



LCBC – Lorain County Bicycle Club
June 2021 Newsletter

May is in the books and June is on the way. Memorial Day weekend was a difficult one for bicyclists forcing the cancellation of the Saturday JJJ. Sunday was better and 16 riders showed up for the final Sunday ride of the month.



Our regular photographer, Nancy, was busy finishing bike assembly forcing me to take the pictures.



On Memorial Day, the club planned two rides. One group was heading to Savannah to to the southern part of the JJJ while a second group was doing a 30+ mile loop from CVS in Oberlin.

During the month, several club members traveled, but only Denny and Karla made their travels bicycle related. They booked rooms at Hincapie's Hotel Domestique. Once there, they cycled several of the famous routes including a

climb of Mt. Skyuka - a 59-mile route with 5,776 feet of climbing. Way to lead the club, Karla and Denny!



Last Tuesday, a LCBC club meeting was held in President Denny's back yard. All officers except secretary Jeff Hobbs who was out of town attended. Welcome back, Louise. In all fourteen members were present. Karla graciously filled in for Jeff and took minutes. The first order of business was the much delayed banquet. Jeff Stacklin has been leading the planning effort and has negotiated with the Amherst Brew Kettle to hold our banquet on their back patio from 6 P.M. to ?, Monday, June 21st.

Jennifer Fraser, the membership chair, reported that we have about 24 members and that the new PayPal annual dues option has been a success. Due to a small fee owed to PayPal each time a transaction is made, the club may need to consider a small dues increase.

Jennifer and Barron suggested that we create a new, club exclusive, site on Strava to help members see what their fellow riders are doing. Currently, Strava is being used by a minority of club members.

We still need a road captain to orchestrate an overall plan for events and weekly rides. Individual ride captains are also needed and thanks to those of you who have volunteered to lead selected Sunday rides. Per the minutes taken by Karla, “There was a lengthy discussion about whether Sunday routes could/should be allowed to be changed by the road captain. All agreed that there should be no changes on the morning of the ride. After lots of back and forth, we agreed that a ride captain could change a route, but it should: 1) be done at least 48 hours in advance; 2) be basically a necessity based on strong winds or road issues; 3) the ride must still start from the same place and at the same time as published on the ride calendar. This only applies to Sunday rides.”

Barron will send out an invitation for all to use “Ride with GPS.” No obligation but it might be fun to try. I used it on May 30 and found it helpful.

Karen will be leading planning for the Red Flannel and had some needs and suggestions. Per Karla’s minutes, “She has contacted Mill Hollow, Milan, and the Depot. Mill Hollow is reluctant to open the gates for us before 8am. Problematic. But we will continue to work on them. We are paying the \$30 fee since it is easier than trying to prove our non-profit status. Milan and Depot are in the works.

Supplies: We have plenty of paper maps left over and we have wrist bands.

Food: Should we try to change over to more sanitary food service practices (individually wrapped stuff). Most present were not excited about that. Too much packaging and too much trash. Pre-packaged chip bags are fine, but it sounds like we are willing to stick to tradition for everything else.

Rest Stop Captains: Ralph, Denny, and Karla will captain Milan. Nancy will captain at Mill Hollow.

Entries: EventBrite is the portal for the Red Flannel. It works as well as PayPal.

Flyers: It was agreed that we could reduce the number of paper flyers and not send out a mailer this year. Instead we can contact via emails and have flyers at bike venues.”

Denny hopes to spearhead plans for a multiple day, out of town, club ride. Attendees at the club meeting were open to the idea but only one attendee actually expressed an interest in riding. Consequently, plans may be for 2022.