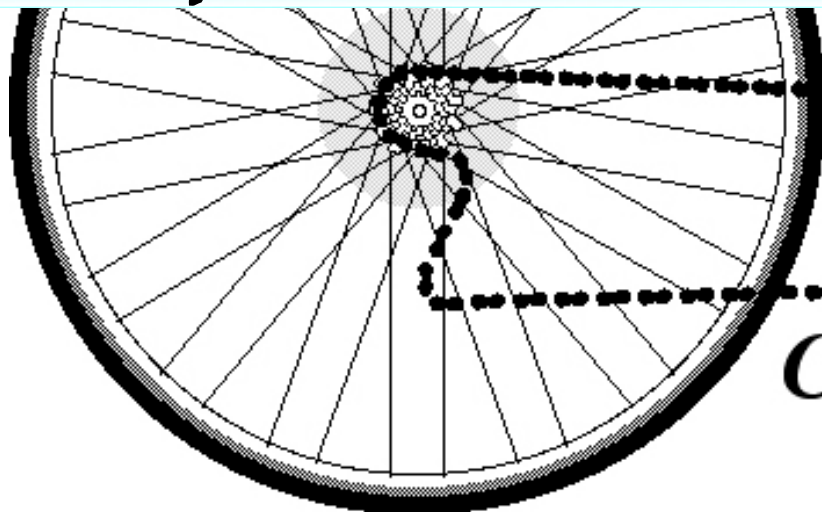


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Beginning of year is good time to thank some hard workers

By Ed Witte, DCC president
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Welcome to 2016, and may it be your most enjoyable year of riding ever. I'd like to begin with praise for several of our volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their efforts for our club.

First, I would like to acknowledge Alan Bindemann. He has toiled diligently over the past three years keeping our membership list current, sending renewal reminders and frequently attending monthly board meetings. He did all this despite the fact that he was not a member of the board of directors.

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If you change your Internet service provider or are preparing to move, contact Jim Ellis at (937) 414-1445 or membership@daytoncyclingclub.org. If you are moving, be sure to include your old and new addresses so we can update our membership roster.

The reality of Katrina didn't really strike me until the first time I flew up in a helicopter and saw areas of the city that I had ridden my bicycle as a youth being fully flooded.

— Ray Nagin

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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 meetings will be March 2 and April 6 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 April

March 5 for editorial material;
March 10 for paid advertising

For May

April 5 for editorial material;
April 10 for paid advertising

2016 Dayton Cycling Club Calendar

- **Adventure Summit:** 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, Wright State Student Union. **Volunteers needed to represent the DCC at its display.** Contact: Chuck Smith, bikeohio@gmail.com.
- **Deadline for 2015 award nominations:** Tuesday, Feb. 15. Send your nomination and a brief supporting statement to Kathi Witte at nlnsk8r@aol.com. Contact: Kathi Witte, (937) 335-3096.
- **March business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.
- **April newsletter deadlines:** March 5 for editorial material, March 10 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.
- **April business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.
- **May newsletter deadlines:** April 6 for editorial material, April 10 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.
- **DCC Awards Banquet:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Celebrations, 3119 Stop Eight Road, Vandalia. Contact: Kathi Witte, (937) 475-1101; nlnsk8r@aol.com.
- **DCC Legends Ride:** 9 a.m. Sunday, May 1, Vandalia Recreation Center, 1111 Stonequarry Road. Contact: Chuck Smith, (937) 890-6689; chuck@ohiobike.org.
- **May business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.
- **June newsletter deadlines:** May 5 for editorial material, May 10 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.
- **Huffman Spring Classic:** Wax Park, Moraine, Saturday, May 14. **Volunteers needed!** Contact: Dwaine Wheeler, (937) 626-4455; kosk@woh.rr.com.
- **DCC GOBA SAG Service registration deadline:** Wednesday, June 1. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, (937) 299-2454; spokenlink@minardi.org.
- **June business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.
- **Covered Bridge Tour:** 7 a.m. Saturday, June 4, Brookville High School. Contact: Mark Buchwalder, (937) 479-6098; bikewalder@yahoo.com.
- **DCC Picnic:** Sunday afternoon, June 5. Exact time and location TBD. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.
- **July newsletter deadlines:** June 1 for editorial material, June 5 for paid advertising. Contact: Kay Wert Minardi, spokenlink@minardi.org.
- **July business meeting:** Wednesday July 6, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive.
- **August newsletter deadlines:** July 6 for editorial material, July 10 for paid advertising.
- **August business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive.
- **September newsletter deadlines:** Aug. 5 for editorial material, Aug. 10 for paid advertising.
- **Old World Tour:** Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 20-21, Buck Creek State Park, Springfield. Contact: John Bramhall, (937) 305-0410; bram_hall@ameritech.net.
- **Wright Wride:** Sunday, Aug. 28. Director or

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Next in line for accolades is Betty Warwick. She stepped up and oversaw the design and production of five jerseys for the Jo Glover Award. She made several trips to Cincinnati to work out the completion of the custom-made jerseys. Many hours and miles were spent completing this daunting task.

Finally, I want to acknowledge two of our directors for going above and beyond the call of duty.

- Dave Warner, who served three years as membership director, had to step down for family reasons. Among other things, Dave and his assistant, Alan Bindemann, pointed out the advantages of a common membership renewal date and suggested ways to achieve this big task. We wish Dave and his family well, and hope to see him at some 2016 rides.

- Jim Morgan, our webmaster, has earned our appreciation with his devoted and detailed maintenance of our website. In addition to his web responsibilities, he has helped guide our board through the process of amending our bylaws so we

can have an easier method for membership renewal. Thank you, Jim, for your logical, analytical mind!

Jim's explanation of the changes in membership renewal is as follows:

To reduce the administrative workload associated with processing renewal memberships each month, the Dayton Cycling Club is transitioning to a common membership expiration date of April 30. To facilitate this transition, the DCC is extending existing memberships free of charge until April 30 following the year the membership originally expired. Memberships expiring in 2015 will now expire on April 30, 2016. Memberships expiring in 2016 will expire on April 30, 2017. Memberships expiring after 2016 will expire on April 30 the year after the current membership expires. New members receive free membership through April 30 with payment for the membership year beginning on May 1 following the date the DCC receives the completed application, signed waiver and dues.

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co-directors needed. Contact: Ed Witte, (937) 335-3096; ejw1948@hotmail.com.

- **Sally's Ladies Ride:** 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Xenia. Contact: Eugena Ducker, grandpakido@woh.rr.com.

- **September business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7 (nominations due for 2014 Board of Directors), Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive.

- **October/November/December newsletter deadlines:** Sept. 7 for editorial material, Sept. 10 for paid advertising.

- **October business meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, Vandalia Justice Center.

- **Morrow Wine Ride:** 9 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 8-9, Young's Jersey Dairy, 6880 Springfield-

Xenia Road, Yellow Springs. Contact: Joan Rudy, (937) 475-1509, rudyjsl2@core.com; or Betty Warwick, (937) 667-4125, bettywarwick@aol.com.

- **Ballots for the election of the 2017 Board of Directors due:** Saturday, Oct. 15, in the DCC post office box or online.

- **November business meeting** (2016 and '17 boards): 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive.

- **2017 budget proposals due:** Wednesday, Nov. 30. Contact: Ken Mercurio, (805) 624-2062; dcctreasurer9025@gmail.com.

- **December business meeting:** Wednesday, Dec. 7, 935 Hathaway Road, Oakwood.

- **January/February/March newsletter deadlines:** Dec. 7 and Dec. 10.

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2015

By Kay Wert Minardi, DCC newsletter editor
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The Dayton Cycling Club Board of Directors met Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. Directors Bud Bell, Chris Brown, Jim Morgan, Chuck Smith, David Warner, Kay Wert Minardi, Dwaine Wheeler and Ed Witte attended. DCC membership database manager Alan Bindemann and guests Matt Lindsay and Steve Reed also attended.

President Ed Witte called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Matt Lindsay, manager of environmental planning for the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, opened the meeting by telling the board the Ohio Department of Transportation wants to designate state bike routes to be part of the U.S. Bicycle Route System. Last year, U.S. Bicycle Route 50 was designated. In the process, ODOT got resolutions from every municipality through which the route goes in Ohio.

Now ODOT wants to designate multiple state bike routes at one time, and it sees bicycle clubs as good sources of input and advice. Lindsay warned that ODOT offers no promises to change any of the routes by adding shoulders, removing rumble stripes, etc., in the future. He advised emphasizing safety in any route recommendations. The Dayton area is part of ODOT District 7, and Mary Hoy is the bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the district. Lindsay will keep the club updated through contact with DCC Advocacy Director Chuck Smith.

Steve Reed, director of the annual Vandalia

Freedom Tour, spoke briefly with the board about Constant Contact, an email content management system. He said the system costs about \$300 annually for a business, is not difficult to use, and greatly eases the job of communicating with hundreds of registered and potential riders.

After Reed left, Bindemann recommended that the DCC add a communications director to the board. He added that the current DCC database is not designed to do everything we are trying to do with it.

Bindemann and Membership Director David Warner then addressed the issue of membership expirations. They said that in the last month, 26 email notifications of expiration were sent, and only three people responded. They had more luck with mail notification: They sent 46 expiration notices, and 18 people responded.

The membership team believes a single-date expiration for all members makes sense, although it would take a one-year transition. Warner suggested that credit could be given in the first year, based on members' current expiration quarter. Such a change would require creation of a new operating procedure and an addition to the bylaws.

The board reviewed the June minutes, making changes to correct the date of the meeting Treasurer Ken Mercurio would be unable to attend and to reflect that the board, not a single director, had voted to volunteer the DCC to provide valet bicycle parking at the Aug. 16 Dayton Dragons baseball game. Smith moved to approve the revised minutes, Brown seconded, and the board unanimously approved.

Vice President and Advocacy Director Chuck Smith said Senate Bill 192 — identical to House Bill

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154 — has been introduced in the Ohio Senate. He also said the next U.S. Air Force Blue Streak Time Trial would be Aug. 12.

Webmaster Jim Morgan reminded the board that it needed to vote on the changes in the bylaws that it had proposed in July. Wheeler moved to accept all the changes in the bylaws, and Smith seconded. The board unanimously approved the changes.

Warner announced that the club had 472 members on the rolls. Twenty-six memberships expired at the end of July, and only four or five people responded to e-mail notification. He said the membership team would mail notices to those who did not respond to the first notification.

Warner suggested that the club issue membership stickers for bike helmets, so it is obvious when riding that you are approaching a fellow member.

Warner also said people were needed to help with valet bike parking at the Aug. 16 Dayton Dragons game. Four to six people are needed from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m., and two to three people are needed from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Warner said he would look into the availability of the picnic shelter at Centerville's Iron Horse Park for a club picnic at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

Kay Wert Minardi, newsletter editor, said the deadline for the September newsletter was Aug. 16.

Wright Wride Director Dwaine Wheeler said 40 people were pre-registered so far, and all the rest stops were confirmed. He said he had enough volunteers for registration on the day of the ride. He expressed a need for numerous volunteers, including an assistant director to be present at the end of the tour, where lunch will be served. Wert Minardi said she had recruited some bakers but would find some more so there are plenty of cookies for the riders.

Since there was no further business to discuss, Wheeler moved to adjourn the meeting. Smith

seconded, and the meeting ended at 8:46 p.m.

September 2, 2015

By Donna Williams-Powell, DCC secretary
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The Dayton Cycling Club Board of Directors met Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. In attendance were board members Chris Brown, Ken Mercurio, Jim Morgan, Donna Powell, Chuck Smith, David Warner, Kay Wert Minardi, Dwaine Wheeler and Ed Witte.

President Ed Witte called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Editor Kay Wert Minardi presented the August minutes. Smith moved to accept the minutes as written, Donna Powell seconded the motion and the August minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Ken Mercurio presented the treasurer's report for July 1 through Sept. 2. Mercurio noted that income from membership dues was higher than budgeted, reflecting a recent increase in membership. Mercurio reviewed the financials for the GOBA SAG service, the Old World Tour and the Covered Bridge Tour. He noted that he has not yet received all expenses for the Wright Wride. He also noted a \$1,000 expense in the sponsorship/marketing budget that is for our sponsorship of the Midwest Outdoor Experience event. Smith moved to approve the financial report as presented. Wert Minardi seconded the motion, and the report was unanimously approved.

Wright Wride Director Dwaine Wheeler said 30 riders turned out for the Saturday historical tour and 310 riders for the Sunday Wright Wride. There was good support from K&G Bike Centers, whose volunteers monitored the bikeway portion of the ride by bike. Other bike shops were not available to

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support this ride.

There were several slick spots on the bike path caused by mud and debris and made worse by early morning rain. A number of riders went down in this area, with some requiring medical attention. Wheeler is planning to report this problem area to Five Rivers MetroParks since it is an area that is frequently slick. Wheeler also will make follow-up calls to those who were injured.

Vice President Chuck Smith made a motion to try Constant Contact to manage communication with our membership. Wheeler seconded this motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Volunteers are still needed for the Aero Carnival on Sept. 12 and the Midwest Outdoor Experience on Oct. 2-3. Smith also asked the board to encourage everyone to support House Bill 154 and Senate Bill 192 by contacting their state senator and representative. This can be done conveniently from www.ohiobike.org.

Smith will reserve the shelter at Eastwood MetroPark for the club picnic scheduled for Sept. 20.

Membership Director David Warner reported that six new members had joined. The DCC's membership of 490 consists of 264 adult members, 97 family memberships (195 adults and 25 juniors), two juniors and four honorary members. This includes some who became members as part of the GOBA SAG service. Warner announced that he will not run for membership director again and that a new database coordinator will also need to be recruited. Warner explained the challenges of our existing membership database and time-consuming membership-renewal process. Discussion followed on moving to a once-a-year membership renewal similar to the process the Cincinnati Cycle Club uses, and how best to manage a transition. A change in the bylaws will be required

before this change can be made.

Bikeways Director Chris Brown reported that the bikeway bridge over Interstate 675 is now open.

Wert Minardi said the next newsletter would be published before Oct. 1 and would include the election ballot. She also reported on the Ladies Day Ride, which was attended by 30 people, including Bob Pinnell and his and ride founder Sally Pinnell's daughters.

Webmaster Jim Morgan said he had received no commuter miles for July or August.

There being no further business, Smith moved to adjourn. Wert Minardi seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

event October 7, 2015

By Donna Williams-Powell, DCC secretary
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The Dayton Cycling Club Board of Directors met Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Vandalia Justice Center, 245 James Bohanan Drive. In attendance were board members Bud Bell, Chris Brown, Ken Mercurio, Jim Morgan, Donna Powell, Chuck Smith, David Warner, Kay Wert Minardi and Ed Witte; DCC member Ed Diehl; and guest Amy Dingle.

President Ed Witte called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Chuck Smith introduced DCC member Ed Diehl. Diehl is a technical writer and cyclist and has had training and experience in photography and video. Smith nominated Diehl for the position of director-at-large for communications. With the board's approval, Witte appointed Diehl to the new board position.

Smith then introduced Amy Dingle, director of Outdoor Connections for Five Rivers MetroParks,

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who outlined efforts to bring the International Trails Symposium to Dayton. A group of regional partners — including Five Rivers MetroParks, the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau, park districts and convention and visitors bureaus in Greene and Miami counties, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Miami Conservancy District, Rails to Trails and Bike Miami Valley — are working on a bid to host the symposium in 2017 or 2019. Bid proposals are due Oct. 15. Dingle asked the DCC to support this effort, saying the symposium would bring 800 to 1,000 people to downtown Dayton. Smith made a motion in favor of DCC support. Bell seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition. The DCC will draft a letter in support of bringing this symposium to Dayton, will recruit volunteers and attendees from among its membership and promote the symposium on its website, newsletter and Facebook page.

Next, Dingle presented Witte with a plaque in appreciation of the DCC's support of the Midwest Outdoor Experience (MOX) event.

Smith said five new members joined the DCC during MOX and thanked Kay Wert Minardi for the special edition newsletter and Betty Warwick, Ed Witte and Ken Mercurio for helping with bike parking.

Smith requested continued support of House Bill 154 and Senate Bill 192, which would require that Ohio motorists leave at least 3 feet of clearance when passing bicyclists and would permit all Ohio vehicle operators to proceed through an intersection after stopping and yielding right of way, even when the device designed to switch the signal from red to green does not detect the vehicle. DCC members are encouraged to register their support at ohiobike.org.

Treasurer Ken Mercurio reviewed the treasurer's report for September and budget/expenses for the

Wright Wride. He said he has paid the club's sales tax, which comes due twice a year. Wert Minardi moved to approve the financial report as presented. Brown seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

Membership Director David Warner reported a total membership of 483. Membership changes made in Article V of the DCC Bylaws were reviewed and discussed, along with how to manage the transition to a club-wide membership renewal date. Warner made a motion to accept the revisions in Article V of the bylaws. Chuck Smith seconded the motion, and the revisions were unanimously accepted. These revisions will be posted on the website for comment by the general membership prior to ratification by a two-thirds majority vote of the board of directors. The vote to ratify this change was set to be conducted at the Dec. 2 business meeting. Details about the transition to the club-wide membership renewal period also will be posted on the DCC website.

Touring Captain Bud Bell and Bikeways Director Chris Brown had nothing new to report.

Newsletter Editor Kay Wert Minardi said items for the October newsletter are due by Oct. 11 and she would try to get the October/November/December newsletter published by Oct. 15.

Jim Morgan, webmaster, said he was contacted by someone who registered for the Wright Wride, was not able to attend but still would like their T-shirt. Wright Wride Director Dwaine Wheeler will follow up. Morgan also pointed out that mileage is being counted for people who have not renewed their membership and are no longer members. Ride leaders need to check the membership status of riders before submitting their miles.

There being no further business, Smith moved to adjourn. Bell seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Advocacy Avenues

By Chuck Smith, DCC vice president and advocacy director
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Ohio legislators considering 2 identical bills for better cycling

We enter 2016 with two identical pro-bicycling bills in the Ohio General Assembly.

The House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety Committee unanimously approved House Bill 154 on June 24. The bill is before the full House. Rep. Mark Henne of Englewood introduced this bill in the spring.

Sen. Troy Balderson of Zanesville introduced Senate Bill 192 into the Senate Transportation Committee on Dec. 10.

Both bills would require that when Ohio motorists pass bicyclists they must leave at least 3 feet of clearance; and permit the driver of any vehicle in Ohio to proceed through an intersection after stopping and yielding the right of way, even when the vehicle is not detected by the device meant to switch the light from red to green.

Both bills have the support of Ohio's bicycling and motorcycling communities, and the Ohio Bicycle Federation has thousands of signatures supporting the 3-foot passing requirement on a petition accessible through its website.

Those who favor these bills should contact their state representative and senator to urge them to support HB 154 and SB 192. The easiest way to do that is to go to the Ohio Bicycle Federation website at www.ohiobike.org. On the right side under ACTION ALERT, you can click one hyperlink to sign the OBF's petition of support and another to quickly send e-mails to your state representative and state senator advising them of your position on the bills.

Help improve cycling in Ohio by contacting your

state representative and state senator today!

Help represent the DCC at 2 February events

- The Adventure Summit will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Wright State University Student Union.

Don't miss this exciting free event, which takes place only once every two years and showcases the vibrant lifestyle and culture of human-powered endeavors through inspiration, education and experience.

The Dayton Cycling Club display will adjoin the Ohio Bicycle Federation, Bike Miami Valley, Queen City Bike, and Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association on the exhibit floor. Contact me if you can help man the DCC table for an hour or two, especially on Saturday.

For more details about The Adventure Summit, go to theadventuresummit.com

- The Ohio Bicycle Federation's third annual Ohio Bicycling Summit will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium in Columbus. The DCC will be one of several OBF-affiliated clubs exhibiting at the summit.

The Ohio House and Senate are both expected to be in session Feb. 23. State senators, representatives and their staffs will traverse the Atrium in the course of their business.

For full details about this event, click the link on the announcement at the top of the Ohio Bicycle Federation's homepage, www.ohiobike.org.

Even fresh chip and seal couldn't mar Old World Tour

By John Bramhall, Old World Tour director

What a great weekend it turned out to be for the Dayton Cycling Club's 39th annual Old World Tour, on Aug. 15-16! Partly sunny to sunny skies with high temperatures in the mid-80s greeted the 68 riders and 10 non-riders who participated.

The tour started in Buck Creek State Park in Springfield. Riders were treated to bagels and coffee prior to the start. After a short safety briefing and a group photo (below), the riders started the 50-mile trek to the German Village neighborhood in Columbus.

On the way to their first rest stop in Cowling Park in London, riders and SAG team members were surprised to see several miles of freshly applied chip and seal on the route. The SAG team quickly repainted the markings on that strip of roadway and all the riders, while forced to slow down, were able to safely navigate the area. At Cowling Park, a cozy city park, the riders were treated to cold drinks and tasty snacks consisting of a variety of fresh fruit, granola bars, baked cookies and brownies, and chips and

pretzels.

After leaving Cowling Park, the riders rode on the Ohio to Erie Trail toward Columbus. Approximately 10 miles east of London, the riders arrived at Lilly Chapel, a small farming community that holds its Annual Homecoming on the third Saturday in August each year. There the riders were able to enjoy Lilly Chapel's Homecoming Parade and enjoy delicious home-cooked food for lunch while being serenaded by a local marching band.

From Lilly Chapel the riders continued east to Columbus and arrived at the Comfort Inn and Suites in German Village. After checking in at the hotel, the majority of the riders proceeded on to Planks Bier Garten, about five blocks from the hotel, for the annual Old World Tour social. Here, while enjoying appetizers and refreshing drinks, they were able to socialize with their fellow riders. Some of the riders opted to remain at the hotel and enjoy a dip in the inviting outdoor pool, where they enjoyed snacks and

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Photos courtesy of John Bramhall

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cold drinks.

The tour participants then returned to their rooms to clean up and get dressed for dinner. They broke into small groups to dine at the many fine restaurants in German Village. Some of the most popular dining spots included The Old Mohawk, Tony's Italian, the Original Max & Erma's, and the infamous Schmidt's German Restaurant. After dinner, some people strolled through the historic neighborhood, picturesque Schiller Park, and the ever-popular Book Loft. Others opted to return to the hotel and socialize in the lobby before turning in for the night.

After eating a continental breakfast provided by the Comfort Inn, most of the riders departed between 7 and 7:15 Sunday morning for the journey back to Buck Creek State Park. Their first rest stop was in Lilly Chapel where they were treated to ice-cold drinks, fresh fruit and baked goods. After leaving Lilly Chapel, many of the riders stopped at the London McDonald's for coffee and sandwiches.

On the way back to Buck Creek, the SAG team was able to mark an optional route that avoided most of the chip and seal the riders encountered on Saturday. While it added a few miles to the route, the riders were happy to not have to navigate the chip and seal again. Thank you to Bracy Elton for taking some of his personal time Saturday evening to identify this optional route and print maps for the riders.

Upon arrival at Buck Creek, riders were able to recover from the trip by drinking chocolate milk and nibbling on the remaining snacks. At that point they collected their luggage, loaded their bikes in their cars and headed for home. A huge "thank you" goes to all of the riders who participated in Old World Tour.

A tour of this magnitude cannot be accomplished without the dedication and hard work of the support teams. I especially appreciate the outstanding efforts of the road-marking team of Mary Lemaster, George



Happy riders eagerly await their orders at Plank's Bier Garten.

Stum, Clarence Perry and Jim Lemaster. These folks gave up the better part of Sunday, Aug. 2, to mark the roads all the way from Buck Creek State Park to the Comfort Inn in German Village. I received countless accolades on the quality of the road markings.

The SAG team, which was responsible for supporting the riders throughout their journey, consisted of Mary Lemaster, Ginger Raby, Bob Young, Evelyn Wetzel and John Bramhall. The team's responsibilities included transporting luggage, setting up rest stops and assisting riders with transporting their bicycles when needed. I salute the SAG team for the exceptional support it gave the riders.

This year the DCC will hold the 40th annual Old World Tour. The club is working on making this a special event to celebrate this milestone. Mark your calendars for Aug. 20-21, 2016, and plan to join us. Registration will open on June 1. See you on Old World Tour 2016!

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Bikeways and Beyond

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Late 2015 brought opening, reopening of trail segments

As we moved into fall 2015, some bikeway projects were completed. The Stillwater Trail under the Ridge Avenue Bridge reopened in late August, a week before the bridge itself was completed. Cyclists are again able to ride from Island MetroPark to Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark without detouring through the parking lot near Triangle Park.

As was the case with the old Ridge Avenue bridge, the new one is dedicated to “Montgomery County citizens who volunteered their services in ‘D’ Battery, 134th Field Artillery, 37th Division, encamped at Triangle Park July 15, 1917, for services in the World War.”

The bike/pedestrian bridge over Interstate 675 in Beavercreek is open, but with one problem on the west, or Wright State, side of the span. The section leading from the ramp to the Holiday Inn parking lot ends in a substantial curb. Cyclists and wheelchair users are expected to make a sharp left turn onto a sidewalk that becomes level with the roadway. DCC member Pam Kulhanek pointed out that most riders probably will cut the corner by riding in the grassy area along the path.

The reason the curb was not replaced with a handicap accessible-type ramp becomes clear when one sees the signage posted at the top and bottom of the main bridge ramp: “No Bicycling” and “Walk Bike.” Riders are expected to walk their bicycles on the ramp! I believe that with enough vocal input from the cycling community, this curb will be modified.

Finally, the River Run mural across the Great



PKay Wert Minardi

When the bike/ped bridge over I-675 opened, users were faced with a significant curb at the end of the bikeway on the west side of the span and “Walk Bike” signs on both sides of the bridge.

Miami River from RiverScape MetroPark was nearing completion. The mural, designed by Oakwood resident Amy Deal, incorporates spoked wheels, bicycles, kayaks and runners as well as butterflies, fish and birds. The contractor for painting the work is the K12 Gallery for Young People, located on Jefferson Street. The mural is scheduled to be finished by Oct. 31.

In Memoriam

I seem to have reached the point at which I attend more funerals than birthday parties. Last summer I lost two people who were important in my life: my friend and biking buddy Dennis Murphy, and my godfather, *Dayton Daily News* columnist Dale Huffman.

Dennis and I worked together at Dayton

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Speedometer Service. In 1998 we decided to start bicycling together. He bought a Huffy from Kmart, and I dusted off my father's old Schwinn Suburban.

We received lots of guidance from Heather Strasser, the Bike Miami Valley executive director at the time; and Anita Patten, the Dayton Cycling Club president at that time. We rode almost all the bike trails, the Vandalia Freedom Tour, the Huffman Spring Classic and the Wright Wride, and attended all the DCC bike-ins, which were held once a month on different sections of bike trail for a few years.

The bike-in appearances got us drafted to be "grillmeisters" for the DCC Picnic in 1999. I had never grilled anything before in my life. As far as I know, no one died as a result of our inexperience.

Dennis' wife, Pam, drove us to Milford one rainy Saturday so we could ride the Little Miami Scenic Trail north to Xenia, then take the Creekside Trail to the Murphys' house in Riverside. It never stopped raining, and the temperature never got above 58 degrees.

This was the ride during which we stopped at a restaurant and heard one of the waitresses shout from the back, "Oh, foul! You know how Ben said he was going hunting last night? Well, he must have gotten about six squirrels, 'cuz they're skinned here in the refrigerator!" We left that place before we got our food.

We later upgraded our bikes; Dennis bought a Giant Cypress from K&G in Centerville, and I got my Trek at Kettering Bike Shop. Dennis and I rode our only century together, again starting in Milford and riding up the Little Miami trail to Springfield, then back to Riverside. When we got back to his house our bike computers said we had ridden only 98 miles, so we rode 2 miles around Dennis's neighborhood. Then I had to ride 6 more miles to my house!

Often when we were riding the bike paths, we



Dennis Murphy mans the grill during the 1999 DCC Picnic.

would come across DCC members Trudie Simon and Myrna Hayward. Myrna started calling us "Murphy Brown," after the TV show (I tried calling them "Simon Hayward" once, but it sounded like a character from a P.D. James novel). Dennis and I were impressed and envious when Myrna was part of the DCC's Wright Flight Tour to Kitty Hawk, N.C., in 2003.

Dennis died June 14.



I first met Dale Huffman when I was 4, in 1968. He came to the *Dayton Daily News* from Cincinnati on a Friday in July, and my father started as assistant

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city editor the following Monday. Dale was originally assigned the Dayton Police beat; one of his first assignments was to do background on a woman, Barbara Ann Butler, whose body was found in her Volkswagen outside the Ontario store on Wilmington Pike in Kettering (the lead reporter, William Clark, wrote a book about the case, *The Girl On The Volkswagen Floor*). Dale slowly transitioned from murder stories to writing the light-hearted columns he became known for.

Dale's mother, Kathryn, first had the idea for a "comfort station" to be built along the bike trail in West Carrollton. A little boy out biking with his father came in the VFW, asking to use the restroom. "Mama Kay" suggested that the VFW build the K-



Station, which is named in her honor. D C C members Pat and Henry Powers began planting flowers around "Mama Kay's" plaque each Memorial Day

weekend, which Dale always appreciated.

Dale never learned to ride a bike. His oldest brother was killed at age 12 when a train hit him while he was riding his bike. The beaten-up bicycle was returned to the family and hung in the garage, a grim reminder of that terrible event. However, Dale always promoted bicycling and the bike paths of the Miami Valley. He emceed the first Tour de MetroParks bike ride, from Germantown MetroPark



Steve Kirk, left, and Dale Huffman clown around with newlyweds Helen Carton and Herb Box.

to Englewood MetroPark in 2000. He was an honorary MVP, writing about the program and attending the graduation of the first MetroParks Volunteer Patrol in 2002.

Dale was also an honorary godfather to me and my sisters, Lisa and Leslie. Lisa once made two "box people" for him. Herb Box and Ellen Carton later were married at Courthouse Square, with the ceremony broadcast live on WING-AM by Steve Kirk. Herb & Ellen were then flown (mailed) to a radio station near Niagara Falls for their honeymoon. They were still living in Dale's garage at the time of his death on July 25.

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Treasurer's Report

By Ken Mercurio, DCC treasurer
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\$8,000 deficit expected in 2016, but DCC's financial standing remains strong

The 2016 budget approved at the Dec. 2 business meeting anticipates a deficit due to the significant bylaws change to establish a uniform membership renewal date. The expected deficit is \$8,319, attributed almost entirely to the projected reduction in membership dues from about \$8,500 in 2015 to \$300 for 2106.

However, with consistently strong bank balances (checking and savings accounts) totaling more than \$71,000, the Dayton Cycling Club is in a strong financial position to be able to absorb this projected deficit. Our assets have remained at approximately these high levels for several years.

The board expects the rest of the budget to be balanced. Depending on the line item, the budget calls for expenses to equal income, or to be positive for our invitational tours (the Huffman Spring Classic, the Covered Bridge Tour, the Old World Tour and the Wright Wride), and negative for our administrative expenses such as club insurance, sponsorships, advocacy, website and locker rental.

To provide perspective, the 2015 budget as of Dec. 1 showed income of \$28,836 versus expenses of \$24,132 (a surplus of \$4,704). The 2016 budget calls for income of \$24,815 versus expenses of \$33,134.



“Crank” for being
my Valentine!

Dayton Cycling Club 2016 Budget

Category	Income	Expenses	Balance
Membership			
Dues	\$300		\$300
Mailing		\$300	<300>
Comput Supplies		300	<300>
Conversion		1500	<1500>
Touring Leader Meetings		200	<200>
Huffman	6400	4724	1676
Covered Bridge Tour	500	400	100
GOBA	5000	3000	2000
Wright Wride	5500	3900	1600
Old World Tour	5500	5675	<175>
Social			
Banquet	1000	2500	<1500>
Banq Awards		1500	<1500>
Picnic		200	<200>
Advocacy		200	<200>
Newsletter	250	2700	<2450>
Administrative			
Affiliations/Dues		230	<230>
Calendar		350	<350>
Club Insurance		1325	<1325>
Locker Rental		950	<950>
Sponsorships		2060	<2060>
Website		300	<300>
Safety Supplies		50	<50>
Communication		350	<350>
P.O. Box		70	<70>
Clothing (non-racing)	350	350	---
Dorothy Lane Market	15		15
Totals	\$24,815	\$33,134	<\$8319>

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DCC Legends Ride: May 1
42nd Huffman Spring Classic: May 14
Covered Bridge Tour: June 4
40th Old World Tour: Aug. 20-21
45th Wright Wride: Aug. 28

See daytoncyclingclub.org for more information.

Say hello to some new DCC members

By Alan Bindemann and Jim Ellis, DCC membership team

The following new members joined the Dayton Cycling Club between June 1, 2015, and Feb. 6, 2016. Be sure to welcome them when you meet them at club rides and events.

Jason Cahill and Bob and Elizabeth Milling, all of Beavercreek

Cole McKenzie and Anil Nagar of Centerville

Perry Brigner, Edward Graul, Michael Henry, David Hurwitz, Michael Leo, Robert Lodge, John Maddison, Susan McCarthy and Thomas Schmitt of Dayton

John Genovesi of Englewood

Steve Warner of Franklin

Jessica Treisch of Grove City

Michael Krumlauf and Pete Saunders of Kettering

Maggie, Scott and Russell Woelfel of Miamisburg

Bob Curry of Oakwood

Theresa Nakama of Sunbury

Jean House, Jane Kister and Rita Bedford of Troy

Adrian Miller of Union

Ian Soderquist of Xenia


As of Feb. 6, there were 481 members in the DCC. There were 275 adult members, three junior members, 90 family memberships consisting of 180 adults and 22 juniors, and four honorary members.



DCC Awards Banquet

4-8 p.m. Sunday April 24
 Celebrations Banquet Center
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If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathi Witte at 475-1101 or nlnsk8r@aol.com. All help will be rewarded!




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Centerville council turns down development on trail corridor

By Ken McCall, DCC member

September 22, 2015 — The Iron Horse Trail extension lives.

The Centerville City Council unanimously rejected the controversial Ryan Homes development plan for the Pleasant Hill neighborhood area that would have obliterated the corridor for the Iron Horse Trail extension south of Alex-Bell Road and just west of Clio Road.

The Sept. 21 vote was 8-0 to reject the proposed development plan, which would have built 98 units on a linear 32-acre parcel that includes the abandoned railroad bed envisioned in Centerville's bike plan as an extension of the Iron Horse Trail south of Interstate 675.

The development plan has been simmering as the city's hottest political topic for more than two years, and it packed the house in the Centerville City Council Chambers. The crowds overflowed into the City Hall lower level and in the police department building across the street. About a dozen residents of Pleasant Hill testified, as did four members of Bike Centerville, during the two-hour public hearing.

Many residents of adjacent neighborhoods registered objections to the density of the project and its effects on property values, traffic volumes, storm-water runoff and neighborhood aesthetics.

Bike Centerville members testified about the importance of the parcel and the Iron Horse extension in connecting Centerville and Washington Twp. to the region's trail system. The Bike Centerville members also talked about the increased quality of life that trails bring, the economic benefits that come from attracting trail users, the work that has gone into the city's bike plan, and the expressed wishes of residents for more safe and pleasant places to ride bikes, run, skate or walk right where they live.

Bike Centerville members told the council the group's mission is to help make the community more friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians, and they want to help the city figure out how to do that.

I was one of the members of the new community advocacy group who spoke as a Centerville resident. Centerville residents Stein Pedersen, former co-owner of K&G Bike Centers; and Eric Sauer, of Five Rivers MetroParks, also spoke; as did Washington Twp. resident Angela Manuszak of the Miami Conservancy District.

The decision doesn't mean the Iron Horse Trail extension will be built. But it preserves the possibility that the trail can still be constructed on the alignment envisioned in the city's 2005-approved bike plan, Creating Community Connections. Bike Centerville members said they will be active in building consensus for and seeking solutions to building the extension.

• *Ken McCall is a member of Bike Miami Valley, where he serves as co-chairman of the Regional Advocacy Committee; Bike Centerville, where he also serves as co-chairman; the Ohio Bicycle Federation; and the League of American Bicyclists.*

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Wright Wride Weekend attracts more than 300 bicyclists to Dayton

By Dwaine Wheeler, DCC Wright Wride director
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The dream: Start a Wright Wride in Dayton and show off our beautiful bikeway system and explore a bit of the Wright brothers' legacy and history.

The reality: We reached our goals, but not without a few hitches.

The Wright Historical Tour

Saturday's weather was pleasant for our first historical tour in a few years. Chuck Smith, our ride leader for the day, invited a special, very knowledgeable guest on the tour. Stephen Wright, the great-grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright, was the co-leader for the day!

We started at Eastwood MetroPark with 20 pre-registered riders. Kay Wert Minardi volunteered for SAG duty, and I rode sweep. Day-of-ride registration boosted the total to 30 riders. It was a great, friendly group.

At 9:14 a.m. sharp we cyclists headed east on the Mad River Recreational Trail to our first destination, Huffman Prairie Flying Field, where the Wright brothers perfected their Flyer. The field is part of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and is located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base property. On the way we stopped at the top of Huffman Dam for some great insights from Steve. With Chuck's help, we had access to the Merl Road security gate, gaining fast access to the flying field and cutting about 5 miles from the ride. This put our entire route on bike paths, which was awesome.

We made a few stops around Huffman Field with great narrative by Chuck and especially Steve. I cannot do justice to Steve's stories and insights.

The ride to our next stop took us through the bike



Kay Wert Minardi

Everyone on the historical tour made it up the steep hill to the Wright Memorial — and received a certificate.

tunnel under Ohio 444, then up the hill to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, home of the Wright Brothers National Monument. That hill is short but steep. Everyone who made it to the top of the hill still riding their bikes earned certificates of achievement, which was fun. Riders watched a movie and wandered through the interpretive center, checked out the monument and overlook with Steve and relaxed before leaving for our final destination, the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

About half of the riders chose to return to Eastwood MetroPark directly, while the rest continued to the Air Force museum. While Kay watched our bikes and our soft drinks and snacks, we took an hour to go inside for a brief "taste" of the museum. Then, after a snack break we took the short ride back to Eastwood MetroPark.

The 44th annual Wright Wride

At 4 a.m. Sunday, a big thunderstorm came through the area. The rain ended by 6 a.m. when I arrived at Eastwood MetroPark, and the park and trail

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smelled fresh and clean. A high temperature in the low 80s was in the forecast, with no rain expected until late afternoon. It looked like we were in for a great day and event.

The best part of this year's Wright Wride was the bikeway system. We were able to start in beautiful Eastwood MetroPark and in Dayton proper for the first time in 10 years. Some people love riding the bikeways. About 80 people this year chose to ride the short, bikeway-only route. In past years the maximum number of riders on the short (road) routes of our invitational tours was 20. Could this mean the DCC should start a bike-trail-only invitational ride? Hmm.

Unfortunately, the worst part of the event also was the bikeway system. Due to the early morning thunderstorm, some parts of the trail were slick — even after we tried to clean them. A number of people fell, and two went to the hospital to be checked out.

The Taylorville MetroPark rest stop was unexpectedly nice. The big, bright yellow Dayton Cycling Club canopy was easy to see and the food included all of our home-baked cookies. This was the destination and turn-around point for those who rode the 30-mile route.

After the Taylorville rest stop, all other riders headed out onto the rapidly drying roads. The routes from here were not flat. They were fun and challenging, as an end- of-summer ride should be.

The next stop for the century riders was 30 miles away at the Garbry Big Woods Reserve. This was a surprise respite in the middle of farmland and a family reunion of sorts. The food was the normal fare, plus chicken salad sandwiches on croissants.

This Sunday, the 68-mile and century riders went to church. McKendree United Methodist Church was the location of Rest Stop 3. We set up under a huge oak tree, for its shade and inspiration. There was plenty of shaded grass on which to eat and relax.



Kay Wert Minardi

A rain-slickened bikeway led to many riders ending up wearing the Wright Wride 2015 badge of honor — mud.

After church, it was back to the Taylorville MetroPark rest stop and then back to Eastwood MetroPark on the bikeway.

Riders ate a total of five crates of bananas, two crates of strawberries and grapes, lots of junk food (my favorite), more than 300 hotdogs, pounds of Wright Wride Salad and dozens of home-baked cookies.

Without volunteers — no matter how nice the route — we would not be able to put on invitational events. I would like to thank the Wright Wride Weekend volunteers, and I hope I don't forget any:

I couldn't have directed the Wright Wride without the support of my wife, Kim, before and during the weekend tour. Ed and Kathi Witte and Ken Mercurio helped Kim with registration on the day of the ride.

Kay Wert Minardi volunteered both days and with

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her husband, Mark, ran the lunch stop Sunday at the end of the ride. Without them, no picnic. Bob Hartman and Dan Lea also helped.

Kay is also the person responsible for talking me into directing DCC events, including the Wright Wride, in the first place. Thanks.

David Warner stepped up, coordinating and then running the Garbry Big Woods rest stop with his family. Without his and his family's help, the Wright Wride would have been severely understaffed.

Chuck Smith's enthusiasm for cycling is amazing. He talked Stephen Wright into helping him lead the historical tour on Saturday, then helped set up and tear down Rest Stops 1 and 3 on Sunday.

Speaking of Stephen Wright, who would be a better source of Wright family and aviation history? Thanks for helping make Saturday epic.

Having a sag driver trained as a bike mechanic is a big plus. Thanks to Henry Powers for jumping into the fray at the last minute.

Thanks to our cookie bakers, including Bob Beall, Bracy Elton, Marc Friedman, Theresa Gilbert, Becky Gruber, Dyke Thornburg, Valerie Van Griethuysen, Betty Warwick and Kay Wert Minardi. Kay also made many batches of Wright Wride Salad.

We appreciate Five Rivers MetroParks for the use of Eastwood MetroPark on Saturday and Sunday and Taylorsville MetroPark on Sunday. Also, ride sponsor K&G Bike Centers provided mechanical and sag services during the Wright Wride, which we greatly appreciate.

Sponsor Therapy Café generously provided the use of a car when my van broke down right before the weekend. Thank you very much for that lifesaver!

For both days we had 153 pre-registered and 220-plus day-of-ride applicants. This was our best turnout in a number of years. We hope to see everyone back in 2016.

Join Bike Miami Valley for



International Winter Bike to Work Day

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Ride a bike over to 4 S. Main St, Dayton, before work or school.
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Commuter Mileage Report

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

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Month _____

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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.

GOBA returning to Southwest Ohio; DCC will again provide SAG service to members

By Kay Wert Minardi, DCC newsletter editor
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Columbus Outdoor Pursuits is celebrating the 28th anniversary of the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure by returning to Southwest Ohio. COP describes the terrain of the June 18-25 event as “mostly rolling with flat stretches and a few hills.” The minimum mileage for the week is 240, and the maximum is 395.

GOBA riders will gather Saturday, June 18, at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Hamilton. On Father's Day, riders will cycle 50 miles to Eaton. Monday's ride is 50 miles to Oxford. Tuesday will be a layover day in Oxford with an optional 49-mile loop ride. Riders can choose a 49- or 101-mile route to Brookville on Wednesday. A 45-mile ride to Miamisburg follows on Thursday. Friday will be a layover day, with an optional 42-mile loop ride. The tour ends Saturday with a 45-mile return to Hamilton.

The Dayton Cycling Club will again offer a GOBA SAG service. A truck will carry participants' luggage and supplies from town to town, and a minivan will make daily runs for drinks, ice and snacks. The DCC pays the GOBA registration fees of a full-time truck and van driver, so this is a nice way for non-riders to accompany cycling spouses. If you are interested in driving the truck or van, contact Mark Minardi at (937) 760-3993 as soon as possible.

This service costs \$50 for DCC members. Non-members who wish to participate must join the DCC, which costs \$20 for an adult, \$30 per family or \$10 for a junior (through age 17). To join or renew, go to <http://daytoncyclingclub.org/membership/joinrenew/>. These fees guarantee space on a 24-foot rental truck for several small bags of gear plus a lawn chair for each participant. Ice-cold drinks and snacks will await riders each afternoon under popup shelters. Participants must register separately for GOBA (see <http://goba.com/wordpress/>).

The DCC SAG service can accommodate up to 100 people. We accept applications in the order received. No reservations without payment. You may register before knowing your GOBA number, but eventually we need it.

Fill out the application below and mail it as directed with a check or money order, or pay online at <http://daytoncyclingclub.org/great-ohio-bicycle-adventure-goba/>.

Questions? Call Kay Wert Minardi at (937) 299-2454 or email spokenlink@minardi.org.

2016 DCC GOBA SAG Registration

My/Our name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP code _____ DCC # _____

E-mail address: _____

Home telephone: _____

Cell telephone: _____

I am willing to drive the truck or van all week (free GOBA registration included). _____

I am willing to drive the truck or van for a day. _____

GOBA number(s) (from Columbus Outdoor Pursuits):

Number of riders _____ X \$50 = Total \$ _____

Mail check payable to the **Dayton Cycling Club** to
DCC GOBA SAG, 935 Hathaway Road, Dayton, OH
45419.

RAGBRAI is the original party on wheels

By Mike Marmer, DCC member

The (Des Moines) *Register's* Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) is the holy grail of organized bicycle tours, spring break for adults, a party on wheels. It was quieter than normal in 2015, as there were no deaths and no marriages that I heard of on the ride.

I rode 523 miles during the seven-day tour. Official mileage including the century loop (but not the gravel loop) was 506, plus a few extra miles to campgrounds and across the Mississippi River to Rock Island Arsenal to shower and eat after the ride.

RAGBRAI began in 1973, and the U.S. Air Force team has been riding it for 21 years. This was my third year riding, each time with the Air Force team.

We rode mostly through very rural farm country in 2015. There were a few more cars and trucks than normal, and some hills (where quite a few riders dropped their chains and were bumped by other riders when they stopped on the hills). There were more flat tires than normal. The roads were good and had been checked beforehand, but there were a few more cracks and potholes, and two bridges were out, filled in with coarse gravel that I walked across.

There were concerts every evening, towns almost every 5 miles, and entertainment in towns and parks during the ride. There was lots of pie, pork chops, turkey, breakfasts and coffee and lots of other food of every description. Iowa people are open, honest and very sweet. Almost nothing was locked, and lots of folks were selling food and drink for charity or giving it away. There were horses, pigs and other animals and lots of cornfields and windmills.

How big is RAGBRAI? Senior Trooper Doug Cutts of the Iowa State Patrol recorded the following rider amounts: Sunday, 19,573; Monday, 15,468; Tuesday, 17,515; Wednesday, 16,728; Thursday,



Des Moines Register

20,525; Friday, 19,965; and Saturday:, 23,492

It's an honor and a responsibility to ride RAGBRAI with the 125 Air Force riders and our support crew of 10. We help everyone with flat tires, mechanical problems and crashes. We encourage everyone to ride safely, and we do everything we can to make RAGBRAI safe and easy for one another and for all the riders.

There is great camaraderie, and we enhance the Air Force image and act as recruiters by helping everyone, talking about the Air Force and our mission to everyone on the route, and setting an example of safe, responsible riding.

DCC has new touring mileage coordinator

DCC member William Wilkes has volunteered to relieve Bob Pinnell as touring mileage coordinator. Thanks to Bob for serving as interim touring mileage coordinator in 2015 and to Bill for undertaking this important activity for the club. Please mail touring rosters to Bill at the following address: DCC Touring Miles, c/o William Wilkes, 725 N. 10th St., Miamisburg, OH 45342-1855

Piqua wins bicycle-friendly-community status

From Bike Miami Valley

The League of American Bicyclists on Nov. 16 recognized the city of Piqua as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community. With the announcement of 55 new or renewing cities, Piqua joined more than 370 cities of all sizes from all 50 states and Washington, D.C., that are transforming the places people live.

“As biking has become more and more popular, more and more communities are committed to creating safer places to bike,” said Alex Doty, executive director of the League. “Winning a Bicycle Friendly Community designation shows a community's dedication to creating safer and better places to ride your bike.”

The League says state and local bicycle-advocacy organizations are key ingredients in improving bicycle friendliness. This is true in Piqua, which is still surging forward with momentum formed at the Miami Valley Cycling Summit in that city in May. Bike Piqua is a very active chapter of Bike Miami Valley, which encourages bicycling as an easy option for transportation and advocates for better bicycling facilities across the Miami Valley.

Springboro received an honorable mention from the League’s Bicycle Friendly Communities Program.

The complete list of 2015 Bicycle Friendly Communities is at http://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFC_Awards_and_HMs_Fall_2015.pdf.

DCC on the Internet

To view the Dayton Cycling Club Web site, go to: <http://daytoncyclingclub.org>.

To add something to the DCC home page, contact DCC Webmaster Jim Morgan at dccweb7@gmail.com.

Finally, don't forget to visit the Dayton Cycling Club on Facebook.

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Bikeway Mileage Report

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

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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 chrisbriter520@hotmail.com. Bikeway miles are generally due by the fifth of the month.



Dayton Cycling Club Membership Application



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Email

Email address

- I would like to receive email announcements from the DCC.
- Email me only membership renewal reminders.

Mailing Information

Street address (please enter name(s) below)

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Phone numbers(s)

Volunteer! Help support cycling and the DCC!

- Club banquet
- Social events/picnics
- Huffman Spring Classic
- Spoke 'N' Link newsletter
- Wright Write
- Old World Tour
- Overnight tours
- Other (specify below)

Membership Options

- Junior (up to age 18) \$10/year × _____ years = \$ _____
- Adult (age 18 and over) \$20/year × _____ years = \$ _____
- Family (includes spouse and dependent juniors) \$30/year × _____ years = \$ _____

Extras

- DCC patch \$2 × _____ Quantity = \$ _____
- Medical Info kit (free to new members) \$2 × _____ Quantity = \$ _____

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

Release

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

Names and Signatures

Adult 1 name (printed) DOB (opt) Adult 1 signature Date

Adult 2 name (printed) DOB (opt) Adult 2 signature Date

Junior 1 name (printed) Date of birth Parent/Guardian signature Date

Junior 2 name (printed) Date of birth Parent/Guardian signature Date

Junior 3 name (printed) Date of birth Parent/Guardian signature Date

Mail application & check to DCC Membership, c/o Jim Ellis, 1125 Gardner Road, Kettering, OH 45429