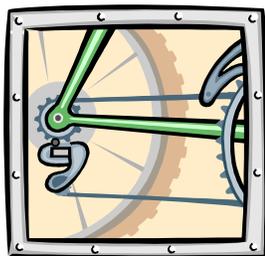


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From the
President*



Silver Wheels

Mission

To create and provide and 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

Kudos to the following club members who participated in the challenging Fall n' Leaf tour on October 14th: Tom Cline, Bud Ennis, Karen Farago, Steve Woosley, Dan Murphy, Dan & Tina Maddock, and yours truly. The event is sponsored by the Mid Ohio Bikers and is held just southeast of Mansfield. The ride climbs up and rolls down the hills surrounding the scenic B&O bicycle trail. Those who rode the 60 mile route completed over 4,500 feet of vertical climbing. It was all the climbing I ever cared to do in one day. Getting back on the bike trail for the final 5 miles back to the finish was a great relief, knowing that there weren't

anymore hills to climb.

Kudos also, to the Mobility Education Foundation of Seattle, WA. They are conducting a pilot course in Federal Way, WA, which incorporates the League of American Bicyclists Road I education course along with a drivers training course. The hope is that the cross mobility training will graduate better drivers behind the handlebars as well as behind the steering wheel.

A bag of cow chips to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters who in August on a nationally syndicated TV political talk show put down bicycle project

funding. She chided Congress for wasting the money they get for transportation, citing "bicycle paths" as a prime example of the waste because they are not transportation related. The reality is that only about 1% of all federal transportation funds are spent on bicycle or walking projects. We all know that both are forms of transportation. Secretary Peters also left the impression that the bridge collapse in Minnesota could be linked to under funding in bridge repair because of programs like "bicycle paths." The reality is that hundreds of millions of dollars in unspent

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Welcome to Our New Members



Our club just seems to keep on growing! A big Silver Wheels welcome to the following new members:

Avonelle (Avery) Wressel, Helen Wheeler, and a welcome back to Florence Hughes.



Pep Talk

bridge moneys have been returned to Congress. Her comments were also viewed as a political attack on Representative Oberstar of Minnesota (a Democrat) who is a strong proponent of funding for bicycle related projects. To date over 1,600 letters have been sent to Secretary Peters extolling the many virtues of bicycling.

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

Bob Burkhardt

Silver Wheels is fortunate to have 3 trained Effective Cycling instructors: Bob Burkhardt, Karen Farago, and Ed Stewart. Be sure to ask them if you have any riding questions!



Club Jersey Survey

Jerseys? Jerseys? Jerseys?

A number of people have asked about buying Silver Wheels jerseys. Right now we don't have any, but the board is considering ordering more. We need your input. The thought is to buy new jerseys in the orange/red/yellow design. The projected cost is in the \$70-\$80 range.

#1 - Will you buy a new jersey?

Options:

#2 - Sleeves: long-sleeved, short-sleeved, sleeveless?

#3 - Zipper: long or short?

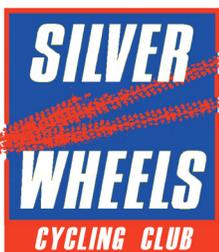
#4 - Bottom/Waist: elastic, no elastic?

#5 - Material: light-weight, heavier-weight, breathable, wickable, or warm and cuddly?

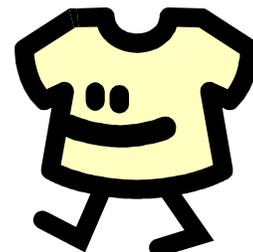
#6 - Should the board order a quantity of jerseys in assorted sizes and sell them first-come, first-served? Or should all jerseys be ordered by each individual with that individual's preferences met? This might mean separate shipping and handling charges for each shirt, which could raise the price by another \$5, at least.

Please think about your preferences and call or email Etta with your thoughts and she will relay the results of this survey to the board for their decision. Etta: 440-774-3210 or ERowe1132@aol.com. Please respond by November 5, 2007. Thanks.

Dog Days and Wine Tour Shirts



T-shirts from this year's Dog Days and Wine Tour are available from Etta Rowe for a bargain basement cost of \$10.00. She will have them at our next meeting, or you can contact her if you need one even sooner!



Are You New to the Club?



New Members: Do you know that you can receive a *New Member Welcome Packet* after you have ridden 50 miles with the club? The packet includes a vibrant yellow Silver Wheels tee-shirt, colorful Silver Wheels biking socks, a Silver Wheels water bottle, a medical ID kit for your helmet, and a Lorain County biking

map. Packets can be picked up at club meetings or you can contact Etta Rowe to arrange pick-up. 440-774-3210 or Erowe1132@aol.com.

Congratulations to Sevilla Morse and Helen Wheeler. They are our most current members to pass their 50 mile mark.



Newsletter Articles

The deadline for article submission is the 15th of every month.

Did you know that our newsletter is comprised of articles written by club members? Anyone and everyone is welcome to submit an article about club news, a recent tour, or an interesting happening related to cycling in your life.

It's easy! Just type up the article and submit it via email to Cheryl Burkhardt. It is easiest if you type it as a Word Document and send it as an attachment, but I can copy and paste most email formats (but not all). The deadline for article submission is the 15th of every month.

My email is cburkhardt@roadrunner.com. This is the last newsletter for this year, but we will resume again with the March issue. The deadline will be February 15th. Hope to hear from you then.

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Our Next Meeting? It's at the Winery!!



The November membership meeting location and date have both been changed.

The new meeting date is Thursday, November 8th, at 7:00

P.M. The meeting will be held at Matus Winery. It is located at 15674 Gore Orphanage Rd. It is 1/2 mile south of State Route 20 and 5 miles west of Oberlin. You

can Google their website at www.matuswinery.us/ Hope to see you there for the election of officers and socializing.

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