

### 1979 MEMBERSHIPS

Joining the Queen City Wheelmen in 1979 can cost you no more than \$15. That's right just \$15. We all know that's a bargain at twice the price. All anyone has to do to join the club in 1979 is fill out the club application form in this newsletter and send it to: Jon Spicker, 2145 Beechcroft Ct., Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. If you don't fill out an application and send it in you will not be put on our brand new mailing list, and you'll be taken off the old one if you are on it.

Now I hear you all out there sayin' "How in the world can the QCW afford to give away memberships?" Well I tell ya neighbor, it isn't so much that the club can afford to give away memberships, but we feel it would not be fair to charge for membership in a club that may not do anything for its riders all year. All donations are welcome.

### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, (Jon Spicker)

At the meeting January 31 it seems nobody was interested in being the president for the Queen City Wheelmen, but most were interested in me being president; I accepted, reluctantly.

Since I have accepted the presidency let me try to tell everyone what my interest in this club is: Preventing the club from going down the tubes, with me doing considerably less than I did a couple years ago, and getting a lot of help from people that share the same interest in this club as I do. The only way to save this club is to generate a whole bunch of INTEREST.

How do WE generate interest? A monthly newsletter would help considerably. I'm willing to edit, type, or have typed, print, and mail the newsletter; you'll notice I did not mention write. It is very important to get the news about the club out to the members; it can be done humorously, positively, or negatively. I'm afraid my feelings are coming out rather negatively, if at all. So how about it, doesn't someone want to help spread the word about this club?

(the race)

Mr. Dan Humpert, owner of Campus Cyclery and former club sponsor, wants to generate interest in the club by holding the Cincinnati Criterium this April 22nd. This

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is always an interest generator; but more importantly it has always been a safe and well coordinated race. Without interested and willing workers months before and the day of the race, this will not be an above described race. The last thing in the world the Queen City Wheelmen want to do is put on an unsafe and dissatisfying race for the riders, we have a reputation to protect.

An unsafe race is one where we do not have enough workers to adequately marshal the course, a dissatisfying race is one where the riders do not receive the advertised prize list, because we don't have it, or the riders are jerked around by race officials, specifically at registration. Dan has agreed to take care of getting the bucks needed to put on the race, I have agreed to handle registration and irate bikes, now all we need is YOUR assistance in handling the course the day of the race, including grunt work that day such as setting up traffic cones and barricades.

Dan is responsible for getting together a definite prize list, and confirming the course for April 22nd with the city. Dan's the Race Director and could use everyone's assistance. If for some reason we can't confirm the prize list or course by March 1, the race won't happen. If we don't get some positive feedback from people willing to help with the race, no Cincinnati Criterium. The Queen City Wheelmen won't put on a shoddy bike race, we NEED your help!

P.S. While I have accepted the presidency, I DO NOT accept the responsibility of what this club does and does not do this year. I will try my best to help coordinate club events, but I will not take the blame if nothing happens because nobody showed any INTEREST in helping with club events. If anyone wishes advice, it's free as usual. If there is someone that feels more qualified than I, or more interested, come to the next meeting and take over the presidency.

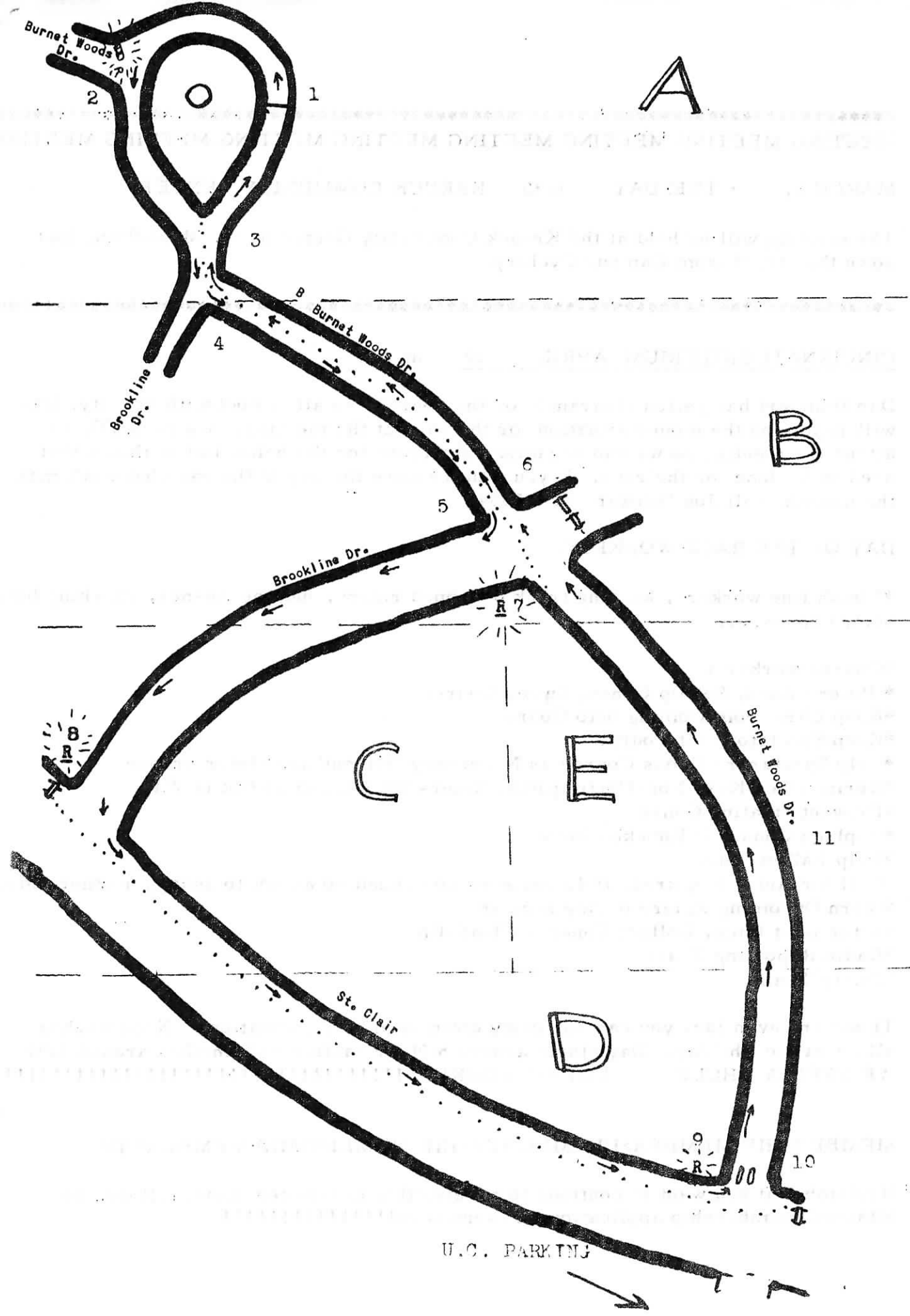
#### WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

A lot of people complain that this club is not doing anything to benefit them, or that they don't like the irresponsible way the club is run; the only answer we have for you folks is: "What you put in, is what you get back out."

A lot of racers, particularly those that spend a lot of money on it, don't feel they are getting much out of this club. No money, no teammates etc. Some racers even talk about joining other clubs outside of Cincinnati; you may get some teammates, you may even get a free team-jersey, but what is the likely hood of getting any REAL money until you are a national-caliber rider.

The QCW does offer a regular time trial series, that does not require going out of town, nor does it cost anything to ride; We also offer teammates and a club road race series, if only you will take the time and patience to help get these together. If you aren't going to train with someone because you don't like the way he combs his hair, what makes you think you are going to find dependable teammates in another city, that you don't even live in? There does not seem to be an over abundance of people interested in administrating the club or organizing the serious racers. There ARE serious racers out there, you should not have that much trouble finding each other; organize yourselves and get the club to help you, or shut up! You may even want to use The Racer's News to help you communicate and organize.

All we are trying to say is this club is in desperate need of people willing to help organize it into what ever they want. How about coming to some meetings, or even calling a meeting yourself? The club will foot the bill for notifying the riders if someone has something they want to say. What has happened to all the administrators of yesteryear; Maybe you guys have no interest, in which case we just need new people that are interested. You don't have to belong to the club for any specific time to be qualified to help administrate, you just need to be interested; the only thing in it for you is whatever you take/make out of it.



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MARCH 6, TUESDAY 6:30 KREUCK COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting will be held at the Kreuck Community Center on W. McMillian, just down the street from Campus Cyclery.

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CINCINNATI CRITERIUM APRIL 22 update

Dan Humpert has gotten clearance for the course, so all is cool with the city. Dan will report on the money situation for the race at the meeting. We need YOU to attend the meeting so we can organize volunteers for the below list of things that need to be done for the race. If you want to work the day of the race but can't make the meeting call Jon Spicker 922-7354.

#### DAY OF THE RACE WORKERS:

\*Finish line workers, keeping track of lapped riders, judging finishes, checking bikes before races....

#### \*Course workers:

- \* Before Race, Set Up Cones, Sweep Course
- \*Keep Cars from Coming onto Course
- \*Keep Spectators off Course
- \*Help Spectators Cross Course as Necessary Without Race Interference
- \*During Race Keep Non-Participating Riders Off Course or Out of Way
- \*Prevent Stealing Cones
- \*Replace Cones if Knocked Down
- \*Help Fallen Riders
- \*Call for Aid if Required. Help guide rescue squad so as not to endanger other riders.
- \*Warn Oncoming Riders of Any Danger
- \*After Last Race, Collect Cones & Clean-Up
- \*Radio Reporting Team
- \*Safety Team

There are even jobs you can do sitting down such as registration. Need workers all or part of the day. Day starts around 8:00 or earlier and finishes around 5:00  
WE NEED A WHOLE LOT OF WORKERS!!

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