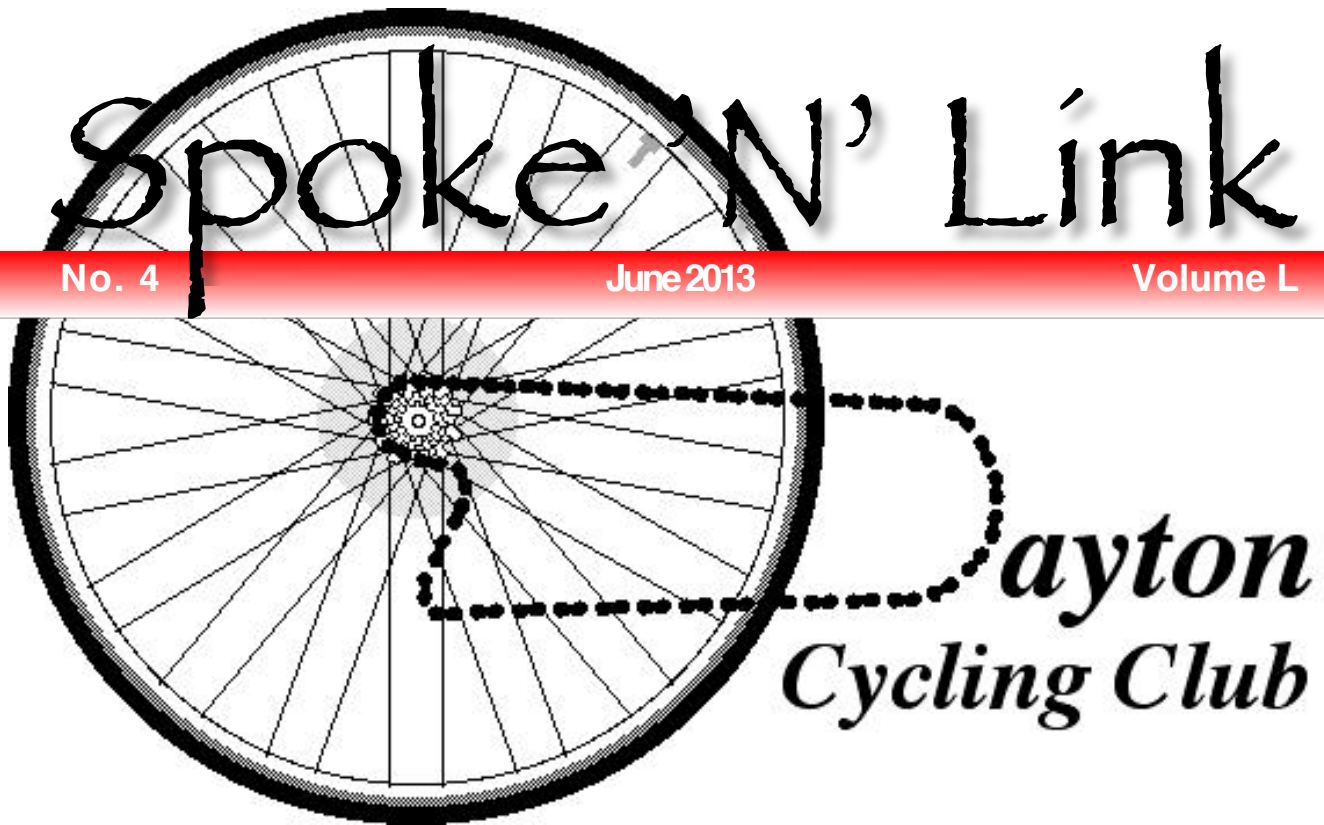


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A bike path by any other name ...

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After a long absence, I recently rode to Xenia and was surprised to find that the numbering system for the various bike paths converging on the Xenia Station hub have been rearranged.

Route 1, which had been the Little Miami Scenic Trail, is now Route 3 north of Xenia while being designated 1 and 3 South of Xenia. What had been Route 4, the trail to Cedarville, South Charleston and London, is now part of Route 1, as it and the southern portion of the Little



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DCC Business Meetings

The DCC Board of Directors generally meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Community Room at the Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. All members are welcome.

The next business meetings will be Wednesday, June 5 and Monday, July 8. To be added to the agenda of any meeting, contact President Ed Witte.

Upcoming S'n'L deadlines

For July

June 1 for editorial material

June 5 for paid advertising

For August

July 5 for editorial material

July 10 for paid advertising

Dayton Cycling Club Covered Bridge Tour

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Brookville High School, 1 Blue Pride Drive, Brookville, Ohio 45309

Return to a time when bicycles were new, cars were few, and these covered bridges were in their youth. Most of the covered bridges on this ride are more than 115 years old, and one is more than 180 years old! For almost 35 years this ride has been celebrating their heyday. Come see the new Hueston Woods covered bridge!

This is a "budget" tour. For a small fee we provide the basics only:

REGISTRATION: 7 to 8 a.m. only. If you arrive later than 8, we may be gone riding. All riders must sign a DCC ride release form at registration. There is NO pre-ride registration. Download and fill out a form at <http://sewnouveau.hypermart.net/markweb/cbtour/form.pdf> and bring it along to save time.

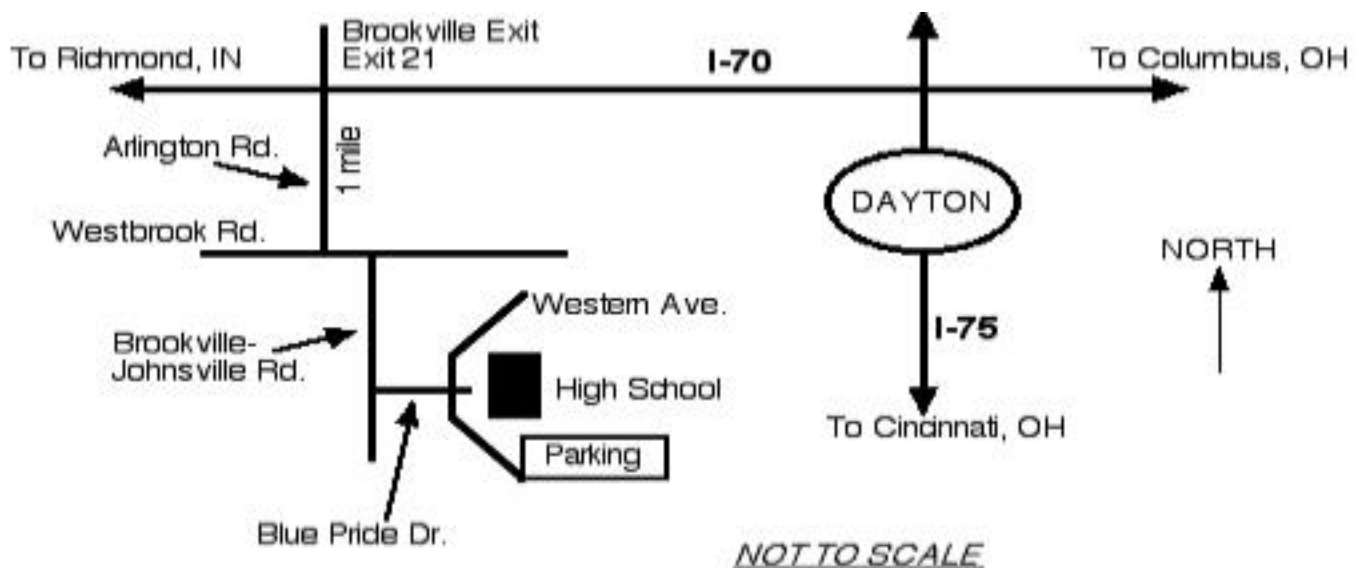
START: 8 a.m. in the Brookville High School parking lot (map below). **No water or restrooms are available at the start.** Fast-food restaurants, gas stations, an America's Best Value Inn (937) 833-4003, and a Holiday Inn Express (937) 833-9998, are near the highway exit. A KOA campground, (800) 562-3317, is about 5 miles from the start.

ROUTES: 23 miles (two covered bridges), **45 miles** (five covered bridges), **74 miles** (seven covered bridges), **105 miles** (11 covered bridges). Rolling to hilly terrain. You will receive a map when you register, and route direction arrows are painted on roads at intersections.

FACILITIES: No food, drinks or sag service are provided. All routes pass through small towns where water, restrooms, snack foods, etc., are available at "quickmarts" and restaurants. Bring money or your own food. Bring a pump, patch kit and tools, and know how to use them. Be prepared for the weather.

COST: \$5 per person. A commemorative ride patch will be available for an additional \$1.

Covered bridges should be crossed with care. It is safest to walk. Please wear a helmet.
QUESTIONS? Send e-mail to bikewalder@yahoo.com.



Dayton Cycling Club 2013 Calendar

• **Covered Bridge Tour:** 7 a.m. Saturday, June 1, Brookville High School. Contact: Mark Buchwalder, (937) 479-6098; bikewalder@yahoo.com.

• **July newsletter deadlines:** June 1 for editorial material, June 5 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.

• **June business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

• **DCC GOBA sag registration deadline:** Saturday, June 9. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.

• **July business meeting:** Monday, July 8, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

• **August newsletter deadlines:** July 5 for editorial material, July 10 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.

• **August business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

• **September newsletter deadlines:** Aug. 5 for editorial material, Aug. 10 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.

• **Old World Tour:** Springfield, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 17-18. **Leader needed.** Contact Mary Lemaster for more info: (937) 890-4690; Mlemaster5@woh.rr.com.

• **Wright Wride:** Sunday, Aug. 25, Twin Towers

Park, 501 W. Yellow Springs-Fairfield Road, Fairborn. Contact: Bud Bell, (937) 474-1240; budbellonline@woh.rr.com.

• **September business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 (nominations due for 2014 Board of Directors), Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

• **October/November/December newsletter deadlines:** Sept. 5 for editorial material, Sept. 10 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.

• **October business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

• **Morrow Wine Ride:** Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 5-6, Young's Jersey Dairy, 6880 Springfield-Xenia Road, Yellow Springs. Contact: Betty Warwick, (937) 667-4125; or Joan Rudy, rudyjls2@core.com, (937) 475-1509.

• **Ballots for the election of the 2015 Board of Directors due:** Tuesday, Oct. 15.

• **November business meeting (2013 and '14 boards):** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

• **2014 budget proposals due:** Saturday, Nov. 30. Contact: Michele Rizzardi, (937) 890-0928; quiltingbear@att.net.

• **December business meeting:** date and location to be determined. The 2014 budget will be the main topic of discussion. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

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Miami Trail are part of the so called Ohio-To-Erie Trail. I suppose this makes sense, but I do not understand changing the trail to Jamestown and the Fayette County line from Route 3 to Route 4. In fact, the "Xenia-Jamestown Connector" currently has signs marking it as Route 4 starting at Xenia, then as Route 3 beginning about halfway to Jamestown!

The latest Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission map, dated 2011, shows the new trail numbers, but I think the current situation would be confusing for cyclists visiting the area who may have older versions of the map. Along with the "unofficial" rule of giving bike paths at least two, if not more, names ("Creekside Trail/H-Connector," "Kettering Trail/Iron Horse Trail," "Great Miami River/River Corridor/Horace Huffman Trail," etc.) it's no wonder that I had the following experience:

I had ridden the Mad River Trail to Eastwood MetroPark, where I met two very tired cyclists from out of state. They asked how much further it was to Loveland. It turned out they had started in Loveland, rode up the Little Miami Trail to Yellow Springs, then back to Xenia Station. At that point, rather than returning south, back down the Little Miami, they had accidentally followed the path from in front of Xenia Station to the Creekside Trail and rode to Eastwood. It was my sad task to inform them that they would have to retrace their route 14 miles back to Xenia, then get on the Little Miami Scenic Trail to Loveland.

Granted, the Creekside Trail is still designated as Route 2, but the myriad of ways to refer to one piece of bike path is becoming overwhelming. I am not happy that Xenia and/or Greene County have decided to switch route numbers around in this manner. It has been suggested that instead of numbers, the bikeways

be named based on their starting and ending points. Unfortunately, as our trails continue to expand, this does not seem to be a workable option and would only lead to more confusion; I still find myself referring to the section of the Ohio-to-Erie Trail east of Xenia Station as the "Cedarville Trail."

If we could decide on just one designation for each bikeway in the area, and keep it that way, it might go a long way toward making our vast network of trails more well known and less daunting.

Crews complete Jamestown trail tunnel

The tunnel under U.S. 35 on the Xenia-Jamestown Connector has been completed and is open to bike traffic. This was the last piece of the trail needed to allow cyclists to ride the path exclusively from Washington Street to Jamestown and the Fayette County line.

The new tunnel is similar to two others in the area: one on the Creekside Trail and the other on the Wright Brothers Bikeway under U.S. 4. At the time of this writing, the lights along the interior of the new tunnel were not yet working.

A Sept. 16, 2012, Springfield News-Sun article about the new tunnel can be found at <http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/news/news/bike-trail-tunnel-under-us-35-to-be-complete-in-sp/nSBp5/>.

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Commuter Chronicles

By Chuck Smith, DCC vice president and advocacy director
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Delivery by bicycle another aspect of transportation cycling

The Dayton Daily News on May 5 reprinted a Columbus Dispatch article about businesses delivering small items by bicycle. The article featured a former truck driver who now delivers for one of the featured businesses by bike.

This article reminds us that commuting by bicycle is not the only way to convert motoring miles to bicycle miles. We track miles representing all aspects of transportation cycling in this column. Transportation cycling includes appointments, school, deliveries, shopping, etc.

If you know of any area businesses using bicycles to deliver products, let me know. Also, let me know if you know of any area businesses interested in delivering small items by bicycle. Perhaps we can arrange a way for them to deliver on two wheels.

Pedal Pals

To enjoy the benefits of group bicycle commuting, register for Pedal Pals by contacting Matt Lindsay of the Miami Regional Planning Commission at mlindsay@mvrpc.org. Pedal Pals matches bike commuters going to the same place at the same time so they can ride together.

Don't forget to send your miles and tips

Send your miles by the second of each month to Dennis.L.Pohl@lexisnexis.com. Remember to

include errands, appointments, trips to school and other trips during which you substituted a bicycle for a motor vehicle. Please round all figures to the nearest whole number. Thanks to Dennis Pohl for compiling our commuting miles!

Share your commuting tips with other readers of this column by sending an e-mail to chuck@ohiobike.org.

DCC Area Commuting Coordinators

North — north of U.S. 35 west of Interstate 75 and north of Salem Avenue: Dan Blair, danblair@woh.rr.com; Warren Gardner, wgard777@aol.com; and Hank Trimble, hank.trimble@yahoo.com.

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Greene County — Dan Carrigan, dcarrigan.lci@gmail.com



Work to live; live to bike; bike to work!

Chain Mail

Letters received by the Dayton Cycling Club

Oakwood appreciates DCC's help

By Kay Wert Minardi, DCC newsletter editor
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I recently received the letter below about the Dayton Cycling Club's assistance at the Oakwood Community Bicycle Event. This year Barrie Bentley, Bill Dayton and I pumped up bicycle tires, adjusted helmets and distributed information about the DCC to the few Oakwood residents who braved the cold to visit the morning event and have their bikes adjusted.

Unfortunately, there were no takers on the short bike ride we were scheduled to lead. Maybe next year the weather will be more conducive to riding.

Dear Kay,

I would like to thank you and the members of the Dayton Cycling Club for volunteering your time Saturday, May 4, 2013. Despite the low turnout everyone was extremely helpful and happy to help in any way they could. I think it is great to have such a resource as the DCC in the community.

I hope the Oakwood Community Center and the DCC can work together on improving this program and looking at other ways we can collaborate on new programs in the future. Please forward my thanks to everyone who came out. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Dan Ruble, Recreation Supervisor
City of Oakwood

Volunteers needed to help spread the word about the DCC

Two Dayton Cycling Club exhibiting opportunities are approaching. We need people to host our DCC display for all or part of these time slots:

- 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Miami Valley Cycling Summit in Springfield.
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 4 at the Ohio Bicycle Federation's Bicycling Awareness Day in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium in Columbus.

Contact Chuck Smith at chuck@ohiobike.org if you can help. Ride sharing can be worked out for both events.

Commuter Mileage Report

Include all miles you otherwise would have traveled in a motor vehicle (errands, doctor appointments and school as well as work).

Name _____

DCC number _____

E-mail address _____

Commuting area _____ Round-trip commute _____

Month _____ Miles this month _____

Year-to-date commuter miles _____

Lifetime commuter miles _____

Years commuted _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Send this completed form to Dennis Pohl, 14100 Lower Gratis Road, Farmersville, Ohio 45325; or send e-mail to Dennis.L.Pohl@lexis-nexis.com. All information is generally due by the second of the month.

DCC Area Touring Coordinators

If you would like to schedule a club ride, contact one of the Dayton Cycling Club's area touring coordinators listed below, based on where you want to begin the ride.

Northeast — north of U.S. 35 and east of Interstate 75: Mark Buchwalder, 479-6098, bikewalder@yahoo.com

Northwest — north of U.S. 35 and west of Interstate 75: Myrna Hayward, 687-1830, mhayward@basicisp.net

Southeast — south of U.S. 35 and east of Interstate 75: Jeff Pearce, 272-6005, pearceja294@yahoo.com

Southwest — south of U.S. 35 and west of Interstate 75: Jim Morgan, 435-3215, beelzemorgan@hotmail.com

Out of area

If you have any questions about leading club rides, contact DCC Touring Captain Bud Bell at (937) 474-1240; budbellonline@woh.rr.com.

You can report your miles online

Coupons clipped from the Spoke 'N' Link are not the only way to submit DCC miles. You can also submit miles online. Go to daytoncyclingclub.org and click on DCC Forms. then choose the type of miles you wish to submit and follow the instructions.

Mileage lists have moved

Mileage lists for touring, commuting and bikeway riding are now displayed only on the Dayton Cycling Club website, at daytoncyclingclub.org.

Bikeway Mileage Report

Bikeway miles are those ridden on a non-listed ride, at least half of which are on a bikeway.

Name _____

DCC # _____

E-mail _____

Month _____ Miles _____

Year-to-date bikeway miles _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Send this completed form to Chris Brown, 529 Acorn Drive, Dayton, OH 45419-3907, or send e-mail to chrisbcritter520@hotmail.com. Bikeway miles are generally due by the fifth of the month.

Deals on Wheels

DCC members may place one free personal ad in "Deals on Wheels" per calendar year. Ads placed by non-members and members' second or more ads cost \$10 per month. Personal ads must be submitted in writing (by e-mail or snail mail), generally by the fifth of the month preceding publication.

To place an ad or find out more, contact DCC Newsletter Editor Kay Wert Minardi at (937) 299-2454 or spokenlink@minardi.org.

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Shields Up!

By Conley Boyd, DCC member

Captain Kirk: “We’ll be entering the solar radiation soon, Mr. Chekov. Shields up and set to SPF 4.”

Chekov: “But Keptain, we won’t be in the radiation field for another half hour.”

Kirk: “Do it, Mr. Chekov! It takes that much time to develop full protection.”

Mr. Spock: “The midday solar radiation is approaching maximum (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and the outer hull is glowing red. Serious damage to the outer hull is imminent.”

Kirk: “Increase shields to SPF 15.”

Spock: “It’s working. The burning has stopped, and all appears normal.”

Dr. McCoy: “Jim, what’s going on? Some of the crew are developing melanomas and aging at an accelerated rate! Only those with a slow natural tan seem to be resistant.”

Kirk: “Spock, how can that be? A shield of SPF 15 should protect all of us, and there is no apparent damage to the outer hull!”

Spock: “It appears that our shields protect us only from UVB. Most of the radiation is UVA, which easily penetrates the outer hull without damaging the surface, but still causes damage underneath.”

Kirk: “Scotty, increase shields to SPF 30.”

Scotty: “Aye, Captain, but it will na’ do any good against UVA. Even SPF 100 is no better unless it’s “Broad Spectrum.”

Kirk: “OK, try the highest broad-spectrum UVA shield you can find.”

McCoy: “It’s working, Jim! There are fewer melanomas, and the aging process has slowed to near normal. Ibuprofen, topical oatmeal and hydrocortisone seem to help the inflammation. We also should have everyone take antioxidants to neutralize free radicals generated by the solar radiation.”

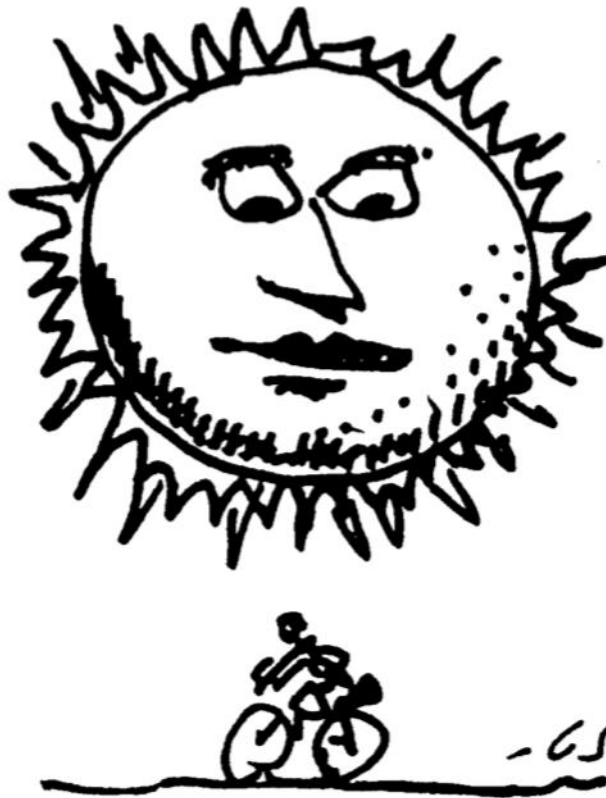
Chekov: “Keptain, de shields are beginning to weaken. UVA is getting through again!”

Spock: “It will be necessary to reinforce the broad-spectrum shields every two hours while in

the radiation field.

McCoy: “We can think of UVA for Aging and UVB for Burning. Neither is good for your skin. A broad-spectrum sunscreen or slow natural tan offer the best protection.”

• **Conley Boyd, R.Ph.**, is a Kroger pharmacist. He can be reached at ConleyB@aol.com.



-ADVENTURE CYCLING

DCC's GOBA sag truck fills up in record time

By Kay Wert Minardi, DCC newsletter editor
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The Dayton Cycling Club's GOBA sag service reached capacity in record time this year. Before the May Spoke 'N' Link hit the street, we topped 100. About 110 people are joining us on the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure.

Driver Stan Gockel hopes to have the 24-foot Penske truck parked in the car camping area of the Champaign County Fairgrounds in Urbana by 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15. Please try to join us under the pop-up shelters at 8:30 p.m. to get acquainted and learn

the routine for the week.

Remember, other people will at times be handling your bags. Several light bags are better than one giant, heavy bag. Help prevent injuries by keeping each bag's weight below 50 pounds. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair, as we will set up a "conversation pit" under the shade every day. No individual coolers are allowed, as we will have several large community coolers full of cold drinks available at all times.

See you in a few weeks!



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Cycling Shorts

By Kay Wert Minardi, DCC newsletter editor
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Clayton lawmaker champions 3-foot law

State Rep. Mike Henne, R-Clayton, on May 14 testified before the Ohio House Transportation Committee in support of House Bill 145, which would require passing motorists to keep at least 3 feet away from cyclists.

Under Henne's bill, failure to observe the 3-foot passing distance would be a minor misdemeanor with a maximum \$150 fine. The infraction could be elevated to a third-degree misdemeanor if the driver has been convicted of certain other driving infractions within the last year.

If the bill passes, Ohio would be the 22nd state with a 3-foot passing rule. Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo have passed 3-foot rules since a similar bill introduced in the Ohio Senate in 2009 failed. Columbus and Dayton are considering adding 3-foot rules.

Henne's bill also would allow cyclists waiting at red lights to proceed with caution while yielding the right of way if the sensor that triggers many traffic signals fails to detect them.

Ohio below average in bike-friendly rankings

The Buckeye State was listed at No. 32 in the 2013 League of American Bicyclists' bicycle friendly state rankings.

Ohio did best in the category of education and encouragement, scoring three of five possible points.

It did poorest in the category of evaluation and planning, scoring only one point. Ohio's "report card" is available at

http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/bicyclefriendlystate/bfs_report_cards/bfs2013_reportcard_ohio.pdf.

The LAB's bicycle-friendly states ranking is based on a comprehensive survey completed by state departments of transportation and state bicycling advocates. It asks comprehensive questions across five categories: legislation and enforcement, policies and programs, infrastructure and funding, education and encouragement, and evaluation and planning. For more information, visit www.bikeleague.org/states.

Adventure Cycling adopts a new look

The Adventure Cycling Association in May issued its newly redesigned magazine, Adventure Cyclist. The nonprofit service organization for recreational cyclists also recently launched its redesigned website, adventurecycling.org.

Executive Director Jim Sayer said the goals with the magazine redesign were "a fresh look that's contemporary but not complicated" and "content that stays true to our mission of inspiring and empowering people to travel by bike." Of the website he said, "We wanted to give the website a clean, contemporary look

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and modernize its many functions.”

Adventure Cycling earlier converted its older route maps into a geographic information system (GIS) format.

32nd RAAM to get under way June 11

The 2013 Race Across America, the “world's toughest bicycle race,” will begin when the solo racers leave Oceanside, Calif., at noon Tuesday, June 11. The two-, four- and eight-person teams will leave Oceanside at noon Saturday, June 15. The racers will bike 3,000 miles to Annapolis, Md.

The racers will pass through time stations in Oxford, Blanchester, Chillicothe and Athens, Ohio.

If, during the Second World War, the United States had retooled its factories for manufacturing bicycles instead of munitions, we'd be one of the healthiest, least oil-dependent, and most environmentally-sound constituents in the Nazi empire today.
— Ralph Nader

Rob Kish holds the individual men's record for completing RAAM in the shortest amount of time. In 1992 he rode 2,911 miles in eight days, 3 hours and 11 minutes. In 1995 Seana Hogan set the women's individual record by riding 2,912 miles in 9:04:02.

Teams complete the ride in significantly less time. The current records are:

• **Two-person:** Kevin McNulty and Joe Petersen of Team BodyXchange/Garden Pathways in 2006 rode 3,043 miles in 6:11:24.

• **Four-person:** Kerry Ryan, Nat Faulkner, Sean Nealy and Billy Innes of Team Action Sports in 2004 sped 2,959 in 5:08:17.

• **Eight-person:** Ryan Denner, Kevin Hunter, Airey Baringer, Adam Bickett, Rich Walsh, Andrew Danly, Eric Cross and Jeremy Gustin of Team ViaSat in 2012 logged 2,993 miles in 5:05:05.

• **The best time ever** was 5:01:08 over 2,911 miles in 1989, ridden on recumbent HPVs by a four-man team of Michael Coles, Bob Fourney, and Jim and Pete Penseyres.

For more information about the Race Across America, go to http://www.raceacrossamerica.org/raam/raam.php?N_webcat_id=1.

DCC on the Internet
To view the Dayton Cycling Club Web site, go to: <http://daytoncyclingclub.org>.
To join the DCC e-mail list, send a blank e-mail to dcc-subscribe@topica.com. Once subscribed, post to the list by sending your e-mail to dcc@topica.com.
To add something to the DCC home page, contact DCC Webmaster Harv Kiesel at webmaster@daytoncyclingclub.org.
Finally, don't forget to visit the Dayton Cycling Club on Facebook.



Bike Law 101: Ohio gets new definition of bicycle

By Steve Magas, attorney

On April 1, Ohio's not-so-bike-friendly governor, John Kasich, signed House Bill 51 into law. This is the big transportation bill that has been in the news featuring new, improved, higher speed limits. Buried in the bill at Line 2,500 or so are a few lines added at the request of the Ohio Bicycle Federation — a new definition of a bicycle.

Why is this important? Where did it come from?

It all started with a traffic ticket given by police in Lakewood to Dominic "Vinnie" Latessa, who was giving his 10-year-old autistic son a ride in his Rhoades Car.

A Rhoades Car is a unique vehicle (see right and <http://www.rhoadescar.com/>). The company offers all kinds of four-wheeled pedal cycles, some with optional motors. Latessa found that as his autistic son got older and bigger, he still enjoyed riding around but was too big for a typical bicycle seat or trailer. The Rhoades car turned out to be perfect for Latessa and his son.

Until Sept. 26, 2012, that is ...

On that date Latessa was driving his Rhoades vehicle on Madison Avenue in Lakewood when he was stopped by police and ticketed for driving a "toy vehicle" on the roadway.

What's this "toy vehicle" thing about?

In September 2012, Ohio's definition of "bicycle" in Section 4511.01(G) of the Ohio Revised Code limited a "bicycle" to human-powered devices with

two or three wheels. As the article noted, four-wheeled vehicles were not included in that definition. But does that make them "toys"?

Lakewood city ordinances do not allow "toy vehicles" on the road. Since the Rhoades Car didn't fit into the "bicycle" cubbyhole, city officials felt it could be banned as a toy and Latessa could be ticketed for driving one on the road.

The Lakewood case developed a life of its own once (Cleveland) Plain Dealer "Road Rant" columnist John Horton started following the case and writing about Latessa's struggle to use his vehicle on city streets. While I started passing the story around to several bike advocates around the state, Horton's columns generated a very positive response at the grassroots level.

Latessa decided to fight the ticket in the Lakewood Municipal Court. The issue was whether this Rhoades Car was a "toy vehicle." To me, the answer was clearly, unequivocally no. The prohibition against using "toys" on the road is designed to keep kids from riding Big Wheels or other obvious "kid" mobiles on the road. The Rhoades Car is a big, serious piece of adult equipment. It's good-sized, very heavy and can carry multiple folks around town.

After listening to arguments, Lakewood Municipal Court Judge Patrick Carroll decided to toss the ticket. He concluded that while the device didn't



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fit the “bicycle” definition, it was not a toy. The judge suggested that the case be handled legislatively.

The “buzz” coming out of Lakewood was decidedly not favorable to Latessa or the Rhoades Car. Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers called the Rhoades Car a potential safety hazard:

“We’re talking about a 5-foot-wide vehicle. A car may not see it on the road, or a driver may get impatient and try to go around it. The backseat of the quadricycle is basically the backseat of a mini-van attached to it.”

Huh? The good residents of Lakewood are apparently very ornery, impatient souls, and also quite blind, since the mayor feels that they can’t be trusted to see a 5-foot-wide vehicle in front of them.

Calling this a safety issue is complete BS. The thing is big – it’s as wide as a small car. People are going to “see” it. If they can’t, they shouldn’t be driving. The only way it is not “safe” is if impatient people ignore traffic laws and aggressively behave in ways to endanger Latessa or his kids. Further, Ohio law already permits bicyclists to ride two abreast, so how is driving a car behind the Rhoades vehicle any different than driving behind cyclists riding two abreast?

This is quite clearly an assault on slower moving vehicles in a fast-paced life. It’s about those precious seconds motorists “lose” while waiting to get around the Rhoades Car ... just as folks have to wait to pass bicyclists, Amish buggies and farm equipment in many parts of Ohio.

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio Bicycle Federation discussed the Lakewood/Rhoades Car issue and decided to present a new definition of “bicycle” as part of its three-part 2013 legislative

package. The definition would simplify and broaden the “bicycle” definition and would clearly include devices such as the Rhoades Car. In that same package of legal reforms we also proposed a “3-foot law” along with changes to the “malfunctioning traffic signal” law that would allow cyclists and motorcyclists to move through a red light when the vehicle detector fails to detect our vehicle and keeps the light stuck on red.

We realized shortly after our board meeting approving the legislative package that there was a big transportation bill pending before the Ohio House of Representatives. We tried to have our three-part “bike law” package added as an amendment to this bill. However, because of the timing of our vote and the “fast track” movement of the bill through the Ohio House, the powers that be in Columbus decided there wasn’t time to fully evaluate all three proposals.

The bill then went to the Senate, where we renewed our efforts to get the package added. The Senate agreed to add the “bicycle” definition, and passed the bill. The Senate bill differed from the House bill, so they then went to committee to try to shape the two bills into one. Fortunately, when H.B. 51 came up for the final vote, our new definition was left in. H.B. 51 was passed and, on April 1, Gov. Kasich signed it into law.

The bottom line is that the Rhoades Car will be a “legal” bicycle on July 1. Once it is a bicycle, it cannot be banned from the road, per Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.07.

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Wear the Dayton Cycling Club name with pride

Dayton Cycling Club members who want to show their pride in the DCC have several items of clothing to choose from.

The 50th-anniversary jersey was designed by Patty Minardi, the youngest sister of DCC member Mark Minardi. It has a white body with bright yellow shoulders and turquoise side panels with white lettering.

The main graphic on the front and back is a stylized person riding a gray bike. A red 50 is prominently displayed, with the 5 making up the rider's body and the 0 taking the place of the bike's front tire. Orange lettering under the graphic says "1961-2011," and "Dayton Cycling Club" is printed in turquoise under that. The exterior of the collar is red, and the inside is turquoise.

Sticking out of the middle pocket on the back of the jersey is a graphic of a banana and a sheet of paper with the DCC wheel logo and the names of the club's invitational rides.

The price of the jersey is \$55 plus \$2.75 for postage.

Club T-shirts and Wilbur Wright club jerseys are also available.

The \$15 club T-shirt (rear view at right) is a yellow 50/50 cotton/polyester blend. It features a DCC logo on the front and a

large "Bikes R Us" color graphic by late DCC member Rick Edsall on the back. Include \$2.75 for postage.

The current non-anniversary club jersey (rear view below) is a four-color, wickable, breathable micro-fiber. The dominant colors are yellow and black. The front and back feature Wilbur Wright working on a bicycle, with the Wright Flyer in the background. They run a bit small and cost only \$35, plus \$2.75 for postage.

We still have a few older Wilbur Wright jerseys.

They are green, beige and light blue on a white background, with the Wilbur Wright graphic. Only a few jerseys in limited sizes are available. These jerseys also cost \$35, plus \$2.75 for postage.

We also have cycling shorts in men's and women's sizes, although the selection is limited. They are nylon/lycra in basic black, with the DCC wheel logo in white running down the legs. The shorts cost \$45, plus \$2.75 for postage.

To order club clothing, contact Beverly Owens at (937) 832-8365 or



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