

# Welcome to Summer!



## COLUMBUS OUTDOOR PURSUITS

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### Welcome to our new offices!

**Located at 1193 S. Front Street**, our new offices were completely remodeled and are bright with lots of windows to the outside. The new location is ADA compliant, which means we can offer programs to a more inclusive group of people. Additionally, we have plenty of space, which means we are saving money we previously spent for off-site storage.

The large garage door stays open on the cooler days, allowing us to save on electricity and enjoy fresh air.



*The recently painted COP offices and parking lot*

We share a conference room/community space with our neighbor, who is opening a ceramic arts studio.

We're looking forward to member get-togethers with "courtyard campfires". Bring a chair, gather around the campfire, and it won't feel like we're in downtown Columbus!

Watch our website for news of a Fall Open House. If you plan to stop by before then, please let us know so we will open the gate for you!

### Will you help COP pay for bike tool kiosk education programming?

COP has applied for a grant through the Ohio Bicycle Foundation to help us pay for a bike tool kiosk education program focused on knowing your way around a tool kiosk. The grant will pay for 50% of the total \$1800 amount. We will need to seek funding for the other 50% through other means, including donations.

Will you contribute? Use the enclosed return envelope to send your check or, go to [www.outdoor-pursuits.org/donate](http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org/donate).

## Board News

Please welcome newest board member **Tricia Kovacs**! Tricia is a life-long Ohio cyclist who teaches bicycle education to adults and children in the Columbus area. She is retired from a software engineering career with AT&T/Lucent Bell Laboratories, and is currently working part-time as a bike mechanic at Bikes for All People.

Tricia is also secretary of Ohio Bicycle Federation, chair of the Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues and chair of the Gahanna Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee.

Tricia strives to work with others to overcome fear of the roads by creating a peaceful coexistence on the roadways through motorist awareness and through cyclist confidence.

Tricia has been riding with COP since the mid-70s and hopes to further the mission of the organization into the future.



**Jerry Rampelt** became President of the COP board in May when Justin Curtis resigned from the board. We will miss Justin's sense of humor and commitment to COP. Jerry was the interim GOBA Director in 2017 and served as the COP board treasurer. For ten years he was the Director

of the Ohio to Erie Trail. His outdoor activities include cycling, back packing, hiking, non-technical mountain climbing, and down hill skiing. Jerry and his wife Toby live in Clintonville with their rescue dog Buddy.



## 2018 Remaining Ride Schedule

June 30	31 <sup>st</sup> Ridge Runner Ramble Benefiting The Homeless Families Foundation	New Albany
July 7	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Upper Sandusky Family Bicycle Tour	Upper Sandusky
July 21-28	XOBA 19 www.Ride-XOBA.org	Lynn, IN to Brookfield, OH
Aug. 25	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Barbour Memorial Tour	Dublin
Sept. 8	33 <sup>rd</sup> Covered Bridge Tour	Canal Winchester
Sept. 22-23	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Knox County Fall Challenge	Mt. Vernon
Oct. 15	32 <sup>nd</sup> Fall Hoot	Carroll

Go to [www.outdoor-pursuits.org](http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org) for registration, updates and additional rides

## TOSRV FAN MAIL



Corey Foust ▸ TOSRV RESURRECTION

May 22 at 10:25pm · 🌐

If you missed this years TOSRV, it was EPIC. New route out of Columbus (which was BEAUTIFUL), warm weather from the start, spotty showers, BEST ROUTE MARKING in the rides history, great rest stops, massage tent in Portsmouth, food, drink and entertainment. Sunday morning weather BEST EVER, the finish was at Brew Dog to get your certificate and free drink.

I personally tip my hat to this years organizers, they did a GREAT job of putting this weekend together. This was my 44th year so I can truly tell you PUT THIS ON YOUR 2019 CALENDER and tell your friends about this event.

## GOBA Riders Enjoy A Week of Cycling Delights

At the time of this newsletter publication, 1200+ GOBA riders are enjoying a fantastic week of festivities, food, and cycling through the central Ohio towns of Delaware, London, Circleville, Lancaster, and Newark. Buckeye Lake, and Dawes Arboretum are just some of the highlights of this year's ride!

