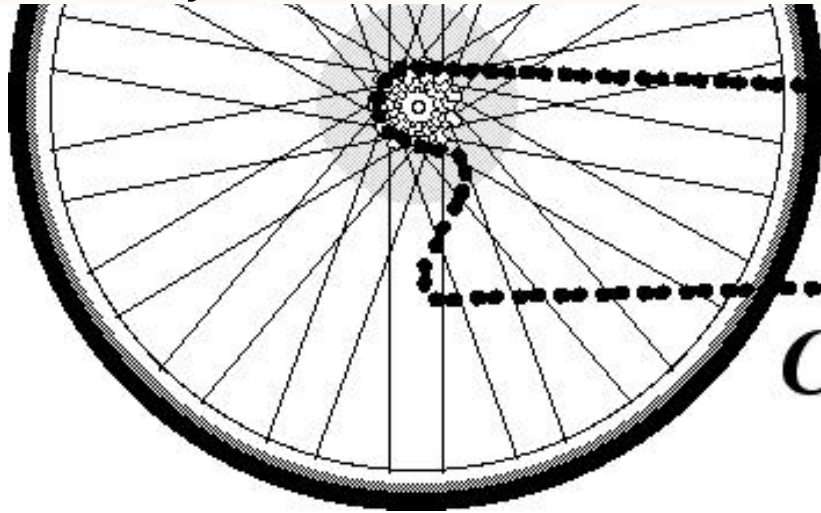


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It may feel a little early, but it's time to give thanks

By Ed Witte, DCC president
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There are several types of boards of directors.

There are titular boards, where notable personalities lend their names and faces to a cause. There is the rubber-stamp board, which passes measures without deep thought. Then there are boards like the Dayton Cycling Club's — working boards.



What does that mean? Attendance and voting at business

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In down times I do things like go for a long bike ride or run. The other thing I'm doing in that quiet time is just observing.

— Robin Williams, comedian



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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. The next business meeting will be Oct. 1 in the Community Room at the Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. All members are welcome to attend. If you wish to be added to the agenda of a meeting, contact President Ed Witte.

Upcoming S'n'L deadlines

- For Jan./Feb./March** Dec. 5 for editorial material
Dec. 10 for paid advertising
- For April** March 5 for editorial material
March 10 for paid advertising

Dayton Cycling Club 2014 Calendar

• **October business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; edward_witte@yahoo.com.

• **Morrow Wine Ride:** Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 4-5, Young's Jersey Dairy, 6880 Springfield-Xenia Road, Yellow Springs. Contact: Betty Warwick, (937) 470-7598 or bettywarwick@aol.com; or Joan Rudy, (937) 475-1509 or rudyjsl2@core.com

• **Ballots due for the election of the 2015 Board**

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meetings are the tip of the iceberg. We visit other organizations, bake cookies and purchase snacks and supplies for club events. We organize weekly rides and organize the banquet. The website is maintained, newsletter articles are written and edited, bills are paid and rides are ridden. Ours is a working board.

A simple but profound example this year is Marty Moseman. If she had not stepped forward to direct the Wright Wride, what would have happened? There would have been no Wright Wride. I shudder to think of that possibility. Two years ago, Kim and Michael Bott stepped up to organize and run the Huffman Spring Classic.

I end this column with thanks to fellow board members and all who have stepped forward to keep the DCC a positive, vital promoter of bicycling in the Miami Valley.

Members, don't forget to

Vote

for your 2015 Board of Directors

of Directors: Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the DCC post office box or online.

• **November business meeting (2014 and '15 boards):** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, Vandalia Justice Center. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; edward_witte@yahoo.com.

• **2014 budget proposals due:** Sunday, Nov. 30.

• **December business meeting:** Wednesday Dec. 3, Vandalia Justice Center. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; edward_witte@yahoo.com.

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

Volunteers needed at MOX

By Chuck Smith, DCC vice president
and advocacy director
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The Dayton Cycling Club still needs a few people to staff its booth and the bike corral at Five Rivers MetroParks' Midwest Outdoor Experience on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4, at Eastwood MetroPark.

Volunteers are especially needed from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Help out for as few as two hours providing bike parking or hosting our DCC display.

Sign up to help at the DCC Facebook site or our website at www.daytoncyclingclub.org.

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Meeting Minutes

By Donna Williams-Powell, DCC secretary
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August 6, 2014

The Dayton Cycling Club Board of Directors met at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. In attendance were board members Bud Bell, Kimberly and Michael Bott, Chris Brown, Harv Kiesel, Martha Moseman, Chuck Smith, David Warner, Kay Wert Minardi, and Kathi and Ed Witte; DCC members Rusty Cousins and Roger Rizzardi; and guests Lucy Sanchez and Steve Mersch.

President Ed Witte called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Lucy Sanchez from Five Rivers MetroParks presented information about the Midwest Outdoor Experience (MOX), which will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3-4. Hours will be 6 to 10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. The DCC will be manning the bike parking again this year. Sanchez presented information about the different levels of MOX sponsorship available.

After Sanchez left, the board discussed sponsoring MOX and therefore becoming more visible to the community. Smith moved and Bell seconded that the club sponsor MOX at the \$1,000 level, which would get our logo on advertising and maps of the event. The motion carried without opposition. Smith will work out details with Sanchez. The DCC will have a booth in the bicycle section of Eastwood MetroPark during MOX as well as running the bike parking. Volunteers will be needed for both places both days of the event.

Steve Mersch of the Germantown Lions Club presented information on the new Twisted Pretzel

Bicycle Tour to be held in conjunction with the Pretzel Festival in Germantown on Sept. 27. He provided brochures to the board, and has been advertising in the *Spoke 'N' Link*.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and amended to reflect the amount of \$465 raised from Huffman Spring Classic and donated to Schneider House of Hope. Kiesel moved that the minutes be approved as amended, and Bell seconded. The July minutes were approved without opposition.

Vice President Chuck Smith reported that the Tour de Dayton would be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. He said additional information was available on the Tour de Dayton website.

Smith also will be pricing customized pop-up canopies with the DCC logo on all four sides, to be used at MOX and other events. He has one quote of \$1,500 but will be obtaining additional quotes. It was suggested that DaytonCyclingClub.org be added to the logo on the canopy.

Smith finished by announcing the dates of the remaining U.S. Air Force Blue Streak Time Trials: Aug. 13, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8.

Bikeways Director Chris Brown had nothing new to report.

Kimberly and Michael Bott, Huffman Spring Classic co-directors, had nothing to report.

Newsletter editor Kay Wert Minardi said articles for the September newsletter were due Sunday, Aug. 10.

Marty Moseman, Wright Wride director, reported

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that the Wright Wride was just around corner and there were 43 riders registered. She will be working with former director Bud Bell on final details. She was still in need of volunteers and said she would call people on a list of volunteers from last year's Wright Wride. Twelve commemorative T-shirts had been purchased, and Moseman had checks to deposit and insurance forms to complete for Greene County. She thanked Wert Minardi for the brochure and T-shirt designs.

Social Director Kathi Witte had nothing to report.

Bud Bell, touring captain, had nothing to report.

Membership Director David Warner shared that the DCC had 400 total members, but 28 members did not renew their membership in July. He also shared that the Final Friday Ride has doubled in size and he is in need of ride leaders for beginner rides. He said there is usually a long and short ride for the Final Friday. The ride will move back to the bike hub at RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton for the August event from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29. Non-members are welcome.

Warner reminded the board that the first time a non-member participates in a club ride, he/she is covered by our club insurance. Have such people put "guest" where the member number goes on the tour roster. After that first ride, non-members should be made aware that personal insurance will need to be used if there is an accident or injury during the ride.

Harv Kiesel, webmaster, noted that the server had crashed and our website was down for a day; however, the website is up and running again. Kiesel will be relinquishing his duties as webmaster. He admitted that PayPal is a little "crazy" and will look into setting up separate accounts for rides, banquet, membership, etc.

Longtime member Roger Rizzardi shared that his wife, Michele, had cancer and would not be able to continue with her treasurer duties. Wert Minardi volunteered to step in, and Kathi Witte moved that Wert Minardi be appointed acting treasurer. The motion was seconded by Smith and approved without opposition. Wert Minardi will meet with Roger Rizzardi to get the treasurer's books and all pertinent information for the transition.

Kiesel mentioned that we need new DCC jerseys, as we have only a few remaining. The board agreed, and Ed Witte proposed a contest for a new design. A committee will be formed to judge all designs submitted. The person whose design is chosen will receive a free jersey.

Rizzardi introduced ideas for more DCC merchandise:

- Map holders with heavy-duty clips. Rizzardi said they cost \$6.50 each for 300, and then there is a price break if more are ordered.

- Helmet covers

- Wicking, spandex caps

The board will investigate these possibilities.

In new business, Rizzardi proposed a memorial ride on the second Sunday in October to honor all deceased DCC members. The first ride will be planned for Oct. 12.

Wert Minardi shared that former DCC member Tom Byrd had left a message on her home phone asking if the DCC would want to ride in the Holiday at Home Parade on Sept. 1. The board determined there was not enough time to get enough members to participate, as the registration deadline was imminent.

Smith moved and Moseman seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Commuter Chronicles

By Chuck Smith, DCC vice president and advocacy director
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Shopping by bicycle qualifies as bicycle commuting

A woman purchasing melons in an outdoor market to carry home on her cargo bike was featured on the cover of the July/August issue of the League of American Bicyclists' *American Bicyclist* magazine. Shopping is one of those "other" activities included in our commuter miles, in addition to appointments of all kinds, events and a host of other activities accomplished with more fun on two wheels.

Remember to send us your miles

Miles are due by the second of each month at 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. Round all figures to the nearest whole number. Thanks to Dennis Pohl for compiling our commuting miles.

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our mobile app!



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Bikeways and Beyond

By Chris Brown, DCC bikeways director
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What's in a name?

What kind of bicyclist do you see yourself as? In reading about bicycling in the past, including old issues of the *Spoke 'N' Link*, I have come across several terms that have been applied to us.

S'n'ls from the 1970s refer to "bikies," a term I googled. I came up with "an Australian term for a member of a motorcycle gang." Apparently in Dayton it just meant a happy-go-lucky kind of person, probably a touring cyclist rather than a racer.

"Cyclist" is the name I am most familiar with, but



Welcome, new DCC members!

The following new members have joined the Dayton Cycling Club since Aug. 24. Be sure to say hello when you see them at DCC rides and events:

- Michael Bayer and Jenifer Wagaman, both from Beavercreek
- Frank Campanell and William Kosnik of Centerville
- Mario Salerno of Miamisburg
- Sharon Glett of New Carlisle
- Terra and Izaiah Texter and Mark Wiles, of Troy
- Patty Wheelbarger of West Carrollton
- Gary Wilson of West Chester

The DCC membership as of Sept. 28 was 397. There were 239 adult members, 74 family memberships consisting of a total of 143 adults and 11 junior members, and four honorary members.

"cyclor" seems to have been popular in the 1890s. When Gary Boulanger, former executive director of Bike Miami Valley, had his Cycles Gaansari shop on Brown Street, he tried to revive the term "scorcher," even though it historically had a negative connotation. Scorchers tended to be young men who rode their bicycles too darn fast, frightening horses and upsetting the ladies.

"Clydesdale" is a more recent name for a large bicyclist, perhaps one who drinks a lot of beer.

"Wheelman," as in the League of American Wheelmen, is a good name that conjures up images of men with handlebar moustaches on high-wheel "Ordinary" bicycles. But the name excludes women; hence we have the rekindled League of American Bicyclists (LAB) today. And "public menace" has gone in and out of fashion, usually in step with the machine's several "booms" in popularity.

Of course, the word I most often hear bicyclists call each other today is "dude." A recent clue on the television game show Jeopardy indicated that "dude" was derived from "Yankee Doodle."

This is the name I most identify with, as I enjoy doodling around the recreation trails on my bike. One would assume bicyclists in the South might not take kindly to it, however, as Southerners were offended by being called "Yanks" by the British during both world wars.

What other terms for a bicyclist have you heard? Drop me an e-mail mentioning your favorite.



Dayton Cycling Club Membership Application



New Member
 Renewal
 New Address

} DCC# _____

Mailing Information

Street address (please enter name(s) below)

City State ZIP

Phone

E-mail address

Membership

Junior (up to age 18) \$10/yr. x ____ yrs = \$ ____
 Adult (age 18 & over) \$20/yr. x ____ yrs = \$ ____
 Family (includes spouse & dependent juniors) \$30/yr. x ____ yrs = \$ ____

Extras

DCC patch \$2 x ____ Quantity = \$ ____
 Medical Info kit (free to new members) \$2 x ____ Quantity = \$ ____

Total enclosed \$ _____
(Make check payable to Dayton Cycling Club)

Names and Signatures

Adult 1 name	DOB (opt)	➔	Adult 1 Signature	Date
Adult 2 name	DOB (opt)	➔	Adult 2 Signature	Date
Junior 1 name	Date of Birth	➔	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Junior 2 Name	Date of Birth	➔	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

E-Mail

I would like to receive e-mail announcements from the DCC about the availability of the newsletter.
 Please do not send me e-mail.

Volunteer! Help support cycling and the DCC!

Club banquet
 Social events/picnics
 Huffman Spring Classic
 Newsletter
 Wright Write
 Old World Tour
 Overnight tours
 Other (specify below)

Release

All applicants must sign the release below. Applicants under 18 must give date of birth and have a parent or guardian's signature.

I do, hereby, for myself, my family, my heirs, my executors or administrators, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims, for, or to be, for which I or members of my family may have or which may hereafter accrue to me or my family against the Dayton Cycling Club and/or any other person connected with scheduled club activities, individually or collectively, for all responsibility for injury to Persons during these activities.

Mail application and check to DCC Membership, c/o Alan Bindemann, 35 Fry Ct., Springboro, OH 45066-8690

Dayton Cycling Club Ballot

For the election of the 2015 board of directors

DCC elections are held in accordance with Article III of the DCC Bylaws, which states:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nomination of the elected officials shall be made at the September meeting. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor at this meeting. The Nominating Committee's ballot, with write-in space, will be provided to all adult members by October 1 by posting on the club website. Paper ballots, if used, are to be marked and received not later than October 15 in a sealed envelope with the voter's name, signature and Club number on the envelope. Online ballots, if used, are to be submitted no later than October 15. Online ballots must have all personal information filled out to be valid. No voter may submit more than one ballot, regardless of voting method used.

The Nominating Committee shall function as the Board of Elections to verify membership and to certify the results of the election. Any voting discrepancies shall be presented to the Board of Directors for resolution.

Make Sure Your Vote Counts

Place a check mark or X in front of the names of the persons you wish to vote for. Write-in votes are allowed as long as you have the permission of the individual to enter his or her name.

Photocopies of the ballot are permissible when there are two or more adult voting members (members over the age of 18) in a family.

Ballots must be **received** (not merely postmarked) by Oct. 15. Include only one ballot per envelope. On the upper left corner of the envelope,

include (1) your printed name; (2) your signature; and (3) your club membership number. This information is used only to confirm that those who submit ballots are eligible to vote.

Do not put any other club mail in your envelope.

Mail ballot to: DCC Ballot Box, P.O. Box 94, Wright Brothers Branch, Dayton, OH 45409-0094.

You may choose to vote online instead, at www.daytoncyclingclub.org.

You may vote only once.

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Chuck Smith

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Donna Williams-Powell

Treasurer

Touring Captain

Bud Bell

Huffman Spring Classic Director

Wright Wride Director

Membership Director

David Warner

Social Director

Newsletter Editor

Kay Wert Minardi

Bikeways Director

Chris Brown

Webmaster

Jim Morgan

Advocacy Director

Chuck Smith

Turn page to meet the candidates.

Meet the Candidates

For the election of the 2015 board of directors

For president: Ed Witte

I am running for DCC president because like you, I love bicycling. I will continue to share that passion by leading the DCC through 2015.



Ed Witte

For vice president: Chuck Smith

I seek re-election as DCC vice president and advocacy director. I have been a DCC member for 24 years, and served on our board many of those years. I represent the DCC in Dayton Safe Kids, on the city of Dayton Bike/Walk Committee, and in Bike Miami Valley. If elected, I plan to expand our sphere of influence in the community.



Chuck Smith

For Secretary: Donna Powell

Serving on the board of the Dayton Cycling Club is an excellent way to connect with and contribute to the local cycling community. I invite all cyclists and anyone interested in cycling to participate in the many rides and activities provided by the DCC.



Donna Powell

For treasurer: No candidate

For touring captain: Bud Bell

I have appreciated the privilege of serving as touring captain for the past four years. I would like the opportunity to continue to serve and support the club.



Bud Bell

For Huffman Spring Classic co-director: No candidate

For Wright Wride director: No candidate

For membership director: David Warner

It has been a pleasure serving on the DCC Board as the membership director for the past year. I will continue to look for ways to grow the DCC membership at all levels. I will continue to look for ways to add to our

membership value, collaborations, experiences and programs. The DCC is and can be a great place for members of the community to be involved in cycling at a variety of levels of experience, and I look forward to continuing to expand upon this opportunity.



David Warner

For social director: No candidate

For newsletter editor: Kay Wert Minardi

I have been a member of the DCC since 1982 and a member of the board since November 1992. In 2015, I would like to increase DCC members' contributions to the *Spoke 'N' Link*.



K. Wert Minardi

For bikeways director: Chris Brown

I have been bikeways director since 2004 and continue to enjoy collecting mileage statistics from DCC members who ride the extensive network of trails in our area. I also like writing occasional columns for the club newsletter. Members who have written me about their adventures while out riding help make this volunteer position worthwhile.



Chris Brown

For webmaster: Jim Morgan

As webmaster I will maintain the DCC website, which has become the primary means of communication among club members. The website also is often the DCC's introduction to prospective new members. I am willing to be webmaster because I use the website to access the DCC ride schedule and want to continue to do so. I've previously been newsletter editor (four years) and touring captain (two years) so I have experience serving on the DCC Board of Directors.



Jim Morgan

For advocacy director: Chuck Smith

See statement above.

Turn page for official ballot.