

# Ohio Bicycle Communicator



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Bicycling Summit

Join us for the OBF's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Bicycling Summit on Wednesday, April 10 in the Statehouse Atrium!

State Senator and bicyclist Teresa Fedor will speak at 10 am on our theme of "Women in Ohio Cycling".

OBF Board Member and long-time Statehouse Lobbyist Jack Shaner will instruct attendees on how to promote legislation friendly to Ohio cycling with their state senators and representatives at 10:30 am.

Free food will be available to all throughout the event.

Organizations which are members of OBF may book free display space for the event by emailing [ohiobikesummit@gmail.com](mailto:ohiobikesummit@gmail.com).

April 10 will be a regular business day for the Ohio General Assembly, so state senators, representatives, and their staffs will be walking through the atrium during the event.



State Senator Teresa Fedor riding from Toledo to the Statehouse.

## OBF to offer Bicycling Development Grants in 2019

Need help funding that Open Street Project or Advocacy Ride? Need to print more educational folders and signs? You may qualify for Bicycling Development Grants ranging from \$200 to \$1,200. Funds can be used in educational programs, materials, and events like Bike to School/Bike to Work or Open Street Days.

Apply by May 31, 2019

[www.ohiobike.org/advocacy](http://www.ohiobike.org/advocacy)

Eligibility Checklist - Organizations applying must meet all the following criteria:

- Must be Ohio Bicycling Federation (OBF) member in good standing status
- Must hold a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), or (7) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conduct activities within the United States
- Grant requestor must match at least 20% of the requested grant
- OBF will not support infrastructure programs

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## OBF Planning meeting January 26 at Murphy/Epson in Columbus

Leading Ohio transportation advocate and Murphy Epson and Engage Public Affairs President Marie Keister hosted our January 26 OBF Biennial Planning and Goal Setting Meeting.

After unanimously approving our 2019 OBF Budget, we discussed goals for our 2019-2020 Board Term which matches the 2019-2020 Ohio General Assembly term.

Making Distracted Driving a Primary Offense topped the list of goals, which also included eliminating the "As Far to the Right as Practicable" language from the Ohio Revised Code.

We decided to await the results of several ODOT studies before finalizing our goals.



Left to right (seated): Board Member Bracy Elton, Board Secretary Tricia Kovacs, Distracted Driving Opponent Sharon Montgomery, (standing): Cleveland Bike Safety Attorney and new OBF Board Member Ken Knabe, Long-Time Statehouse Lobbyist and OBF Board Member Jack Shaner, OBF Board Member MaryEllen O'Shaunessy, facilitator and Murphy/Epson President Marie Keister, OBF Board Member Dan Carrigan, New OBF Communications Director Kimber Perfect, OBF Chair Chuck Smith.

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OBF will sponsor Cycling Savvy courses to Ohio cycling clubs and advocacy groups. Organizations may choose either the Truth & Techniques course for cyclists or the Ride Leader Course for ride leaders. Classes will be taught by Ohio Cycling Savvy instructors.

### Truth & Techniques of Traffic Cycling

In our three-hour classroom session, we'll first show you how to prevent the most common types of crashes – even those caused by motorist errors. We use illustrations, animations and video to make it fun, engaging, and easy to understand.

What makes Cycling Savvy different from any other course is our deep dive into unique strategies for mastering even the most intimidating and complicated scenarios. You'll be blown away by the places you can ride a bike without being a road warrior!

You will come away with a toolkit of knowledge and strategies to apply to whatever kind of riding you want to do.

### Group Leader Course Objectives

This 1.5 hour classroom course will improve club rider behavior and train leaders for social rides.

- Clarify meaning and application of bike-specific laws
- Improve group safety
- Reduce disruptive behavior in traffic
- Enhance group leadership skills

Contact information to schedule a course at: [www.ohiobike.org/education](http://www.ohiobike.org/education)  
Learn more about Cycling Savvy at [www.cyclingsavvy.org](http://www.cyclingsavvy.org)

## OBF Membership Report

As of October 9, we have 124 current paid-up members. 46 of them are Lifetime members. We have 18 member bicycle clubs. The members by category include:  
Individual 53  
Individual Lifetime 40  
Family 11  
Family Lifetime 2  
Organization 14  
Organization Lifetime 4  
We have used the club membership tool "imATHLETE" to enroll members since March, 2018. It sends renewal notices and maintains the membership database. As of this year, we offer only one-year memberships and renewals rather than multi-year, plus the Lifetime option.

Go to [www.ohiobike.org/index.php/join](http://www.ohiobike.org/index.php/join) to join OBF or renew your membership.

Ken Mercurio  
OBF Membership Director

## Please Send OBF Your Email Address

If you wish to continue to receive our OBF Communicator, please send the email address at which you would like to receive our newsletter to OBF Membership Director Ken Mercurio at [kcmerc@yahoo.com](mailto:kcmerc@yahoo.com)

Your OBF Communicator is now available in electronic newsletter format at  
<http://www.ohiobike.org/index.php/blog/newsletters>

## 2019 OBF Events

### Join us 9 am to 2 pm, April 10

For OBF Ohio Bicycling Summit in Ohio Statehouse Atrium. The theme will be "Women in Ohio Cycling" This is a chance to meet with your Ohio elected officials. Organizations will display what they do for Ohio Bicycling.  
10 am: Ohio Senator and bicyclist Teresa Fedor speaks  
10:30 am: Briefing by OBF board member and long-time lobbyist Jack Shaner regarding approaching state Representatives and Senators regarding pro-bicycle legislation.  
Free food throughout the event.

### Join us 10 am November 9

For OBF Day at the Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen (Free museum admission for OBF members)  
10 am: Special tour of the world's largest bicycle museum  
12 Noon: OBF meets (all Ohio bicyclists are welcome to attend)

In addition to the above open events, OBF will participate in the following key 2019 cycling events:

**March 9-12: League of American Bicyclists Summit in Arlington, Virginia.** Chair Chuck Smith is Ohio delegation coordinator.

**March 29: TMACOG Transportation Summit in Toledo.** OBF is sponsor and exhibitor.

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# We want YOU to join our team!

Visitors to [www.ohiobike.org](http://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](http://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



## Show your support for the 3-FOOT LAW

RECEIVE UP TO 35% DISCOUNT WHEN PURCHASING ANY ITEM OF THE OBF 3-FOOT COLLECTION

<https://www.voler.com/browse/collections/details/li/OhioBicycleFederation>

