



2021 Fall Meeting Minutes

September 25th, 2021; Wheelhouse, Elm St.

Present: Jay, Lucas & Gavin Salge, Renee & Mark Droll, Lori and Troy Hooks, Bill & Kitty Hanz, Ken Simmers, Larry Trevino, Paul Good, Bob Money, Bob Leonard, Tammie Joseph

Welcome: Review of 2021. Recent Lima Bike Rodeo. (Jay)

Jay opened the meeting with thanking Larry and Ginny Cress for opening the doors to the Wheelhouse. They provided coffee, juice, water and muffins for all of us to enjoy. "THANK YOU"!!

The Lima Bike Rodeo was held on September 18th with three volunteers from our club: Bob Money, Ken Simmers and Jay Salge. Thank you for volunteering your time to help the kids with learning about bicycle safety. Encourage young kids to wear a helmet for their own safety. Too many bike accidents result in head injuries that can change lives. The earlier you start wearing a helmet the easier it is to create a habit and the kids won't think about getting on a bike without putting on their helmet.

Read the by-laws for our club. There is a lot of good information.

1. Financials and Membership:

>Treasurer Report – Tim does an excellent job as our Treasurer. Thank you to Tim for doing such a great job. The balance at the beginning of 2021 was \$8,443.03 and is currently \$7,943.03. The expenses paid were insurance and membership to League of American Bicyclists.

>Membership count – 66 members. We had nine new members join our club this year. 2020 memberships were carried over to 2021 so members did not have any dues for 2021. Membership dues reset every January.

2. Limaland Tour:

>Fully planning to return in 2022 as of now. Union Hall venue on Bible Rd. reserved for June 18th, 2022. Ideas: routes, give aways, food trucks vs meal? (Mark and Tammie)

We plan to hold the tour on June 18, 2022. Spread the word and plan to ride. We will be updating our sponsorship form and emailing to everyone. Please reach out and help get some sponsors. Sponsors can donate money or trinkets for our give away bags.

Mark will contact the Lafayette group to check availability for our rest stop.

The only tours in the area are Ride to Remember, River Ride and the Ohio Script.

3. Ride Schedule:

Review 2021. Suggestions for 2022. Any safety or other concerns? 2022 area tours?

Standard Rides: Tuesday No Drop 60-90 min.; Wednesday 25-30 miles @ 15-17 mph; Saturday destination/longer/alternate/multigroup; Sunday med. Distance multi group if needed.

>SUNDAYS: This is one of the most talked about ride days. There are many ideas, but nothing seems to take a strong majority to make any changes. Many riders have wide range of requests for Sunday rides. This continues to be a difficult day to determine what is best for the club.

-Move time? If so, when?

-Keep distance 20-35 in general?

-Define speed? If so, what? Or typically expect two or three groups?

Some of the rides were changed in 2021 to get more riders to attend. Feel free to offer suggestions for the rides. Board members attend the rides and there aren't any unsolved issues. Nine new members is encouraging.

Suggestion to add a "fast ride" on Wednesday and change the speed on the existing ride to 14-16 mph average. This will encourage more riders to come out and ride knowing that the faster group will be riding on their own.

Suggestion to change the time on the Sunday rides to late afternoon. Attendance is low on Sundays. Change the time to correspond with the Tuesday and Wednesday ride schedule time.

The board will review and discuss the following concerning the ride schedule:

- Switching the August and September meeting locations due to a lot of traffic at Shawnee in September
- Adding a "fast ride" on Wednesdays
- Sunday ride time change

4. Community Service/Cycling Promotion:

Planning new club shirts for 2022. All 2022 members will receive new shirts. Full enrollment will return for 2022. Let a board member know if you don't have the old club t-shirt. Only a few select sizes available.

Club Ascend clothing order is open. Tim sent an email to all members letting them know that they can order TRR jerseys. Only active members can order TRR jerseys. Tim sent out the sample of the new red, white, and blue jersey, however, there is interest in a more "patriotic" jersey to wear on the different holidays throughout the year. The board will discuss other options before this is finalized.

Keep Right pathway paint graphics update after recent Task Force meeting. Have a rough budget and possible stencil manufacturer. Rough budget: \$400-800. Thank you to Jay for attending the Bike and Pedestrian Task Force meeting in September to present the "KEEP RIGHT" initiative for the bike path. This is a slow process, but it will help to educate the people using the bike path.

Safety reminders:

- Stay together at the intersections and know where all riders are when you call out that it is safe to cross. There have been some close calls when crossing intersections. It is safer to stop and wait instead of beating the traffic.
- Stop at stop signs especially when around traffic
- Stop at 4 way stop signs if there is traffic. Lately there have been several observations of drivers running 4 way stop signs.
- When riding through cities, towns, or townships, please stay together as a group.
- Do not ride over the center line

5. Questions?

6. Tech Discussion:

Chain maintenance or tire/tube changing techniques including Road Tubeless. [Jay did an excellent job demonstrating and teaching members tire/tube changing techniques.](#)

Thanks to Wheelhouse and Larry Cress for hosting meeting!