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We're half-way through Winter!



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*Newsletter of the Silver
Wheels Cycling Club*



From the Editor

February - Pretty much the coldest, snowiest time of the year. If we have lots of snow, the skiers and hikers are happy. If it is mild, the hardy bikers get out. Either way, don't stay inside and hibernate. Bundle up with the right gear and make the most of it. Soon enough it will be spring and we will want to ride - will you be ready? In fact, the season's first major ride is the Chili Wiener event on March 4th. See the club calendar for details.

Two major club events took place recently, the awards banquet and the big planning meeting. Summaries of both events can be seen below.

And don't forget, it is membership renewal time. See the instructions included in this issue. Many rides, trips and other fun events are being planned for 2017 - Don't miss out!

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See the club roster webpage for phone numbers/email

Recent Rides & Events:

Annual Awards Banquet

The 19th annual awards banquet was held January 14th at Tom's Country Place in Avon. Nearly 100 attended the festivities, which began with registration and door prizes. Social time was about an hour long as everyone found a table to share, chatted and watched the slide show. A catered meal was served and afterwards the awards program took place. Those present that rode over 500 miles with the club were presented with mileage certificates. The Golden Wheeler award had 2 winners this year: Rich Kolofer and Larry Best. High mileage winners (male and female) were Tom Weber and

Eva Weber. We also had 2 members selected as Rookie of the Year: Scott Edmondson and Sue Schneider. The Tuff Ole Bird award went to Dan Martin. And, Gary Schmitt took home the coveted Silver Wheeler award.

Congratulations to all!

And a big THANKS goes to our banquet committee for putting on another fine event: Mark Kasmark, Betsy Nestor, Cindy Pesta, Steve Osmialowski and Sue Wells



Coming soon – a short survey about the banquet to help shape next years event.

Thank you to all of our supporters for their generosity throughout the year.

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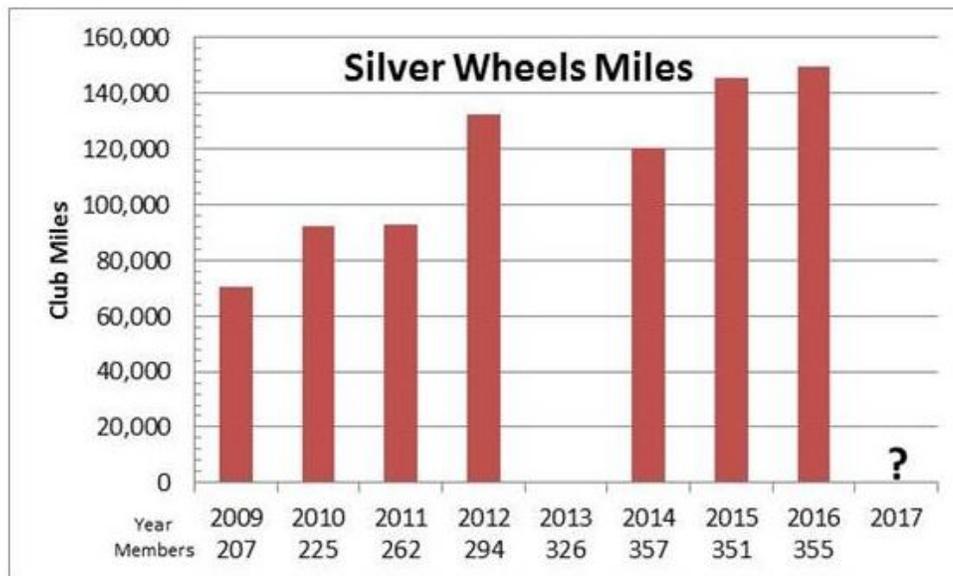
Annual Planning Session

The 2017 planning session was held January 28 at Twin Lake Homes Community Center. Nearly 20 attended and it was a full day of discussion and planning. The meeting went from 9AM until 5PM. Lunch consisted of leftover banquet food which really turned out great! The club's leadership covered many topics to ensure the club operates smoothly all year. And of course, numerous rides and events were partially planned with date holders. It will be another busy year with lots of group activities, local rides and out of state adventures. These will be posted on the club calendar as they are confirmed. Check regularly for dates and details and make your plans to join in the fun.

Below is a chart of total club miles from past years.

How well will we do in 2017?

For some reason I can't find 2013 data but I know we were riding!



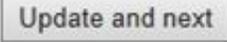
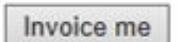


Flashback from the 70's - can you guess who is in this photo?

The answer is at the end of this issue

It's that time again – Your membership expires at the end of February. Renewal is quick and easy and can be done from the club's website....

How to Renew:

- Log into the Silver Wheels Cycling Club website.
- Click the **VIEW PROFILE** button below your name. 
- Click on 
- Your Profile will appear. Review and edit it from top to bottom.
- Click on "**UPDATE AND NEXT**". 
- Review the Total. If wrong click BACK.
- If all is good select your payment choice.  

Ride with GPS Club Membership

By Rob Hipkind

The Board approved the purchase of a Ride with GPS Club Membership account for 2017. This new club perk will give our Ride Leaders another option in helping them plan a ride. If RWGPS is used by a Ride Leader to plan a ride, the riders will also have an option to use RWGPS to get ride information before, during and after the ride. A Committee was appointed to set the website up, and develop Ride Leader and Rider Training. Our initial goal is to plan the Chili Wiener routes in RWGPS, use RWGPS maps and cue sheets on the March 4th ride, and have some riders use the mobile phone app while on the ride.

Here is what we know today after playing with a trial version:

- If you want to participate, you will need a free Starter RWGPS account to take advantage of the Club Membership features. If you already have a paid Basic or Premium account that will work too.
- A Starter account will let you find other people's public routes, plan your own basic personal routes, print a basic static cue sheet (but not a map), sync with your Garmin, and several other features. If you use their free mobile app on your smartphone you can record a ride, see ride data while in the saddle or after the ride is done, and get ride statistics announced to you during your ride at predetermined distances. (The find feature shows that there are 36,150 routes within 50 miles of Oberlin!)
- The advanced Club features in the next four bullets are not available in your Starter account. You can however plan a route in your Starter account and have a Route Manager (Admins) copy it into a the Club Library to unlock the extra features.
- Our Route Managers will have access to advanced route planning tools and they will also maintain a Silver Wheels RWGPS website with a Library of the Club routes that we can all use.
- All Silver Wheelers with the mobile app on their smartphone will be able to take advantage of advanced features on Club routes. The two mobile app features I like best are the turn by turn navigation and the ability to download club routes/maps/cue sheets from our Library to your phone so you don't use your phone data.
- All Silver Wheelers will be able to print Club route maps and elevation charts, and to customize and print their own cue sheets from the Club Library.
- We also will have a Dog Days Wine Tour Event Page where riders can get detailed route information before the ride. While on the ride, they can use all the mobile phone app features of our Club membership.

More information about getting your access set up and training on how to use RWGPS will be coming out in mid to late February as our sub-committee gets rollin'. We will also have Ride Leader training in March. If you have tons of experience planning routes in RWGPS and want to help, please contact Rob Hipkind at hipskind@mac.com.



The Bay Village Bicycle Cooperative is holding their Winter Social on Friday,

February 24 from 6PM – 8PM. Their location is right next to Rose Hill which is well lit and ready for some cool sled riding action. Warm up indoors with a mac-n-cheese cook off, pizza, hot cocoa, warm cider and more. It's a fun open house event with a little bit of everything – including some arts & crafts for the kids! Plus, while you're there, you can learn about Village Bicycle's work and how to get involved with both them and Bike Cleveland. Not into sledding? Fair enough. How about Fat Bikes? We will have demos from Eddy's Bike Shop and Spin Bike Shop so you can try them on the snowy terrain. Think you make the best mac-n-cheese? Bring it. There will be prizes for top honors. Come on out and get to know your fellow members and other bike minded folks! Bring the kids, bring your friends, bring a sled! You don't need to be a member to come, everyone is invited!

The whole thing takes place on Friday, February 24th from 6:00 – 8:00PM.

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Chocolate and Bikes - 2 of My 3 Favorite Things...

By Rob Hipskind

I was looking for something extra special for Peggy for Valentine's Day. She has a lot to put up with living with me. I thought about buying her a bike, but realized that was me that wanted a new bike, not her (N+1, am I right?). So, what else could I do for my understanding spouse? Chocolate leaped to mind and I made a call to my favorite candy maker to find out if she had a specific mold. For the past several years, I have gone into Lakewood to Fear's Confections around Christmas to buy Dr. Who candy for Peggy's stocking. Cassandra Fear said she didn't have that particular mold, but she could get one. I just bought 12 milk chocolate and 12 dark chocolate "Silver Wheels' Chocolate Bike Bars" (see what I did there, like handle bars?). They only cost \$2.00 each, will be individually wrapped, and are about 4.25 inches long by 2.25 inches wide.



Fear's Confections is located at 15208 Madison in Lakewood and the store is well worth the trip into Lakewood. You could even make a day of it and visit the Happy Dog for lunch and Spin Bike Shop for your LBS winter fix. Fear's website is <http://www.fearsconfections.com> and you really need to look at the Geek Candy section for that special someone nerd in your life.

I hope Peggy doesn't read this newsletter too closely and find out what she is getting on February 14th. If she really likes her present, I plan on bringing up that Surly Long Haul Trucker I have my eye on.....



Last night I spent 40 minutes on the exercise bike.

Next time I'm going to try pedaling!



That 70's photo = Larry Best and Cheryl Burkhardt

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