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## OBF's Safer Passing Bill in Ohio House Transportation Committee



Please ask your state representative to support your Ohio Bicycle Federation's Safer Passing Bill!

Rep. Mike Henne of Vandalia introduced House Bill 145 on April 30. The above photo was taken after OBF and others testified in support of House Bill 145 in May before the Ohio House Transportation Committee.

If passed, our bill would make two improvements in the Ohio Revised Code for Ohio's bicyclists:

1. Require that Ohio motorists leave at least three feet of clearance when passing bicyclists.
2. Permit all Ohio vehicles (including bicycles) to proceed into an intersection after stopping and yielding right-of-way.

Visit our OBF website at [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org) for full details and updates on our bill status.

### OBF OHIO BICYCLIST SUMMIT MAY 13, 2014

Join your OBF and other bicycling groups in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on May 13, 2014 for our first Ohio Bicyclist Summit!

All attendees will be briefed on our House Bill 145 and other current cycling issues, then have an opportunity to attend pre-arranged meetings with their state representatives.

Organizations are encouraged to go to the Ohio Bicyclist Summit Eventbrite site at [www.eventbrite.com/e/obf-ohio-bicyclist-summit-may-13-2014-tickets-7112336189](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/obf-ohio-bicyclist-summit-may-13-2014-tickets-7112336189) to register for a display table for the Summit.

The Summit will take place in the atrium from 9am to 3pm, the same space used for our OBF Bicycling Awareness Day on June 4.

The photos above show OBF Secretary Tricia Kovacs, OBF Chair Chuck Smith, House Transportation Committee Chair Rep. Rex Daschroder, and Queen City Bike President Frank Henson during June's OBF Bicycling Awareness Day in the Statehouse Atrium.

## OBF HOSTS BICYCLING AWARENESS DAY

Your OBF hosted its fifth Bicycling Awareness Day on June 4, 2013 in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium.

OBF House Bill 145 sponsor Rep. Mike Henne of Vandalia kicked off the event with a rousing speech in support of the legislation (photo left)

Next, OBF Chair Chuck Smith presented long-time OBF Board Member Fred Oswald with the OBF Horace Huffman Service to Ohio Cycling Award (left).

Ohio Wheelmen Captain Richard DeLombard pedaled his vintage penny-farthing bicycle around the atrium (below). He then taught Kate Moening of the Safe Routes to School National Partnership to ride his penny farthing (below).

Don Burrell, Dean of the OBF Board, poses with OBF Secretary Tricia Kovacs at his Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana display (below).

Kate joins Kirsten Frank of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and new ODOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Julie Walcoff at the MVRPC display (below).



## OBF AT OHIO TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

Your OBF represented Ohio cyclists for the fourth consecutive year during the Ohio Department of Transportation's Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference in the Columbus Convention Center October 22-23, 2013. OBF Secretary Tricia Kovacs is shown at the OBF OTEC display.

OBF hosts a booth at the exhibit hall to share our work and to network with transportation professionals. Tricia met and talked with several ODOT representatives, including district and central office engineers, Director Jerry Wray and Traffic Operations Administrator David Holstein. Tricia's discussions with engineers focused on HB 145, the rumble stripe issues (handing out our requests for changes to their policy) and requests to use the BMUFL signs.

The conference includes numerous presentations of interest to cyclists. All of the presentations will be available online at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/engineering/OTEC/Pages/>

ODOT shared their current pro-

gress report, which shows their goals and objectives for 2013: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/policy/ODOTStrategicPlan/Documents/ODOT%20Progress%20Report%20-%20Fall%202013.pdf>



## OBF WORKS WITH ODPS ON DRIVERS EDUCATION GUIDELINES

*By Tricia Kovacs*

Ohio Bicycle Federation Board Members Keith Webb and Patricia Kovacs are participating in a review of the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) Guidelines for Drivers Education. The effort is being led by Valerie Luptak, Driver Training Manager with ODPS. This curriculum is being updated to include current practices in driver safety, new laws regarding motor vehicles, new traffic control devices and new laws for licensing, including the new online education requirements.

Keith shared a Powerpoint presentation entitled "Sharing the Road with Bicyclists" that was developed by the Adam Little Foundation in North Carolina. The course unit includes an overview of bicycle laws that motorists should know, bicycle signage and infrastructure and how motorists interact with cyclists using them,

common bike/car crashes and how to avoid them, cyclist behaviors and driver attentiveness. This course unit will be adopted by the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA). The presentation will be updated to include Ohio traffic laws.

Tricia shared a video developed by the League of Illinois Bicyclists that educates motorists on sharing the road with cyclists. These resources will be included in the new ODPS curriculum. Other topics that OBF is asking ODPS to include in the curriculum are new traffic signs and signals (including the pedestrian hybrid beacon (HAWK) and rectangular rapid flash beacon) and new infrastructure such as roundabouts and modern interchanges.



## Cincinnati's Cycling Santa Suggests Bicycle Lights for Long Winter Nights!

Your OBF has partnered with Queen City Bike in its "Queen City Blinky" program to ensure that Cincinnati cyclists who want lights on their bikes can get them, whether or not they can afford lights. Queen City Bike President and OBF Member Frank Henson bears a striking resemblance to Cincinnati's Bicycle Santa. (Photo used courtesy of Bicycle Santa).

Several months ago, funds from our OBF Share the Road License plate sales were used to purchase bicycle lights which were distributed statewide by ODOT.



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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
- 3 Years** – Single \$50, Family \$65, Supporting/Organization \$130, Sustaining \$280
- Lifetime** – \$300

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

## PLEASE JOIN US!

Complete the form below and mail it today!  
Or go to [www.ohiobike.org](http://www.ohiobike.org) and join online!

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