

Silver Wheels

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Silver Wheels Mission

To create and provide an environment for members and guests to:

- ◆ Ride for exercise and fun
- ◆ Enjoy the social side of cycling
- ◆ Improve cycling skills
- ◆ Learn more about cycling and educate others
- ◆ Promote cycling in our area

PEP

Perceptions Emanating from the President

As I write this we are still getting the tail end of the winter storm that dumped more than 10 inches of blowing and drifting snow into my yard and driveway. It's hard right now to contemplate the "Chili Weiner" ride being only 3 weekends away. This means that the Silver Wheels 2007 cycling season is right around the corner. I guess I'd better dust off the old trainer and start spinning my legs back into shape.

The board held its annual planning meeting on a cold, blustery Saturday back in early February and set an impressive list of goals to accomplish this year (see related article in this newsletter). In other business an audit committee was appointed to review the financial reports from 2006; the go ahead was given to purchase additional club T-shirts; the club newsletter will continue to be disseminated as it was last year – it will be posted on the club's website and mailed to those members who so request it; Mike Lottman has volunteered to take over the printing and mailing of the newsletter – thanks Mike; the Sunshine Committee was authorized to send get well cards to sick members and spouses and to send flowers to hospitalized members and in the event of the death of a member or their spouse; a motion was made to count all mileage ridden as club mileage – the motion did not pass; we will be using Whiz-Bang Websites this year to help make modifications to the club's website; a website committee was appointed to oversee the modifications; membership meetings were discussed (see related article); an invitational ride (i.e. Red Flannel Metric Century; Emerald Necklace Century; etc.) committee was appointed to organize such a ride, hosted by this club; the new budget for 2007 was approved.

Our first membership meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, March 15th, at 7 p.m. at the Carlisle Visitor Center. We will have two programs that evening. One will be a swap meet, where members can bring bicycle related items (clothing, bikes, parts, trainers, etc.) to sell or barter. The other program will be a multi-media presentation by Joyce Early of Whiz-Bang Websites, who will talk about her ideas for upgrading the club's website. I hope many members will come out of hibernation for this meeting. We will have a door-prize, refreshments, and have 50/50 raffle tickets for sale.

May the wind be always at your back, and all roads lead downhill.

Bob Burkhardt, President

Club Meeting Schedule Change

This year we will continue to have membership meetings every other month. Membership meetings scheduled for 2007 will be in March, May, July, September, and November. We will still meet the third Thursday of the month at the Carlisle Visitor Center at 7 p.m.

Programs being considered for this year include a swap meet; plans for the club's new website; a nutritionist; what's new at your local bike shop; and multi-media presentations of 2007 club tours.

We hope to see more of you at our meetings and will appreciate hearing how you feel about this year's schedule.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A "CLUB RIDE"

Outside ride mileage (not a Silver Wheels sponsored/led ride) will count toward club miles if the ride is within Ohio, at least 5 people (members) participate and it is approved by the Board.

Board Motion – January 2006

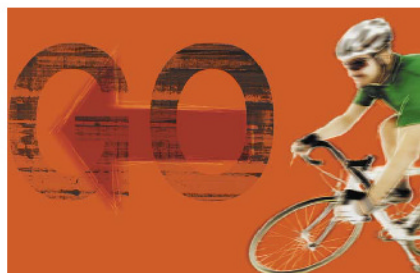
It is the board's interpretation that ride requests should come through the Ride Committee. The ride committee will determine if 5 or more members are participating (for rides that are not Silver Wheels sponsored/led). This may be based on past precedence (i.e. GOBA), or present interest shown, or upon information provided by the member requestor. The board will then act on the Ride committee's recommendation(s).

Board Minutes – June 2006

Our insurance covers only "club rides."

Board Minutes - April 2005

- Mileage counts toward club miles ONLY if the ride is scheduled on the club calendar.
- Mileage to and from a meeting place (start site) does not count toward club miles.
- Mileage will be accepted only from the ride leader or the person he/she has designated to turn in the ride miles (exception would be for invitational/charity rides with no designated club ride leader).



Board Minutes – April 2005

Board Motion – April 2004

Board Goals for 2007

- **Retain at least 80% of the current members**
- **To secure income that at least matches the club's year end expenses**
 - A. Strive for \$400 or more in membership donations**
 - B. Strive for \$400 or more in corporate donations**
- **To upgrade our club's website**
- **Reach at least 15 individuals through our education program**
- **Involvement in at least one community project**
- **Offer an "All Star" ride to the membership at least monthly**
- **Donate money or gifts to a local organization or group**
- **Encourage all level of riders to volunteer as representatives on the ride committee**
- **Ride committee to meet quarterly**



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FOR SALE:

Weyless rollers for indoor training. Well used, but still very functional. 51 inches long x 19 inches wide. Weight 32#. A pair of side steps (included) are a great asset to mounting your bike when on the rollers, and are a feature not readily found with current rollers on the market. \$50. Contact Bob Burkhardt, 937-9313.



Upcoming Rides

Elyria Albany Tour

July 2, Monday 30 miles to Cleveland, [Holiday Inn Select Hotel CLEVELAND-CITY CTR LAKESHORE](#) We'll start from North Ridgeville South Central Park at 9 AM. There's no overnight parking at this park so you will have to either be dropped off or ride your bike there. If you ride to the park, your mileage to there will count as club miles. Our route will include scenic Valley Parkway, Lake Rd., Edgewater Dr. and *Cliff Dr.* *Holiday Inn Select is within walking distance of many downtown Cleveland attractions.*

July 3, Tuesday, 54 miles to Geneva On The Lake, Anchor Motel <http://www.anchormotelandcottages.com/index.htm>
You can start EAT on July 3, at the Holiday Inn and if you ride your bike there, your miles there will count as club miles.

July 4, Wednesday, 47 miles to Erie, PA, Riviera Motel <http://www.rivieramotel.net/frame.html>

July 5, Thursday, 51 miles to Dunkirk, NY, Dunkirk Motel,
<http://www.magnusonhotels.com/ny/dunkirk-hotel/dunkirk-motel>

July 6, Friday, Hamburg, NY, 40 miles, Stadium View Inn, <http://www.stadiumviewinn.com/attractions.htm>

July 7, Saturday-decision day, *Those not doing the "Cycling the Erie Canal Bike Tour" could return home or they could bike to Niagara Falls. I can provide a map for this. Those doing the CECBT will bike 14 miles to the Nichols School in Buffalo to check in for the tour. We'll be staying, 2.5 miles from the school, at Buffalo State College which you will have indicated on your registration form.*

July 8-15, Saturday through Sunday, Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour 2007 <http://www.ptny.org/canaltour/index.shtml>
Those who do not want to use their camping equipment could use CampTel
<http://www.inmotionevents.net/campitel/index.html>

July 15 and maybe July 16, return home, Sandy and I are renting a van and could share this with other returning riders

Official Club Season Opener "Chili Weiner" All Star Ride

Join us for the official start of the 2007 Silver Wheels cycling season. Routes and ride leaders will be available for all levels of riders. When and Where? Sunday, March 4th, 1:30 p.m. at the Splash Zone in Oberlin. After riding we will get warm, socialize, and have refreshments inside the Splash Zone. Chef Stewart will be cooking up one of his infamous chili recipes. If you would like to contribute to the cuisine or libations, contact Ed Stewart at 365-6784.

More Upcoming Rides

Happy Trails Week

Happy Trails Week.....This year's Happy Trails Week will be Monday, April 5 thru Friday, April 13. All rides will start at 10:00 am, be about 20 miles long, and end with lunch at some very good restaurants.

The schedule is: Monday, April 9 - B & O Trail near Mansfield

Tuesday, April 10 - Canal Trail, Canal Fulton

Wed, April 11 - Towpath Trail, Hillside Visitor's Center

Thurs, April 12 - Kokosing Trail, Phillips Park, Mt Vernon

Fri, April 13 - Sippo Trail, Village Green Park, Dalton, OH

Since weather is always unpredictable in the spring, check with Frank O'Dell for exact starting locations and possible cancellations: Frank O'Dell, (440) 748-1622 or fnsodell@oh.rr.com.

HOW TO GET A RIDE ON THE SILVER WHEELS CALENDAR

Ride proposals should be submitted to Larry Best (Ride Committee Chair) by at least the 15th of the month before the ride is to take place. Larry's phone number is (440) 288-8554 or email spedjob@yahoo.com.

A ride proposal should include: a date(s); designated leader; start point; distance; ride classification (e.g. one star); and whether a food stop is included.

Proposals for inclusion of invitational/charity rides on the club calendar should be submitted to the Ride Committee for review several months before the date of the event. Such a proposal should include: event name; date(s); start and end points; distance; cost; a list of members participating (if known); and any other pertinent information.

- Please submit your articles by the 15th of the month to the email below for publication in the next month's newsletter. If you have any suggestions which will make the club newsletter better, please email me at cburkhardt@adelphia.net or call me at 440-937-9313.



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