

# Ohio Bicycle Communicator



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## “Share the Road” Auto License Plate Bill Passes House Transportation Committee



The Ohio House Transportation and Public Safety Committee voted unanimously on January 29 to approve House Bill 245, the OBF’s “Share the Road” license plate bill, sponsored by Representative Arlene Setzer of Vandalia. The vote followed testimony by OBF Chair Chuck Smith and Vice Chair Woody Ensor. The bill will soon be considered by the full House, before going to the Ohio Senate.

To encourage the Speaker of the House to schedule a vote for House Bill 245, please write to the Honorable Larry Householder, Speaker of the House, 77 High Street, Columbus, OH 43266-0603, or phone (614) 466-2500.

Our “Share the Road” license plate, featuring a bicyclist and the words “Share the Road,” will encourage motorists to share the road with bicyclists. Beyond their normal tag fee, motorists will pay \$10 additional to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to issue the plates and \$5 to the Ohio Department of Public Safety to publish additional issues of “Ohio Bicycling Street Smart,” a profusely-illustrated manual on bicycling in traffic by John Allen.

### OBF Publishes 2004 Ohio Bicycle Events Calendars

Editor Jim Guilford has done another masterful job on our *2004 Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar*. Go to [www.ohiocycling.info/OBEC.html](http://www.ohiocycling.info/OBEC.html) to see the latest web version, including post-printing updates. If you would like a paper copy, please send a stamped (two first-class) self-addressed #10 envelope to Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar, P.O. Box 33249, North Royalton, OH 44133-0249.

## Ohioan Named New League Region 4 Director



The League of American Bicyclists Board on March 6 selected Brenda Pulley of Shaker Heights, Ohio, to serve the remainder of the term of S. Mark Terman, who resigned his Region 4 Directorship. Region 4 includes Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. Pulley had served as an at-large member of the Board.

A bike racer for fun, Pulley earns her living as Vice President of Corporate Communications and Government Relations for Alcan Rolled Products, Americas and Asia.

With 15 years of legislative, trade association and corporate government relations experience, Pulley was a valuable member of Team Ohio at the League Summit, as we lobbied the Ohio Congressional delegation in support of a bicyclist friendly six-year renewal of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

## Advocates Bring Cycling Message to Ohio Congressional Delegation During League Summit



Ohio was well represented during the League of American Bicyclists' Summit March 3-5 in Washington, D.C. In addition to League Board Member Brenda Pulley, Ohio advocates in attendance included (left to right) bike shop owner and city councilman Bud Miller of Upper Sandusky, Central Ohio Bicycle Advocacy Coalition President John Gideon of Columbus, and OBF Chair Chuck Smith. In the picture at right, Smith and Ohio Bicycle Dealers Association Executive Director Dominic Liberatore of Shaker Heights return to Capitol Hill during the annual Summit bicycle tour. The sixth Ohio participant in the Summit was Doug Hamilton of Bike Wise in Oxford.

Miller said afterwards, "I felt that the Summit was very well put together and the League did a very good job with not only the Summit but the scheduling of our visits with legislators."

We visited the offices of most members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, urging inclusion of pro-cycling language in the 6-year renewal of TEA-21. The House version of this bill was passed on April 2, including much of this language. A House/Senate Conference Committee will resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions after the Easter recess.

## Proposed Mandatory Bike Helmet Bill

Senate Bill 157, which would require all Ohioans under the age of 18 to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle on public roads, was introduced on December 3, 2003 by Senator Tom Roberts of Trotwood.

Senators Marc Dan and Theresa Fedor are co-sponsors of this legislation.

The bill was assigned to the Ohio Senate Highways and Transportation Committee. As of this writing, there has been no hearing on this bill.

## We Miss Barry Rosenfeld, Long-Time CCC President

Ohio cycling lost a good friend on December 11, 2003 when former Cincinnati Cycle Club (CCC) President and Chili Century organizer Barry Rosenfeld passed away.

Don Burrell of the Ohio Bicycle Federation Board said, "Barry understood advocacy." On October 26, 1991, Rosenfeld staged the first "Bicycle Cincinnati Day" with the Cincinnati City Council. He helped the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) MPO prepare its first Bike Plan in 1993, as member of OKI Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Rosenfeld served twice as CCC President, totaling seven years. He created and organized for many years one of the club's key tours, the "Chili Century." He was also involved in ultra-marathon cycling, creating a "24+ Hour Challenge" in Cincinnati, and supporting a CCC participant in the Race Across America (RAAM).

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Ride participants are responsible for their own meals. Those choosing not to tent camp are responsible for their own lodging. Several accommodations nearby are offering discounted rates. That list is available upon request. Event information is subject to change and participants are encouraged to check frequently for updates.

# OBF to Meet April 18 at Lake MetroParks' Bike Expo

Join us on Sunday, April 18, 2004 for a fun time at the Lake County MetroParks' Bike Expo. The event will take place in Lake Farm MetroPark, 8800 Chardon Road (U.S. 6) in Kirtland, east of Cleveland (see star on map below). The OBF meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The OBF will erect a display which will stand on the Bike Expo exhibit floor from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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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.

**Membership Levels**

- 1 Year - Single \$20, Family \$25, Supporting/Organization \$50, Sustaining \$100
- 2 Years - Single \$35, Family \$45, Supporting/Organization \$90, Sustaining \$190
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- Lifetime - \$300

**Join at the Supporting level or above and receive an OBF t-shirt so you can proudly show your support! Adult Extra Large Only**

Ohio Bicycle Federation, P.O. Box 253, Xenia, OH 45385-0253

## Reforms Needed for Ohio Bicycle Laws

The Ohio Bicycle Federation has proposed reforms for Ohio's bicycle traffic laws and we need your help to get them introduced into the legislature and passed. Two of the reforms are priorities: (1) Require uniformity of traffic laws for bicycles, as required for other vehicles. Uniformity is required to eliminate the many bad bicycle ordinances which communities have adopted throughout our state. (2) Fix the "far right rule" that encourages cyclists to ride too far to the right. These are just the most important of many needed reforms.

Please contact your state representative and state senator asking for their support. You may offer to take a ride with your legislator to demonstrate proper bicycle operation and how the law reforms will enhance safety.

We updated the advocacy page on the OBF web site to provide information to make it easy for you to contact your lawmakers. This information includes:

- A link to access your lawmakers
- A sample letter
- A complete description of the reforms and why they are needed
- A booklet addressing the reforms, in downloadable ".PDF" format

Please go to our OBF site at [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org), then click on "advocacy" for more information.