Payment is due the evening of the class. The money is used to reimburse me for materials used in the class. Please note that no credit cards, chickens, pigs, or vegetables will be accepted. As always, if you're a little hard up for cash I still offer my 90 days, same as cash option. After that, interest will compound daily at the rate of 403%.

If you have any questions about any of the classes, feel free to contact me at cycletheus2012@gmail.com or 440-222-5406. Please know that I won't register you over the phone. That must be done via email.

I'll look forward to seeing you in class. They'll be both fun & informative.

Larry

******All Covid Safety Precautions Will Be Followed.**

Masks Are Mandatory****

From Oberlin College, Psychology and Environmental Studies:

Churches Prepare for Reopening with New Bike Racks

Fourteen churches and nonprofits around Oberlin have newly installed bike racks. thanks to a grant from the City of Oberlin's Sustainable Reserve Fund.

Two air pumps and bike repair stations will also be installed, one at the Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 355 E. Lorain St. (next to IGA) and the other at the George A. Abram Pavilion at 40 Edison St. The bike racks and repair stations are available for anyone in the community to use, whether they are affiliated with a church or not. "We want to do our part in shrinking the carbon emissions footprint by encouraging our membership and friends to bike ride," said Pastor AG Miller, who initiated the collaborative effort. Prior to the initiative, most churches in town either did not have bike racks, or had inadequate bike racks. "I am thrilled that the Sustainable Reserve Fund is being used to support communities of faith throughout Oberlin," commented Sustainability Coordinator Linda Arbogast, who worked with the team of pastors to develop the proposal. In addition to creating cleaner air and reducing carbon emissions, bicycles are a form of active transportation, which has health benefits. And they are highly affordable. "The bike racks placed in churches throughout the community directly support our climate action goal to increase active transportation," said Arbogast. The bike racks installed at most locations are made of recycled materials, bringing another environmental benefit



Self-Contained Bike Camping

That means adventurous cyclists packing all their needs on a bike and traveling for two or more days. Tent, sleep gear, food, clothes all packed into bike-mounted storage bags. There is a small group of campers in the club who are planning at least one trip per month (May – Sept). Dates have been selected and trip plans are currently being made. Most trips will have participation limits due to campsite reservations. Watch the events calendar for details on these campouts. You can also ask one of the trip coordinators about this form of cycling and how to get started. This link offers tips on packing for multi-day trips:

www.adventurecycling.org/packing

*Education is important but riding your bike
is more important*



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