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OBF awards 4 grants to bicycle organizations and communities



Ohio Bicycle Federation will award grants from our Share the Road license plate fund to 4 organizations.

- ◆ St. Henry Catholic Church will receive \$100 for Open Street Days in 6 communities in Mercer County. 7 historic churches will open their doors for architecture tours and offer hospitality for participants. Safe cycling cue sheets and passports will provide safety and group touring etiquette to cyclists.
- ◆ Gahanna Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee will receive \$200 to purchase helmets to be distributed with the bicycles that they refurbish to be donated to the Gahanna Residents In Need organization. These bikes are unclaimed abandoned bicycles from the Gahanna Police Department.
- ◆ Columbus Outdoor Pursuits will receive \$875 to purchase a public tool kiosk to be placed in Merion Village, Columbus, near their office and to fund an education program on maintenance to be provided by Franklinton Cycleworks. This maintenance kiosk will also benefit users of the mountain bike course that will be built near the COP office on the south side of Columbus.
- ◆ Bike Miami Valley will receive \$1200 to purchase and distribute the LAB Quick Guides to cyclists in southwest Ohio. These guides will increase confidence for cyclists by instructing them on bike laws and where to ride.

Congratulations to all these organizations and thank you for your work to educate and encourage cyclists in your communities!

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OBF Day in the Cleveland Velodrome

By Chuck Smith, OBF Chair

Thanks to Fast Track Cycling, the owners and operators of the Cleveland Velodrome!

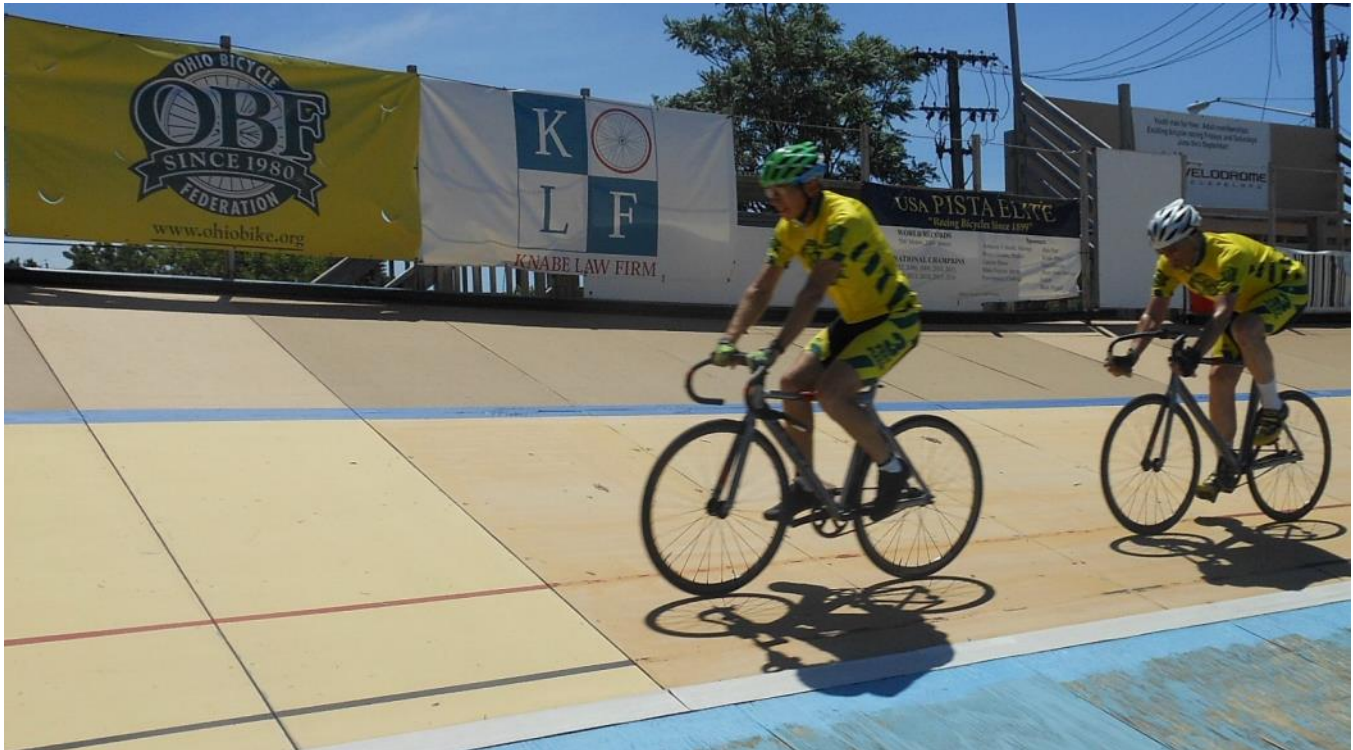
Fast Track Cycling hosted OBF in the velodrome on July 8, during our Fifth Annual OBF Day in the Cleveland Velodrome!

During the event, Fred Monago and Seth Jaffe of Fast Track Cycling gave free track cycling training to all OBF members present. OBF members included Chair Chuck Smith, Membership Director Ken Mercurio, and Secretary Tricia Kovaks.

New OBF Members Thom Hausler, Stephen Tompkins, and Jessica Deveney joined on site.

Your Ohio Bicycle Federation is a founding member of the Cleveland Velodrome, and continues to support this worthwhile project as Fast Track Cycling explores covering the Velodrome to permit use during bad weather.

In return for OBF support, Fast Track Cycling posts a huge OBF banner on the track and offers the free lessons one day each year for OBF members.



OBF board members Ken Mercurio and Chuck Smith riding on the velodrome track

Thank You for the OBF Grant

The primary goal of this educational campaign is to purchase cycling education Pocket Guides and get them into the hands of bike riders in SW Ohio. This will help people feel confident getting on their bicycles more often or for the very first time. These education guides address a major barrier preventing people to ride more; not knowing bike laws and feeling unsure/confused because the majority of bike riders don't know where or how to bike to be predictable and visible, especially in traffic. These Pocket Guides are great for kids and adults!

Emmy Fabich
Program Manager, League Cycling Instructor
Bike Miami Valley



Cycling Savvy online

Have you heard about the Cycling Savvy education program and are you interested? The courses are offered online so you can learn about the techniques in the comfort of home.
<https://online.cyclingsavvy.org/courses>

We have Ohio instructors available to bring the on-road portions of the course to your city. Please contact us if you have a group interested in that OR an in-person Truth & Techniques (the classroom portion).
<https://register.cyclingsavvy.org/instructors>

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2018 - 2019 OBF Activities

Become Part of Ohio Bicycling History at OBF Meetings and Events!

OBF Summer Meeting

Have you ever seen a bicyclist in period costume performing stunts on antique bicycles? Join us for our Saturday, July 28 OBF meeting, which will take place on site during the 2018 Wheelmen National Meet at Oberlin College!

Our meeting will start at 12 Noon in the Stevenson Hall Cafeteria,
155 North Professor Street, Oberlin, Ohio.

Join us for the fun!

OBF Display at Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC)

Your OBF will exhibit during the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC), October 2-3, 2018
Please let us know if you can assist at our display during the event.

OBF Fall Meeting

Join us on November 10 for a special tour of the Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen before our OBF meeting.

The Bicycle Museum of America has the largest collection of historic bicycles anywhere in the world. Crown Equipment Company in New Bremen bought almost the entire Schwinn vintage bicycle collection and created the Bicycle Museum of America using the Schwinn family collection as a base.

The Museum's collection of close to 1,000 bicycles is by far the largest of any bicycle museum in the world.

OBF Ohio Bicycling Summit

Join us on April 10, 2018 in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium to take an active role in statewide bicycle advocacy!

You will be trained in lobbying by a longtime statehouse lobbyist.

You will then have an opportunity to promote pro-cycling legislation by visiting your state legislator!

There will be exhibits erected by organizations which do good things for cycling, and presentations made by senators, representatives, and organization leaders.

You will have a chance to ask questions!

The theme of our 2019 OBF Ohio Bicycling Summit will be "Women in Ohio Bicycling."

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We want YOU to join our team!

Visitors to www.ohiobike.org can view the Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar to stay abreast of current cycling events, browse safety and efficiency resources, read newsletters, and view crash data assessments as well as road conditions. Whether you are a devoted cyclist, a cycling club owner or member, or if you simply care about protecting the rights of our cyclists everywhere as do we, the Ohio Bicycle Federation is for you. Why not fill out the form below and join us today?

Join below or online at www.ohiobike.org/index.php/join

In 2018, all new members and renewals will receive a custom OBF leg strap. Lifetime members will receive both a free OBF t-shirt and an OBF saddle bag. Those providing Additional Sustaining Support will receive an OBF t-shirt and OBF rear tail light (while supplies last).

Name _____
 Address _____ Apt/Suite/Comp. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 DOB _____ Email _____ Phone _____
 Do you belong to local bike clubs? Write club name here _____

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| Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 Lifetime |
| Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$350 Lifetime |
| Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Lifetime |

Additional Sustaining Support: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other: _____

Make check payable to "Ohio Bicycle Federation".

Mail completed form to: Ohio Bicycle Federation, P.O. Box 181, Monroe, OH 45050



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