

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN

THE RACER'S NEWS

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MEETING 3-1-76

The next meeting will be this Monday, March 1st. This will be a very important meeting, as it will be the last official meeting before the Cincinnati Criterium, and we still need a lot of help with the race; so please come!

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 left side of the street less than a quarter mile from North Bend. The house is on the corner of Hollywood and Baywood. If you get lost give Phil a call at 542-0348.

The first part of the meeting will start at 7:00. This part is for the executives so we can get things together before everyone else arrives at 8:00, you are welcome to come at 7:00.

THE CINCINNATI CRITERIUM

A criterium bike race is held on a set, closed course that combines the spectator excitement of a track event with the challenges of a road course. The Fifth Annual Cincinnati Criterium is a nationally prominent race that draws Olympic caliber racers from all over the United States. Last year nearly 200 competed. The race will be held at Burnet Woods on April 4th.

Dan Humpert was elected coordinator of this major event. All promotion activities, scheduling and other planning will be through his direction. On race day itself we will need a large number of volunteers for counting laps, handling spectator control distributing programs and the like. We urgently request your help this day. If you can help, please call either Bill Laphorn, Course Marshall (531-6339), or Dan Humpert (721-6628 or 721-5165 after 7:00 P.M.) We need your help!!! Also if you are not actively participating in this event, it is still a wonderful spectator event for the entire family. You can't beat the price either--it's free.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ed. note: This letter is from John Gilmer, a now non-active racer. This letter was totally unsolicited and unexpected, this letter is real.

Jon,

I would like to sincerely commend you for faithfully and consistently printing a newsletter for the Queen City Wheelmen. From my past experiences with the local cycling club I, like many others, know how hard it is to get members to administrate the Queen City Wheelmen and how thankless any office within the club is. For these reasons I am pleasantly surprised to see that your interest in publishing the club newsletter and that you have been able to publish an issue a month, rather than merely talk about it. (as many have done in the past.)

One bit of criticism seems in order, however. It would be a great benefit to your readers to publish edited reprints of various articles from national magazines, (rather than from Velo News, which everyone receives anyway). Articles on training, diet, and technique would be more in order than such things as February's article on lightening one's body (by such methods as drilling out one's teeth)

Sincerest wishes for a successful year,

John Gilmer

Editors reply:

I'd like to take this chance to say what's been on my mind since the start of this season. John I definitely agree with you, any office within the club is thankless, but I think this is a thing of the past. I am pleasantly surprised to see that the interest in the club this year probably is the strongest it has been since those few short years ago, when the QCW was just a bunch of guys wanting to break away from the Cincinnati Cycle Club, and ride fast. A club that had at one time wanted to reject USCF sanction. This club was at first a very tight knit group of people that enjoyed working together and riding together; then interest in helping the club hit an all time low in 1974. Since then the club has become much closer and at the same time has improved the quality of its riders immensely. This club is no longer just a few people talking about getting it together, with thirty others just sitting around not doing anything; but rather has become a club filled with people sincerely interested in making this club the best they can. I believe this season will prove to be one of the most successful in both riding and organization.

On the other hand you offer some constructive criticism, (at least I take it you meant it to be constructive). You referred to the piece of humor in the February issue about lighting your personal body. You were not the only person to comment on some of the stories and format of the newsletter. Now don't get me wrong, I really do want feed-back from readers and I appreciate your letter and concern. I do hope to put in articles about training, diet etc. But I'm not a writing major. I've been asking people to write serious articles for the newsletter for quite sometime now, and now I'm finally getting some results. I feel though that there is a necessity for both the serious and ill-humored in this newsletter, I'm sure most people will agree with me. I definitely want this newsletter to be something useful for bikers, besides paper training their dogs. I think if people will continue to give me serious articles to print I can continue to make this one of the finest newsletters in the area.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF QCW MEMBERS AS OF 2-25-76

I know there are #) 30 or more people that were members last year, so send in your dues!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mike Albrinck	115 Forest ave. Wyoming, 45215	821-1957
Danny Biehl	174 Lafayette cir. Cinti. 45220	961-4171
Bill Froschauer & Family	3414 Oakview pl. Cint. 45209	321-1915
Bill Gallagher	292 Brookforest dr. Cinti. 45238	451-3284
Mike Griswold	8731-"C" Harper Pt. dr. 45237	793-6493
Jim Grove	6533 Meadowista ave. Cinti. 45224	931-8092
Dan Humpert	228 W, McMillan st. Cinti. 45219	721-5165
Sam Francis	5963 Cleves Warsaw Pk. 45238	941-0520
Greg Hanfbauer	5070 5500 Western Hills 45238	921-3049
Brian Jones	3510 Principo ave. Cinti. 45226	871-7094
Mark Kaufman	1126 Lois dr. Cinti. 45237	242-3725
Phil Kennedy & Family	1516 Hollywood Ave. Cinti. 45224	542-0348
Mark Limke	6071 Belmont Cinti. 45224	541-3337
Mike Limke	" "	" "
Kirby McMillan	213 Morris Oxford Ohio 45056	529-2253
John Montag	3652 Stetinus ave. Cinti. 45208	321-6803
Dave Moore	228 W. McMillan st. Cinti. 45219	381-5483
Watson Nordquist & Family	3544 Edgeview dr. Cinti. 45213	631-7786
John O. Ogg	9806 Columbia rd. Loveland O. 45140	683-8832
Andy Scheurer	3874 Clifton ave. Cinti. 45220	861-5752
Jon Spicker	2145 Beechcroft ct. Cinti 45238	922-7354
Dell Williamson	344 Wood ave. Cinti. 45220	861-9567

The Queencity Wheelmen are going to partispicate in the St. Patricks day parade this year, for more information call Dan Humpert. or come to the meeting/.

Because of the lack of time we can't get the criterium info in this newsleter so come to the meeting monday and pick up on what's happening.

The Queen City Wheelmen is a United states Cycling Federation (USCF) member club. The USCF is the governing body of all amateur racing within the US and qualifies riders for the Olympics, the World Championships and other international competition. Membership in the QcW is open to anyone whose purpose coincide with those of the clup—to actively promote and/or participate in the sport of bicycle racing. Not only are those wishing to actively race encouraged to join, but there is a great need as well for others interested ~~fk~~ in promoting the sport in such facets as helping ruan a race and generating publicity.

/Why join the Queen City Wheelmen? We believe that a club devoted exclusively to racing is a great benifit to anyone enjoying the sport, for you'll find yourself in the midst of others with the same interests as you. Competition within a ~~x~~ racing group will help your own speed to improve.

From the begingng of May until September, midweek club races are held each week. On sundays, members travel to various cities to participate in USCF races. Other activites include training rides and tours. a js creation