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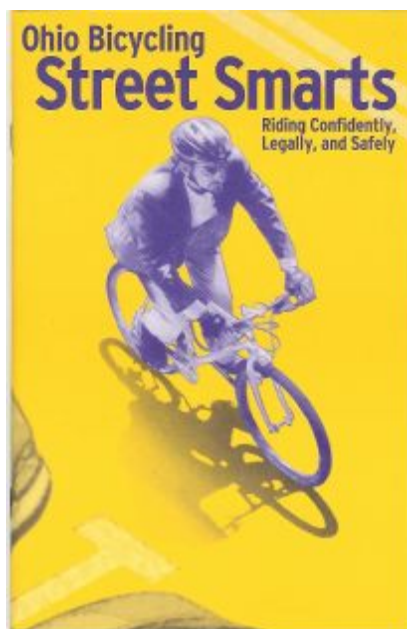
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OBF Prompts “Street Smarts” by Chuck Smith

Thanks to the Ohio Bicycle Federation urging, over 100,000 copies of John Allen’s outstanding “Street Smarts: Riding Confidently, Legally, and Safely” are being distributed throughout our state at offices of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and through bicycle clubs.

You may remember that Ohio Lieutenant Governor Maureen O’Connor spoke to us during our Second Annual Ohio Bicycle Federation “Bicycling Awareness Day” on March 22, 2002 in the Ohio State Capitol atrium. Before her presentation, we showed her the Pennsylvania “Bicycle Driver’s Manual” which includes “Street Smarts” and the Pennsylvania Law governing bicycling. She liked the idea and offered to proceed with the project. As Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, she saw that over 100,000 copies of the Ohio “Street Smarts” were printed earlier this year.

Ask for a copy of “Street Smarts” the next time you have your auto tags or license plate renewed, and remember the OBF when you get it. If for some reason they do not have a copy of Street Smarts at your local office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, send an email to Sharon Todd at sharon.todd@dot.state.oh.us or phone her at (614) 752-4685 and she will see that you get a copy.



OBF Impacts National Policies by Chuck Smith, Chair

In addition to participating in the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinance (NCUTLO) revisions of the Uniform Vehicle Code, the OBF has been active in making recommendations for changes in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), through participation in the League of American Bicyclists’ MUTCD committee. This is a second way in which we have impacted bicycle policies at the national level.

We have submitted suggestions to the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding proposed changes in the MUTCD which will impact bicyclists. We recommended that the following proposed changes in the MUTCD be approved:

1. New “ride with traffic” signs to discourage wrong-way riding.
2. New rule prohibiting placing a bike lane to the right of a right turn lane
3. Pavement markings showing where to place a bike to activate traffic signals.

We objected to a proposal which would permit the placement of raised reflective pavement markers along the right lane edge line at 10-foot intervals as these markers would present a danger to bicyclists. The proposal would change language that now prohibits such raised markers from being used along the right pavement stripe.

Need OBF Board Nominees for 2003-2004

We invite you and your friends to join us on the board of the only organization representing bicyclists on the state level in Ohio. To get your name on the ballot, send an email to Nominations Chair Brad Miter at miter@compuserve.com or write him at P. O. Box 253, Xenia, OH 45385-0253. Please submit your intentions before October 19 in order for your name to appear in the ballot, which will appear in your next Communicator issue.



“Share the Road” Auto License Plate

After passing the Ohio House unanimously, our House Bill 176 “Share the Road” auto license plate bill was stopped by one State Senator. That state senator will leave office at the end of this year. Our sponsor, Rep. Arlene Setzer of Vandalia intends to reintroduce the bill next session. Thanks for your patience.

Communicator Ad Rates

We are now accepting ads in our quarterly newsletter, “The Communicator,” which is the only statewide bicycle advocacy publication in Ohio. Here are our ad rates:

1/8 page (3.75" X 2.5"):	\$20
1/4 page (3.75" X 5")	\$40
1/2 page (7.5" X 5"):	\$80
Full page (7.5" X 10")	\$160

Please submit camera-ready copy along with your check made out to "The Ohio Bicycle Federation" and mail to OBF Communicator, 825 Olde Farm Court, Vandalia, OH 45377.



OBF Chair Chuck Smith, OBF Secretary Gordon Renkes, COPS President Kathy Hokes, and OBF Calendar Editor Jim Guilford at Lake County Bike Expo, April 1, 2002., in Kirtland.

OBF Board – Through 2002

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1/16 Page	1.9 Col. in.	2-3/8 x 1-7/8	1 col.	\$125

Payment must accompany advertising order. Deadline for inclusion is Jan. 27, 2003.
Please make checks payable to: "Ohio Bicycle Federation" and send in care of the address given above.



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The Ohio Bicycle Federation is an alliance of individuals and organizations interested in promoting the use of bicycles for recreation, transportation and sport. It serves by providing opportunities for the betterment of bicycle education, engineering, legislation, and the encouragement of activities involving the use of bicycles and by serving as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas.

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