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THE NEWSLETTER OF SILVER WHEELS CYCLING CLUB

**President: Steve Osmialowski**

**Vice President: Jose Morell**

**Treasurer: Rick Wells**

**Secretary: Sandy Lottman**

**Membership: Randy Lottman**

**Website: Mel Cruzado**

**Sunshine: Eleanor Stout**

**Mileage Minder: Karen Hobbs**

**Newsletter: Larry Best**

**Ride Committee: Dennis Stout**

**Social Committee: Sherry Bouch**

**Education/Safety: Peggy Doherty**

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**Dog Days: Scott Edmundson and Jose Morell**

**Physical Assets: Emily Townsend**

**Social Media: Cheryl Burkhardt**

**Past President: Cheryl Burkhardt**

**Directors: Bob Burkhardt, Peggy Doheny, Gerry Gach, Charlotte McGowan**

**See the club roster for specific contact information**

**Happy New Year to all!**

**As with any new year, changes can be expected and welcome. The recent Silver Wheels election process has yielded changes in club leadership for 2023. For the next two years, my new position is club president. Jose Morell is taking the Vice President position. New directors are Gerry Gach and Charlotte McGowan.**

**A big THANK YOU goes to Cheryl Burkhardt for doing a great job as president. I will do my best to keep Silver Wheels rolling smoothly as she has done. With my new role in place, I have decided to end my job as Rollin' editor. Larry Best has volunteered to take this position going forward. Larry has been Rollin' editor in the past so I know he's up to the task. Remember, the club newsletter is for all members to read and contribute to. Please send club/cycling related articles, photos and event announcements to Larry at [cycletheus2012@gmail.com](mailto:cycletheus2012@gmail.com)**

**Steve Oz (Osmialowski)**

**Hi Folks,**

**It's me again. I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, & Prosperous New Year. I'm happy to be back as Rollin's Editor, janitor, mechanic, chief cook & bottle washer, typist, & soothsayer. This first Rollin' of the year is packed with info, so in order to leave room, this is all you'll hear for me now. Next month's edition will have a different look, & probably more babbling from me. Please do send articles and/or requests about what you'd like to see in this, YOUR publication.**

**And just so you'll know, I have only one resolution, and that's to not make any resolutions. Instead, I intend to stay the same awkward, sarcastic, outspoken, delight, you've all come to know & love.**

**Larry**

## **Ponderings from the Past President**

**By: Cheryl Burkhardt**

**It is so hard to fathom how quickly time is passing the older I get. In fact, it's downright frightening!**

**Two years have flown by, and my term as club president is over. The club is in the reins (or handlebars) of Steve Oz, our most capable vice-president this past term and now the head honcho. I know that he will do a fantastic job!**

**I want to thank all those who steered the club these past two years along with Steve. Our secretary, Sandy Lottman, has always produced minutes that reflect the details of the meetings.**

**Treasurer, Rick Wells has amazed me with his pristine record keeping and punctual reports. He also helped our club save a great deal of cash by researching and switching us to a new insurer for club activities as well as Dog Days.**

**Our board of directors: Peggy Doheny, who also heads the Safety and Education Committee.**

**Scott Edmundson, who is the top dog for Dog Days.**

**Bob Burkhardt, who headed up the Golden Wheeler committee.**

**Mel Cruzado, who took charge of Ride With GPS and social media. Thank you to these board members who contributed so much to the club. Scott and Mel are stepping down from director positions, however, Scott will continue to head up Dog Days, an almost full-time job. Mel has graciously agreed to step into the website position and has spent countless hours remodeling our website. He also will oversee Dog Days on Facebook. I will be doing the Silver Wheels Facebook page, so please text me photos of club rides for posting.**

**I also want to thank committee chairs. Dennis Stout has headed up our ride committee and completed an overhaul of ride policies as well as scheduling all-star rides. It was all much needed and appreciated. He and his wife, Eleanor, are also responsible for sending out cards to those in the club who are ill or experienced an accident or loss. Members are truly appreciative of this service.**

**A special thank you to all the ride committee members also.**

**Tom Weber has been our website and calendar man for many, many years. He has done an exceptional job, especially as we switched over to our host, Wild Apricot. Tom spent many hours learning the new ins and outs of this set up and did a tremendous job.**

Over the years, we have received compliments on our website. Thank you to these wonderful board members.

Finally, there's Randy Lottman, membership chair extraordinaire. Randy spends many evenings hunkered down over the keyboard keeping our membership rolls in order and keeping track of all things related to our members. He not only handles this, but takes on the registration for Dog Days, an enormous task. Thank you, Randy!

Other thanks go to several others. Our mail person, who saved us funds by switching our PO box to Vermilion, and retrieves our mail each week. She also serves on the budget committee.

Ourclub archivist is Joe Etzler. He keeps track of leadership positions down through the years on a detailed spreadsheet.

Our mileage minder, Karen Hobbs, works tirelessly to record miles for each ride all through the year. She also seems to volunteer for anything else that needs done, including our banquet this year.

Sherry Bouch is our social chair. She is responsible for the getting club supplies for the delicious potlucks and meeting snacks. Sue Wells helps with this too.

Emily Townsend, our assets manager, inventories and organizes our club shed. This is where our Dog Days and club owned equipment is stored. It was somewhat disorganized before she took over and got everything catalogued and put away neatly.

A thank you to Steve Oz for being the Rollin' editor these past years. As he steps into the oval office, Larry Best will be taking over, so please send articles to him for future newsletters.

Also, I want to thank all our ride leaders. Without them, we would not really have a club. Week after week almost all year round, they are volunteering to lead rides of various levels. They are a "take charge" group, and we couldn't survive without them. (Please consider joining this group in the future.)

Kathy Yourkiewicz and her husband, Joe, have hosted the ride leader picnic at their home the past several years. It's a wonderful chance to socialize and thank our leaders. All are always welcome.

A final thanks goes to Sue Wells, our past president who made my transition easy and provided a sounding board throughout the term and to my husband, Bob. He knows Robert's Rules of Order better than anyone, and he kept me in line during meetings and helped at home.

Thank you to everyone! To those mentioned and to all who participated on committees, who brought yummy food to our potlucks and meetings, who worked tirelessly on Dog Days, and who showed up to ride in all kinds of weather. We are a great club, and it is because of YOU!

**Some sad news...**

**May 3, 1927 - Dec 12, 2022**

**Dale Robert Yearick of Bellevue, OH, after 95 spirited years passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 12, 2022. An unwavering family man, he was predeceased by his wife, Gerrie, son, Paul Henry, and son-in-law, Paul Nordstrom. His life was joyfully filled by them as well as his three surviving children, Kathleen (K), Susan, and William (Kit) Henry and their spouses, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.**

**A graduate of Bellevue High School, he enlisted in the Navy immediately following his 18th birthday. After an honorable discharge in 1946, he completed a BS from Ohio State University. Embracing his family's lifelong love of cars, he began working for his father's Overmyer-Ball Motor Co, and became president and 49% share-holder by May 1962. That year he met Gerrie and her 4 children and his fate was sealed. He wholeheartedly embraced the family, marrying Gerrie in April of 1963, and instantly assumed the role of steadfast father that he continued to be for the next 59 years.**

**Alongside his occupational pursuits, including the development of Firelands Motor Company and the ownership of the only international Delorean dealership, he could routinely be found piling all of the children, as well as many of their neighborhood friends into the van for some wayward adventure. He had a soft spot for children, and for assisting them in their fun and endeavors.**

**Never one to have a propensity for free time, he was also a long time member of the Freemasons, Catawba Island Club, and Sandusky Yacht Club as well as the secretary and the president of the Northern Ohio Car Dealers Association.**

**Upon Retirement from the car dealership, he took a job with Woodard Photographic where he assisted them in the office and with on-location photography for a number of years.**

**Dale was a reserved man with a passion for travel and an enthusiasm for lifelong learning. After caring for Gerrie throughout her final years, he returned to school to pursue nursing, culminating in many years of volunteer service with hospice.**

**For his 70th birthday his children gave him a bicycle, sparking yet a new chapter in his life. He joined Silver Wheels Bike Club in Huron, and would routinely bike 50+ miles, 6 days a week.**

**After moving to Florida fulltime in 2014, he spent the remainder of his retirement going on biking tours and traveling the world. Between the ages of 70 and 93 he visited over 50 countries and went on many cruises world wide**

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Dale maintained his cognitive vigor, love for reading, passion for dancing, appreciation for playing cards, as well as his drivers license and devotion to fancy cars until the day he died. There is no spirit big enough to fill the void he will leave in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to either [livestrong.org](https://www.livestrong.org) or [steinhospice.org](https://www.steinhospice.org), both organizations that were very dear to his heart.

We were favored by fairly nice weather for our annual New Year's Day ride. Although it was cloudy & occasionally looked like it might rain, we stayed dry & relatively warm with the temperatures in the mid to low 40s. Nice weather for riding (sez me). We had a nice turn out of both riders & eaters. Sometimes, I'm not too sure which group is more popular within the club. There were ride leaders for each represented group & the routes were decided prior to the ride. It was nice to rack up the first few miles of 2023. There was a buffet after the rides which featured several kinds of soups & chilis & lots of deserts.



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