



2019 Spring Meeting

April 13, 2019; 9:00 AM

YMCA Room 306

Members Present: Jay Salge, Jama Salge, Lucas Salge, Gavin Salge, Renee Droll, Mark Droll, Tim Heinz, Nelson Morales, Fabio Leite, Rodger Rex, David Pauff, Jake Pignataro, Matt Schmunk, Randy Ingram, Bob Money, Jeremiah Hoggatt, Ken Simmers, Rick Lee, Tammie Joseph

Old Business

-October Meeting Minutes can be found on the website.

-Membership update – Total of 54 members as of today

-Club clothing, Ascend order and club member t-shirts – Nelson has the team t-shirts so contact him if you need one. Every member is entitled to one free t-shirt. Tim says the Ascend orders should be in around the middle of May. Please wear TRR apparel to Youth Rodeos, the Club Tour and any other TRR event. We order club t-shirts every 1-2 years.

New Business

1. Treasurer Report and 2019 outlook – Tim reported a current balance of \$9,031. Tour Sponsorship totals \$2,220. We plan to give back to the community.

2. Ride Schedule: 2019 schedule is on website, all current maps are available in basic PDF and RideWithGPS (<http://www.teamroadrunners.org/resources/cycling-maps/>), Tues/Thurs rides starting soon, emphasis for Saturday pathway rides, basic ride descriptions/expectations. We give kudos to Tim for the excellent job on the schedule. If anyone would like to take this over just let us know.

- Tuesday Night – NO DROP ride
- Saturday Night – NO DROP ride
- Sunday Rides – ride the 1st half together as a group at a comfortable speed and then split into groups for the second half. Communicate with each other.
- Ride together as groups. Having many riders scattered is very dangerous when cars try to pass.
- Ride together as a group when starting out and also when entering a small community, town or city.
- Sharing the road works both ways. Stay 3 feet to the right of the center line when riding and only cross the center line when passing.
- Ride safe
- Travel with traffic
- Don't ride too close to the edge of the road because you will blend in with the mailboxes, signs and telephone poles.

Remember to practice lawful and safe cycling on all path and roadways. We have compiled a basic list of tips on our website: <http://teamroadrunners.org/resources/>

3. Community Involvement: Public Group Rides, Bike Safety Day at Wapak Firehouse Garage: Sat. May 11th, 2019 10:00 am- 1:00 pm >>>Need volunteers (2-3), WOCAP Lima Youth Rodeo May 18th at 10 AM. 540 S. Central Ave. (need volunteers), Bike and Pedestrian Task Force, Wheel House. Please support these events and let Jay know if you can volunteer. Larry and Ginny Cress put a lot of work into the Wheelhouse. Feel free to help them out when you have time. We need to set up a day when the club can help a few hours. The Bike and Pedestrian Task Force looked to our club for information on the billboards. The Wapak woman, Marlene who lost a son when he was riding a bicycle when hit by a car is very passionate about the Wapak Rodeo and educating the youth on the importance of wearing a helmet.

>>Received verbal permission for “KEEP Right” signs from JAMP on Riverwalk. If anyone has any ideas on a design please submit to the Board. We want to order and install these signs this

4. TRR Directors: No new updates. We will be progressing with our club safety and ride guidelines policy development. Expecting to add at least one board member end of year. If anyone is interested in being a board member please let us know. We need to have 5-7 board members.

5. Limaland Tour Updates – Mark passed out post cards and the sign-up sheet so we can leave post cards to let people know about our Limaland Tour on June 15th.

All riders need to register for the tour by May 25th to receive a free t-shirt. The t-shirts will be like the Rally Point t-shirts (Dry-fit material). Enroll by handing in the hard copy or go to Active.com (fee applies)

You can still ride in the tour if you volunteer. You may have to ride the 25 or 40 mile route.

We increased the tour fee by \$5.00. Here are the reasons for the increase:

- We provide insurance for the riders
- Advertisement
- Rental of the Union Hall
- We are still cheaper than most tours around the area

Tour Planning Meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30pm at 150 S. Jackson St., Lima – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

-Review status and sponsorship developments. Sponsorship has been great so far but still accepting up until the tour. Mark passed out sign-up sheet(s) for volunteer tasks prior and day of tour.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Prepare the routes
- Mark the routes
- Ride the routes
- Check for dogs
- Sweep and clear the intersections
- Shop for food
- Set up the Union Hall

Last year Honey Stinger gave us a huge discount for the tour and the volunteers were able to order products for a discount. Matt Schmunk, Ambassador for Honey Stinger, worked out a deal for all members of our club. Members can order in April and then we can place a tour order closer to the tour. Matt will track orders and everyone will need to pay Matt before the order is placed. An email will be sent out with the order form so members can place their orders. The club will pay the shipping costs. We will use some product for the bags and also at the rest stops. If we place a \$300 order Honey Stinger will give us 8 boxes of the gels. Thank you to Matt for your efforts in making this happen!!

Put out your Safety Yard Signs!

-Continued affiliation with the tri-county area tour group: Black Swamp Bike Tours

-Tour Banners/Cards: Cards are available. Banners are being reworked. 1 for Riverwalk at Wheel House and need additional location. (May/June).

6. **Special Topic:** Ohio Bicycle Laws – Our Privileges and Responsibilities

>>Look for ODOT Cycling Tips file to be loaded to our TRR website.

1. Cyclists are protected – no community can outlaw cyclists
2. Obey the rules of the road – we are considered a vehicle on the road
3. It is illegal to ride on sidewalks or against traffic
4. We are allowed to ride two abreast
5. No minimum or maximum speed for cyclists
6. Cyclists can go around standing water in the road – it is considered an obstruction on roadway
7. Allowed to pass on the left – communicate if you HAVE to pass on the right
8. Know your hand signals and use them

Two new laws:

1. When at a red stop light and you don't trigger the signal, you can make a complete stop and make sure it is safe and go through the red light.
2. Motorists are to give cyclists 3 feet when passing. In turn, cyclists need to give the motorists three feet by staying right of the center line by 3 feet.

Pathways are usually safer since they don't involve riding with traffic. They are usually nice and well maintained. Lima is very fortunate to have a 9 – 12 mile pathway that runs from one side of the city to the other side. Here are a few safety tips to be aware of when riding the pathway:

- Look for untrimmed trees
- Gravel on the path after the rain
- Pathway can be slippery with silt and scum after a rain (especially by the river side)
- Parts of the pathway crosses the street
- Bridges are wooden and are slippery at times

- If you get off of the path make sure you keep riding along the path until there is an area that is safe to get back onto the path. If you are experienced with hopping back on do so with caution
- When crossing railroad tracks, square up with the tracks before crossing and be aware of the traffic around you.
- GEESE on and around the pathway – Dave Pauff attended a training recently and shared with the club that geese will molt their feathers, and will be unable to fly for a period of about 6 weeks. This usually happens once per year and typically during the warm weather. With that being stated, please have patience when approaching a goose, geese or swans because they do not move very fast and may not be able to fly. It is for your own safety because they are very aggressive and can hurt you.