

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

Let's give a big, warm Silver Wheels welcome to new officers LaDean Hutter (secretary) and Darlene Wieland (treasurer). They have both stepped forward to fill vacancies on the board. Thanks ladies.

Thanks to those who have served the club in various capacities this past year but can no longer do so because of work or family obligations: Sheryl Edwards (ride chairperson); Karen Farago (vice-president); Pat Perkins (secretary); Tina Maddock (treasurer); and Sharon Bouchonville (web-rider).

Our new website is up and running thanks to Webmaster Joyce Early of Whizbang Websites, Ltd. The new site is chock full of useful information about the club and cycling in general. You can check it out at any of these domains: silverwheelscycling.net; silverwheelscycling.org; or silverwheelscycling.com. Why three different domains? It was felt that the club website may gain more hits from surfers having more domains and there was no extra cost involved.

At the end of last month's membership meeting, Bud Ennis went home with a new Park multi-tool as the door-prize winner and Etta Rowe left with \$14, her winnings from the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations!

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

Bob Burkhardt



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.

Spring Renewal

By: Joyce Early

Spring is fast approaching and we all look forward to the warmth and sunshine that it brings. The renewal of flowers and plants and colorful landscapes contrast the grey surroundings of winter. Spring is a time of renewal, and that includes renewal of your Silver wheels membership. Just like every spring brings new life, our new website brings new options. Now members can renew online. It's so easy, go to www.silverwheelscycling.org, go to the second page of the site titled "How to join", and fill in the form. Once the form is filled out, click the "submit application" button. Once I receive the application, I will generate an invoice through Paypal and that invoice will then be sent to your e-mail. You can pay by checking account, credit card or debit card. It's so fast and easy and very secure. I hope this new convenience is a time saver, Happy Spring! Members can also renew their membership via the traditional way too!



Litter Pick Up - April 12th

Our club participates in the Adopt -A- Highway program. We are responsible for cleaning the section of Rte. 58 between Butternut Ridge Road and Russia Road 4 times each year. The first scheduled litter pick up this year will be on Thursday, April 12th, at 8:30 a.m. Meet Tom Cline in the Drug Mart parking lot on Rte. 58, just north of Oberlin. Wearing a good pair of waterproof boots is recommended. Everything else you'll need is provided. For more information contact Tom Cline at (419) 588-2289.

Silver Wheels Invitational Ride

By: Ed Stewart

At its annual planning retreat in February, the Silver Wheels Board of Directors decided to offer its first ever invitational ride this season. Ed Stewart offered to chair the event.

An invitational ride is one in which our club will serve as hosts to come and ride in our area. Its overall purpose is to raise money but this sometimes takes a couple tries before that really happens. Most of you have participated in rides like this offered by other clubs; as Silver Wheels enters its tenth season this year, it is time for us to behave in such a mature manner too. It's what bike clubs do.

The initial planning is still in a rough stage but a few things have been decided. The ride will be offered on Saturday, August 11 – the dog days of summer. In an effort to entice people to our beautiful area we will offer to take them to some unique places. Schoepfle Garden is a gem of a place to have people visit and we have a couple of nice new wineries in the area that will be interesting – and different – places for rest stops. Put those all together and we have the makings for a memorable event. A good name for such an event is: Dog Days of Wine and Roses Tour.

As plans are consolidated for the event each of you should put it into your calendar so you can plan to be a part of its success. There will be many jobs before, during and after it. And you will be asked to serve. We won't be riding with our guests that day but we will ride the routes a week or so before.

An invitational is a lot of work but we'll have lots of fun with it too. It's a good way for the club to turn ten.



MAPS FOR LORAIN COUNTY BIKE ROUTES

I have made around 80 routes of 25 to 100 miles for bike rides in and around Lorain County. If any club member would like to lead a ride and needs map assistance, feel free to contact me. If you're not a club member and you need a map, make me an offer I can't refuse.

Steve Woosley

Upcoming Rides

Elyria Albany Tour

July 2, Monday 30 miles to Cleveland, [Holiday Inn Select Hotel CLEVELAND CITY CTR LAKE SHORE](#) 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.anchorotelandcottages.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.htm/>

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/cana/tour/index.shtml>
Those who do not want to use their camping equipment could use CampTel
<http://www.inmotionevents.net/campTel/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

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 fnodell@oh.rr.com.



A New Ride Category



As suggested by Mary Bouman

Some folks haven't ridden their bikes in a long time. Some riders may have been sick or injured and are hesitant to get back on the bike. We have adopted a new ride category to address your concerns. The **BACK IN THE SADDLE RIDE**. If you are unsure of your ability to ride a one or two star ride and would like a personal ride leader to help you out, this one on one ride is for you. All you have to do is give Joe Etzler, (others have volunteered also) a call. Together we will set up a ride time and location.

At the first ride/meeting we can discuss your concerns and evaluate your riding potential. We could talk about a training program or changes in equipment that would help out. Perhaps you will feel like a short check out ride. The idea is to help you get back to enjoying the many benefits of cycling and being an active member of the Silver Wheels Bike Club. Once your riding again you may want to take the Bicycle Education Course offered by the clubs certified instructors.

If the **Back in The Saddle Ride** sounds right for you just send an e mail or give me a call and you will be on your way to riding again.

Joe Etzler
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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 churkhardt@adelphia.net or call me at 440-937-9313.



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