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COP Budget Tours

By Dave Knight

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits (COP) sponsors a number of traditional one-day rides, known as budget tours, throughout the riding season. The rides are open to cyclists of all levels (A-B-C-D). You do not need to be a member of COP. Registration is day-of-ride only, and the cost is \$4, or \$7 for non-members. Cash only, please. Correct change appreciated. Please have COP member # (if applicable) and an emergency contact number available when signing the release form. The rides go on rain or shine.

"Budget tour" means a map is supplied and the routes are marked on the road. Food is on your own at carryouts and restaurants along the way. Be sure to carry plenty of water and a snack, as food opportunities may be limited. Riders start on their own or with friends after registering. There is no mass start. A helmet is required.

The rides typically offer multiple routes, ranging from 27 to 100 mile loops on lightly traveled roads. Terrain may range from flat to very hilly, depending on the area. There will be route markings as you approach a turn, at the turn, and a confirmation mark after the turn. Straight-through intersections may not be marked unless confusing or it's been several miles since the last mark. Optional routes will be marked with the mileage.

Dates and starting locations are listed on the Fridge Poster, in the COP newsletter, and in the online activity schedule. Registration time is normally from 7 - 9 am.

Maps, route advice and highlighters will be available at registration. Pick your route, start on your own and ride at your own (or your friends) pace. But mostly, be safe and have fun!

A message from the COP Bean Counters

If you receive a check from COP for any reason, and you decide not to cash the check and you consider it a donation to COP, COP is required to turn the funds over to the state of Ohio under the unclaimed funds program. We do not benefit from this.

So, please either return the check to COP, with a note saying you want to donate those funds, or cash the check and send in a new check for the amount of donation. This will save us time, trouble and expense. Each year we need to try and contact people with outstanding checks, and then turn unclaimed funds over to the state. Help us avoid this needless work.

Also, the 2011 Fiscal Year ended September 30th. Have you turned in all deposits, pay orders, receipts and reports? If not, we need you to do so ASAP.

Thank you!

Class/Event Information:

36th Columbus Fall Challenge - Sat. & Sun., Oct. 1st & 2nd. Information and registration form are on our website, www.outdoor-pursuits.org. Limited day of ride registration.

26th Fall HOOT - Budget Tour - Saturday October 8th, 8-9:30 AM Day of Ride Registration only. Information is on page 9

Map and Compass Class -Sunday, November 20 10am to 6pm. Information and registration form is on page 8. You can also register online by logging in to www.outdoor-pursuits.org and going to event registration.

Newsletters are available on the web at www.outdoor-pursuits.org or from the office, office@outdoor-pursuits.org or 614.442.7901

On The Cover:

Clockwise from top right:

See what KII did for me. (Ohiopyle Falls Race, 2011) Photo courtesy of Rod Scott.

Gina runs the frogs back, Youghiogheny River PA, Labor Day. Photo by Chris Russell.

Mark Nadal helps Licia Saunders learn to roll, roll, roll her boat. ACBE August 16, 2011. Photo by Joe Yapp.

Licia Saunders and Joe Yapp. ACBE August 16, 2011. Photo by Mark Nadal.

Shawn plays the Lower Yough. Labor Day Weekend 2011. Photo by Chris Russell.

Pumpkin Specials

Check the bike schedule for the Thursday and Saturday rides to the Circleville Pumpkin Show, October 20 & 22.



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Remember to bring your current Columbus Outdoor Pursuits activity card to all trips & events.

Memberships may be obtained from the club office by calling 614/442-7901, or via email, office@outdoor-pursuits.org.

If you have any questions about the Columbus Outdoor Pursuits trip program, contact the appropriate Activity Leader. If you have questions about a particular trip, call the leader listed with the trip. To maintain the high quality of all club trips, you are encouraged to submit comments or suggestions, to the appropriate leader and participate in our numerous schools.

Need to renew?

Membership renewal notices for Columbus Outdoor Pursuits will be sent by the office. If you want to be a member of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits but your membership has expired and you haven't received a renewal notice, please fill out the membership application on the inside back cover of the newsletter and send it with a check made payable to Columbus Outdoor Pursuits.

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Newsletter submissions are always encouraged and welcome each month; however, all submission content must substantially relate to our mission. Submissions may be checked for spelling/minor errors and edited for space constraints; however, the Editor will NOT verify content and accuracy- double check your submissions before sending. The Editor may also make stylistic format changes (e.g., color, font, size, bolding, etc.) at her discretion. Additional guidelines for submissions follow and are published at http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org/uploadeddocs/file/2010_Advertising_Deadlines_Rates_Policy_Sub_Gdlns_20100203.php. **The Editor reserves the right to reject or postpone publication any item received after the posted deadline.**

GENERAL ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

These submissions must be received by the Editor by 11:59PM of the 5th day of the preceding month.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE ITEMS

These submissions will only be accepted from either Activity Leaders or by appointed Schedule Coordinators for the activity, as listed below. **Schedule Items must be received by the Schedule Coordinator by 9:00PM of the 3rd day of the preceding month.**

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Bicycling Under Attack: What You Need to Know

Most of us had come to think that we were making steady, irreversible progress in convincing policy-makers that bikes belong on the road. And we were -- up until recently. But all that progress is now in jeopardy.

If you haven't been paying close attention lately you may not be aware that bicycling is under attack at both our federal and state levels of government.

The change of control of the U.S. House of Representatives in January, 2010 and the change in administrations at the Ohio Governor's mansion in January, 2011 have set the cause of mainstreaming bicycling back, possibly by decades.

The past: dedicated funding makes bicycling a forgotten mode no longer

Beginning with **ISTEA** (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) in 1991 -- and continuing with **TEA-21** (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) in 1998 and **SAFETEA-LU** (Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users) in 2005 -- federal transportation law established the principle that traffic engineers and planners at the state, regional, and local levels must accommodate bicycling and walking in transportation projects. And federal transportation law **dedicates** (a very, very small but critical amount of) **funding** for this purpose: Transportation Enhancements (TE), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and Safe Routes to School (SR2S).

Federal transportation law also allows state transportation departments to use other major program funding -- like STP (Surface Transportation Program), CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program), and HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) funding -- to make room on the road for safer bicycling (and walking).

But, as we know, many state DOTs (Departments of Transportation) would not have spent a dime on bicycling or walking over the years if they hadn't

been required to do so by federal law. Most of the trails and other bikeways that exist would not be there if it weren't for the **dedicated funding** provided by TE, RTP, and SR2S.

With your help we had been successful in getting policy-makers at the federal, state, regional, and local levels to adopt Complete Streets policies, to embrace Safe Routes to School, to create plans to make our communities bicycling and walking friendly, and even to begin to use funding from the major federal transportation programs like STP to implement those plans.

But things have changed. We once had champions in control in Congress. And we had a sympathetic ear at the Ohio Governor's mansion. No longer.

The current federal transportation law, SAFETEA-LU, was due to expire on September 30, 2009. The new transportation bill that was unveiled in the summer of 2009 would have increased dedicated funding for bicycling and walking and would have strengthened the policies favoring bicycling and walking.

But Congress did not take up consideration of the new transportation bill in 2009: Congress was preoccupied with the recession and creating jobs and with health care. Congress extended SAFETEA-LU then and a number of times since then, waiting for an opportunity to adopt a new transportation bill. And then control of the House of Representatives changed in January 2010.

The present: back to squeezing bikes out of funding and off the road

Rep. John Mica (R-FLA), the new Chairman of the House transportation committee, announced in early July of this year that his transportation bill will eliminate dedicated funding for bicycling and walking, including Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational Trails Program.

The Senate transportation committee is chaired by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-

CA) who is expected to release a draft of her transportation bill this fall (it may have been released by the time you read this). The ranking minority member of the committee, Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), has said that one of his top three priorities for the transportation bill is to eliminate "frivolous spending for bike trails."

If you think that Sen. Inhofe is an outlier on this, remember that one of the House Members representing the Columbus area (Rep. Pat Tiberi, D-OH) voted to eliminate Transportation Enhancements on September 4, 2003 and continues to oppose dedicated funding for biking and walking.

We expect that the transportation bill that Sen. Boxer unveils this fall will retain dedicated funding for bicycling and walking. But we know there will be a fight in the Senate over this. And we expect the House to eliminate all dedicated funding for bicycling and walking. **How this is resolved depends on all of us!**

It is important to understand that federal transportation policy has paved the way these last 30 years for the adoption of state, regional, and local policies on accommodating bicycling and walking. Until recently we had been successful in getting many of our state, regional, and local policy-makers to comply with federal law and policy and to adopt bike-friendly policies.

But now there are those at the federal level and at the state level in Ohio who do not believe that bikes belong on the road, but that there is only room enough for cars.

The previous (Strickland) administration's Department of Transportation (ODOT) released the report of "Ohio's 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force" in January 2009 expressing support for the idea of Complete Streets ("**Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and bus riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a complete street**"). ODOT then adopted new TRAC (Transportation



Review and Advisory Council) policies (for selecting major new road projects) in December, 2010 that required the awarding of points for "intermodal connectivity," specifically encouraging the accommodation of bicycling and walking. And, in January 2011, just before leaving office, the previous administration adopted a Complete Streets policy.

But the new (Kasich) administration is moving Ohio backwards.

The Kasich administration, under ODOT Director Jerry Wray, has squelched the previous administration's Complete Streets policy. You won't find it anywhere on ODOT's website. The Complete Streets policy is no longer favored at ODOT.

And ODOT just amended the TRAC policy in June to delete any mention of bicycling and walking and to make the awarding of points for any form of "intermodal connectivity" entirely optional.

The consequence of the Kasich administration's retreat from the progress that we had made over the past few years is that Ohio has fallen from 32nd to **37th** in the League of American Bicyclists's 2011 **Bicycle Friendly State rankings**.

Ohio's category grades are:

- B** in Legislation
- F** in Policies & Programs
- F** in Infrastructure
- D** in Education & Encouragement
- F** in Evaluation & Planning
- A** in Enforcement

The future: all of us need to be advocates for dedicated funding

If you don't want us to lose further ground in making our state and our communities friendly for bicycling and walking you must make your voice heard. The message we need to send to our Senators and Representatives is that "that bicycling and walking are vital parts of our transportation system, and that there must be dedicated funding for bike lanes and trails and sidewalks to ensure that bicyclists and pedestrians are safe."

Join the campaign to save bicycling and walking!

To make your voice heard go to the League of American Bicyclists website here <http://capwiz.com/lab/issues/alert/?alertid=51133866&PROCESS=Take+Action> and use the message form to compose and send a message to your Senators and Representative to save dedicated funding for bicycling and walking!

And stay tuned for future alerts!!! We need you.

*John Gideon
President, Bike, Walk Ohio!
Past President, Columbus Outdoor Pursuits*



11th Annual Bicyclist Christmas Dinner at Dutch Kitchen Wednesday Dec. 7th, 2011

Join your cycling friends at the Dutch Kitchen. Come and view the exhibits at 5 pm. Buffet Dinner at 6:15 pm. Bring your wife, husband, kids and friends.

Cost of the Buffet: \$15.00/adult & \$7.50/child under 13
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33rd Annual Fall-N-Leaf Bicycle Tour

Mid Ohio Bikers, www.midohiobikers.org

Date: Sunday, October 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m.,
Place: Comfort Inn, 4 miles South of Mansfield,
Ohio, at intersection of I-71 and St Route 97 (exit 165).

Distance: 37 miles and 68 miles.

Very Scenic ride through Knox and Richland counties with beautiful fall colors to enjoy. Some riding on the Richland B&O paved trail.

Hot Food and Sag service provided.

\$15.00 prior to 9/30

\$20.00 after 9/30.

Registration forms available online.

www.midohiobikers.org

Contact: Terry White (419-545-3946) twhite51952@aol.com



Roll didn't work? Get out. Mike Wadkowski at the last Alum Creek Beach Event, 2011.



The last 2011 ACBE

By Mark Nadal, photos by Mark unless otherwise noted

The last ACBE was fun with some first timers, some old schoolers, some climbers, followed by some beers at The Pub.

<https://picasaweb.google.com/108284113751528946347/ACBEAugust302011?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgClIW4KuiqMj56QE&feat=directlink>

This was my first year coordinating ACBE. It may have been at the Boat and Climb that Joyce convinced me to coordinate. Thanks to volunteers Jimi, Janice, Eve, and Andrew, and to the all the participants who entertained, I mean worked hard to perfect their rolls, ACBE made for a fun summer.



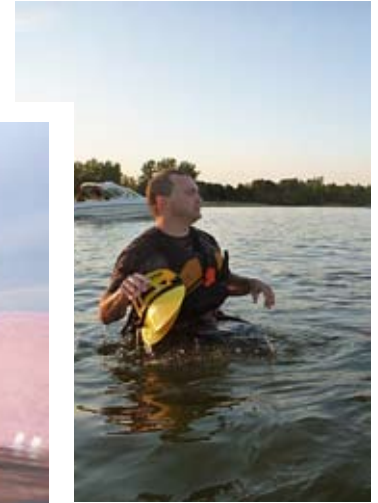
Karen, Kitty, Andrea, Keenan, and David



Mark Nadal helping Licia Saunders learn to roll, roll, roll her boat. Photo by Joe Yapp.



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Mike Wadkowski sets up.



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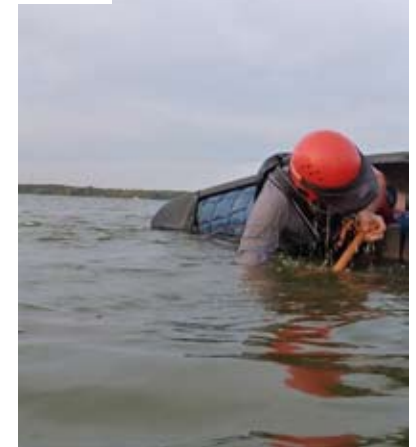
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Andrea



Check the COP calendar for the pool sessions if you want more practice. I plan to be at Alum creek on Tuesdays next summer to work on my roll, so see you then, unless I see you on the river before.

Let me know if you have any suggestions for improving ACBE next year. Some suggestions already accounted for, so no need to submit, are:

1. Clearer water during the last week in August but with global warming the new whitewater is mochawater.
2. An ASCI-like Whitewater Park, which will be ready in 3011.

Have a great rest of the summer. See you at Gauley Fest, on the river, or at the pool.

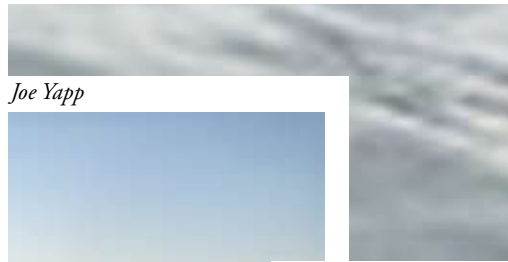


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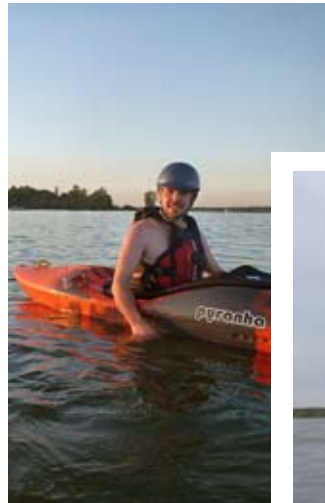
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Licia Saunders



Joe Yapp



Mike Wadkowski coming back up



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What do Insurer's Pay For?

By John Hebert

Next month, I will talk about negotiating with insurance companies following an accident. To effectively do that, you need to know what insurance companies will and will not pay for.

Insurance protects the insured from liability for negligence. Negligence is unintended harm to a victim that is proximately caused by a tortfeasor's failure to meet an appropriate standard of care. The standard of care may come from many sources including traffic regulations or a "reasonable man's" projected behavior under similar circumstances.

Proximate cause is generally expressed as a "but for" test: the tortfeasor is not liable unless the victim would not have been injured "but for" the tortfeasor's breach of the standard of care. For example, A drives his car through a tight turn at 10 mph. over the posted speed limit. Because that speed is too high, A slides out of his lane and crashes into a car parked on the opposite side of the

street. A breached the standard of care – he drove too fast – and, because the accident would not have happened "but for" his speed, he is liable.

So, the inquiry begins with two questions: first, did their insured breach a standard of care? Second, did the insured's breach of the standard of care actually harm the victim? If the insurer believes both questions are likely to be answered "yes," the discussion turns to damages.

Compensatory damages are payments intended to put the victim into the same position he or she would have occupied had the accident not happened. They include medical expenses, repair or replacement of property, reimbursement for lost wages and pain and suffering. Both because most insurance policies do not cover punitive damages and because they are not awarded for simple negligence, I will ignore them.

Medical expenses and wage loss are usually objective: the victim is reimbursed for cost of his treatment and pay he lost

while getting well. Problems arise when treatment appears excessive or unrelated to the actual injury or the carrier suspects the victim of malingering.

Victims are owed only what they actually lost. Thus, if the victim's eyeglasses were crushed, the insurer will pay for glasses but not contacts or laser surgery. Because there is no equivalent to the Kelley Blue Book or Edmunds, valuing a damaged bicycle, particularly a custom bike, is problematical. Nor do insurers pay for sentimental value: although your father's 1968 Roger Riviere 10-speed may be priceless to you, to the insurance company and the courts, it's a \$69.95 Wal-Mart special at best.

Payment for pain and suffering compensates the victim for the physical and, where appropriate, psychological pain resulting from an accident and its aftermath. As such, the amount is totally subjective. Although nobody gets \$1,000,000 for a skinned knee, the value of one person's skinned knee versus another's is largely determined by negotiating skills.

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Map and Compass Class

Sunday, November 20, 10am to 6pm

Don't wait until you are tearing around the woods wild eyed! Learn to use a map and a compass while you are warm, fed and found.

We'll cover the basics of topo maps in the warmth of the COP office, then drive to Camp Lazarus to spend the afternoon outdoors working with our compasses. We will not cover gps use.

Bring a sack lunch, trail snack and water. You will not have time to go out for lunch. Dress for the weather.

Ann Gerckens volunteer_ann@sbcglobal.net (preferred) or leave a message at 614/ 282-2781

Cost: \$15.00 COP or BSA Member \$25.00 non-member

No refunds for cancellations after Monday, November 14th

Make checks payable to: Columbus Outdoor Pursuits

Mail to: COP Compass Class

1525 Bethel Rd Suite 100, Columbus OH 43220-2054



Map & Compass Class Registration Form

Name _____ Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Address: _____ Phone (wk) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Total enclosed: _____ COP member _____ BSA _____ Non-Member
COP# _____ troop# _____

All participants will be required to sign a Liability Release and Waiver upon arrival at the class.



Bicycling

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SCHEDULE SUBMISSION INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 3



Activity

SCHEDULE

STARTING TIMES: Times listed indicate when the ride rolls out of the parking area. Please arrive early enough to depart at the prescribed time. Note that rides are listed in three categories below:

- Weekly Recurring Group Rides Listed by Day of Week
- One Time Group Rides Listed by Date
- Annual Budget & Special Tours Listed by Date

Tours:

36TH COLUMBUS FALL CHALLENGE

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 1st & 2nd

Sugar Grove to Marietta and return. Ohio's hardest Full Service Tour. Start is at Berne Union Schools in Sugar Grove. Three snack stops each day, Sunday breakfast, Sag service, luggage transported, and gym floor space for overnight are provided. Expect around 210 miles and 16,000 feet of climbing over two days. The ride is designed to be strenuous, as a bonus you will get some great scenery. The course is designed for experienced riders. Cost is \$50 for COP members, \$55 for non-COP members, and \$70 for day of ride (limited to 25). Register on-line or download a form from Outdoor-Pursuits.Org. Registration is 7:00 to 8:15 and you should be on the road by no later than 8:30.

Frank Seebode 614/205-0311 Frank AT FrankSeebode.com

26TH FALL HOOT - BUDGET TOUR

Saturday October 8th, 8-9:30 AM

Bloom Carroll High School, Rt. 33 between Canal Winchester and Lancaster. Take US33 East from Columbus to the stoplight at Carroll, turn left and follow the paw prints to the school. Routes of 35, 55, and 80 miles. All routes have some hills, the number and size increase with distance. Come enjoy the last budget tour of the season.

35-80 miles.

\$4 member, \$7 non-member.

Dave Miller 614/444-2276 dave.miller011@gmail.com

One time rides:

THREE COUNTY DONUT RIDE:

Thursday, October 6th, 9 AM - Pataskala

Class B-/C+ and Class C. Come join us for a 60 - 65 mile ride from Pataskala, thru 3 counties, to Sunbury for donuts and/or brunch on the square in Sunbury. This long

route will be at a slightly higher pace (average around 15 mph with common riding speeds of 16 - 19 mph) than the normal C paced ride, with less regrouping. There will also be a shorter option at more of a regular C pace, of about 40 - 45 miles that will also stop for brunch in Johnstown. Meet in Pataskala, west end of parking lot by RR tracks, Rt. 310 (Main St), 4 miles N of I-70, 1/2 mile S of Rt. 16.

COP RIDER GUIDELINES

Please review these guidelines if you are new to COP rides. By choosing the correct pace and arriving prepared, you will help ensure our rides are as safe and fun as possible for everyone.

SAFETY

A CPSC, ASTM, or SNELL approved helmet is required on all COP rides. Other recommended safety items include a rear-view mirror, a rear flasher, and bright, visible clothing. Cyclists under age 18 must have written permission and the liability waiver release signed by a parent or guardian. For safety reasons, children two and under are not permitted on COP rides. Please respect the laws of the road and rights of other road users.

PACE

All COP bicycle tours are "open" paced events, with maps and road markers provided; however, the tour organizer does not specifically accompany the riders. COP day rides have designated leader(s) at one or more paces, and only maps are provided. The ride leader will accompany the group in the manner that best supports the entire group, not an individual rider. COP highly recommends that you contact the ride leader if you have any questions about the ride/tour.

Pace classes are intended to give a rough idea of the common "riding" speed of the group, rather than the average speed. Completing a century ride (100) miles in 5 hours indicates a mathematical average of 20 mph, but the common riding speed to required to complete this ride in 5 hours can easily be in the mid-20s. Variables such as wind, hills and time off the bike can greatly detract from an average, as it is a time-based figure. The speeds listed to the right refer to common "riding" speeds.

A 19-23 MPH: our fastest pace. Licensed racers frequently attend these rides, which might be listed as A+ rides in this schedule. Be prepared to maintain this pace over 30-50 miles on a weeknight ride, and 60-100 on a weekends. Stops typically are few and short. Average speeds can be over 20 mph.

B 16-19 MPH: a fast recreational clip. The ride distances will be somewhat lower than the "A" group, and the stops can be longer and more frequent. Opportunities for regrouping will be more frequent.

C 13-16 MPH: an enthusiastic pace. Many of our longer-distance riders ride in this pace range. The mood will be less competitive and more social. Groups will tend to stay together more, but the riding will still be consistent. The routes often avoid the hilliest options.

D 10-13 MPH: a very social pace. Riders can be experienced, or fairly new, but are usually familiar with the basics of cycling on the open road and in groups. Distances are modest, and often a meal stop or sight-seeing is involved.

NR: no designated speed. These rides are specifically oriented around introducing new riders to the sport. The pace will be dictated by those who attend, and often these rides are intended as an introduction to cycling. NR rides can use bike paths or roadways.

DOWR: Depending On Weather and Riders, usually for winter rides. This note in any ride listing indicates an "open" condition, and will usually be included with a pace class. The leader may choose to leave the pace, distance, and destination to be decided by the group, so maps may not be included for these impromptu rides.



SCHEDULE

Char Schaffner, charlene@hmstamps.com, 740/927-8582
Ben Slay, benslay@hotmail.com, 614/920-3659
Connie Walley, conwoman43@aol.com, 614/224-5621
Steve Gassman, sgassmann@columbus.rr.com, 614/309-7421

GRANVILLE (SATURDAY ROVING RIDE)

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 AM Class A, B, C+
40 or 60 miles. Scenic hilly route to view the beautiful autumn colors of northern Licking County. Meet at Wildwood Park on West Broadway in Granville. The park is located approximately one-half mile west of the center of town on Broadway.

Jeff Schluep 614/848-6489 schluepenator AT me.com

PUMPKIN SHOW RIDE (THURSDAY AM)

Thursday, October 20. 9 AM, Class A, B, C 50/70 miles.

A and B riders are on their own (maps provided); the leader will sweep at C. Meet at the Groveport Rec Center eastern

parking lot, on Main/Groveport Road, east edge of town. In Circleville, park at the post office. The leader will start his

return at 2 PM.

Dick Seebode 740/201 3312

PUMPKIN SHOW (SATURDAY ROVING RIDE)

Saturday, October 22nd 9 AM Class A, B, C. 45, 55 or 65 miles (longer options are hilly)

Don't miss this fall classic to the 104th Circleville Pumpkin Show. See the Great Pumpkins and sample Pumpkin Pie, Pumpkin Donuts, Pumpkin Fudge and more. Bring a lock to secure your bike while visiting the festival. Meet at Cyclist Connection Bicycle Shop, 200 Cemetery Road, Canal Winchester. Follow Route 33 east and exit at Gender Road/Rt. 674. Turn right, then left at the traffic light onto Waterloo Road. Drive past the Wal Mart and turn left onto Win-Cemetery Road. Maps will be provided. No fee.

Tim Faigley tcfaiigley AT att.net 614/825-6105

HALLOWEEN RIDE (SATURDAY ROVING RIDE)

Saturday October 29, 9:00a.m. Cyclist Connection, 200 Cemetery Rd, Canal Winchester. Class A, B, and C Enjoy the fall scenery on a 65 or 40 mile ride. 65 mile option will contain some hills.

Craig Clark 614/940-8147 craig_clark_1@yahoo.com

Weekly rides beginning with Monday:

PATASKALA TUESDAY MORNING RIDE:

Tuesdays, 9AM,

Class C. Pataskala. Average speed is 13MPH. No one dropped - we stick together. Faster riders welcome if they are willing to regroup regularly. Cycle scenic rural roads, eat, socialize, 30+ miles. Meet in Pataskala, west end of parking lot by RR tracks, Rt. 310 (Main St), 4 miles N of I-70, 1/2 mile S of Rt. 16.

Steve Gassman, sgassman AT columbus.rr.com 614/309-7421

Char Schaffner, charlene AT hmstamps.com 740/927-8582

Ben Slay, benslay AT hotmail.com 614/920-3659

Dick Seebode 740/201-3312

Connie Walley, conwoman43 AT aol.com 614/224-5621

WEDNESDAY AM RIDE WORTHINGTON.

All Year 9AM Promptly.

Class C, D. Meet at Worthington Hills Park on SR315. One mile north of I-270. South end of the Olentangy Valley Shopping Center (former Worthington Hills Shopping Center). One mile north of Wilson Bridge Rd. This is the new north end of the Olentangy River Bike Path. Restaurant destination will be determined day of ride. Bring money for lunch. Approximately 25 mile ride. New and beginning riders welcome. We meet for breakfast, if we can't ride due to weather.

Gail Falkinburg, 614/861-4478

DELAWARE COUNTY FRIDAY AM RIDE:

Fridays, 9AM,

Class C, D. Bike Delaware County. A social ride. Explore NE Delaware County. Target 35-40 miles, 13-14 MPH, brunch always, ride DOW. Faster riders are expected to stop periodically to regroup; no one dropped. Meet at 8:45AM, northern mountain bike parking on Africa Road, 100 FEET NORTH OF CHESHIRE ROAD. Co-leaders needed, VOLUNTEER!!

Ben Slay, 614 920 3659 benslay AT hotmail.com

Dick Seebode, 740/201 3312

HILLIARD DUTCH KITCHEN - SATURDAYS (LAST RIDE IS OCTOBER 1)

8:00 AM NEW TIME! (arrive by 7:45) Class B, C

Meet in parking lot at Hayden Run Road Trailhead (adjacent to Heritage Trail). Ride to Dutch Kitchen for breakfast. After breakfast, ride from 30-40 miles. Directions: I-270 to US33/161 exit. West on 33/161 and exit at Avery Rd. Left on Avery for 1.6 miles, Right on Rings, Left on Cosgray. Right on Hayden Run (Giant Eagle at corner). Trailhead is 0.8 mile on right.

Henk Colijn 614/306-1162

Andy Skeen 614/580-2749

Susan Shuter 614/850-0897

Ted Bailey 614/771-0358

CANAL WINCHESTER SUNDAY AM RIDE

Sundays 9AM Class A, B. (New Time!)

Please note start time is now 9AM. Ride distances from 40-60 miles thru beautiful Fairfield County. Meet at Cyclist Connection Bicycle Shop; 200 Cemetery Road; Canal Winchester. Follow Route 33 east and exit at Gender Road/Rt. 674. Turn right; then left at the traffic light onto Waterloo Road. Drive past the WalMart and turn left onto Win-Cemetery Road. Rotating Leaders: Bob Allen, Brad Blair, Steve Hewitt, Ric Noland

Tim Faigley tcfaiigley AT att.net

Activity

NEED A PACK OR TENT?

COP has a small selection of backpacks, cooksets & tents available for rent to members or people participating in COP activities.

Contact the Backpacking Activity Leader, Lisa Drugan 617/846-3749 or backpack@outdoor-pursuits.org.



Backpacking

Lisa Drugan 614/846-3749 backpack@outdoor-pursuits.org

Knobstone Trail, Indiana

October 14 – 16 (2 nights and 3 days)

Trip leaves Thursday at 4 pm and returns Sunday evening by 7 pm. We'll car camp Thursday evening. We'll hike approximately 5 – 8 miles per day.

If interested, e-mail ldrugan@insight.rr.com no sooner than 30 days prior to trip

Zaleski State Forest, SE Ohio

October 22 & 23

Spend this fall weekend strolling around southeastern Ohio. An easy overnight trip for beginners or people who just want a relaxing weekend.

Ann Gerckens, after October 1st volunteer_ann@sbcglobal.net or 614/ 282-2781

Tar Hollow State Forest - Logan Backpack Trail – Ohio

November 11 – 13; 2011 (2 nights and 3 days) (intermediate)

We'll hike the 8.9-mile north loop; and 8.4-mile south loop with an optional 2.0-mile out-and-back side trail to Camp Dulen. Water is available in Tar Hollow State Park and there are numerous streams throughout the forest. Some highlights: Seclusion; spring wildflowers; morel mushrooms; and the Brush Ridge Fire Tower. Trip leaves Friday at 7:30 am and returns Sunday evening. Approximately 20 miles.

If interested; e-mail ldrugan@insight.rr.com no sooner than 30 days prior to trip.

Geneva State Park – Ohio

December 3; 2011 – (Overnighter)

Trip leaves Saturday at 7:30 am and returns Sunday evening. We'll hike/cross country ski approximately 6 - 8 miles a day.

If interested; e-mail ldrugan@insight.rr.com no sooner than 30 days prior to trip.



Mike Wadkowski rolls over at the last ACBE. Photo by Mark Nadal.



Hiking/Trail Running

Pat Smith 614/ 443-5226 hiking@outdoor-pursuits.org

Grove City

Sunday October 2 2:00 PM

Meet at the Whetstone Recreation Center back parking lot at the Columbus Community Center. Walk/hike 3-5 miles.

Leader Jack Kyle 614/325.0208

Clifton Gorge/Glen Helen Nature Preserve

Sunday October 16 2:00 PM

Meet at the Whetstone Recreation Center back parking lot at the Columbus Community Center. Hike 4-6 miles.

Leader Jack Kyle 614/325.0208

Infirmiry Mound Park Granville

Saturday October 22 10:00 AM

Come out and hike approximately 6 miles at Infirmiry Mound Park. This park is part of the Licking Park District and has several really pretty views of the countryside. From Columbus; take I-70 East to the St. Rt. 37 Exit. Take St. Rt. 37 North (left) approximately 6 miles to the park entrance on the right. Go to the back of the park and turn left. We will meet at Shelter #6. Please call or e-mail me if you plan to attend or if you have any other questions.

Charlene Schaffner 740/927-8582 charlene@hmstamps.com

Columbus Art Walk OSU District

Sunday November 6 2:00 PM

Meet at the Whetstone Recreation Center back parking lot at the Columbus Community Center. Walk/hike 3-5 miles.

Leader Jack Kyle 614.325.0208

Map and Compass Class

Sunday, November 20 10am to 6pm

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We'll cover the basics of topo maps in the warmth of the COP office, then drive to Camp Lazarus to spend the afternoon outdoors working with our compasses. We will not cover gps use.

Bring a sack lunch, trail snack and water. You will not have time to go out for lunch. Dress for the weather.

Cost \$15 for COP & BSA members, \$25 for non-members (includes a membership)

To register, use the form on page 8, or login to www.outdoor-pursuits.org and go to event registration.

Ann Gerckens volunteer_ann@sbcglobal.net (preferred) or leave a message at 614/ 282-2781



Activity
SCHEDULE



Boating

Leader: Walt Taylor 614/ 519-8633
boating@outdoor-pursuits.org

LOWER GAULEY CLASS III/IV

Saturday October 1 - Sunday October 2

Have a reliable combat roll and ready to use it on some bigger water? Join Stephen and Mary on the Lower Gauley, one of our favorite rivers. We'll eat dinners out and may have breakfasts in camp, weather permitting. Costs: camping, gas, food.

Contact: Stephen Smith (614) 561-4292 or sjs@khadrin.com

Mary Smith (614) 868-8201 or mspikowski@msn.com

COP BOATING PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, October 25 6:30 pm -8:30 pm

The annual boating planning meeting will be at the COP Office again this year.

The COP office is located at 1525 Bethel Road, Ste 100, Columbus, OH 43220.

Come and relive this year's trips over a delicious pizza dinner and more importantly, schedule boating schools and trips.

For information, contact toni_hartley@hotmail.com (use COP mtg in subject line)

SCHEDULE SUBMISSION INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 3

? Need a Boat ?

You can rent one from Columbus Outdoor Pursuits!

Whitewater kayaks, sea kayaks, canoes, duckies, and rafts are available. However, only COP members are entitled to rent our boats, and first priority is given to boating schools and trips. *Per new liability insurance requirements, COP membership is required for ALL individuals using our boats on Class III or greater whitewater.* Rental rates include necessary accessories. PFDs must be worn at all times while on or near the water; helmets are required to be worn at all times on Class II and greater whitewater. Renter paddling skills will be assessed as part of our safety process.

RENTAL RATES

Old canoes (aluminum)	\$10 per day
New canoes (plastic)	\$15 per day
Whitewater kayaks	\$15 per day
Rafts (per seat) & duckies	\$10 per day
Sea Kayaks (solo or tandem)	\$25 per day, \$45 per weekend
Recreational Kayaks	\$25 per day, \$45 per weekend

CONTACT Volunteers

Rental requests need to be made well in advance (at least a week) of needing boats.

For sea kayaks: John Lane 614/486-4548

For Canoes & inflatables: Walt Taylor 614/ 519-8633
boating@outdoor-pursuits.org

For whitewater kayaks: Dave Seslar 614/334-9352
david.eslar@gmail.com

COP Boat Rentals are available to COP members only!

INTERNATIONAL SCALE OF RIVER DIFFICULTY

Adapted from American White Water. Thanks for their permission to use. This is the American version of a rating system used to compare river difficulty throughout the world. this system is not exact; rivers do not always fit easily into one category, and regional or individual interpretations may cause misunderstandings. It is no substitute for a guidebook or accurate first-hand descriptions of a run. Please visit www.americanwhitewater.org for additional information.

Class I: easy. Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Few obstructions, all obvious and easily missed with little training. Risk to swimmers is slight; self-rescue is easy.

Class II: Novice. Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Occasional maneuvering may be required, but rocks and medium sized waves are easily missed by trained paddlers. Swimmers are seldom injured and group assistance, while helpful, is seldom needed

Class III: Intermediate. Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid and which can swamp an open canoe. Complex maneuvers in fast current and good boat control in tight passages or around ledges are often required; large waves or strainers may be present but are easily avoided

Class IV: Advanced. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise boat handling in turbulent water. Depending on the character of the river, it may feature large, unavoidable waves and holes or constricted passages demanding fast maneuvers under pressure.

Class V: Expert. Extremely long, obstructed, or very violent rapids which expose a paddler to added risk. Drops may contain large, unavoidable waves and holes or steep, congested chutes with complex, demanding routes.

Class VI: Extreme and exploratory. These runs have almost never been attempted and often exemplify the extremes of difficulty, unpredictability and danger.



Meetings, Classes, etc.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Thursday October 6, 2011 7pm

At the COP Office, 1525 Bethel Road, westside door and downstairs. All are welcome, however, if you have business to bring before the Board you need to contact the President one week in advance to get on the agenda.

Dave Seslar 614/334-9352 president@outdoor-pursuits.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday October 18th 6pm Everal Barn in Westerville

This is our Annual Membership Meeting where we share food, laughs, and elect Board members. We usually have an auction of lost and found items, too. Hope to see you there. A map to Everal Barn is on page 14, the absentee ballot is on page 15.

Pat Smith hiking@outdoor-pursuits.org 614/443-5226

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RSVP - To ensure there will be enough food!

toni_hartley@hotmail.com (Please put 'Boating Meeting' in the subject line.)

ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT

Saturday November 5, 2011 9am

Infirmiry Mound Park, Newark

All are welcome; however; if you have business to bring before the Board you need to contact the President one week in advance to get on the agenda

Dave Seslar 614/334-9352 president@outdoor-pursuits.org

NOVEMBER PROGRAM MEETING

November 15, 7pm

At the COP Office, 1525 Bethel Road, westside door and downstairs. All are welcome, Winter Activities will Host

Glenn Beachy gbeachy2000 AT yahoo.com

MAP AND COMPASS CLASS

Sunday, November 20 10am to 6pm

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(date is not set in stone at press time, please check the activity calendar at www.outdoor-pursuits.org for correct day before registering.

Ann Gerckens volunteer_ ann@sbcglobal.net (preferred) or leave a message at 614/ 282-2781

LEADER TRAINING

Saturday December 3 10am to 6pm

COP Leader Trainings include all six modules-Risk Management: Paperwork & COP Policies, Trip Planning, Participant Screening and Leadership. Cost is \$15 for the day and includes lunch.

To register, contact the COP Office, office@outdoor-pursuits.org or 614/ 442-7901.



Climbing

Leader: Karen Reinhart 614/288-9658

climbing@outdoor-pursuits.org

WALL SESSIONS

Every Wednesday but the first! 7:00-9:00 pm

At the COP Climbing Wall. Experienced Climbers and Beginners Welcome. Cost \$7.00 per session.

Contact Karen Reinhart for details. 614-288-9658

RED RIVER GORGE CLIMBING TRIP

October 15 & 16

Previous climbing experience and ability to top rope a 5.7 is necessary for this trip. We will stay Friday and Saturday nights at a campground. This trip is weather dependant.

For more details, contact Karen Reinhart 614/288-9658 or climbing@outdoor-pursuits.com



Activity SCHEDULE

WHY JOIN COLUMBUS OUTDOOR PURSUITS?

- Choose from an extensive schedule of activities year-round.
- Receive this monthly newsletter, filled with trips, events, and articles.
- Learn by doing in workshops on canoeing, bicycle maintenance, rock climbing, backpacking, wilderness first-aid, leadership skills, and more.
- Develop your leadership and organizational skills with volunteer opportunities.
- Take advantage of low-cost outdoor equipment rentals for members
- Make new friends who share your interests and have fun.

VOLUNTEER!

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits success results from the willingness of many people to donate their time. We expect that all our members will pitch in. Please check off the items below where you will help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TOSRV | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike tours-foodstops | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOBA | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike tours - reg | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> XOBA | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike tours-arrows | <input type="checkbox"/> Trip Leader (training provided)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office (weekdays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike tours - sag | Activity? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning | |

ACTIVITY INTERESTS

Circle "1" for primary interests and "2" for secondary interests. Circle "3" if you are willing to lead trips.

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| Backpacking 1 2 3 | Caving 1 2 3 | Kayaking 1 2 3 |
| Bicycling 1 2 3 | X-C Skiing 1 2 3 | Sea Kayak 1 2 3 |
| Mt. Biking 1 2 3 | Downhill Skiing 1 2 3 | Rafting 1 2 3 |
| Camping 1 2 3 | Hiking 1 2 3 | RockClimb 1 2 3 |
| Canoeing 1 2 3 | In-line Skate 1 2 3 | Other _____ |

How did you find out about COP? _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I want to become a member of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits. I understand I will receive a full 12-month membership and all other benefits of membership. The Renewal Discount Rates are only available within three months of the current membership's expiration date. The expiration month on the renewal will remain the same.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (15-17) | \$ 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult New Member (18-54) | \$ 30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Renewal | \$ 25.00 (w/in 3 months of last membership) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (55 & over) | \$ 20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$ 45.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Renewal | \$ 35.00 (w/in 3 months of last membership) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life | \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace lost Membership Card | \$2.00 |

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

- Save trees & postage by not sending me a newsletter. I'll get it from the web.

Make check payable to: Columbus Outdoor Pursuits

Mail to: Columbus Outdoor Pursuits
1525 Bethel Rd Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43220-2054

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Previous Membership #: _____

2011 Annual COP Election

Your vote counts!

Please take a few minutes to review the slate of 2011 candidates up for your vote in this month's election. (next page)

Additional Board nominees will be accepted from the floor at the Election Meeting. However, you may only vote for up to 6 candidates.

The term for an elected member is normally 2 years and 5 of these terms are up for election. An additional 1 year (unexpired) term is available and will be assigned according to number of votes received.

The Election meeting will be held on

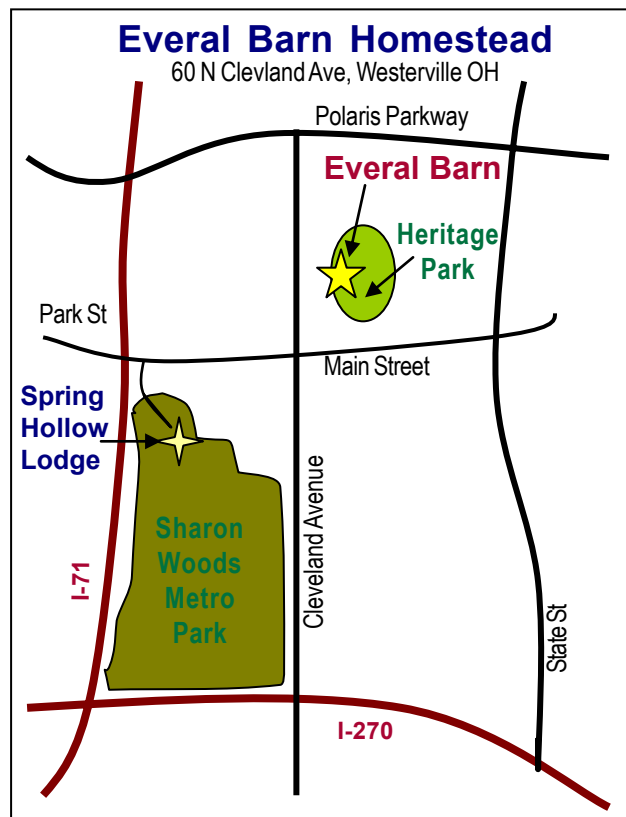
Tuesday, October 18th at 6pm.

It will be held at Everal Barn, Westerville.

SCHEDULE:

- A bite to eat (donations requested, but not required)
- Awards, including the Ron Eisele Award
- Allow candidates to speak
- Vote
- Lost and Found auction
- Announcement of Results

The Board will meet immediately after the membership meeting to elect officers for the year



Directions to Everal Barn

The barn is located at 60 N Cleveland Ave. in Heritage Park. Enter Heritage Park via Cleveland Ave. Everal Barn faces Cleveland Ave. and is located between I-270 and Polaris Parkway.

Board Election Ballot REVISED!

This page (Page 15 of the October issue of Columbus Outdoors) is the official absentee ballot for this election.

If you cannot attend the Election Meeting, but would still like to vote, you must use this page to submit your vote.

- Photocopies are not acceptable.
- Check up to 6 candidates.
- Family memberships are allowed 2 votes. Please put them both on the same ballot.



Brian Pol – Brian first learned of COP in 1999 after picking up a brochure at Bob Evans and signing up his family for their first GOBA. Since that first ride, Brian's been a member of COP and has participated in all the major rides over the years including TOSRV, GOBA, and XOBA. In addition to riding, he has volunteered

with the GOBA registration team and has stuffed many packets. In addition to riding his single bike, Brian enjoys tandeming with his wife Sheila and is active in the Westerville Bike Club. He also enjoys riding on other organized rides including TRIRI, RAGBRAI, the Midwest Tandem Rally. Brian looks forward to having the opportunity to serve as a COP board member.



Anthony Schmitt - I have been a COP member for 7 years, primarily involved with bicycling activities. I am interested in a board position so that I may serve on committees such as website and technology. I have never served on a board position, yet I am looking forward to learning from those around me to make improvements.

I intend to help make the COP website mobile-friendly if elected. I have 16 years experience in developing and testing software, mostly web-based intranet sites and reporting systems. I have a BA in music ('91) and an MBA ('10). I'm also a husband and father of 3.

Brandon Walter -

Editors note: Brandon turned in a bio, unfortunately, it walked off while I was on vacation. But you were going to come to the meeting, right? So you can hear him speak for himself before the vote is taken.



Deb Evans - Has been a member of COP for 12 years and served on the board 10 years. "As a board member, I have served on a number of committees; Financial, Personnel, and GOBA. I have also assisted the cycling chair and served as the budget ride director. I am an avid cyclist and adventurer. I am looking forward to serving another term.

Mail this ballot, entire page, to:

Attn: Ballots
Columbus Outdoor Pursuits,
525 Bethel Rd Suite 100
Columbus Ohio 43220-2054.

Note that you must have your name and membership number marked on the outside of the envelope.

All mail-in ballots must be received in the COP office by 5pm on October 17th. Please contact the COP office, (614) 442-7901, if you have any questions.



Rick Grove --has been a COP member for many years. He is an all-year GOBA and XOBA rider and currently serves on the GOBA advisory committee. Rick has ridden 27 TOSRV's over the years, the first in 1972. He completed COP ride leader training in 2007. He is now completing his first term on the Executive Board and willing to serve another.



Chad Stucke - I have been in COP for a long time and have tried several of the activities but focus mostly on cycling. I enjoy being involved with the COP members and have done alot of things with them. I became a life member a couple of years ago and plan on sticking around for a while. I have been with COP as a board member then treasurer the last couple of years. I would be honored to serve on the board if reelected.



Keith Finn - let me see... few men of my caliber seen in COP

- Past COP President, the current old timer hanging around the board.
- Habitual boater - will float a boat on virtually anything - whitewater, flatwater, frozewater, freshwater, seawater -it don't matter. However, since turning 50 I am not nearly as daring as a few years earlier

- Bike more than I used to, try to go on GOBA every year, and TOSRV every 10 years. I can often be seen on my old Infinity recumbent on the Alum Creek Trail.
- When I feel there is not enough pain in my life, will go backpacking. In the past few years, I have enough pain!
- When desiring enormous hunks of pain, will go caving
- Likes to snorkel, and occasionally SCUBA.
- Am contemplating getting a sail rig for my canoe....
- Interested in almost any subject, except astrology, popular culture, rap music(?), reality shows...
- likes to play boardgames, especially in winter
- smarter than I look
- museum junkie

52 years old - contemplating my non-crippling, yet annoying injuries - chipped kneecap, heel spurs, arthritis in knees and collarbone, torn bicep - that induce me to turn the intensity of my activities from 'medium' to 'medium-low'. I try to keep busy, I just don't do it as hard.

October 2011



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Tuesday, October 18th 6pm
See page 14 for details*

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USED GEAR CONSIGNMENT SALE!

October 15th & 16th

(Kingsdale location only)

Bring in your used outdoor gear and clothing Oct. 10th - 14th.
If it sells, you are entitled to 100% store credit or 80% cash.
It's your choice!

There will be steals and deals so shop early
for the best selection!

No boats. Sale starts at 10am 10/15. Please call or stop in for further details.

events

10/5:	Backpacking 101	Westerville	6 - 7pm	\$5
10/15	Repelling Day Trip	Hocking Hills	CALL	\$40
10/19:	Backcountry Cooking	Westerville	6 - 7pm	\$10

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