

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN

THE RACER'S NEWS

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1976 OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHAMPIONS!!!

Cincinnati and the Queen City Wheelmen dominated the Ohio State Championships in 1976 like no other club or city has ever done! Cincinnati brought home two 1ST, a 2ND and a 6TH in the State 25 Mile Time Trial Championships June 20; and three 1st a 2ND and a 7TH in the Ohio Road Championships June 27!!! There will be 4 different Cincinnati riders riding in 7 various events at the National Championships in Louisville this August.

PHIL KENNEDY was the most accomplished Queen City Wheelmen in the State Championships, placing 4TH in the Track competition, 1ST in the Time Trial competition and 1ST in the Road's; "It was a long time coming" stated Mr. Kennedy after it was all over. PHIL is now eligible to ride the 25 Mile National Time Trial Championships, and the Road Championships, in the Junior category.

First year rider BRIAN JONES is another Queen City Wheelmen that will be representing our club down at Louisville this August in the Nationals. BRIAN placed 5TH in the Track competition—riding a track bike for the second time in his life. BRIAN also placed 2ND in the Time Trial Championships, and 2ND in the Road Championships. BRIAN will be riding the 25 Mile Time Trial Championships and the Road Championships at the Nationals.

BILL GALLAGHER always seems to be Cincinnati's biggest success story when it comes to the tough competition, and this year BILL regained his State Champion title. BILL won both the 25 Mile Senior Time Trial Championships and the Senior Road Championships. Bill, like both PHIL and BRIAN, will be riding in the Time Trials and the Road Championships in Louisville come August.

ROBERT JANKE is the Queen City Wheelmen's other State Champion. ROBERT won the intermediate Road race. ROBERT plans on doing a lot more training, and riding in the National Intermediate Road Championships.

JOHN MONTAG is now in a very elite class of riders being one of the handful of Queen City Wheelmen that has ever finished the Senior Mens State Road Championships. JOHN placed 7TH in the Senior road Championships, that saw at least 40 riders start, and only 10 finish the 104 mile race!

STATES . . .

The Ohio State Road Course this year was the toughest it has ever been. The climate for the Road Championships was the same this year as it was been for the previous three years; temperatures in the 90's, no clouds and virtually no shade. The course was undoubtedly the toughest to date; there were 3 major climbs on the 26 mile circuit, plus another climb that reached the same altitude as the other 3, but was accomplished with a long series of hills that eventually got you to the top. Some of the roads were quite smooth, these were usually the long straight ones with no trees or high corn to break the wind. Other roads were quite bumpy and narrow with blind turns, and if one wasn't careful he could easily end up in a chuck hole big enough to swallow up a penny farthing. One other obstacle, and this one you were warned of, were the canoe trucks. If you've ever been out to Fort Ancient then you probably are familiar with the various roads that go down to the little Miami river, and the various roads that take you back out of that valley; well the race was held in that area and those are what the major climbs consisted of.

The Junior Road Race was 2 laps, or 52 miles, or 8 climbs. The Juniors had their typical field of about 50 riders but it was not a typical Junior race, as the many hills soon made it impossible to sit in. With the aggressive riding of PHIL and BRIAN the race soon broke up, and BRIAN and PHIL soon found themselves in a breakaway with one other rider. The hills took their toll on the rest of the riders with virtually NO chase pack! PHIL and BRIAN did their best to work over the other rider they had with them, and it showed in the final sprint, with PHIL leading it out and winning it, and BRIAN a few feet off the back of PHIL, taking second place. GLENN WOLF was among the many juniors that didn't finish.

The Senior Road Race was just 4 laps, 104 miles, 16 wonderful climbs. The Queen City Wheelmen had quite a few riders in the 40 man field, JOHN MONTAG, DELL WILLIAMSON, JON SPICKER, RICK MANKE, JIM GROVE, and former QCW rider BILL GALLAGHER. It is very rare that more than 10 riders finish the Senior State Road Race in Ohio, and this year was no exception; you don't have a winner, just a survivor! After 3 laps depending Ohio State Champion Doug Anderson was dropped from the 3 man survivor pack that consisted of BILL, Waterberry and one other rider, so Doug's hopes of being State Champion in 1976 were gone. On the 4th lap BILL dropped his other two opponents, and was not to see them again until 5 min. after he crossed the finish line, and became the 1976 Ohio State Road Champion!!! BILL won his last state title back in 1972 in his first year of racing.

JOHN MONTAG finished 7TH probably a half hour down on BILL, but that didn't really matter, he finished. The QCW support vehicle, that JOHN WARTENBERG had been driving around the course most of the day, loaded up with support that consisted of PHIL KENNEDY, BRIAN JONES, DAN BIEHL, JON SPICKER, and JIM GROVE, and went out to cheer JOHN on. JOHN was found struggling up the last climb, also the hardest of the climbs Grogoua, with thoughts of walking. WARTENBERG pulled an amazing U turn in the middle of the hill, and pulled alongside of JOHN. At this point SPICKER jumped out and proceeded to run along side JOHN pushing him up the hill. JOHN found this quite helpful, but SPICKER learned he can't run any better than he can ride now a days, so JONES and KENNEDY bailed out of the support vehicle to help. JONES soon found out his legs weren't about to carry him up another hill, but the support vehicle left him on the hill trying to concentrate on it's main objective, to get JOHN up this last hill

At the top of the hill the support vehicle—for those of you that don't know, WARTENBERGS recently purchased auto is a VOLKSWAGON VAN without a top, so it is actually a pick up truck—waited while everyone piled into the back, with GROVE's poor bike that was being stepped on and mutilated along with somebody's spare wheels, and resumed the chase of JOHN MONTAG.

The support vehicle would accompany JOHN all the way to the finish line, with JOHN alongside or in front. The first objective of the supporters was first to get JOHN a couple of full water bottles, and this LIGHTBODY, AND KENNEDY did in an almost professional manner, (only running john off the road twice). With the support vehicle making insesent noise with chearing and just general screawing around, (such as KENNEDY squirting water down JONES's pants, and JONES nearly throwing KENNEDY out of the van), JOHN really picked up the pace for this last stretch of the race. Noticing that JOHN was feeling rather poor to say the least, and carrying on in the same vain of craziness SPICKER took the cooler of water and poured it over JOHN. JOHN thought he was going to drown, but later said it was the best thing that happened to him all day.

So with everyone jumping up and down in the support vehicle, and acting like total idiots, and with the crowd alongside the road chearing, JOHN crossed the line and became one of the few people in OHIO to ever finish the Ohio State Road Championships. Bill Gallagher loved the road race, John Montag when asked what he thought of it said, "It was Hell!"

The Intermediates race was 24 miles on a little eaiser course, but none the less difficult. ROBERT JANKE won this two lap event with "smart riding", that consisted of doing little work and comming around his opponnet at the line. There were 4 starters with only ROBERT and one other rider being around at the finish.

Our riders had quite a bit of support and help from both present and former QCW riders, and everyone agrees that they were of great help. JOHN WARTENBERG and his support behicle could not be beat, (unless in a drag race), and the support given by MARK & MIKE LIMKE, BOB ATKINS, JOHN GILMER, BRAD LIGHTBODY DELL WILLIAMSON, JON SPICKER, JIM GROVE, NORA GALLAGHER, and RON JANKE is deaply appreciated by all our riders.

Again final congratulations to PHIL KENNEDY, BRIAN JONES, BILL GALLAGHER, ROBERT JANKE, and JOHN MONTAG!!

RACE RESULTS

- May 16 Brookville, Ohio Phil Kennedy 1st, Brian Jones 2nd. Jim Grove srs 2nd
- May 21,22 Milwaukee Philk Kennedy 10th Jon MONTag 9th
- May 22nd Brian jones 2nd, Glenn Wolf 7th
- May 30-31 Lockport Ill. Phil kennedy 4th Strongsville Ohio Phil 1st, Brian 5th
- June 3-June 14 Junior World Trials, Phil Kennedy finished in top 10.
- June 13 Detroit, Indianapolis June 12 Brian jones 9th and a prime.
- June 20 Ohio State 25 Mile Time Trial Championships Phil 1st Brian 2nd Montag 7th
- June 27 State Roads Phil 1st Brian 2nd Robert Janke 1st John Montag 7th
- July 3 Dayton Bhian 1st, John Montag 4th John Spicker 10th, Dell Williamson 14th
- July 4 Fairport Harbor Brian 1st Phil 3rd
- Jul4 Dayton John Montag 7th Robert Janke 1st Watson Nordquist 3rd

MEETING

The next club meeting will be held Monday July 12, non-members are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at the home of Phil Kennedy in North College Hill. Phil lives at 1516 Hollywood ave. this is three blocks north of North Bend off Hamilton ave. The house is on the corner of Hollywood and Baywood. If you get lost you can call Phil at 542-0348. The meeting starts at 8:00.

The meeting this month will consist largely of ordering club jerseys, and dispensing of sponsorship money.

SOUTH WEST OHIO ANNUAL BICYCLE RACE

The Blue Ash race is going to be held on September 19, 1976. The race is sponsored by the Blue Ash Lions Club, and promoted by the Queen City Wheelmen, and our sponsor Montgomery Cyclery-Clifton. Anybody interested in helping with this race and or any other races we put on during the season should contact Bill Laphorn, (531-6339). Bill is looking for somebody he can train for running races, or club events, the QCW need people that are good workers, and willing to give their time.

The course is the same as last year; Concrete of approx. 1.7 miles within CIC Industrial Park. Three well-curved corners; fourth is 90° but with a wide approach and exit. The course has one long gradual downgrade on the home stretch. There is a double set of railroad tracks at right angles to the home stretch, but it is a good transition. The course is closed to traffic except controlled access and exit.

11:00	USCF Juniors	15 miles	9 laps	\$125 (8places)
12:30	USCF Seniors III&IV	30 miles	18 laps	\$175 (8places)
3:15	USCF Seniors I & II	30 miles	18 laps	\$300 (10 places)

There will also be novice (non-USCF) races that day. Virtually all age groups, both male and female will be able to ride, with modest prizes for the first 3 places.

Within a month or so Queen City Wheelmen should receive applications one way or another, and they will be available in most bike shops. If you have any further questions call: Watson or Edna Nordquist 631-7786 or Jon Spicker 922-7354.

CLUB ROAD RACES

The Wednesday night club road races have been a fantastic success! There have been as many as 20 riders out at the races in one night! BILL GALLAGHER, PHIL KENNEDY, BRIAN JONES, JOHN MONTAG, and JIM GROVE have all won the race at least once; but Bill Gallagher usually wins when there.

These races are held every Wednesday night, at 6:30 for a distance of 26.5 miles. The course is at New Haven Ohio. To get to New Haven take Harrison ave. into Miami town and turn ~~left~~ right on 128. Go down 128 until you hit a flashing yellow light and turn left onto New Haven road. New Haven takes you right into New Haven. If you get to New Haven you will have no trouble finding the course... it starts right by the only store in New Haven. **club races, no entry fee or license required.**



To all Queen City Wheelmen;

Most of the Wheelmen now realise that Montgomery Cyclery-Clifton is the club's sponsor. To the average \$2.00 member that means he gets a free newsletter and a free \$3.00 T-shirt (those of you who have not yet received one come by the shop and pick one up). This is a good deal and promotes membership in our club. Being a member and being a racer are two different things as is rapidly becoming apparent. We are trying to achieve a certain quality and quantity of local bicycle racers. There are over one million people in this metropolitan area and only 41 active riders (see time trial listing). The Prairie Cycle Club in Illinois in 1968 had fifty active racers in its first year of existence and has grown considerably since with just a population of one hundred thousand. For our first year of sponsorship I'm extremely happy with the quality of our racers--our gang having completely dominated the states. I would like to see more riders out enjoying the various club time trials, road races, and the various sports touring rides (not a club function but club related). These are all a lot of fun and completely free to our membership--try it you will like it. We have a fine (also easy) race coming up in September in Blue Ash in which it would not be illogical for over two hundred Cincinnatians to compete in the various novice and USCF races. It is to this end that I would like the club to put its energy. And now we interrupt this letter with a word from our sponsor (over)



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Many people are still going to Dayton, Columbus, and even farther to Western Hills for stuff that we stock regularly in Clifton. Most racing equipment is much cheaper and costs less too compared to any of these stores. Comparing our prices to Palo Alto's we were 10 to 30% cheaper on most stuff and if our price isn't already discounted Queen City Wheelmen will receive another ten per cent discount. Sponsoring a club is not cheap and my kids are starving as a result so if we could get some fractional return from this advertising money it would be well appreciated. Patronize your sponsor.

JULY AND AUGUST SPECIAL DEALS

Phil Kennedy's 24" Raleigh Competition Black prize from Carbondale a collector's item--complete bike only \$225.00.

Raleigh Internationals or Ron Kitchings full campy except brakes only \$319.95 Campy stuff alone is worth over \$300.00.

All Campy equipment reduced--call for price

Bell helmets in stock--Regina chain \$9.95, Hkk \$5.95 Sedis black \$3.98

Clement puncture resistant tires due to arrive any day--discount prices

Complete Cool Gear selection gloves \$5.95 better ones 9.95

Raleigh sew ups \$9.95 Complete selection of suntour Pro-Compe and Winner freewheel cogs

Silica pumps \$7.95 Campy Tippo hubs \$19.95 pair Record \$38.95 pair

Fiamme Red label rims \$7.95 Gold label \$9.95

Robergal Spokes 11 9/16 Double butted 10 cents a piece

The amount of business that this sponsorship is going to net me is little. There are no ulterior motifs. So I can do without various turkeys asking me why I did it. I have put considerable time and money into the club in past years--the only difference is this year it's being advertised. P.S. We just got some Raleigh T-shirts in and will give one free per member.

