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"Cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as drivers of vehicles." J. Forester



Happy July 4th



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	James Ruberti	832-605-0581
North Canton Police Rodeo	open	
Sunshine Ambassador	Lucy Figg	330-234-2017

SCBC Meetings

March and April meetings at Walthers Twin Tavern

430 Applegrove St NW
North Canton, OH 44720

May and September meetings at 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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The Spokin' Word is a publication of the Stark County Bicycle Club.

Dave Cardarella - Editor-

Articles should be sent to: 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
Medium—includes 4 memberships & 1/2 page photo \$95
Large—included 8 memberships & Full page photo \$160

Questions regarding SCBC Plus should be directed to
sagriff64@gmail.com



Meeting Programs:

See you there!

July 4—ride and picnic

No monthly meetings until September.

Programs needed, contact Bob Evans if you have a program idea.



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Dave's Desktop Dialog...June

from SCBC President Dave Swinehart

We are already rolling into May. Hard to believe the first third of the year is behind us.

The May 5th meeting will be at the Canal Grille with Ernie's Bike Shop presenting. This will be our last meeting for awhile, as we take the summer off. Regular meetings will resume in September.

Mark your calendars for a few upcoming events:

May 16 the poker ride at Ernie's. We still need a few volunteers.
July 4 ride and picnic at the Canal Fulton senior center. Thank you Jim Weinschenk for getting the facility reserved for us.
July 18 North Canton Kids Bike Rodeo. Volunteers needed. Denny Simon will have some of the Tuscazoar kids race team there to help.

Be careful out there on your rides. I've noticed the sun glare

headed west in the evening has been blinding at times. Be alert to your surroundings and follow all traffic rules and laws. For a refresher you can locate them in the 4511 chapter of the Ohio Revised Code.

Thank you to all the ride leaders for continuing to put out a nice ride schedule. We have plenty of rides for all rider levels so come on out and join other club members on the ride of your choice.

Hope to see you at our meeting.

Enjoy the ride
Dave



Dave's Desktop Dialog...July

from SCBC President Dave Swinehart

We are now halfway through the year. I've got way behind miles this year. Seemed to have lost motivation for a bit but now I am starting to get it back with an upcoming Bike Hope Love trip at the end of July.

Earlier this month, in preparation for the trip, I went and saw Bill at North Canton Ernie's for a professional bike fit. Though I can usually get pretty close to making my adjustments I found how far off I really was. Bill took his time making sure we got all the measurements from saddle height, handlebar reach and height, cleat placement and pedal placement for the best possible results... and the results... I no longer have a pain in my left knee while pedaling and no longer have excess pressure on my wrists while riding this bike. I highly recommend scheduling an appointment with Bill if you think a bike fit would benefit you.

July 4 picnic is right around the corner. We have a few rides scheduled for the day followed by good food and fellowship at the Northwest Stark (Canal Fulton) Senior Center. I'm looking

forward to seeing everyone there. Just a reminder, don't let the heat scare you away the building is air conditioned.

I will have a batch of t-shirts available at the picnic. The supply is limited for this test batch so it's first come first served. We will place a second order when these are exhausted.

Be safe out there and look out for each other.
Dave



Welcome New Members

Fifteen new members joined SCBC in April
Please take time to make them welcome

Anne Rapin—North Canton
David Lewis—Canal Fulton
Melissa Smith—North Canton
Scott & Carole Schilling—Alliance
Mike Plybon—North Canton
Tracey Moreland & Frank Kerry—Massillon
Sara & Kyle Knotts—Canton
Dianne & Bruce Fowler—North Canton
William Stevens—North Canton
Joanne Barnhouse—Massillon
Marc Schneider—Canton

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May Meeting Report

Bike Fit by Bill Flaherty from Ernie's Bike Shop



President Dave Swinehart presents a \$350 check to support the Tusc MTB Team

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adventure, and
make friends.



**Practice starts in July! Mondays
and Thursdays from 5-7PM at
Camp Tuscazoar.**

Contact dsimon@tuscazoar.org for more
information

Our team is part of NICA Ohio which is a league of the National
Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). All registered coaches
are trained volunteers and registered athletes and coaches are
covered under NICA's insurance and liability policies.



NICA

Horsey Hundred Trip Report—Debbie Mohler

Rain, Rain, Rain



Gary Fahrney, Beth Sinacore, Tom Sinacore, Bob Evans, Debbie Mohler









Taco Tuesday Ride to Casa del Lago



Bob Valentine, Donna Benzing, Sally Griffiths



Sally Griffiths, Donna Benzing, Marilyn Perdue, Dave Cardarella, Bob Valentine, Debbie Mohler



Dave Cardarella and Marilyn Perdue present 150 ice cream coupons to the Uniontown Police Department for their youth helmet program.

The officers award youngsters with a coupon when they see them wearing their bike helmet.

Thanks to Sven owner of New Baltimore Ice Cream for a generous discount and thanks to some anonymous SCBC members who also contributed.



Mary Jo, the owner of Ro's Custard, generously donated 100 ice cream coupons to the North Canton Police Department.

Chief Frank Kemp is giving the youngsters a safety talk.

New Bike



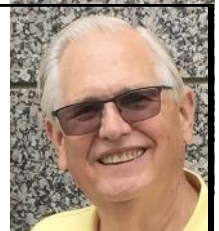
Judy Snyder with her new Cannondale Montera
Shimano Steps electric power system

New Bike



Karl Swigart with new Cannondale Synapse 4

SCBC Membership Report 06/24/2026



Current Memberships **227**

Approximate Total Members **284**

Legacy Patron (\$500+) **5**

Triple Chainring Patron (\$75) **16**

Double Chainring Patron (\$55) **9**

Single Chainring Patron (\$45) **8**

Family (Including 10 Patrons) **57**

Individual (Including 26 Patrons) **170**

The last mail pickup was Wednesday, June 24

New memberships since May 1, 2026 = 11

Thom Spellman

Membership Chairman



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

Road ID has impacted over 5 million lives since 1999. Road ID's mission is to educate outdoor enthusiasts about the importance of wearing ID and to provide athletes with innovative identification products that they will want to include as part of their gear.

This ID can be worn on your wrist, watchband or shoe.

The information on your ID is customized to your needs: Name, address, emergency contacts, allergies just to list a few options.

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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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
Joshua Haley
Buck & Jan Kidd
Scott Low
Tim Robison
Tom & Beth Sinacore



Karen Erdos
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Stephen & Carol Spring
Bruce Treiber
Benjamin Young

SCBC Legacy Members

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



Birthday Report for July 2026

First	Last	Date of Birth
Larry	Steele	07/04
Bruce	Fowler	07/05
Tim	Robison	07/07
Karen	Schlabach	07/10
Tom	Bower	07/14
Anne	Rapin	07/14
Joyce	Schumacher	07/16
Sebastian	Birch	07/19
Donna	Siebert	07/20
Jack	Lewis	07/22
Lisa	Hart	07/24
Katie	DiMauro	07/27
John	Shaeffer	07/28

Birthday Report for August 2026

First	Last	Date of Birth	Spouses' Date of Birth
Shannon	Bragg	08/01	
Steve	Silver	08/01	
Paul	Hobe	08/02	
Carl	Swigart	08/04	
Scott & Carole	Shilling	08/05	08/03
Bill	Flaherty	08/09	
Kim	Swinehart	08/09	
Deborah	Mohler	08/10	
Dwight	Witte	08/10	
Thomas	Allchin	08/11	
Mel	Siebert	08/14	
Matthew	Brown	08/19	
Kevin	Mikesell	08/19	
Richard	Grella	08/20	
Robyn	Stoney-Cordier	08/20	
Gary	Fahrney	08/23	
Heidi	Christlieb	08/24	
Jerry	Ries	08/25	
John	Snively	08/25	
Mary	Claar	08/26	
William	Stevens	08/28	
James(Bill)	Johnson	08/29	
Larry	Johnson	08/29	
Jim	Herberger	08/31	

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.

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

Non-Members are always welcome on club rides

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

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

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

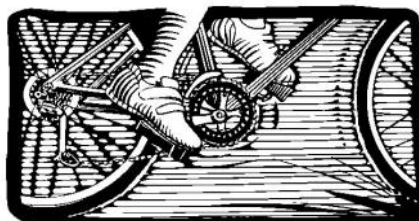
CLASS O - Open pace. Class **O** is given to a ride on which riders, including the ride leader, will be riding at whatever pace they choose.

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.



June 2026 Ride Schedule

Editor's note: this schedule was copied on 05/30/2026
Please check online as changes happen often

Mon, June 1, 9:00 AM CLN 210 25 miles 9:00am M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-754-8753
 Mon, June 1, 9:00 AM LCP - 563 28mi- 9:00 AM O Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Tue, June 2, 9:00 AM DAL 518-50, 9am SF O Dalton Village Green Park, 41 S Freet St Sharon 330.418.5285
 Tue, June 2, 3:15 PM LAT 437-29, 3:15 PM Treiber B ride Lake Ave Trailhead, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, June 2, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O1409 Bison Avenue Northwest, Massillon, Ohio 44647, USA Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, June 2, 5:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 5:00 PM O Lake Community Park - Taco Ride
 Wed, June 3, 9:00 AM Trail, 801-24 LAT 9:00am O Lake Ave Trailhead, M Figg 330-323-7039
 Wed, June 3, 9:00 AM QH 464 - 24mi - 9:00 AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Quail Hollow Park
 Wed, June 3, 1:15 PM CPP 203-19 miles 1:15pm M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, June 4, 9:00 AM CF 545 30 miles 9:00 M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Fri, June 5, 9:00 AM LCP 452 - 25/30 mi - 9:00 AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Fri, June 5, 9:30 AM CRP 440-43 9:30 AM Crossroads Plaza Peg S 330-575-5334
 Fri, June 5, 10:00 AM TRAIL LITTLE BEAVER CREEK 30 10:00AM DEB 330-575-1399
 Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trailhead, 232 S Market St, Lisbon, Ohio 44432, USA
 Sat, June 6, 8:00 AM FtLau 161-55, 8am SF Open Ft Laurens Bolivar Sharon 330.418.5285
 Sat, June 6, 9:00 AM AL 531 36 O Al Leno Park, 3059 Alpine St NE, Canton, Ohio 44721, USA Sally G 330-705-4435
 Sun, June 7, 8:00 AM NPS 416-58, 8:00 AM Treiber B ride New Philadelphia Southside Comm Pk, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Sun, June 7, 9:00 AM LCP 593 35 O Lake Community Park Sally G 330-705-4435
 Sun, June 7, 10:00 AM CF 344 18 miles 10:00 M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Mon, June 8, 9:00 AM CLN 568 26 miles 9:00am M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-754-8753
 Mon, June 8, 9:00 AM LCP 569 - 34mi -9:00 AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Tue, June 9, 9:00 AM DAL 586-42/54, 9am SF O Village Green Park, 41 S Freet St Sharon 330.418.5285
 Tue, June 9, 3:30 PM MTZ 601-28, 3:30 PM Treiber B ride Metzger Pk Louisville, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, June 9, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, USA Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, June 9, 5:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 5:00 PM O Lake Community Park - Taco Ride
 Wed, June 10, 9:00 AM Trail, LAT 804-23 9:00am O Lake Ave Trailhead, M Figg, 330-323-7039
 Wed, June 10, 9:00 AM QH- 481 - 27 mi - 9:00 AM O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Quail Hollow Park
 Wed, June 10, 1:15 PM CPP 466 21 Miles 1:15pm M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, June 11, 9:00 AM CF 378 30 miles 9:00am M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, June 11, 9:30 AM NP 139-46,9:30AM DEB 330--575-1399 Southside Community Park, Co Hwy 24, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663, USA
 Fri, June 12, 9:00 AM Metz 366 - 26mi - 9:00 AM O Lt John 330-354-9971 Metzger Park Louisville
 Fri, June 12, 9:30 AM LAT 507-43 9:30 AM O Lake Avenue Trailhead Peg S 330-575-5334
 Fri, June 12, 10:00 AM TRAIL BUR OAK LORAIN, 30,10:00AM DEB 330-575-1399
 Black River Reservation Bur Oak, 6150 Ford Rd, Elyria, Ohio 44035, USA
 Sat, June 13, 7:30 AM DAL 591-101, SF Challenging Dalton Village Green Park Freet St Sharon 330.418.5285
 Sat, June 13, 9:00 AM ALP 488 35/40) Al Leno Park, Sally G 330-705-4435
 Sun, June 14, 7:30 AM JCP 207-57, 7:30 AM Treiber B ride Jackson Comm Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Sun, June 14, 9:00 AM Trail, LAT 801-24 9:00am O Lake Ave Trailhead, M Figg 330-323-7039
 Mon, June 15, 9:00 AM CLN 423 26 miles 9:00am M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-754-8753
 Mon, June 15, 9:00 AM LCP - 521 34mi -9:00 AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Tue, June 16, 3:15 PM CF 330-28, 3:15 PM Treiber B ride Canal Fulton Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, June 16, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, USA Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, June 16, 5:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 5:00 PM O Lake Community Park - Taco Ride
 Wed, June 17, 9:00 AM Trail, LAT 801-24 9:00am O Lake Ave Trailhead M Figg 330-323-7039
 Wed, June 17, 9:00 AM ALP 472 - 26mi - 9:00AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Al Leno Park
 Wed, June 17, 1:15 PM CPP 515 28 miles M Burns 330-754-8753 O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, June 18, 9:00 AM MTZ 367 27 miles 9:00am M Burns O Metzger Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, June 18, 9:00 AM JP 526-26 9:00am O Jackson Community Park M Figg 330-323-7039
 Fri, June 19, 9:00 AM WST 914 32 miles 9:00am M Burns O Wooster Church of the Saviour M Burns 330-754-8753
 Fri, June 19, 9:00 AM Metz 208 - 29 mi - 9:00- O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Metzger Park Louisville, Ohio
 Fri, June 19, 10:00 AM TRAIL GERVASI 25 10:00AM DEB 330-575-1399Gervasi Station Trailhead, 5419 Johnnycake Ridge NE, Canton, Ohio 44705
 Sat, June 20, 7:30 AM CPN 561-51, 7:30 AM Treiber B ride Craig Pittman Mem Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Sat, June 20, 9:30 AM ALP 514-50m. 9:30 AM O Alpine Community Park Peg S 330-575-5334
 Sun, June 21, 10:00 AM CF 303 28 miles 10:00 M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Mon, June 22, 9:00 AM CLN 420-21 miles 9:00a M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-784-8753
 Mon, June 22, 9:00 AM LCP 575- 37 mi - 9:00AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Community Park
 Tue, June 23, 3:15 PM AL 299-30, 3:15 PM Treiber B ride Al Leno Comm Pk, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, June 23, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, USA Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, June 23, 5:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 5:00 PM O Lake Community Park - Taco Ride
 Wed, June 24, 9:00 AM Trail, LAT 804-23 O Lake Ave Trailhead M Figg 330-323-7039
 Wed, June 24, 9:00 AM ALP 131 - 22/36mi 9:00 AM O Lt John 330-354-9971 Al Leno Park
 Wed, June 24, 1:15 PM CPP 436 18 miles 1:15pm M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, June 25, 9:00 AM CF 113 22 miles 9:00am M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, June 25, 9:30 AM DAL 241-53,9:30AM DEB 330-575-1399 Village Green Park, 41 S Freet St, Dalton, Ohio 44618, USA
 Fri, June 26, 9:00 AM LCP 506 34mi - 9:00 AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Sat, June 27, 9:30 AM CraigP 215-46 9:30 AM Craig Pittman Mem Park Peg S 330-575-5334
 Sun, June 28, 9:00 AM Trail LAT 801-24 9:30AM, O, M Figg Lake Avenue Trailhead, M Figg 330-323-7039
 Mon, June 29, 9:00 AM LCP - 608 32mi -9:00 AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Mon, June 29, 9:00 AM CLN 447-21 miles 9:00a M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-784-8753
 Tue, June 30, 3:15 AM CPN 585-28, 3:15 AM Treiber B ride Craig Pittman Mem Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, June 30, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, USA Stutz 330-268-6206

July 2026 Ride Schedule

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Please check online as changes happen often

Wed, July 1, 8:30 AM QH 512 - 24/28mi - 8:30AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Quail Hollow Park
 Wed, July 1, 1:15 PM CPP 203-19 miles 1:15pm M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, July 2, 9:00 AM LCP - 563 28/47mi- 8:30AM SF Lake Comm Park, Sharon 330.418.5285
 Fri, July 3, 7:00 AM CF 545 30 miles M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Fri, July 3, 7:00 AM FL 161-55, 7:00 AM Treiber B ride Fort Laurens Bolivar, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Fri, July 3, 8:30 AM LCP 563 - 28mi - 8:30 AM -O- Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Fri, July 3, 10:00 AM TRAIL RAVENNA TO AKRON 38M 10:00AM DEB 330-575-1399
 The Ravenna Community Playground, 130 Chestnut Hill Dr, Ravenna, Ohio 44266, USA
 Sat, July 4, 8:00 AM Trail, LAT 801-24 O Lake Ave Trailhead, Lucy Figg 330-324-2017
 Sat, July 4, 10:00 AM TRAIL CF 10am, Bob Evans O Canal Fulton Park, Bob Evans
 Sat, July 4, 10:00 AM CF 378-30, 10:00 AM. Treiber OPEN ride Canal Fulton Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Sat, July 4, 12:30 PM PICNIC 12:30 Lunch Canal Fulton Senior Center
 Sun, July 5, 9:00 AM LCP 120 28/35 9am Lake Community Park, Sally G 330-705-4435
 Mon, July 6, 8:30 AM LCP 449 - 23 mi - 8:30 AM -O- Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Mon, July 6, 9:00 AM CLN 210 25 miles M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-754-8753
 Tue, July 7, 3:15 PM AL 489-34, 3:15 PM Treiber B ride Al Leno Community Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, July 7, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, July 7, 4:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 4:00 PM O Lake Community Park, DaveC 330-417-2681, Taco Tuesday
 Wed, July 8, 8:30 AM QH - 458 22/29 mi 8:30am-O- Lt John 330-354-9971 Quail Hollow Park
 Wed, July 8, 1:15 PM CPP 466 21 miles M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, July 9, 9:00 AM FT L 151-45, 9:00AM DEB 330-575-1399 Fort Laurens Museum
 Thu, July 9, 9:00 AM CF 378 30 miles M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Fri, July 10, 8:30 AM LCP 123 - 23mi - 8:30am - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Sat, July 11, 9:00 AM ALP 472 26 9am Al Leno Park, Sally G 330-7-5-4435
 Sun, July 12, 8:00 AM CF 578-62/102, 8am SFCanal Fulton Sharon 330.418.5285
 Sun, July 12, 9:00 AM LCP 377 26 9am Lake Community Park, l Sally G 330-705-4435
 Mon, July 13, 8:00 AM LCP 513 -25mi - 8:30AM - O- Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Mon, July 13, 9:00 AM CLN 568 26 miles M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-754-8753
 Tue, July 14, 9:00 AM CF 349-27/48, 9 am SFCanal Fulton Park Sharon 330.418.5285
 Tue, July 14, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, July 14, 4:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 4:00 PM O Lake Community Park, DaveC 330-417-2681, Taco Tuesday
 Wed, July 15, 8:30 AM QH 523 - 28mi - 8:30AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Quail Hollow Park
 Wed, July 15, 1:15 PM CPP 515 28 miles M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, July 16, 9:00 AM FTL 572-48, 9:00AM DEB 330-575-1399 Fort Laurens Museum
 Thu, July 16, 9:00 AM MTZ 367 27 miles M Burns O Metzger Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Fri, July 17, 8:30 AM LCP 452 25/30 mi 8:30AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Fri, July 17, 9:00 AM WST 914 32 miles M Burns O Wooster Church of the Saviour M Burns 330-754-8753
 Sat, July 18, 8:00 AM LAT 507-43, 8:00 AM Treiber B ride Lake Ave Trailhead, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Sun, July 19, 8:00 AM DAL 576-69 8am SF O Dalton Village Green Park Sharon 330.418.5285
 Sun, July 19, 10:00 AM CF 344 18 miles M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Mon, July 20, 8:30 AM LCP 120 - 29/35 mi - 8:30 AM - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Mon, July 20, 9:00 AM CLN 420 21 miles M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-754-8753
 Tue, July 21, 9:00 AM DAL 518-50, 9am SFDalton Village Green Park Sharon 330.418.5285
 Tue, July 21, 3:15 PM MTZ 368-31, 3:15 PM Treiber B ride Metzger Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, July 21, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, July 21, 4:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 4:00 PM O Lake Community Park, DaveC 330-417-2681, Taco Tuesday
 Wed, July 22, 8:30 AM ALP 472 - 26 mi 8:30 AM - O- Lt John 330-354-9971 Al Leno Park
 Wed, July 22, 1:15 PM CPP 269 33 miles M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, July 23, 9:00 AM MCP 259-56M, 9:00AM Metzger Park
 Fri, July 24, 8:30 AM LCP 253 - 29 mi - 8:30 AM -O- Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Fri, July 24, 9:00 AM FTL 473/47, 9am SF OFt Laurens Park Sharon 330.418.5285
 Sat, July 25, 7:30 AM CF 488-69, 7:30 AM Treiber B ride Canal Fulton Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Sat, July 25, 9:00 AM ALP 131 22/35 9am Al Leno Park, Sally G 330-705-4435
 Sun, July 26, 8:00 AM DAL 589-70, 8am SFDalton Village Green Park, Sharon 330.418.5285
 Sun, July 26, 9:00 AM LCP 452 25/30 (am) Lake Community Park, Sally G 330-705-4435
 Mon, July 27, 8:30 AM LCP 377 - 27 mi 8:30 am - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park
 Mon, July 27, 9:00 AM CLN 447 21 miles M Burns O Clinton Trailhead M Burns 330-754-8753
 Tue, July 28, 9:00 AM CF 559/41, 9am SF O Canal Fulton Park Sharon 330.418.5285
 Tue, July 28, 3:15 PM CPN 435-33, 3:15 PM Treiber B ride Craig Pittman Memorial Park, Bruce Treiber (330) 844-1434
 Tue, July 28, 3:30 PM Trail BB 807-16, 3:30pm O Bison Street Burgers, 1409 Bison Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647, Stutz 330-268-6206
 Tue, July 28, 4:00 PM LCP 532-20/23 4:00 PM O Lake Community Park, DaveC 330-417-2681, Taco Tuesday
 Wed, July 29, 8:30 AM ALP 248 - 26 mi - 8:30 am - O - Lt John 330-354-9971 Al Leno Park
 Wed, July 29, 1:15 PM CPP 436-18 miles M Burns O Craig Pittman Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Thu, July 30, 9:00 AM DAL 241-53, 9:00AM DEB 330-575-1399 Dalton Village Park
 Thu, July 30, 9:00 AM CF 113 22 miles M Burns O Canal Fulton Park M Burns 330-754-8753
 Fri, July 31, 9:00 AM DAL 558-33/61, 9am SFDalton Village Green Park Sharon 330.418.5285
 Fri, June 1, 8:30 AM LCP - 245-23/30mi- 8:30 AM O Lt John 330-354-9971 Lake Comm Park

CAN I RIDE?

A guide to bikes, electric vehicles & motorized devices for Stark Parks locations

STARK PARKS



SPEED
LIMIT
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Manual Pedal Bike

A device upon which a person may ride, propelled exclusively by human power through a belt, chain, or gears.

Allowed



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Electric Vehicles

- Class 1 & 2 electric bicycles
- Other electric vehicles powered by no more than one motor of 750 watts or less
- May not have a width greater than thirty-six (36) inches.

Allowed



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Mobility Devices

Persons with mobility disabilities may use OPDMDs on Park properties in accordance to Revised Final Title II Regulation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.



Motorcycles

Any motorcycle that does not meet the definition of an e-bike above is considered a motorcycle and is prohibited.

Prohibited



Other Motorized Devices

No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, any all-terrain vehicle, other all purpose vehicle or off-highway motorcycle within the park.

Prohibited



Class 3 E-Bikes

- Electric motor under 750 watts
- Fully operable pedals
- Motor stops assisting at 28 MPH
- Pedal and throttle assist

Prohibited

Speed limit is 15 MPH on all Stark Parks trails. Biking is permitted on paved, gravel, and crushed limestone trails; however, biking is not permitted at Quail Hollow Park equestrian trails and Pike Ridge Park. Visit StarkParks.com for more information and updated alerts.

Call the Stark Parks Rangers with questions or concerns at 330-353-2377. It is the responsibility of the operator to know the classification of their device.

June/July 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. 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.



New Routes:

Revised Routes:

Removed Route 507-45 Camelback this route was replaced with a 43 mile version when Edwards Road no longer crossed State route 21.

Ride with GPS link to the 43 mile route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/48542731>

216 Flickinger Hill Ride

Major revision to remove the route from Smithville Western Road and Back Orrville Road. The revision added 6.5 miles and approx. 600 feet in ascent.

Ride with GPS link: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/54845986>

471 Findlay State Park (Back)

This is the return portion of the route. The revision was needed for lesser traveled and safer riding and an addition rest stop in Creston. 7/10th increase in mileage and minus 189 ft. in elevation. Total round trip mileage is 113 miles.

Ride with GPS Link: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/55278278>

532 Casa del Lago Loop 20

New restaurant, same route. Starts at Hartville Community Park.

Route change by Dave Cardarella

Ride with GPS link: 532 Casa del Lago Loop 20 SCBC · Ride with GPS

Ride with GPS link: 532 Casa del Lago Loop 23 SCBC · Ride with GPS

216 Flickinger Hill Ride

Minor cue change in Apple Creek for lesser traveled roads, avoiding the Route 30 exchange. Suggested by Bruce Treiber

Ride with GPS link: 216 Flickinger Hill Ride SCBC · Ride with GPS

303 Coal Bank Loop

Added a missing cue at Back Massillon Road and Coal Bank Road.

Ride with GPS link: 303 - Coal Bank Loop · Ride with GPS

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

Rob Stewart

bikerstew@icloud.com

330-807-5594

Map Librarian/Cartographer

RWGPS Open Challenge Mileage

66,964 Total Miles as of 6/1/2026

Sharon Fritts	5,972	Dirk Doverspike	1,231	Michael Mundt	236
Dave Cardarella	5,519	Jim Herberger	1,208	Dennis Updike	236
Marilyn Perdue	5,515	Michael Dennis	1,101	Phil Christman	203
Bill Mishler	3,780	Mark Bruce	1,021	Donna Benzing	194
RoySchlabach	3,494	Mel Siebert	869	Matthew Brown	191
Peg Stoner	2,896	Paul Chip Klingaman	846	John Ash	182
Rob Stewart	2,443	Donald Richards	713	David Kulik	143
Robert Valentine	2,370	Gary Fahrney	705	Ben DiMauro	143
Steve Silver	2,357	Thom Spellman	685	Erik Nedelcu	125
Don Royer	2,264	Paul Tucci	631	Frances Massaro	123
Sally Griffiths	2,206	Bill Simons	544	Karen Erdos	88
Bruce Treiber	2,197	Tom Sinacore	534	Larry Petrsek	82
Deborah Mohler	2,118	Karen Schlabach	525	Carl Humenik	49
Mary Ellen Valentinc	1,579	Jim Weinschenk	503	Benjamin Young	48
Sam Oleskey	1,517	John Shaeffer	469	Scott Rini	46
Joe Warkall	1,411	Steve Kosunick	431	Madalyn Swinehart	32
Karen Mueller	1,404	Matthew Long	408	Dave Swinehart	30
Andrew Hodgson	1,402	Linda Christman	371	John Snively	11
Bob Evans	1,271	Lindsay Hart	292		



RWGPS Open Challenge Mileage

91,114 Total Miles as of 6/30/2026

Sharon Fritts	7,407	Michael Dennis	1,506	Dennis Updike	533
Dave Cardarella	6,651	Jim Herberger	1,419	Matthew Long	471
Marilyn Perdue	6,644	Mark Bruce	1,340	Vicky Mundt	369
Bill Mishler	5,089	Paul Chip Klingaman	1,323	David Kulik	361
Roy Schlabach	4,402	Dirk Doverspike	1,315	Donna Benzing	345
Peg Stoner	3,697	Mel Siebert	1,237	Matthew Brown	331
Steve Silver	3,333	Paul Tucci	1,116	Ben DiMauro	331
Rob Stewart	3,181	Jim Weinschenk	1,035	John Ash	320
Robert Valentine	3,089	Donald Richards	991	Phil Christman	303
Sally Griffiths	2,869	Thom Spellman	922	Larry Petrasek	226
Bruce Treiber	2,828	Gary Fahrney	836	Erik Nedelcu	209
Deborah Mohler	2,794	Bill Simons	827	Frances Massaro	135
Don Royer	2,664	John Shaeffer	820	Scott Rini	134
Sam Oleskey	2,064	Tom Sinacore	728	Carl Humenik	115
Mary Ellen Valentino	1,948	Michael Mundt	718	Dave Swinehart	92
Andrew Hodgson	1,866	Steve Kosunick	631	Karen Erdos	88
Scott Young	1,843	Lindsay Hart	621	Madalyn Swinehart	72
Joe Warkall	1,801	Karen Schlabach	579	Benjamin Young	48
Karen Mueller	1,751	Linda Christman	537	John Snively	11
Bob Evans	1,665	Beth Sinacore	533		

Venice, Florida 2027

**Stark County Bike Club Venice, Florida
Saturday Jan. 16 to Saturday Jan 30, 2027**

**Island Sun
625 Tamiami Trail S
Venice, Florida. 34285
914-484-9559**

I am happy to announce that this year we were able to negotiate a standard room (King or Queen double) rate of \$109 plus tax per night. If we book and actually **check in twenty (20) rooms** under SCBC, the Island Sun will adjust our rate to \$99 plus tax per night.

Any cancellation that will drop us below 20 rooms will make the \$99 rate not applicable to anyone!

When you call the Island Sun to make your reservation you will need to mention you are with the Stark County Bicycle Club to get our special rate. It is very important to be committed to doing this trip before you book a room at the Island Sun. Too many cancellations over the past 5+ years has really damaged our relationship with the Island Sun.

Cancellation Policy: The guest can cancel free of charge until Dec.15, 2026. 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.

Once your reservation is made, please email or text me your information including your room number for my communications sheet.

Thank you
Sally Griffiths
sagriff64@gmail.com
330-705-4435

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 send in with your 2024 membership form, please do so as soon as possible. You may also give it 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 10th day of the prior month.

This position is open, Please contact Dave Swinehart if you are interested.

New & Featured Member Representative

SCBC 2026-05-03 MAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

President Dave Swinehart called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM at Buehler's Community Room in Jackson Township. Attending were Secretary Fran Massaro, Road Captain Sharon Fritts, Trustees Ben Young, Bruce Treiber and Nick DiMauro, Membership Chairman Thom Spellman, VP Bob Evans, Treasurer Roy Schlabach, Trustee James Ruberti, and Cartographer Rob Stewart.

APPOINTED POSITIONS REPORTS

Advocacy - Dave Cardarella (submitted via email)

The Ohio Bike Federation (OBF) has not committed any funds for the grant program this year.

Dave would like to get approval to purchase ice cream coupons for the police youth helmet program (see New Business).

There are a lot of news stories about states considering new ebike laws. The new laws are an attempt to regulate e-moto bikes that have more than 750 watt motors with speeds of 30, 40, 50 or even 60 mph. So far, there is no activity in Ohio regarding this. The problem was discussed at the OBF meeting in April and a committee is being formed.

Newsletter - Dave Cardarella

Dave hopes to finish the newsletter this evening.

New Member Rep - Lindsay Hart (Not attending)

Lindsay told Dave Swinehart that she has not made contact with the new members yet. She is going out of town, but will contact the new members this week.

Membership Chairman - Thom Spellman

As of April 30, 2026 there are 323 current members. There were six new memberships in April. They are:

- Dave Keller of North Canton (Double Chainring)
- Kevin Holland of Uniontown
- Michael and Colleen Dennis of Canton, (Triple Chainring)
- Daniel Greer of Canton
- Chris Miller of Wooster

We have 36 Patron Memberships. Thank-you patrons. New Patron memberships for April are:

- Dave Keller - Double Chain Ring patron
- Michael and Colleen Dennis - Triple Chain Ring patrons

Membership Expiration date was April 30th. 52 Memberships still need to be renewed (20%). Thom will send out a 'Last Notice' to prompt for renewals. Any member not renewing by May 30th will be removed from RWGPS on that date.

Cartographer - Rob Stewart

No new routes were added in April.

Revised Routes:

131- Al Leno to Waterloo 22 & 36 mile routes.

Abbreviated the cues for easier reading on devices.

22 mile: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37722391>

36 mile: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37722417>

216- Flickinger Hill Ride

Added cues to the route. This was originally a Map My Ride route.

This is a 66 mile route with 3,556' in ascent.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/54845986>

Note: This route needs additional revising before using. Smithville-Western Rd. is too busy for safe cycling for such a long distance.

Rob asked if he, Bruce and Sharon can go through the Route Library to look at older routes to determine any that need to be re-routed. Rides that cross Rt. 21 at Grill or Edwards Rd. need to be rerouted due to the reconfiguration of those intersections at Rt. 21. There are other rides that will need to be rerouted for similar reasons.

Community Outreach:

North Canton Kids Rodeo: This event will be held July 18th from 9:00am-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed 8:45am - 12:00pm. We still need a chairperson. Denny Simons is going to put a tent up at the event, and will have 10-12 kids and adults with him doing maintenance and demos. Dave will ask Denny if he can take point on this event since he will already be there.

North Canton Kids Tri: No date yet

Statistician's report - Bruce Treiber

Current mileage stats for the Total Miles Challenge were updated and posted Thursday night. They can be seen on the website. We have approx. 50 participants.

We have an issue regarding a mileage verification concern. One member has their rides listed as private, so verification of rides is not possible. Without seeing more data, these rides appear to be trainer rides based on there being zero feet of elevation. Bruce sent a message to the individual explaining the situation and requested to 'friend' them so that verification would be possible. No response was received. It was decided to not push the issue.

Exec Board Minutes continued...

SCBC Plus - Sally Griffiths

Renewals to be sent out in the fall.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Fran Massaro

Birthdays for the month of May are as follows: Steve Kosunick, Beth Sinacore, Thom Spellman, Dave Cardarella, Stephen Spring, Jen Novak, Emily Helms, Bob Mueller, Erik Nedelcu, Andrew Hodgson, Bill Allen, Eric Johnson, Tom Lytton, Cindy Eicher, Nate Hand, Carolyn Burrier, Jim Baker, Bruce Treiber, Fran Massaro, Bruce Saddler. Birthdays for the current and upcoming month are posted in each edition of the Spokin' Word (Thank you Dave Cardarella.)

Sympathy/Get-Well announcements

Wishes for a full recovery were sent to Toni Powell, Jim Garofalo, Tom Stuechile, Tom Kinney in April.

It was discussed and agreed that to protect members' privacy, get-well wishes will no longer be announced unless the individual has given permission to share the knowledge of the health event with the club. Cards will continue to be sent as in the past.

Vice-President - Bob Evans

May Meeting Program - Ernie's Bike Shop on bike fitting. They will be giving away a free bike fitting at the meeting.

September Meeting Program - Tentative: Clarence Bechter, author of *The Time of My Life*, will talk about his 3,000 mile bike ride from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Bob has contacted him, but has not firmed up.

Poker Run - May 16th. John Shaeffer will take Jim Herberger's place. Sally suggested relieving the first station at 11:00am rather than noon since there won't be riders coming after that. Canopies - Dave has the 2 club canopies. Thom can not be there this year, but will give his canopy to John Shaeffer. Lincoln Park has a pavilion, so it won't need a canopy (WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE PAVILLION IS NOT RESERVED/IN USE). Dave will check with Ernie's to see if they can provide a canopy. Dennis Updike might have a canopy.

Road Captain - Sharon Fritts

There are currently 64 rides scheduled for May, hosted by 8 ride leaders.

Treasurer - Roy Schlabach

The Key Bank checking account and cash balance as of April 30, 2026 was \$14,518.70. We took in \$1,216.00 in dues for the month. Total disbursements were \$221.60.

We have taken in \$1,298 less in membership dues than was budgeted. This will affect our spending as the year proceeds. Sally mentioned that if we open the Florida trip to the Akron Bike Club, that could bring in additional members.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Kiwanis Ride / Bill Johnson

This is a ride being organized by the Kiwanis in honor of Bill Johnson to raise money for a scholarship program. They intend it to be a continuing fund that will be initially endowed at \$100,000. They have already raised \$85,000, and need to raise \$15,000 more. The ride will be a short bike ride on the Towpath, with snacks. The Kiwanis will ask for donations from riders. Any rider donating \$100 or more, will have their name printed on the event T-shirt. A date has not yet been set. They are thinking sometime during June, July or August. Dave will update us as he gets more information.

Donation from the Club - Elaine Snively had suggested the club donate \$100 to the cause. We are under budget with dues, so there is currently no money for the club to donate. Instead, we will pass a hat at the club meeting and donate the collected money to the Kiwanis in Bill's name to be used for the Joseph Krispinsky Scholarship Fund.

Ice Cream Coupons

Dave Cardarella would like to get approval to purchase ice cream coupons for the police youth helmet program. SCBC budgeted \$150 for these coupons, with 3 communities each receiving \$50 for coupons. The three communities this year will be Dalton, Canal Fulton and North Canton. Sharon will get the coupons for Dalton. Rob will talk with Cherry St. Creamery in Canal Fulton. Dave Cardarella can purchase coupons for North Canton.

Florida

It was agreed to do more promoting of the trip within the club to hopefully get more people interested. It was also agreed to offer the trip to Akron Bike Club members who might be interested. They would be required to become SCBC members in order to participate in the trip.

Sharon suggested charging a non-refundable registration fee to reduce cancellations and encourage people to commit. It's too late to do this for the January 2027 trip because it's already in the Spokin' Word without the registration fee. It was agreed that we should enact a registration fee for the Florida 2028 trip. Registration Fees would be non-refundable and would not apply toward hotel accommodations.

Exec Board Minutes continued...

Poker Run

Dave will have sign up forms at Tuesday's meeting to try to fill the remaining empty slots.

The club will be offering free 1-year club memberships for new members signing up on the day of the Poker Run. Dave will print membership forms to have available on the day of. Dave will check if he has any signage to advertise this offer. Rob said he can laminate signage if needed.

July 4th Picnic

The picnic will be held July 4th, at the Canal Fulton Senior Center. We have use of the facility (indoors and outdoors) for the full day, so the event will take place rain or shine. The indoor facility is air conditioned so members can get out of the heat if they so desire. There is no grill on site, so Dave will bring a grill. We will offer morning rides (8:00am long ride; 9:00am short ride; 10:00am towpath ride)? Lunch will be served at 12:30. The club will provide burgers and hot dogs. Dave will be smoking pork butts. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share. An RSVP list will be sent out via email so we know approximately how much food to purchase.

Annual Awards Banquet Budget - Fran Massaro

Catering/Non-Catering costs necessary for November's annual banquet were provided to the board. The catering choices reflect an effort to provide quality food, service and environment while keeping the per-person cost well below La Pizzeria's cost of \$47.50. Moving the event to the Central Park Community Hall in Green and hiring a caterer will reduce the total per person cost to \$28-\$30. A bare-bones, budget-friendly option of pizza with members bringing covered dish appetizers/salads/dessert (approximately \$12/person) was also debated. Regardless of the choice, club members will need to take on additional tasks: covering dining tables, self-service beverage, BYOB alcohol, clearing dining tables at end of meal, making coffee (self-serve), cleanup of facility and removal of trash. The Triple Crown Raffle will need to be eliminated due to gambling prohibition.

It was agreed to let the members determine which option they prefer - \$30 banquet style menu, or \$12 pizza/covered dish. Ben will send out a survey to the membership asking which they prefer. If the preference is for a catered format, the caterer will need to be chosen and deposit paid in order to lock in availability and pricing.

Insurance Coverage for Alcohol

The club needs to add coverage for alcohol to its policy. Our existing policy does not cover us for any alcohol-related claims. Since alcohol is consumed at the July 4th picnic, Oktoberfest and the annual banquet, as well as club meetings and the Florida trip, this is a gap in the club's coverage. Lake Shore Insurance will add an alcohol rider for an annual fee of \$100. This rider will cover all club events where alcohol is consumed.

Additionally, the City of Green requires that the club provide a Certificate of Liability for \$1,000,000.00 naming the city as an additional insured for the November 7th banquet. Lake Shore charges \$40 for this certificate. Our insurance renews July 1st. Roy is investigating other insurance companies for comparison coverage and pricing.

Dave asked for a motion to add the rider for alcohol coverage. Roy motioned that we add an alcohol coverage rider to the club's insurance policy. Bruce Treiber seconded the motion. Sharon Fritts abstained. All other members voted in favor. The motion carried. The coverage will be added at renewal time (July 1st).

Website - Ben Young

The new membership directory has been difficult to update and add new members, so Ben has been working on a new system that is much easier to manage. The only limitation is the number of fields that can be presented. Ben had to pick between showing birthday or a second contact (emergency contact). He asked the board to debate which is preferable. It was agreed that emergency contact information is more important than the members' birthdays.

Ben alerted us that when someone googles Stark County Bicycle Club right now, the first link that comes up is the old Facebook page. This was promised to be taken down a year ago, but that has not happened. Nick will investigate to see if we can petition Facebook to remove this page for us.

The top three pages visited on the new website are: Home Page, Schedule, Spokin' Word.

Velo - James Ruberti

James talked about the Velosano Bike to Cure ride. This is a charity ride for cancer research sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic. James would like to get more club members participating in this ride. There is a \$140 entry fee and \$500 minimum donation amount. Participating members should register with the Taussig Cyclotrons group. They offer matching donations of varying amounts. The ride takes place September 19th, with a kick-off dinner the night before (September 18th).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dave asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sally motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion was carried and Dave adjourned the meeting at 5:33 PM.

Submitted,
Frances Massaro
Recording Secretary

SCBC Membership Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026 @ 7:00PM
Canal Grille, Canal Fulton, OH

Attendees:

Dave Swinehart, Fran Massaro, Sally Griffiths, Sharon Fritts, Ben Young, Bruce Treiber, Thom Spellman, Roy Schlabach, Rob Stewart, Elaine Snively, John Snively, Paul Tucci, Bill Mishler Don Burrier, Mike Mundt, Rich Hoffman, Connie Hoffman, Debby Mohler, Madalyn Swinehart, Mike Figg, Lucy Figg, John Shaeffer, Peg Stoner, Karen Erdos, Bill Simons, Karen Schlabach, Bill Flaherty, Denny Simon, Molly Lehman. Guests Deb Lehman, Jonah Casper, Lucy Casper.

Opening Remarks

President Dave Swinehart opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Tonight's program is a presentation by Bill Flaherty of Ernie's Bike Shops.

Fran Massaro

Birthdays for the month of May are as follows: Steve Kosunick, Beth Sinacore, Thom Spellman, Dave Cardarella, Stephen Spring, Jen Novak, Emily Helms, Bob Mueller, Erik Nedelcu, Andrew Hodgson, Bill Allen, Eric Johnson, Tom Lytton, Cindy Eicher, Nate Hand, Carolyn Burrier, Jim Baker, Bruce Treiber, Fran Massaro, Bruce Saddler. Birthdays for the current and upcoming month are posted in each edition of the Spokin' Word (Thank you Dave Cardarella.)

Sympathy/Get-Well announcements - Lucy

Lucy reported that she mailed get well cards to 4 club members in April.

Dave Swinehart mentioned that to protect members' privacy, get-well wishes will no longer be announced unless the individual has given permission to share the knowledge of the health event with the club. Cards will continue to be sent as in the past.

Vice-President - Bob Evans (not attending)

May Meeting Program - Ernie's Bike Shop on bike fitting. They will be giving away a free bike fitting at the end of the program.

June, July and August - No Club Meetings.

September Meeting Program - Held at Walther's Twin Tavern. Tentative program: Clarence Bechter, author of *The Time of My Life*, will talk about his 3,000 mile bike ride from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Bob has contacted him, but has not firmed up.

Poker Ride - The Poker Ride takes place May 16th. Proceeds from this ride are split 50/50 between the club and MAGI. The volunteer schedule has been adjusted to let the first station volunteers leave at 11:00am rather than noon since there won't be riders coming after that time. Sufficient canopies are available for the event. Mike Figg expressed concern about the optional miles route near the Village Green in Dalton and the potential for riders to get confused at the landfill. Dave has spoken with Ernie's and they will be placing signage directing riders to the park.

Treasurer - Roy Schlabach

The Key Bank checking account and cash balance as of April 30, 2026 was \$14,518.70. We took in \$1,216.00 in dues for the month. Total disbursements were \$221.60.

We have taken in \$1,298 less in membership dues than was budgeted. This will affect our spending as the year proceeds.

Road Captain - Sharon Fritts

There are currently 64 rides scheduled for May, hosted by 8 ride leaders

Statistician's report - Bruce Treiber

Mileage stats have been updated on the website. There are currently 44 participants in the Total Miles Challenge. Bruce will begin the process of validating rides to identify accidental duplication of mileage or accidental inclusion of trainer miles. He'll contact riders if there are any questions regarding recorded miles.

Advocacy - Dave Cardarella (submitted via email)

The Ohio Bike Federation (OBF) has not committed any funds for the grant program this year.

There are a lot of news stories about states considering new ebike laws. The new laws are an attempt to regulate e-moto bikes that have more than 750 watt motors with speeds of 30, 40, 50 or even 60 mph. So far, there is no activity in Ohio regarding this. The problem was discussed at the OBF meeting in April and a committee is being formed.

In his email Dave Cardarella asked if the board has budgeted money for ice cream coupons this year. The board has budgeted \$150 for ice cream coupons to be given out by local police to kids practicing safe-riding by wearing helmets. The coupons will be split between three communities, with each community receiving \$50 in coupons. The three communities this year will be Dalton, Canal Fulton and North Canton. Sharon Fritts will get the coupons for Dalton. Rob Stewart will talk with Cherry St. Creamery in Canal Fulton. Dave Cardarella will purchase coupons for North Canton.

Newsletter - Dave Cardarella

The May newsletter was posted to the website today, and members were notified via email.

Membership Minutes continued...

New Member Rep - Lindsay Hart (Not attending)

Lindsay plans to begin contacting new members this week.

Membership Chairman - Thom Spellman

As of April 30, 2026 there are 323 current members. There were six new memberships in April. They are:

Dave Keller of North Canton (Double Chainring)
Kevin Holland of Uniontown
Michael and Colleen Dennis of Canton, (Triple Chainring)
Daniel Greer of Canton
Chris Miller of Wooster

We have 36 Patron Memberships. Thank-you patrons. New Patron memberships for April are:

Dave Keller - Double Chain Ring patron
Michael and Colleen Dennis - Triple Chain Ring patrons

Membership Expiration date was April 30th. 52 Memberships still need to be renewed (20%). Thom will send out a 'Last Notice' to prompt for renewals. Any member not renewing by May 30th will be removed from RWGPS on that date.

Cartographer - Rob Stewart

No new routes were added in April.

Revised Routes:

131- Al Leno to Waterloo 22 & 36 mile routes.

Abbreviated the cues for easier reading on devices.

22 mile: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37722391>

36 mile: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/37722417>

216- Flickinger Hill Ride

Added cues to the route. This was originally a Map My Ride route.

This is a 66 mile route with 3,556' in ascent.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/54845986>

Note: This route needs additional revising before using. Smithville-Western Rd. is too busy for safe cycling for such a long distance.

Rob, Bruce and Sharon will go through the Route Library to look at older routes to determine any that need to be revised to get riders off of high-speed/high traffic roads. All riders are asked to let Rob, Bruce or Sharon know if there are routes needing to be re-routed. Rides that cross Rt. 21 at Grill or Edwards Rd. need to be rerouted due to the reconfiguration of those intersections at Rt. 21. There are other rides that will need to be rerouted for similar reasons.

Website - Ben Young

The new membership directory has been difficult to update and add new members, so Ben has been working on a new system that is much easier to manage. The only limitation is the fields that can be presented. Ben had to pick between showing a birthday or a second contact (emergency contact). The board agreed that emergency contact information is more important than the members' birthdays. Ben is also currently working on navigational improvements for the Routes Library. The top three pages visited on the new website are: Home Page, Schedule, Spokin' Word.

Community Outreach:

North Canton Kids Rodeo: This event will be held July 18th from 9:00am-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed 8:45am-12:00pm. Denny Simons will chair. He is going to put a tent up at the event, and will have 10-12 kids and adults with him doing bike maintenance and demos. Denny passed around a signup sheet for additional volunteers to staff the event. Please contact Denny if you are able to help with this event

North Canton Kids Tri: No date yet

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Kiwanis Ride / Bill Johnson

This is a ride being organized by the Kiwanis in honor of Bill Johnson to raise money for the Joseph Krispinski scholarship fund which goes to Jackson, Glenoak and Aquinas seniors who are members of the Key Club. The fund is endowed at \$100,000, and they have already raised \$85,00. The bike ride will be a fund-raiser to help them raise the additional \$15,000. The ride will be a short bike ride on the Towpath, with snacks. The Kiwanis will ask for donations from riders (\$25/rider suggested). Any rider donating \$100 or more will have their name printed on the event T-shirt. A date has not yet been set. They are thinking sometime during June, July or August. Dave Swinehart will update us as he gets more information.

Donation from the Club - Elaine Snively had suggested at the April meeting that the club donate \$100 to the cause. We are under budget with dues, so there is currently no money in the budget for a club donation. Instead, we will pass a hat at tonight's meeting and donate the collected money to the Kiwanis in Bill's name to be used for the Joseph Krispinsky Scholarship Fund.

Membership Minutes continued...

Florida

Sally reminded members that the Island Sun has extended a special rate: standard room (King or Queen double) rate of \$109 plus tax per night. If we book and actually **check in twenty (20) rooms** under SCBC, the Island Sun will adjust our rate to \$99 plus tax per night. Any cancellation that will drop us below 20 rooms will make the \$99 rate not applicable to all!

When you call the Island Sun to make your reservation you will need to mention you are with the Stark County Bicycle Club to get our special rate. It is very important to be committed to doing this trip before you book a room at the Island Sun. Too many cancellations over the past 5+ years has really damaged our relationship with the Island Sun. Cancellation Policy: The guest can cancel free of charge until Dec.15, 2026. Once your reservation is made, please email or text Sally with your information, including your room number for her communications sheet.

To help reach the goal of 20 rooms, we are offering the trip to any Akron Bike Club members who might be interested. They would be required to become SCBC members in order to participate in the trip.

Poker Ride

Dave circulated sign-up forms during tonight's meeting to try to fill the remaining empty slots. The club will be offering free 1-year club memberships for new members signing up on the day of the Poker Ride. Membership forms and promotional signage will be available on the day of the event.

July 4th Picnic

The picnic will be held July 4th, at the Canal Fulton Senior Center. We have use of the facility, indoors and outdoors, for the full day, and the event will take place rain or shine. The indoor facility is air conditioned, allowing members to get out of the heat (or rain) if they desire. We will offer morning rides (tentative schedule - 8:00am long ride; 9:00am short ride; 10:00am towpath ride). Lunch will be served at 12:30. The club will provide burgers and hot dogs (and turkey dogs). Dave will be smoking pork butts for pulled pork. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share. An RSVP list will be sent out via email so we know approximately how much food to purchase.

Annual Awards Banquet Budget - Fran Massaro

The per person cost of the meal and appetizers for January's banquet was \$43, of which the club paid \$8/person. Costs continue to rise, so the board has been looking at ways to restructure the event to bring this cost down. We have reserved the Central Park Community Hall in Green (1755 Town Park Blvd, Green, OH 44685) for the event in November. All members should have received an email today with a link to a survey. We want to hear from all members - do they want a casual, budget-friendly meal (pizza and covered dish at approximately \$12/person), or a more formal, banquet-style meal (at approximately \$30/person). Please complete this survey ASAP. We will proceed with planning the dinner based on whichever style receives the most votes.

After discussion, some members expressed a wish to re-cast their votes based upon hearing more detail of the two proposed meal formats. Votes can be recast and the vote with the most recent timestamp will be the vote that is counted.

Insurance Coverage for Alcohol

The club needs to add coverage for alcohol to its policy. Our existing policy does not cover us for any alcohol-related claims. Since alcohol is consumed at the July 4th picnic, Oktoberfest and the annual banquet, as well as club meetings and the Florida trip, this is a gap in the club's coverage. Lake Shore Insurance will add an alcohol rider for an annual fee of \$100. This rider will cover all club events where alcohol is consumed.

Additionally, the City of Green requires that the club provide a Certificate of Liability for \$1,000,000.00 naming the city as an additional insured for the November 7th banquet. Lake Shore charges \$40 to issue this certificate. The board voted to add an alcohol rider to the club's insurance policy. Our insurance renews July 1st and coverage will be added at that time. Roy Schlabach is investigating other insurance companies for comparison coverage and pricing.

Velosano Bike to the Cure

The Velosano Bike to Cure ride is a charity ride for cancer research sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic. James Ruberti participates in this event and would like to get more club members participating as well. There is a \$140 entry fee and \$500 minimum donation amount. Participating members should register with the Taussig Cyclotrons group. They offer matching donations of varying amounts. The ride takes place September 19th, with a kick-off dinner the night before (September 18th). For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.velosano.org/bike-to-cure/>.

Stats, Facts and Truths Contest

This month's Stats, Facts and Truths question was: What animal is on the back of the new Ernie's Bike Shops new jersey? Tonight's winner was Lucy Figg, with the correct answer: Raccoon.

Adjournment - 7:30pm

Dave asked if there were any additional comments or questions. There being none, Dave asked for a call to adjourn the meeting. Sally Griffiths motioned for adjournment. Ben Young seconded the motion.

Program

Following a brief break Denny Simons with Junior Cycling updated us on the program. Junior Cycling is open to kids in grades 5 through 12, and costs approximately \$400 (\$150 program fee plus race entry fees and jerseys). This is the 6th season for the team. The first year they had 3 kids participating; last year they had 27. President Dave Swinehart presented Denny with a check for a \$350 donation to the program from the club. The team uses the money that SCBC donates each year to help pay for the kids' jerseys and race fees.

Membership Minutes continued...

.Next up was Bill Flaherty from Ernie's Bike Shops. Bill conducts bike fits at Ernie's Bike Shop in North Canton. Professional bike fits can help increase your overall comfort, reduce pain and improve performance when cycling. Each bike fit is customized for your body and goals, and includes evaluating your saddle, shorts, cleats and shoes - not just the bike itself. The fits are conducted in-store and are specific to your bike and equipment.

A bike fit costs \$99 and helps you get the most out of your bike and your body. They are recommended for anyone thinking of purchasing a new bike, as well as existing bike owners. If you haven't had a bike fit in several years (or have never had one), now is the time to do it.

To schedule a bike fit you can contact Bill Flaherty by email at Bill@erniesbikeshop.com or online at: <https://www.erniesbikeshop.com/bikefit>. You can also call the store at: 330-494-5323.

Meeting attendees had the chance to submit their names for a free drawing, with the winner receiving a free \$99 bike fit. Roy Schlabach was the lucky winner!

Submitted,
Frances Massaro
Recording Secretary



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 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

2026 SCBC Commuter Miles

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
John Ash				104	79	139							-
Mark Bruce	82	130	75	216									-
Dave Cardarella	435	348	435	337	382	349							2,286
Rich Grella													-
Ken Hlavac	267	316	329										912
Mary Hlavac	33	53	57										143
Marilyn Perdue	435	348	435	337	382	349							2,286
Toni Powell			15										15
Don Royer	560	530	734	160									1,984
Linda Shaheen													-
Paul Tucci					51								51
SCBC total													7,626

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Mark Bruce

Commuter miles	
2025	18,533
2024	11,908
2023	17,657
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