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## SCBC Meetings



### Canal Grille

2223 Locust St  
Canal Fulton, OH

Date: The first Tuesday of the month  
Time: 6:00 pm - Dinner (Optional, cost on your own)  
7:00 pm - Business Meeting  
7:40 pm - Program

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We have 96 group page members and counting!!!  
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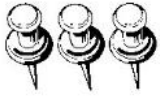
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Articles should be sent to: [davecardarella@gmail.com](mailto:davecardarella@gmail.com)  
Submissions are due by the 25th of the month.

**Sally Griffiths** - SCBC Plus Chairman

Spokin' Word SCBC Plus membership  
Small - includes 2 memberships & 1/4 page photo \$50  
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Questions regarding SCBC Plus should be directed to  
[sagriff64@gmail.com](mailto:sagriff64@gmail.com)



## Meeting Programs:

See you there!

**May 6 —Stark County Park District  
Rangers Bike Patrol**

**June 3— Rails to Trails of Wayne County**

**August 5—Stark Parks**

**Programs needed, contact Dave Swinehart if  
you have a program idea.**



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May 21 is the National Ride of Silence, again this year we will be joining the Akron Bike Club and their well organized "Ride of Silence". Each year we need to take the time to stop and reflect on those bicycle riders that have been injured or killed in cycling related accidents. Please see full details in this edition of the Spokin' Word. I hope you will join me in this truly memorable ride through Cuyahoga Valley National Park on Wednesday evening May 21, 2025.

Time to shed the long pants, heavy gloves and jackets!!

April Showers bring May Flowers, and hopefully warm weather. After this past winter I think we are all more than ready for some nice consistent riding weather.

The Annual Poker Ride is May 17, please contact Dave Swinehart if you want to volunteer to work. We also need bakers or anyone willing to provide snacks for the riders. We appreciate everyone that helps make this fundraiser a success!

Our May program was going to be Eddy's Bike Shop, but unfortunately they had to cancel due to staffing constraints. Please watch the SCBC web site and our Facebook group page for updates on our May program.

Upcoming events:

Harrisburg Bicycle Club is holding their annual Finger Lakes Ride June 12-15, 2025. There are several SCBC and OSW members attending this ride, if interested please look at the link in this edition of the Spokin' Word.

Ride for Residents of Ukraine is on June 21 put on by our own Don Richards, please see details in this issue of the Spokin' Word.

Akron Bicycle Club is hosting the 51st edition of the "Absolutely Beautiful Country Ride" scheduled on July 13, 2025. Registration is now open and you can also register the day of ride. For more information please go to [Akronbike.org](http://Akronbike.org).

Akron Bicycle Club will be hosting their Roscoe Ramble, this is their 51st year for this event. This ride is a two day event 110 or 150 miles on Aug 23 & 24, 2025.

As always, we want all our members to be safe and enjoy their rides! Let's be proactive and most importantly have a safe riding experience!

Sally G




**Welcome New Members**

Two new member joined SCBC in March  
Please take time to make them welcome  
William and Sherry Jennings—Chattanooga, TN

## **Bicycle Laws Reminder – Stay Safe This Season**

With the warmer weather arriving, it's a great time to get out on your bike — but safety must come first. We've already had one serious vehicle vs. bicycle crash this year. Let's work together to prevent more.

 **Bicycles Are Vehicles Too** Under Ohio law (ORC 4511.01(A)), bicycles are classified as “vehicles” and must obey all traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings — just like cars. That means:

- Stop at stop signs
- Obey traffic lights
- Signal all turns

## **Riding Rules for Cyclists**

- Ride **with traffic**, not against it (unless walking your bike).
- Keep to the **right edge** of the road unless it's unsafe or the lane is too narrow (ORC 4511.55).
- **Look, signal, and move deliberately** when changing lanes.
- Ride **no more than two abreast** unless in a designated bike path.
- Only carry the number of passengers your bike is designed for.

## **Hand Signals (ORC 4511.40(A))**

- **Left turn:** Left arm straight out
- **Right turn:** Left arm up or right arm straight out
- **Stop:** Left arm down



## **Sharing the Road – For Motorists**

- Cyclists have the **same rights** to the road (ORC 4511.52)
- Maintain **at least 3 feet** between your car and a bicycle when passing (ORC 4511.27)
- Don't cut off cyclists when turning right after passing

# BICYCLE POKER RIDE



**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 17**  
**2025**

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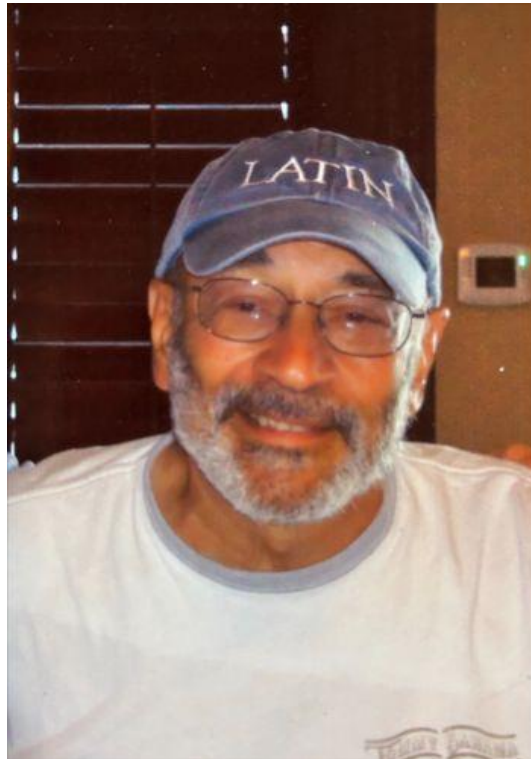


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The April 1 2025 program was Ernie Lehman Jr with stories and photos from his Patagonia bikepacking trip, that included 955 miles, 18 days, 65,000 feet of climbing: (Good rain jackets are 1,000% worth the money.)

Thanks Ern.



## Mail-order pioneer Arni Nashbar dies at 83

by Steve Frothingham

BRADENTON, Fla. (BRAIN) – Arnold "Arni" Nashbar, the founder of Bike Nashbar, died on April 12 at his home in Florida at age 83.

Nashbar, a Ohio native, had a background in advertising and design and paid his way through college airbrushing custom cars on sweatshirts and t-shirts at county fairs and car shows. He studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art and Youngstown State University before leaving college in 1963 to take his dream job as a designer at The Edward J. Bartolo Corporation, a retail development company.

Four years later he founded Nashbar/Osborne Associates to design and illustrate buildings all over the world. He started a division to do advertising and one of the first mail-order businesses by doing off-site renderings.

He and his wife Cheryl, inspired by their family's love of cycling, founded Bike Nashbar (originally called Bike Warehouse). He applied his design skills to the catalog, which eventually was mailed to 14 million cyclists per year in the U.S. and Canada. At its peak the company employed over 350 and shipped over 6,000 packages a day. In the 1990s Bike Nashbar was a sponsor of the US Postal cycling team and operated several brick-and-mortar stores in addition to its mail order business.

In 2000, Bike Nashbar was sold to rival mail order company Performance, which was later acquired by ASE. ASE went bankrupt in 2019 and Bike Nashbar and Performance were acquired by AMain Sports and Hobbies, which continues to operate the businesses.

"He truly treated employees as family," according to a draft obituary provided by the Nashbar family. "From insisting on offering one of the best medical benefits plans, including homeopathic medicine, in the city to paying for free in-office massages to any employee that wanted one. ..."

Nashbar was one of the five founding members and a past president of the Out-Spoken Wheelmen Bicycle Club, which has remained in existence for almost 50 years to date. He donated 15 acres of land to Boardman (Ohio) Park for environmental study, supported The American Lung Association with a bicycling group traveling across the U.S. to gather donations, created and managed the Mill Creek Tour for nine years, regularly donated helmets and bicycles to the Boardman Alumni Association and local charities.

There will be a private viewing at Baldwin Funeral Home in Bradenton on Saturday, April 19. In lieu of flowers the family asked that donation be made to favorite charity in Nashbar's memory.

editor's note: members from the 80s and 90s fondly remember regularly receiving the Nashaar catalog in the mail and spending hours reviewing all the goodies related to cycling. Some SCBC members traveled to Youngstown to the Nashbar outlet store for great deals.

Photos from the road—Thanks Debbie Mohler





# New Wheels



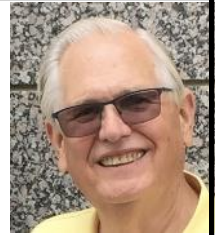
Debbie Mohler with her new Trek Domane

## *Retro Wheels for a Retro Guy*



Bobby D with a late 70's Gianni Motta 'personal' model.  
Found at a garage sale during a club ride.  
The bike is full Campy down to the toe clips!!  
Whoever built this rig knew what they were doing!! (forty years ago!!)  
Other than the yellow tape & (period) TRACTOR SEAT, this 'baby' feels pretty good!!  
Restored with guidance from Mike Lidwig at Gemini Cycles

# SCBC Membership Report 04/25/2025



<b><u>Current Memberships</u></b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Approximate Total Members</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>Legacy Patron (\$500+)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Triple Chainring Patron (\$75)</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Double Chainring Patron (\$55)</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Single Chainring Patron (\$45)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Family (Including 12 Patrons)</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Individual (Including 24 Patrons)</b>	<b>156</b>

**The last mail pickup was Friday, April 25**  
**New memberships since October 1, 2024 = 13**

**Thom Spellman**  
**Membership Chairman**



The Stark County Bicycle Club now has 20% discount Link for ROAD ID.

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So don't hesitate to click on the link below and give you and your family a peace of mind when you are out on the road or wherever your travels may lead you.

A special thanks to Nikki Deligny for applying for this discount for our club!

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rfsn=7883216.ed270a4&utm\\_source=teamsprogram&utm\\_medium=affiliate&utm\\_campaign=teamsgroupsclubs-  
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## Introducing the Legacy Patron Membership

Many of you are familiar with the popular Patron Memberships that SCBC has offered the membership since Dick Akers introduced them a number of years ago. As of now there are 40 Patron Members in the club. These offer members the opportunity to support the bike club with a greater dues amount than the regular membership.

Recently the Board was approached by a member who wanted to give a larger donation to the club and wanted to be remembered by the club into the future.

After some preliminary discussion a motion was made by Karen Erdos at the December Board meeting to create a Legacy Patron Membership. It was "I move that SCBC establish an additional Patron Membership category: that of Legacy Patron. Any Individual or Family member can become a Legacy Patron/s with a one-time payment of \$500.00 or more. That will entitle the member to a Lifetime Membership in SCBC and an "in perpetuity" listing in the Patron Membership List everywhere that list is published. Currently the list is on the homepage of the SCBC Website and in each edition of the newsletter the Spokin' Word. Friends or relatives of a current or past member may also purchase such a membership for the member. A Legacy Patron Membership would not be applicable to SCBC Plus members. (business members) The SCBC Code of Conduct would apply to Legacy Patrons. Donations made to the club for this new Patron Membership would be tax deductible." Don Richards seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The option of Legacy Patron or Supporter has been added to the Membership Application. Any member can upgrade their current membership to Legacy Patron at renewal time (the SCBC membership year begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>) or anytime.

See Membership Chairman Thom Spellman to do so.

Karen Erdos  
December 2024



# The Stark County Bicycle Club Patron's List

On behalf of the Membership,  
we would like to thank the following people for their support to our club



Tim Conley  
Scott Low  
Tim Robison  
Tom & Beth Sinacore  
Jodi Taylor



Karen Erdos  
Carl Humenik  
Eric Johnson  
Ken Knabe  
Steve McGinnis  
Erik & Georgeta Nedelcu  
John & Fran Shaeffer  
Robert & Janice Spalding  
Bob & Valerie Valentine  
Dwight Witte



Lark Dickstein-Rienerth  
Dirk Doverspike  
Raymund & Dawn Durkee  
Robert & Cindy Eicher  
Sharon & Alan Fritts  
Sally Griffiths  
David McKinley  
Kevin & Theresa Mikesell  
Larry Petrasek  
Chris Redmond  
Michael Reed  
Sandy Robitz  
Denny Simon  
Stephen & Carol Spring  
Bruce Treiber  
Benjamin & Family Young

## SCBC Legacy Members

Mike & Peg Abrams  
Rich & Treva Aeling  
Bob & Shelly Doerschuk  
Bob & Dorothy Forney  
John & Elaine Snively



May Birthdays As of 04-25-2025		
	Birthday	Spouses Birthday
Steve Kosunick	05/01	
Beth Sinacore		05/04
Thom Spellman	05/04	
Dave Cardarella	05/05	
Stephen Spring	05/05	
Emily Helms		05/07
Bob Mueller		05/09
Erik Nedelcu	05/13	
Andrew Hodgson	05/14	
Bill Allen	05/18	
Eric Johnson	05/20	
Tom Lytton	05/21	
Cindy Eicher		05/22
Nate Hand	05/22	
Carolyn Burrier		05/23
Jim Baker		05/25
Bruce Treiber	05/26	
Fran Massaro	05/28	

June Birthdays As of 04-25-2025		
	Birthday	Spouses Birthday
Gregg Merritt		06/01
Tom Stuecheli	06/01	
Sally Griffiths	06/04	
Debbie Hunter		06/06
Mindy Clancy	06/08	
Bob Hoff	06/08	
Bruce Mencer	06/08	
Marjorie Scott	06/09	
Mike Figg	06/11	
Margie Baker	06/15	
Ron Swartz	06/15	
Mark Coventry	06/17	
Bob Evans	06/19	
Michael Burns	06/20	
Mary Hlavac		06/20
Mal Johnson	06/21	
Donna Benzing	06/23	
Ronald Jansto		06/25
Fran Shaeffer		06/26
Mark Sivy	06/26	
Jim Weinschenk	06/26	
Colleen Ash		06/27
Bonnie Paglialunga	06/28	
Paul Schroedl	06/28	
Bob Forney	06/29	

# Stark County Bicycle Club Ride Schedule Information

## SCBC RIDE GUIDELINES HELMETS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL CLUB RIDES AND INVATIONALS

Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or other adult supervisor on all rides and at all Club activities.

Club rides are listed with letters denoting the Ride classification so riders will know if a ride is suited to their skill level.

Registration for all rides will be 15 minutes prior to the starting time listed.

Please call the Ride Leader or Road Captain if you have any questions about weather, route or difficulty of ride

Most of our rides can easily be shortened, if you are looking for less distance. Just let the ride leader know your intentions.

Non-Members are always welcome on club rides

Dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

**CLASS A** - Fast pace (over 19mph). An **A** rider is in excellent condition, can maintain a 19 mph pace for extended periods, and can complete a century (100 miles), even in adverse conditions of weather, traffic and terrain, in under 7 hours.

**CLASS B** - Moderately fast pace (15 -19 mph). A **B** rider is a strong rider, feels comfortable sharing the road with traffic, and can complete a century (100 miles) in under 8 hours.

**CLASS C** - Moderate pace (10 -14 mph). A **C** rider is a competent rider, in good conditions, can handle most traffic conditions, and can complete a 50 mile ride in under 6 hours.

**CLASS D** - Slow pace (5—9 mph). A **D** rider is a steady rider who may not feel comfortable in traffic and does not wish to attempt rides in excess of 20 miles. Should be able to complete a 20 mile ride in 3 hours

**CLASS O** - Open pace. Class **O** is given to a ride on which riders, including the ride leader, will be riding at whatever pace they choose.

**CLASS MTB** - Trail rides which may require technical ability or special bikes. These trails may have obstacles such as rocks, mud, logs or stream crossings.

**CLASS NR** - New Rider. Class **NR** is given to a ride specifically intended for new riders, who may be new to group riding. The ride leader will attempt to communicate "rules of the road" and will always stay with the slowest rider. Everyone is encouraged to ride together at the pace determined by those participating.

**CLASS TRL** - Rides which are entirely on trails or bike paths. They may be paved or hard packed

**TOURIST CLASS** - A special designation given to **C** and **D** rides which are designed to appeals to those who don't mind riding long distances, but who also like to take their time and stop to see places of interest along the way. These rides will generally have a destination of special interest where time will be taken to explore, investigate and enjoy the sights. All riders will be encouraged to ride together in a group with the ride leader.



## May 2025 Ride Schedule

Editor's note: this schedule was copied on 4/29/2025  
Please check online as changes happen often

Thu 5/1 9:30 am [JP 520-27 M Figg O](#) [Thur 5/1](#) Jackson Community Park 323-7039  
Thu 5/1 9:30 am [FP 189- 45 9:30 Open M Coventry 330-639-8432](#) Franklin Park, Strasburg  
Fri 5/2 9:30 am [Dalton 518-50, 9:30 am Open](#) Dalton Village Green Park Sharon 330.418.5285  
Fri 5/2 9:30 am [LCP 452 - 25/30 - 9:30 AM Lt John 354-9971 O](#) Lake Community Park  
Sat 5/3 9:00 am [Dalton 541-65 9:00 am SF Open](#) Dalton Village Green Park SF 330.418.5285  
Sat 5/3 9:00 am [AL 472 26 9a Sally G O](#) Al Leno Community Park, Sally 330-705-4435  
Sun 5/4 8:00 am [NPS 180-43, 8:00 AM Treiber B ride](#) New Philadelphia Southside Community Park  
Bruce Treiber 330 844-1434 Class B ride  
Sun 5/4 9:00 am [Dalton 529-50 9am SF Open](#) Dalton Village Green Park SF 330.418.5285  
Sun 5/4 9:30 am [LCP 563 28 9:30a Sally G O](#) Lake Community park, Sally 330-705-4435  
Sun 5/4 10:00 am [LAT, 801-24, 10:00AM, M Figg, 330-323-7039, Sun 5/4, Open class](#) Jackson Community Park  
Mon 5/5 9:00 am [LCP 253 29 9:00 AM - LT John 354-9971 O](#) Lake Comm Parke  
Mon 5/5 12:00 pm [Clinton Trailhead 210-25 12:00 MBurns 330-754-8753](#) Clinton Trailhead M Burns  
Tue 5/6 9:30 am [FL 151-46 9:30 Open M Coventry 330-639-8432](#) Fort Laurens  
Tue 5/6 3:30 pm [CPN 435-33, 3:30 PM Treiber B ride](#) Craig Pittman Memorial Park Bruce T 330 844-1434  
Tue 5/6 3:30 pm [Bison Burger 807-16, 3:30 PM Trail - Stutzman 268-6206](#)  
Bison Burger (1409 Bison Ave. NW) 802-18, 3:30 PM Trail - Stutzman 268-6206  
Tue 5/6 5:00 pm [LCP 532 20/23 5:00p Open DaveC 330-417-2681](#) Taco Tuesday Ride  
Wed 5/7 9:00 am [LAT, 801-24, 9:00AM, M Figg, 330-323-7039, Wed, 5/7, Open class](#) Lake Avenue Trailhead  
( towpath north )  
Wed 5/7 9:30 am [Quail H 481 - 27mi - 9:30 AM O Shaeffer 354-9971](#) Quail Hollow Park  
Wed 5/7 1:15 pm [Craig Pittman 269-33 1:15pm MBurns 330-754-8753](#) Craig Pittman Park Navarre  
Thu 5/8 9:30 am [Crg Pit, 515-28, 9:30 AM, M Figg 323-7039, O, Thur 5/8](#) Craig Pittman Memorial Park  
Thu 5/8 9:30 am [CrossP, 440-43, 9:30am, PegS, 330-575-5334 C.O](#) Crossroads Plaza Peg Stoner 330-575-5334  
Thu 5/8 12:00 pm [Massillon Community 477-26 12:00 MBurns](#) Massillon Community Park M Burns 330-754-8753  
Fri 5/9 9:30 am [Dalton 586-42/54 9:30am SF Open](#) Dalton Village Green Park SF 330.418.5285  
Fri 5/9 9:30 am [Lake C 569 32 - 9:30 AM Lt John](#) Lake Community Park  
Sat 5/10 <sup>1:00 pm</sup> [ALP 542 30 1:00p Open DaveC 330-417-2681](#) Ice Cream Ride  
Sat 5/10 7:30 am [CF 478-47, 7:30 AM Treiber B ride](#) Canal Fulton Park Bruce Treiber 330 844-1434 Class B ride  
Sat 5/10 9:00 am [AL 389 29 9a Sally G O](#) Al Leno Community Park, Sally 330-705-4435  
Sun 5/11 9:30 am [LCP 506 34 9:30a Sally G O](#) Lake Community park, Sally 330-705-4435  
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Wed 5/14 9:30 am [QH 459 - 25 Open Lt John 354-9971 O](#) Quail Hollow Park  
Wed 5/14 1:15 pm [Craig Pittman 274-25 1:15pm MBurns 330-754-8753](#) Craig Pittman Park  
Thu 5/15 9:30 am [Crg Pit, 269-33, 9:30AM, M Figg 330-323-7039, Open class, Thur 5/15](#) Craig Pittman Park  
Thu 5/15 1:15 pm [Craig Pittman 435-33 1:15pm MBurns](#) Craig Pittman Park 330-754-8753  
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Sat 5/17 12:00 am Poker Run, Lake Ave Trailhead Lake Avenue Trailhead  
Sun 5/18 9:30 am LCP 120 29/35 9:30a Sally G O Lake Community Park, Sally 330-705-4435  
Sun 5/18 10:00 am LAT, 801-24, 10:00AM, MFigg, 330-323-7039, Sun 5/18, Open class  
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Mon 5/19 12:00 pm Clinton Trailhead 423-26 12:00 Open MBurns 330-754-8753 Clinton Park Trailhead  
Tue 5/20 5:00 am LCP 532 20/23 5:00p Open DaveC 330-417-2681 Taco Tuesday Ride  
Tue 5/20 9:30 am FL 151-46 9:30 Open M Coventry 330-639-8432 Fort Laurens  
Tue 5/20 3:30 pm CF 304-28, 3:30 PM Treiber B ride Canal Fulton Park Bruce Treiber 330 844-1434  
Tue 5/20 3:30 pm Bison Burger 807-16, 3:30 PM Trail - Stutzman 268-6206  
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## May Map News

Ride with GPS Club Account If you want to join the SCBC RideWithGPS Club Account, which is where all our digital maps are stored and listed, send a request to the SCBC Membership Chairman, currently Thom Spellman. You will receive an invite link. Click on the link and follow the directions provided. There are a number of benefits to joining, including voice navigation as you ride using either your cell phone, Garmin, or other GPS device. You must be a club member to join. And don't forget that all of our "paper" maps are available in pdf format at [bikescbc.com](http://bikescbc.com). Also a list of Starting Locations, a map of Starting Locations, and a complete downloadable Map List providing information about each of our rides can be found on the club website.



### No new routes

### Revised routes:

#### Route 597, Figure Eight

Route revised due to road construction on State Route 21, crossing at Grill Rd.

A 34 mile route that starts at Clinton Trailhead, rides thru Silver Creek Park, Doylestown and Portage Lakes. Originated by Kevin Mikesell, March 2024. Revised April 2025

Total elevation 1725' for 50' per mile average.

Ride with GPS link: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/50545375>

If you would like to submit a new route or update an existing route please contact me.

Rob Stewart

[bikerstew@icloud.com](mailto:bikerstew@icloud.com)

330-807-5594

Map Librarian/Cartographer

# EMPOWER 25

SUMMIT AND CHALLENGE

fueled by **autism speaks**

## DAY TWO

### RIDE CHALLENGE

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**  
**Columbus Commons**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
& REGISTRATION:**

[rebecca.kirsch@autismspeaks.org](mailto:rebecca.kirsch@autismspeaks.org)

#### **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE.**

Get your adrenaline pumping on day two with the **Empower Challenge Ride**. Join with friends, colleagues and the autism community to raise mission-critical funds, drive awareness and demonstrate how together, we are creating a more inclusive world. Enjoy a dynamic festival site and resource fair – there's something for everyone!

**10 MILE COURSE:** \$75 Registration Fee  
**FUNDRAISING MINIMUM:** \$500

**30 MILE COURSE:** \$75 Registration Fee  
**FUNDRAISING MINIMUM:** \$750

Participants who reach their fundraising minimum will receive a Challenge t-shirt and medal.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

*Fun, challenging cycle experience that impacts lives*

*A dynamic festival space*

*Activities for all ages*

*Access to a comprehensive Resource Fair*

*VIP Experience for top fundraisers*

*Refreshments and more!*



## "Ride of Silence" is to honor accident victims and promote safe cycling

Each year, bicycle riders in the U.S. have been killed or injured while riding on public roadways. The Akron Bicycle Club invites all bicyclists honor those victims by participating in a slow- paced bike ride in coordination with the World Wide National Ride of Silence.

The Akron Bicycle Club (ABC) invites all bicyclists to participate in a 7 mile police-escorted, slow- paced bike ride at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, May 21st** in coordination with the **World Wide National Ride of Silence** ([www.rideofsilence.org](http://www.rideofsilence.org)). **Please arrive at 6:30 pm**, as the ABC event will especially honor two of the club's cyclists, Matt Billings and Jim Lambert, who were both killed in an automobile/bicycle crash in September of 2015.

As an international event, the Ride of Silence has taken place in various locations across the globe since 2003. The ride is intentionally solemn and slow paced. In keeping with the importance of the occasion, other area cycling groups are also welcome to participate.

### Date and Time

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM

### Location

Botzum Trailhead  
[Botzum Trailhead Map](#)  
2928 Riverview Road  
Akron, OH 44313  
USA

### Event Contact(s)

Bob Pike  
Ride Coordinator  
[rapiker1@yahoo.com](mailto:rapiker1@yahoo.com)

### Category

Non-ABC Ride

### Registration Info

Registration is not Required

Helmets are required on all ABC rides. Please, no use of ear buds, or cell phones while riding. Recommend use of rear view mirrors. By law (and for your safety) a headlight, rear reflector and tail light is required 30 minutes prior to sunset, and it is recommended at all times for additional safety. Please obey all traffic laws. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Rides are for members and first time guests. Class 1 e-Bikes are welcome on this ride per Club e-Bike Policy. See [Akronbike.org](http://Akronbike.org) for more information or to become a member. Come Ride With Us and Enjoy The Ride.

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Elmer Yoder      Jay Mast



*twentieth annual*

**BENEFIT AUCTION**

**June 14, 2025**

*Annually the second Saturday in June.*

Starting at 9:30 a.m.

**Harvest Ridge · 8880 SR 39  
in Millersburg, Ohio**



Bring your family and friends and join us for a Saturday of enjoyment, plus make an investment in Holmes County's unique transportation and recreation corridor.

I STAND FOR  
**PEACE**



I RIDE FOR RESIDENTS OF  
**UKRAINE**



DONATE AT  
[BIKEHOPELOVE.ORG](https://www.bikehopelove.org)



## Ride For Residents of Ukraine

June 21, 2025  
8 A.M., Noon, 1 P.M., 2 P.M.

This will be a fun day to raise support for people living in Ukraine. They have been living in war-torn deplorable conditions without electricity and basic human needs. We can send funds directly to people on the ground there through Church World Service so 100% of money donated goes directly to supply humanitarian aid. Donations up to \$100 will be matched if received by June 30. Click this link to donate. <https://www.bikehopelove.org/current-mission>

**All Rides Will Begin and End at the Lake Ave. Trailhead located at 135 Lake Ave. , Massillon, Ohio Everyone gets a small Ukrainian Flag to display on their bike.**

### **104 Mile Ride Begins 8 A.M.**

This is a 103 mile loop (SCBC Map 602) which goes from Massillon to Ashland. There will be at least one rest break in Ashland. The total elevation gain is 5,331 ft.

### **51 Mile Ride Begins at Noon**

This 51 mile loop (SCBC Map 478) starts in Massillon and goes past Wayne County Airport. The total elevation gain is 1,703 ft.

### **28 Mile Ride Begins 1 P.M.**

This 28 mile ride (SCBC map 182-28 Mi) starts at Massillon and goes to Clinton and back. and has total elevation gain of 1,026 ft.

### **16 Mile Trail Ride Begins 2 P.M.**

This 16 mile ride (SCBC Map 182 Trail) goes from Massillon to Canal Fulton and back on the tow-path. There is an ice cream stop in Canal Fulton.

Click this link to sign up for a ride <https://www.bikehopelove.org/day-rides>

### **Post Ride Celebration and Refreshments 3:30 P.M.**

All rides are scheduled so riders should be back to the Lake St. Trailhead about 3:30 P.M. Refreshments and gifts for completing the ride will be awarded at that time.



## HBC Finger Lakes Trip – June 12-15, 2025 (early arrival options for 6/10 or 6/11)

We are returning to the Finger Lakes area to enjoy the pleasant riding, spectacular scenery, historic points of interest, many wonderful wineries and local craft breweries, and the camaraderie of friends. We will stay in the O'Dell's Townhouses at Hobart-William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, on the northern end of Seneca Lake. The townhouses are located around a pond, with a walking path along the pond's edge connecting them. This is our 18<sup>th</sup> annual trip.

Online registration opens on March 30, via the HBC website. This popular trip fills up fast, so be sure to register early. All participants must be HBC members. More information is available here in the individual topic tabs for the Finger Lakes trip (under Special Events at [www.harrisburgbicycleclub.org](http://www.harrisburgbicycleclub.org)).

Arrangements are very similar to past years. "All you can eat" hot breakfasts will be served by catering staff on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings in the dining hall (Scandling Campus Center), about an 8 minute walk from the O'Dell's Townhouses. There is also plenty of parking available, and biking to breakfast is easy. Breakfast options include: hot food (generally egg, meat and potato and vegetarian options), grill items (breakfast sandwich, pancake or french toast), oatmeal, fruit, yogurt and pastry items, and a full beverage station.

Based on past participant feedback, we plan to offer more informal social options on the decks around our townhouses during the afternoon and evenings on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. A Welcome Reception with catered desserts & light snacks will be held on Thursday evening starting at 7:45 pm will in the Gearan Center Lobby, right after the Orientation Ride led by Marilyn Chastek. Evening social time also includes our traditional ice cream social on Friday and a wine and cheese sharing party on Saturday.

The 2025 base cost of \$194.00 per person includes: 3 nights on-campus lodging (Thurs., Fri. and Sat.), 3 hot "All You Can Eat" breakfasts served in the dining hall (Fri, Sat & Sun), 3 socials on Thurs, Fri. and Sat., bed linens (sheets, pillowcase and a light blanket), a pillow and 1 towel and washcloth. Payment is due at the time of registration. Some people make arrangements to arrive earlier for extra nights (Tuesday and/or Wednesday) at the college at a cost of \$48 per person per night. All rooms have air conditioning, although nights are normally pretty cool. Each townhouse unit has a small furnished living area and kitchen with a refrigerator, stove and sink. Microwaves, coffee pots, cooking and eating supplies are **NOT** provided. See "Accommodations" for more details.

Anyone that cancels prior to **May 20** will receive a full refund. Partial refunds **MAY** be given for cancellations received later. A \$25 administration fee will be deducted from any potential refunds for cancellations after May 20, because food must be ordered and guaranteed in advance.

Participants can also make their own off-campus lodging arrangements. There are several hotels and campgrounds in the area. Off-campus participants have the option to join us in the dining hall for 3 breakfasts, evening socials, and volunteer led group rides, for \$35 per person, as long as arrangements are confirmed and paid for in advance.

**Rides:** There are maps and cue sheets for about 40 different rides. Printed copies were available (as an optional addition to registration) to all participants to order in advance at a cost of \$5 per packet. A Ride Summary will be sent by email to each participant closer to the event. Most of the routes are available on the HBC website in the Ride with GPS Route Library. They are tagged "Finger Lakes" to make them easy to find. Or go to the Collections page, and click on Finger Lakes and use the option to download at home or print. You must log in as a member to access them. There will be group rides on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with designated ride leaders and some shorter group rides on Sunday morning. You can choose to ride with a designated group leader or head out on the route of your choice.

In 2025, Phyllis Zitzer is chairing the trip and Susan Tussey serves as the registrar. Please contact Susan Tussey [srtusseyhbc@outlook.com](mailto:srtusseyhbc@outlook.com) or 814-386-8141 if you have any questions about registration issues. Contact Phyllis Zitzer at [pzitzer@gmail.com](mailto:pzitzer@gmail.com) or 717-379-3054, for other questions or info.



## January 2026 Florida

Stark County Bicycle Club Florida Tour dates for 2026 are Saturday Jan.17 to Saturday Jan 31, 2026.

The SCBC was able to negotiate and secure 18 rooms at the Island Sun for 119.00 plus tax for a standard King or Double Queen room. Rooms with Kitchenette are 149.00 plus tax and Deluxe Suites are 149.00 a night plus tax. These rates are only valid until Dec 15, 2025. After that all unreserved rooms will be released and the current rate change may apply.

**Cancellation Policy:** The guest can cancel free of charge until December 15th 2025. Should you cancel after Dec. 15th you will be responsible for charges of the first night room rate plus tax.

**No Show Policy:** No show policy applies to the guest who has a reservation at the Island Sun, who does not appear on the reservation date of arrival. No show will be charged a penalty equivalent to the 7 nights room rate plus tax and fees per room.

Once you have made your reservation, please sent me text or email with your room number so you may be added to communication list

Thank you

Sally

## Insurance Waiver Reminder

All Club members must sign the insurance waiver in order to participate on SCBC rides.

You may find this form on the SCBC Web page on the left hand side 5th item down titled Insurance Waiver.

There are 2 insurance waivers, one for adults and one for a minor. A separate copy for each adult and minor is needed.

If you did not fill out an insurance waiver and sent in with your 2024 membership form, please do so as soon as possible. You may also give to any ride leader or mail in to SCBC, P.O. Box 592 Uniontown, Ohio 44685.

Thank you

## New & Featured Member Articles

We all have a story to tell, New Members and Seasoned Veterans alike. What is better than sharing that story with other members of the Club in the "Spokin' Word". We need New and Existing Member articles to feature in our newsletter, so we can enjoy those stories and get to better know each other.

We always need articles for upcoming newsletters, so I urge anyone who would like to share a story about themselves with photographs to please contact me by e-mail or phone. The deadline for submitting articles is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the prior month. My phone number is 330-453-6360 and e-mail lshaheen14@icloud.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

**This position is open, Please contact Sally Griffiths if you are interested.**

New & Featured Member Representative

# Ride With GPS - Year To Date Mileage

SCBC Club Miles      11118 Total Miles      as of 04/27/2025

Sharon Fritts	3326	Jim Herberger	905	John Shaeffer	480
Donald Richards	1532	Bill Mishler	654	James Ruberti	277
Deborah Mohler	1247	Mary Ellen Valentino	565	Paul Larsen	187
Bruce Treiber	1232	Thom Spellman	556	Mark Bruce	157

Total Miles      43256 Total Miles      as of 04/27/2025

Sharon Fritts	4704	Thom Spellman	1130	Nick DiMauro	257
Marilyn Perdue	4104	Mel Slebert	1010	Paul Larsen	187
Dave Cardarella	4071	Lucy Figg	943	Matthew Long	168
Roy Schlabach	2800	Jim Herberger	921	Tom Sinacore	133
Bill Mishler	2581	Mary Ellen Valentino	869	Beth Sinacore	132
Steve Silver	2052	Robert Valentine	806	Phil Christman	128
Peg Stoner	1745	Andrew Hodgson	712	Matthew Brown	109
Mike Figg	1730	Jim Weinschenk	693	Dave Swinehart	82
Don Royer	1653	Mark Coventry	563	Steve McGinnis	76
Dirk Doverspike	1490	Paul Chip Klingaman	465	Benjamin Young	67
Bruce Treiber	1454	Donna Benzing	442	Linda Christman	58
Rob Stewart	1313	Bob Evans	430	Dennis Updike	42
Deborah Mohler	1247	Karen Schlabach	381	Paul Mallue	31
Karen Mueller	1192	James Ruberti	277	Nate Hand	8

E-Bike Miles      0 Total Miles      as of 04/27/2025



## Commuter Miles

Commuting miles are defined as any miles on the bike during which you substitute a bicycle for a motor vehicle. You can include trips to work, school, appointments, errands and riding to a club ride (SCBC scheduled ride miles should not be included in your commuter miles).

Reporting will be on the Honor System. Send your miles via email to [davecardarella@gmail.com](mailto:davecardarella@gmail.com) once a month. I will track your miles and they will be reported in the newsletter. If you miss a month, just send me your miles and I will include them.

Dave

### 2025 SCBC Commuter Miles

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Mark Bruce	127	127	268	275									797
Dave Cardarella	190	343	443	449									1425
Rich Grella													0
Ken Hlavac	291	373											664
Mary Hlavac	21	47											68
Marilyn Perdue	190	343	446	454									1433
Toni Powell	110	78	142										330
Don Royer	384	422	644										1450
Linda Shaheen													0
Paul Tucci													0
Benjamin Young													0
<b>SCBC total</b>													<b>6167</b>

**Congratulations  
to the 2024  
Commuter  
Miles winner  
  
Don Royer**



Commuter miles	
2024	11,908
2023	17,657
2022	13,912
2021	22,728
2020	16,907
2019	11,852
2018	11,588
2017	18,747
2016	14,547
2015	20,164

## How Much Air Pollution Is Prevented When Commuting by Bicycle?

**10 mile round trip commute 5 days a week for a year (2600 miles annually)**

Small car	35 mpg	68 gallons of gas	.7 Tons of CO <sub>2</sub>
Midsize car	20 mpg	124 gallons of gas	1.3 Tons of CO <sub>2</sub>
SUV or 4x4	14 mpg	170 gallons of gas	1.9 Tons of CO <sub>2</sub>

And those are just the pollutants from fuel use. From the foam and plastic in its seats to the petroleum in its tires, each car is a small pollution factory. Several tons of waste and 1.2 billion cubic yards of polluted air are generated in its manufacture alone! In 2008 the US produced 1.6 million billion metric tons of waste mining ore for automotive production. In the US each year, painting and coating cars produces 40 million pounds of air releases and 24 million pounds of hazardous wastes.

During its lifetime, on the road, each car produces another 1.3 billion cubic yards of polluted air and scatters an additional 40 pounds of worn tire particles, brake debris and worn road surface into the atmosphere.

Bicycling significantly reduces transportation emissions while also reducing traffic congestion and the need for petroleum. The total number of pounds of pollutants, (comprised of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and carbon dioxide), emitted per year is 12,140.30 lbs/year (or 0.97 lbs/mile) for passenger cars and 17,025.80 lbs/year (or 1.21 lbs/mile) for light trucks.

# SCBC Membership Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025 @ 7:00PM Canal Grille

**Attendees:** Sally Griffiths, Fran Massaro, Ben Young, Donna Benzing, Jim Benzing, Dave Swinehart, John Snively, Elaine Snively, Dwight Witte, Sharon Fritts, Bill Mishler, Thom Spellman, Roy Schlabach, Karen Schlabach, Karen Erdos, Peg Stoner, Dennis Updike, Raymund Durkee, Dean Herrick, Lindsey Hart, Amie Jones, Gary Fahrney, Debbie Mohler, Bob Hoff, Debbie Lehman, Ernie Lehman, Linda Shaheen, Lisa Hart, Sara Hart, Bill Flaherty, Joyce Flaherty, John Shaffer, Fran Shaffer, Debbie Lehman, Ernie Lehman Jr. Guests: Bruce Conery, Phil Lengzel, Rose Lengzel, Joe Brown, and numerous others who arrived in time for the presentation. In total, there were 43 attendees.

## President's Opening Remarks:

Sally opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. Tonight's program features Ernie Lehman Jr. presenting his solo bike trip through the Patagonia region of Chile and Argentina.

## Fran Massaro

Birthdays for the month of April are as follows: Attending - Bill Mishler, Dean Herrick, Linda Shaheen. Not in attendance - Sharon Ann Swartz, Lori Swan, Lee Swan, Mike Abrams, Dirk Doverspike, Bill Mishler, John Boyce, Sara Heid, John Ebel, Mary Reed, Hugh Sommer, Chris Redmond, Narasimha Rao, Paul Mallue, Toni Powell, Don Eagon, Todd Kustra, Edward Howley, Robert Vogt Sr, Rich Aeling, Matthew Long, Linda Zaleski, Lauren Hart, Leonard Ciccone, Jason Hull, Larry Ward, David Yoder. Birthdays for the current and upcoming month are posted in each edition of the Spokin' Word.

## Sympathy/Get Well announcements

Dave and Debby Hunter are back home and continuing the recovery process after their fall in Florida. The following is an update from Dave:

While Deb fractured her hip and wrist and had surgery on the hip that was very successful, about 10 days later she developed confusion and was readmitted to hospital. After several x-rays, MRI, etc., the hospital said that they could not find a source for the confusion. She is as sharp, or sharper, than I if asked any questions about family, etc., but her motor skills are terrible...difficult to walk even with a walker, difficult to use silverware, cannot use pens, she is constantly extending her arms and making fists, moving her legs, with no real intent. She fell out of bed last evening so I now position her in the center of the king size bed and sleep close enough to detect most of her moves. Called her general Doctor this morning to ask if he wanted to see her first or refer to a neurologist, also will rent a wheelchair today so her moves can be easier. She needs your prayers.

Paul Tucci was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer and will begin treatment for it. He says the good news is the cancer has not spread to his lymph nodes and there are no bone metastases. Both are great signs and indicate this may still be locally advanced, not metastatic, which has a much more favorable treatment outlook. Paul encourages guys in the club over 50, to pay a visit to their primary care physician and have them take a small sample of blood to determine their PSA score. He emphasizes the importance of being educated in this disease and its treatment.

## Vice-President - Dave Swinehart

Dave reminded attendees to please sign up to work and/or provide cookies for the May 17th Poker Ride. Sign up sheets were circulated at the meeting. May's program will feature Eddy's Bike Shop. June program - waiting on confirmation from Becky Jewel with Wayne County Rails to Trails.

### Reminders:

April 19th is the first Night Ride of the year from Ernie's in Massillon.  
May 3rd is the first Coffee Shop Ride from Ernie's in Massillon.

## Treasurer - Roy Schlabach

The Key Bank checking account and cash balance as of March 30, 2025 was \$17,413.38. We took in \$3,661.00 in dues for the month. Total disbursements were \$379.44 (including administrative, banquet expenses, and PayPal fees.)

## Road Captain - Sharon Fritts

There are 69 rides scheduled by 10 ride leaders for April. Rob Spalding has scheduled the annual Ephemeral Ride for April 26th.

Sharon asked that members alert her or Rob Stewart of any routes with high traffic roads or narrow berms so that these routes can be revised for safer riding.

## SCBC Plus - Sally Griffiths

No new SCBC Plus members this month.

## Advocacy - Dave Cardarella

No report submitted this month

## Newsletter - Dave Cardarella

Dave posted the April Spokin' Word to the SCBC website today, April 1, 2025.

## Statistician's report - Bruce Treiber

Registration for the three RWGPS club challenges:

E-Bike: 0 registered

SCBC Club Miles: 13 registered/12 active (3 females/9 males)

All rides are validated through 3/28/2025 with a few exceptions due to riders not using the ride map # when saving the completed ride (discussed below).

Total Miles: 41 registered/25 active (9 females/16 males)

Bruce and Mike Johnson went over the current SCBC Club Miles Challenge statistics in a phone call on Friday March 28, 2025. They both agreed that it is difficult to verify all club miles exactly without a static reference point. For now they will be using the Excel schedule that is still being published as a reference point. Some participants are not using the suggestion of putting the Map # of their club ride as the title of that ride. This makes validating rides a bit difficult. Bruce will be contacting several participants to clarify reported rides. The reported rides appear to be reasonably accurate.

## Membership Chairman - Thom Spellman

As of March 28, 2025 there are 328 current members; an increase of 5 members from a year ago. We have a total of 40 Patron Memberships, broken down as follows:

Legacy Patron (\$500+): 5

New in March: John and Elaine Snively - changed from Three Chain Ring

Bob & Shelly Doerchuck - changed

from Three Chain Ring

Triple Chaining Patron (\$75): 18

Double Chaining Patron (\$55): 10

Single Chaining Patron (\$45): 7

Last year's memberships will expire at the end of March (tomorrow).

184 Have renewed or did not have to renew. (143 Renewed, 36 are 80+, 5 are Legacy)

74 Need to renew

There were 5 new members (4 memberships) in March. They are: Robert Imler of Minerva, OH; Mary Boron of Canton, OH; Scott Young of Uniontown, OH; and John Boyce and Sara Heid New Philadelphia, OH.

Fun Fact: 6 of our members are in their 90's.

Pauline Caley - 98

Bob and Dorothy Forney - 93

Leurene Hildenbrand - 93

David Cassel - 91

Edmund Grace - 90

Erika Stephan - 90

## More Fun Facts:

Age	Number of Members	Percentage of Members
20's	2	>1%
30's	11	3%
40's	14	4%
50's	43	13%
60's	104	32%
70's	90	27%
80's	43	13%
90's	6	2%
Unknown	15	4%

## April 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes continued...

### New Member Rep - Open Position

This position involves contacting new members to familiarize them with the operations of the club, find out the new member's interests (social rides, challenging rides, trail rides, etc.), explain RWGPS usage, and offer to ride with the member on an initial club ride or two. Sally asked anyone who is interested in taking on this position to contact her, or any board member.

### Cartographer - Rob Stewart

No new maps this month.  
Three maps have been revised for safer riding.  
Map 517, mileage change from 17 to 18. Revision by Sally G.  
Maps 348 clockwise and counterclockwise. Mileage change from 27 to 31. Revision by Rob S.  
Once again, please alert Sharon Fritts or Rob Stewart (or any board member) of any routes with high-traffic roads or narrow berms so that these can be revised to make them safer for riding.

### Website Manager - Paul Schroedl

Nothing reported this month.

### Community Outreach

**North Canton Kids Tri:** Donna Benzing contacted Jordan from the YMCA regarding the kids Triathlon. The date has not been finalized with the police schedulers but the two dates they are considering are July 19 and 26. Most likely the 19th.

**North Canton Police Rodeo:** Lucy Figg called the North Canton Police about Rodeo and the new contact person is Sgt. Matt Buzzard. He has not returned her phone call. She will call again the first week in April.

### Bike Tours

Ray Durkee mentioned the [Lakeside 120](#) ride as being an excellent ride. The one day ride takes place on July 11, 2025 and begins in Delaware, OH. Cyclists pedal 120 miles to Marblehead Lighthouse/Lakeside, OH. Snack stops and lunch are included.

### Open Positions

In addition to the New Member Rep, Sally mentioned that we have some open positions that we need to determine if they are still needed, and if so, do we assign them? One is the Publicity position; this position has been vacant for several years. The other position is Featured New Member Article. Anyone willing to fill either of these positions, please contact Sally or any board member.

### Old Business

In response to member's dissatisfaction with the way the RWGPS monthly schedule displays on the SCBC website, and the limitations of RWGPS to provide a format that can be easily read and printed, Sally has worked with Dave Cardarella to provide a solution. There is now a link at the top of the Ride Schedule page on the SCBC website that, when clicked, will display the Ride Schedule as it now appears in the Spokin' Word. This format is very similar to the old Excel format that members have been asking to be restored. When clicking on any of the links (the blue/grey text), the user will be automatically redirected to the ride's RWGPS event page where they can join the ride and launch the ride map. This has been a very challenging endeavor, and it is hoped that this solution will provide our members the functionality and ease they are hoping for.

**Reminder:** This listing, just like the listing in the Spokin' Word, is current only at the time of publication of the Spokin' Word. It will not be able to reflect any cancellations or changes that are made after the Spokin' Word is published. However, once you click on a ride and are redirected to the RWGPS event page for that ride, RWGPS will have the latest information on that ride including cancellation or time change. Ride Leaders will also continue to send out notifications through RWGPS of any changes to their rides. Members should monitor their notifications for these updates.

### New Business

Sally mentioned that the Board will be discussing the possibility of fewer Board and Members' meetings. Perhaps only meet in March, April and May; with no meetings for June, July, and August. Then resume meetings for September, October, and November. Our attendance is way down at the Members' meetings. The Board will determine if we can accomplish what needs to be accomplished for the club with that schedule. Sally reached out to Ron Ring from the Akron Bike Club (ABC), since she had received an email stating their March meeting was the last meeting of the year. ABC has 5 or 6 meetings a year and they all take place in the off season. Their October meeting is tied to a Fall Ride/Picnic. The December meeting is tied to their Club Christmas/Holiday Party. We will have our banquet in early January. December is a busy month for most, and possibly eliminates a December meeting.

Karen Erdos suggested that the Board publicize the intent, so as to get feedback from club members. Sally said she would like to conduct a member survey.

### Mystery Photo

Tonight's mystery photo was of Ernie Lehman Jr., taken while on his trip to Patagonia. The winner of the contest was Dwight Witte. Dwight received a \$20 gift certificate to The Canal Grille.

### Adjournment

All business having been conducted, Sally asked for a motion to adjourn. Dave Swinehart motioned, and Thom Spellman seconded.

### Program

Following a brief break, Ernie Lehman Jr. presented an inspiring, informative and entertaining program on his 18 day, 953 mile solo bike trip through the Patagonia region of Argentina and Chile in late January/early February of this year. In the course of 18 days he climbed 65,397 feet on a combination of paved, gravel and single-track 'roads'. Ernie's photos showed stunning scenery and challenging terrain. Thank you for sharing and well done!

Submitted,  
Fran Massaro, Recording Secretary



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