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OBF's 3rd Annual OBF Ohio Bicycling Summit Statehouse Atrium, February 23, 2016

by Chuck Smith, OBF Chair

Your Ohio Bicycle Federation brought the Ohio Statehouse Atrium to life on Tuesday, February 23 with our 2016 OBF Ohio Bicycling Summit!

Twenty organizations exhibited in the Statehouse Atrium.

Representatives Mike Henne (R-Vandalia) and Mike Sheehy (D-Toledo), sponsors of HB 154 which requires that motorists leave at least three feet of clearance when passing bicyclists, discussed the bill. They also discussed Rep. Sheehy's HB 88 (texting).

Rep. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville) discussed his HB 110 (increased penalties for leaving scene of accident).

ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Coordinator Julie Walcoff gave an ODOT update.

New Ohio to Erie Trail Executive Coordinator Lisa Daris gave a trail update.

Tricia Kovacs of OBF discussed "Analyzing Bicycle Crashes and Improving Safety."

Six members of the Upper Arlington High School Bicycle Racing Team (first Ohio high school racing team) visited their Senator Kris Jordan.

The Ohio State University Bicycle Racing Team and the Lady Gnar Shredders Racing Team were also in attendance.

Ohio Wheelmen Captain Rich DeLombard pedaled his 1885 Columbia penny-farthing between the display tables twice during the event, stealing the show!

Your Ohio Bicycle Federation organizes the Ohio Bicycling Summits each year. We thank our major sponsor for the 2016 OBF Ohio Bicycling Summit, the Huffy Corporation!



The Ohio State University Bicycle Racing Team addressing the Summit



Ohio Wheelman Captain Rich DeLombardi riding his penny farthing at the Ohio Bicycling Summit

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Ohio Bicycle Federation Cycling Summit Report

By John Shaeffer SCBC Vice President

A delegation from the Stark County Bicycle Club was very pleased to have been invited to attend the 3rd annual Cycling Summit held Feb 23rd at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio. Our delegation consisting of Bill and Carol Johnson, Mike Stewart, and Fran and John Shaeffer, set up a display table in the Statehouse Atrium, along with 19 other cycling and advocacy groups.

During this daylong event we were able to meet personally with State Senator Scott Oeslager and with the staffs of State Representatives Kirk Schuring and Christina Hagen. We lobbied for their support of pending legislation involving cycling safety issues and improvements to Ohio's infrastructure for both cyclists and pedestrians. Foremost among this legislation is HB154 which mandates a 3 foot safe passing berth for motorists passing cyclists on Ohio roadways. Senator Oeslager assured us of his support for this important piece of legislation as well as support for other cycling and hiking issues in the future.

During the day we also listened to talks by a number of legislators on issues they are sponsoring before both the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. Rep. Mike Henne discussed HB 154 which contains the 3 foot safe passing proposal and provisions enabling cyclists to proceed through non-detecting traffic signals. Next we heard from Representative Mike Sheehy who is a co-sponsor of HB 154 and HB 88 which would prohibit texting while driving within Ohio. Rep. Brian Hill championed HB 110 next which increases the penalty for leaving collision scenes from a misdemeanor to a felony. Finally we heard from several advocacy groups culminating in ODOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Coordinator Julie Walcoff, with an update on ODOT's future plans. OBF Chair Chuck Smith wrapped up the afternoon with his assessment of HB 154 and SB 192.

As a wrap-up of the daylong event, each group in attendance was allowed to take the podium to introduce their group and its mission. All in all it was a very productive and interesting day. We were able to lobby for support of our agenda and interact with many of the groups attending such as Columbus Outdoor Pursuits and Safe Routes to School. A final special treat was in store for us when we got to meet with the cycling teams from both Upper Arlington H.S. and The Ohio State University. Many thanks to Chuck Smith, whose tireless efforts made the OBF Ohio Cycling Summit possible.

Thank You to our Summit Exhibiting Sponsors:

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(Matt Lindsay)
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Ohio to Erie Trail (Lisa Daris)
Ohio Wheelmen (Rich DeLombard)
Queen City Bike (Frank Henson)
Safe Routes to School National Partnership (Kate Moening)
Stark County Bicycle Club (John Shaeffer)
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)
(Christine Connell)
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The Upper Arlington High School Bicycle Racing Team visited their Senator Kris Jordan.

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OBF Sponsors Adventure Summit

at Wright State University

Your Ohio Bicycle Federation sponsored the February 11 and 12 Adventure Summit in the Wright State University Student Union Building. Thanks to the OBF sponsorship, the Dayton Cycling Club, Queen City Bike, Major Taylor Cycling of Dayton, and Bike Miami Valley all received free exhibit space for the Adventure Summit!

The exciting Adventure Summit is organized by Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University. It features organizations involved in a broad range of outdoor activities.

OBF Chairman Chuck Smith gave a presentation on OBF's House Bill 152 and Senate Bill 192. These identical bills would:

Require that Ohio motorists leave at least three feet of clearance when passing bicyclists.

Permit all Ohio vehicles to proceed through an intersection after stopping and yielding right-of-way, even when not detected by the device meant to move the signal from red to green.

House Bill 152 passed the House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Safety Committee in June following OBF proponent testimony.

Your OBF gave proponent testimony before the Senate Transportation Committee for SB 192 on February 10. This bill still awaits approval by the Transportation Committee.

Please go to the "Take Action" column on the right side of the OBF website at www.ohiobike.org. Here, you will have an opportunity to easily get off an email of support for HB 154 and SB 192 to your state representative and senator. You will be linked to your state legislators after entering your zip code.

Your OBF also had a board meeting at the Adventure Summit.

Ohio Bicycle Federation supports the following legislative bills

Our latest testimony can be found in the committee notes for the dates listed

HB 110 Brandon's Law: Failure to stop after accident - increase penalty

Raises the penalty for failure to stop after an accident, when the offense results in death or an injury, from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree.

This bill passed unanimously in the House Judiciary committee and the full House and is being reviewed by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. OBF provided proponent testimony on September 30.

<http://ohiosenate.gov/committee/criminal-justice#>

HB 154 / SB 192: Motor vehicles-safe passing distance from bicycles/malfunctioning traffic lights

Motorists must provide at least 3 feet when passing cyclists.

Provides that when a traffic signal fails to detect a vehicle, the driver may proceed as if the signal is malfunctioning.

HB 154 passed in the House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee. The companion SB 192 is being reviewed by the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee. OBF provided proponent testimony on June 10.

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/armed-services-veterans-affairs-and-public-safety>

HB 88: Electronics communications devices - restrict usage

Texting while driving raised from a secondary offense to a primary offense. Police officers may stop a vehicle if operator is observed texting while driving.

Prohibits cellphone use in school zones and construction zones.

HB 88 is being reviewed by the House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee. Another bill HB 146 has passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and the Senate and is being reviewed by the House Judiciary Committee. OBF provided interested party testimony on Oct 13. We would like HB 146 to incorporate legislation from HB 88.

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/judiciary>

HB 107: Person or neighborhood association - request reduced speed limit/stop sign

Authorizes a resident of a street or neighborhood association to request the speed limit to be lowered or stop signs to be installed at an intersection.

Requires a petition signed by at least 51% of residents.

HB 107 is being reviewed by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. OBF provided proponent testimony on May 12.

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/transportation-and-infrastructure>

Contact your legislators to ask them to support these bills

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/index>

<http://www.ohiosenate.gov/senate/index>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join us March 18, 2016

as your OBF sponsors and exhibits during the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) Transportation Summit at Parkway Place, 2592 Parkway Plaza in Maumee (8 am to 2 pm).

Join us April 9, 2016

for our 3rd "OBF Day at the Cleveland Velodrome." All OBF members arriving at the Cleveland Velodrome by 10 am will receive free instruction in riding the velodrome on a track bike courtesy of Fast Track Cycling. Bring your helmet, pedals, and shoes. Cleveland Velodrome is at 5033 Broadway Ave (enter off Pershing). Join us for our 1 pm OBF meeting at Ohio City Bicycle Co-Op, 1840 Columbus Road.

Join us October 8, 2016

for our 1 pm OBF meeting in the Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd, Cincinnati, as part of the Recumbent Cycle-Con / Bicycle Tour & Travel Expo.

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