

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

Best wishes for a quick recovery to members LaDean Hutter who was injured in a fall while on a recent club ride, and Helene Pasqin who had shoulder surgery. May you both be back in the saddle soon!

Kudos to new members who have recently reached and/or surpassed 50 miles in club rides: Ian Cheah, Mark Kasmak, Bob Keiser, and Colleen Linn. I hope other new members will be equally as enthusiastic about getting out and riding with the club.

Boo and hiss to the Medina County Park District for the inexcusably poor maintenance on their Lester Rail Trail on the west side of Medina. On a recent club ride on the trail, about a mile west of Abbeyville Road, there was a short section of the trail that had been filled in with sand like material. This section was unrecognizable from the rest of the trail until it swallowed the wheels of several Silver Wheelers causing them to lose control and collide with one another. Some minor injuries and bike damage were incurred. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt and the bikes could still be ridden.

If you were not in attendance at the May membership meeting, you missed a very thorough and educational presentation by Dr. Matt Schaeffer, a sports medicine specialist (see the club website, member area, to view his power point presentation.) The July membership meeting program will be a demonstration on how to clean and detail your bike by Ride Committee Chairman, Larry Best.

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

Bob Burkhardt

New Additions to the Silver Wheels Website

By Joyce Early, your web administrator

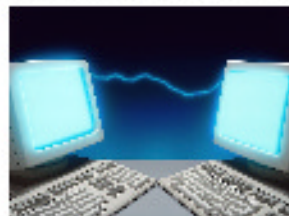
Two new functions have been added to the website; Forum and Chat. When going to www.silverwheelscycling.org click on the Forum/live chat button on the left hand side of the page, then click on either the forum or chat links.

The Forum is housed right on our server and offers the privacy Yahoo doesn't. On Yahoo, anyone can join. With our forum, since it's only on our site, it's a bit more private and localized. In addition, it requires no registration. Any of our members can click on the link and go right in and post a reply or enter a new topic. Even members unfamiliar with a forum will easily be able to navigate. To enter a new topic click on "New Entry". This allows members to create a topic of discussion that other members can comment on. To comment on an existing topic members just click "Post Reply". The post reply button is conveniently located at the bottom right corner of every post. When posting, we have the ability to remove spam in the event spammers find us, so we have control over the member experience. But some uses for the new forum can be to sell things, or advertise impromptu rides, and basically use it as we did the Yahoo forum with the benefit of not having to register with Yahoo.

One thing our forum doesn't have is the ability to e-mail members when a response has been added. I think many people will see this as a benefit since the Yahoo forum can tend to fill up our e-mail boxes. Members will have to go out to our forum to see what's there. Once on the forum there are a few additional buttons members may see. "Home" will bring members back to our website. "Regular View" brings members back to the home page of the forum.

The second function that was added is Chat. This is a real time chat that allows members to type a conversation and reply to other members as they type. Members will watch in real time, a conversation going on right in front of their eyes. It's a wonderful technology for us to offer. Members will have to register only once and select a unique user ID and password. This can be anything you wish but no two user ID's can be duplicated. Then every time you would like to chat you would just click on the link on our Forum/chat page and enter your selected user ID and password. The chat screen is Java script and loads in a smaller new window on your computer screen. It will let you know when it has loaded successfully. Pop-up blockers may block the chat window so if nothing loads you may have to allow pop-ups from our website. Then it's as easy as typing your message and hitting the enter button on your keyboard. A suggested use for Chat by Ed Stewart was for committee meetings. A set time could be designated and committee members could check in and chat without having to be in the same physical location. It's also a nice way for members to chat in the comfort of their own homes. Members may want to chat the night before a ride or after to go over their shared experiences.

Going forward, if anyone would like a broadcast e-mail sent to **all members with e-mail addresses** just send it to me at cte89708@alltel.net, but please make sure you are descriptive in what you would like me to do. This makes it very important that I have good e-mail addresses for everyone. If members have **not** been getting calendars or newsletter links via e-mail I probably don't have a good e-mail on file for you. I do get about a dozen thrown back so please let me know if your e-mail has changed. If there are questions regarding the new site functions, please use the above e-mail address.



TRASHY NEWS

The club has committed to picking up trash along Route 58 in Oberlin. Please join your fellow club members in their effort to keep our highways clean. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 7 at 8:30 AM. We will meet at the Oberlin Drug Mart on Route 58. Contact Tom Cline for details or questions.



Directory Update

Add Colleen Linn 40350 Slife Rd., LaGrange, OH, 44050 colleenlinn@oh.rr.com
(440) 458-8931

Add Marilyn Markel-Plas and Matthew Markel
10150 Baumhart Rd., Amherst, OH 44001 (440) 965-8011

CLASSIFIEDS

For sale: Xsport Essential II trunk rack by Performance. This rack is designed to install easily on most vehicles and will carry up to two bikes. Almost new condition. Sale price: \$35.00. Call Cheryl or Bob Burkhardt at 937-9313.

Upcoming Rides

Wooster Weekend

Wooster Weekend Saturday, June 23, Sunday June 24

It has been one of the nicer Silver Wheels traditions to periodically travel to Wooster, Ohio. This will be our 4th or 5th trip.

We call it a weekend because we ride down one day and return the next. It's only about 45 miles from our starting point at Findley State Park, where we securely leave our cars overnight. The route is a little hilly in spots, especially the closer we get to Woo-town. But they're dry hills. Each trip down we've used a slightly different route, and this year Ed Stewart and Joe Etzler will come up with an interesting way to wander south and figure out how to come back. We'll ride at a 3-star pace.

Our lodging destination normally is the beautiful Wooster Inn but this year there is no room available for us. So we'll head to the near southeast side and stay at the Wooster Rodeway Inn. This allows us to use a different route but still is close to the downtown area for food and shopping that we normally do.

We already have two rooms booked. These rooms have 2 double beds so we could house four to a room... they say there is room for roll-aways too.

This is a definite pre-registration ride: we gotta know who is going so we know how to plan for rooms. No prepayment is necessary – we settle up afterwards. If you are going, contact Ed Stewart at 322-7300 or 365-6784 eves. If we get more than six going I'll add another room if there is room available. The sooner you get back to me the better our odds of getting any additional rooms at the same place. If they're all booked, there are a couple of other places nearby.

This is always a fun ride, full of challenges and foolishness. Sometimes wine.

Holland Anyone?

A few Club Members have asked me to plan a bike tour in Holland in June, 2008. In order for those who are going to be involved in the planning, I would like to know who might be interested. The tentative plan is a 14-day Tour, 4 travel days and 10 days of riding. Cost would be approximately \$3,000. This could be less or more depending on our final plan. There seems to be two options for the Holland portion.....one is to have lodging in hotels and the other is to have lodging on a barge which would take us to a different starting location each day. If you are interested contact Frank O'Dell at (440)7481622 or www.fnsodell@oh.rr.com.



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