

ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER PLEASE FIND: 1 Novice rider application for Cincy Cry '78
 1 USCF rider application for Cincy Cry '78
 1 Program advertising application-Cincy Cry

The novice application is for our new or not so serious racers in the club. Even if you have never raced a bicycle before there is no reason why you can't race one at Burnet Woods, Sunday, April 9. The club also encourages members to find other first-time racers and try to get them interested in coming to the race. Additional apps. are available from Campus Cyclery.

The USCF application is for all you hot stuff riders out there. Remember, just because you haven't been out in the snow training all winter doesn't mean you don't have a shot at placing...Any body that was outside training this past winter is either still recovering from frostbite and bronchitis, or they're still locked up somewhere trying vainly to convince some psychiatrist of their sanity..."But Wayne Stetina's doing it!"

And then there is an ad application for advertising in the 1978 Cincinnati Criterium race program, which by the way has a super fantastic, dynamite, out-a-site cover drawing by THE Mark Kaufman! Hey! THE CLUB NEEDS TO MAKE SOME MONEY ON THIS RACE! SO GET OUT THERE AND SELL SU A COUPLE ADS!. We need them within the next week or two, so we can use all the help we can get. Most ads that appeared in last years program will be taken care of by Dan Humpert (721-6628), but if you know the manager of the business and think you could do a better job of getting the same ad or a bigger one this year let Dan know. If you are really interested in helping the club out with these ads you can stop up at Campus Cyclery in Clifton and get more ad apps. and a number of programs from past years to help you with you sales pitch. More info call me, Jon Spicker.

Also in this newsletter, and appearing right before your eyes at this very second is a plea for assistance with the race the day of the race!!!! This could be more important than selling ads (but there is nothing wrong with doing both!). We need workers around the course to keep ducks, cars, spectators, dogs, and all sorts of other mean-nasty things from walking in front of riders during the races. Any wonderful person wanting to assist with this should contact KENT WRIGHT 579-0518, or at Campus 721-6628. Workers are needed for the full day, but half day workers are also welcome. THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR WORKERS AND ANY ONE ELSE CONNECTED WITH THE CLUB IS TO BE COURTEOUS TO THE SPECTATORS. Remember some people don't like the idea of not being able to have complete access to THEIR park.

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the QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN

invite you to the

7th CINCINNATI CRITERIUM

Sunday, April 9, 1978

SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES CYCLING FEDERATION

9:45 A.M.	MIDGETS	1.3 MILES	1 LAP	\$*	3 PLACES
10:00 A.M.	JUNIOR WOMEN	6 MILES	5 LAPS	\$*	3 PLACES
10:01 A.M.	SENIOR WOMEN	10 MILES	8 LAPS	\$*	3 PLACES
10:02 A.M.	INTERMEDIATES	10 MILES	8 LAPS	\$*	3 PLACES
10:03 A.M.	VETERANS	10 MILES	8 LAPS	\$*	3 PLACES
12:00 NOON	JUNIOR MEN	15 MILES	12 LAPS	\$150	5 PLACES
1:00 P.M.	SENIOR IV	10 MILES	8 LAPS	\$150	5 PLACES
1:45 P.M.	SENIOR III	15 MILES	12 LAPS	\$150	5 PLACES
2:30 P.M.	SENIOR I & II	30 MILES	23 LAPS	\$250	5 PLACES

*NON-DECLARED

COURSE:

Undulating course is 1.3 miles long in Burnet Woods City Park. The course consists of two vicious climbs and descents, three 90 degree turns and one 180 degree turn.

LOCATION:

See map on reverse side. Park in the University of Cincinnati parking lot on St. Clair or on the street. Burnet Woods is located off St. Clair.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is located at the Bandstand in Burnet Woods. Registration opens at 8:30. Registration for each event closes one-half hour before the event. Current U.S.C.F. licenses are required. A one dollar deposit is required for numbers.

SPECIAL:

Race officials reserve the right to delay starting times, adjust mileage, use staggered start or other measures if required by race day conditions.

ENTRY FEE:

If postmarked by April 1, Junior and Senior Men, \$2.25 (post-entry, \$4.25); all other categories, \$1.25 (post-entry \$2.25). Mail entries to: Jon Spicker 2145 Beechcroft Court, Cincinnati Ohio 45238.

NOTE:

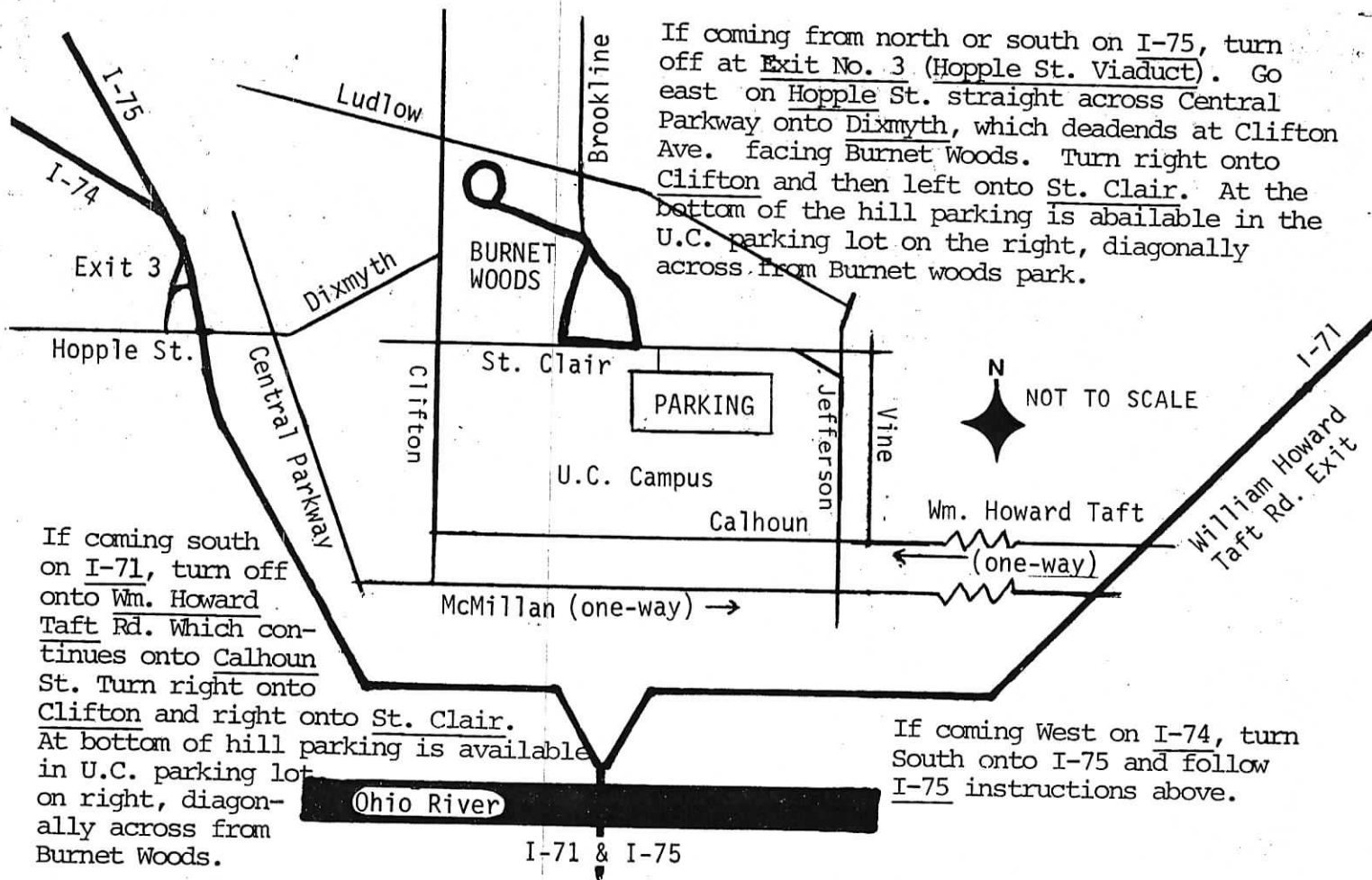
Starting position in order of receipt of entry. Also, if mailed prior to April 1, your name, starting number, club name and sponsor will be printed in the race program.

QUESTIONS:

Call Dave Moore, 1-513-721-6628, or Jon Spicker, 1-513-922-7354.

RIDERS OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND SIGNED RELEASE FORM

In submitting this entry form for the 1978 Cincinnati Criterium, I do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims, for or to be, for which I may hereafter have accrued to me against the United States Cycling Federation, the Queen City Wheelmen, the sponsors or promoters of this event or/and any other persons connected with this event, individually or collectively, from all



RIVERTOWN RALLY/Gran Prix of Cycling

DID I HEAR A BELL?

The rain exploded with a mighty crash as we set out at the gun. Then the first one yelled to the second one there. I hope you're having fun! Small fry on the run....

By ALAN MARCOSSON

Cincinnati's Rivertown Rally on August 21 was funny. Tortuous course: nine corners including three 180's and 3 esses, plus a couple of sweeping things in a mile-and-a-half circuit touching every exposure and elevation of the giant Riverfront Stadium complex, home of the Reds and Bengals. Ramps, bridges, tunnels, oil, cracks and off-camber. And rain. Funny, and great. Some lesser lights who raced a lot in 1970 when the Midwest had rain about eight Sundays running (and who

never forgot their hard learned lessons) went to the front and just tooted along listening to the carnage. There was so much big meat crashing that Mao must have vibrated. Pretty quickly gaps blossomed and grew. But the rain stopped, there were dry spots spreading between corners, the meatmen behind looked awfully mad as they chased us through the flickering up-and-back basement stretch, and I was worried.

"Cool," I pleaded of the little Wolverine who looked like a mean sprinter, "Steady—it's our only chance 'less it rains again." But Ted Waterbury, the only man of repute in our company, was antsy. Boom! off the front loses it on a bridge approach he went, leaving us three and I could hear the dragon to the rear gnashing

its collective hundreds of inches.

I prayed. Lord, let it rain. The sky blackened and electricity danced over the stadium to terrific thunder cracks. Then it rained as if to wash us all into the Ohio. (May never pray again) Water coursed over the open decks and down the ramps. The stream from my front wheel slowed my feet turning past. We couldn't hear. Competitive isolation.

But I could see a little. From 12 to go on lap cards held low so as not to get zapped, the officials went to two big ONE's displayed on either roadside. Did I here a bell? Waterbury is generous; he jumps back like a punching dummy. But we're on him nearly. Around the last

corners I kick it hard and catch Ted while the sprinter-type slides off. Lead out. S-turn. Mad sprint in the spray. Can't see...white line, throw the bike, Ted charges past. It was a cross walk. He wins.

But he doesn't know it—thinks it was a prime and the race is not over—and he keeps right on going! I chase half-heartedly, uncertain myself in the din and glare. Halfway around I've got my head sorted and am laughing insanely at the two of us racing desperately in these conditions while the race is over. He falls again, jumps up red-faced and blowing as I tool past with, "Ted, the race is over."

I kept going just in case it wasn't, but it was.

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LAST YEAR THE QUEEN CITY WHEELMEN PRESENTED ONE OF THE MOST DEMANDING AND IMAGINATIVE RACES IN THE MIDWEST. THE RIVERTOWN RALLY/GRAN PRIX OF CYCLING IS GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN IN 1978; WE'VE SET A TENTATIVE DATE OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. WE'RE EXPECTING A LARGER PRIZE LIST AND LESS OF THE WET STUFF. SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR, AND REMEMBER—WHEEL SUCKERS NEED NOT APPLY!

Queen City Wheelmen
2145 Beechcroft Court

In 1972 a small group of "racing cyclists" splintered from the Cincinnati Cycle Club to form the Queen City Wheelmen. The objective of the QCW has been to form a club consisting of fast tourists, and hard-riding racers, in an effort to field a viable amateur racing team that would be respected through out the entire Midwest. Since its inception the club has produced five State Champions, and one National Champion.

The QCW is a USCF, (United States Cycling Federation), member club. The USCF is the governing body of all amateur and professional bicycle racing within the United States, and qualifies American riders for the Olympics, the World Championships, and all other international competition in both the U.S. and abroad. Most USCF-licensed riders join a member club of the USCF, such as the QCW, because bicycle racing is very much a team sport. Also the clubs function as the racer's voice in USCF affairs.

Membership in the QCW is open to any one whose purposes coincide with those of the club—to actively promote and/or participate in the sport of bicycle racing. There are no restrictions on age within the club, although only those over 10 are permitted to vote. There is a place for the 8 year old to race, as well as the veteran of 80. Not only are those wishing to actively race encouraged to join, but there is a great need as well for others interested in promoting the sport in such facets as helping run a race, generating publicity, and raising money for prizes.

From the beginning of May until September, midweek club races and time trials are held regularly. On Sundays, some of the members travel to various cities to participate in USCF-sanctioned races. During the winter, most club members can be found keeping in shape by lifting weights and riding rollers together. Each year, in early January, the club has booth space at the Bob Heart/Sprot Vacation and Travel Show, displaying training techniques and roller riding. During the season the club sponsors two to three races for both amateur and novice cyclists. Races that the QCW has sponsored or co-sponsored in the past have included: The Cincinnati Criterium, held in Burnet Woods in early April, this race has drawn some of the most prestigious riders in North America. The Rivertown Rally/Gran Prix of Cycling, held at Riverfront Stadium in late August, has proven to be one of the most demanding and imaginative races in the country. The Bicycle Chase of The Lions, held at the CIC industrial park in Blue Ash in late September, has often marked the un-official close of the cycling season in the Midwest.

Meetings are held once a month. Dues are \$2 a year for an individual who doesn't expect to compete in USCF-sanctioned races. For those who do, annual dues are \$4 for riders under 18 and \$5 for older riders. Family memberships are \$8 annually.

Every person who participates as a competitor in USCF-sanctioned events must apply for and hold a separate amateur racing license, for which an additional annual fee is required by the United States Cycling Federation. Applications for licenses are available through the QCW. All members of the club—whether USCF-licensed or not—may compete against each other in strictly club events.

USCF classes (Your age on January 1 determines your class for that racing year):
VETERAN 35 & older; SENIOR 18-34; JUNIOR 15-17; INTERMEDIATE 12-14; MIDGET 8-11.

Senior Men are actually categorized in four classes according to experience and performance. Some events are open to all Senior Men, most races have separate events and prize lists for the various categories of men and women.