

# Queen City Wheelmen

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: September 18, 1980

The Time Trials will continue for a few more weeks--until the time change. This may be one of your last opportunities to set a personal goal or record a place to start for winter training. If you need directions or more information, call 244-7164.

The plans for our first annual awards banquet have been finalized! All members, prospective members, and friends are cordially invited to attend. It will be held at T.C. Peppercorns on Calhoun Street in the Party Room on October 12, 1980, at 6:00 PM. Selections from the menu range from \$2.50 - \$3.50--they are famous for their extensive salad bar; there will be a choice of beer/wine/soft drinks at your expense.

We have a very informative and enlightening meeting planned. All time trial riders who participated this season will receive a certificate for their personal best from this season's records. There will be special awards and a few door prizes to boot. Bill Mirbach has worked hard to plan this exciting event. Plan to attend!

We will also have on display the compilation of the history of Queen City Wheelmen Time Trials. This will be inclusive of all years, all riders, best times, all times ever recorded, course records, course trivia. Come and see!

Invitations will be mailed within the next ten (10) days.

We have been asked to publish a response we got from the never-ending pursuit to get you out there involved--involved enough to feed us more information and involved enough to participate financially and physically. The reply is something to read carefully and digest. Come to Peppercorn's with your ideas--WE NEED YOU.

September 7, 1980

Editor  
Queen City Wheelmen  
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Dear Sir,

I would like to make the following suggestions concerning the Queen City Wheelmen:

- 1) Do not permit anyone to participate in the Tuesday night Time Trials more than once without joining the Club.
- 2) Keep and report Club Time Trail results as is presently done except list the USCF age category that each rider falls into, i.e., Midget 8-11, Intermediate 12-14, Junior 15-17, Senior 18-34, Veteran 35-44, Master 45-54, and Grand Master 55-up.
- 3) Provide some recognition for time trial accomplishments in the various categories as appropriate.
- 4) Make it easier for new members and others to know more about the Club, e.g., who the officers are, what other race opportunities exist, etc.
- 5) Get more members through publicity and activity planning.

Although a new member of QCW, I would certainly be happy to help implement any of the above suggestions and work for the expansion of bike racing in our area. I am also an officer in the Cincinnati Cycle Club and have the Governing Council's backing to use those resources that we may have to help QCW racing grow. As you may know, the CCC presently has over 500 members and certainly must include a lot of potential racers and willing helping hands for QCW racing.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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# Queen City Wheelmen Cincinnati, Ohio

September 18, 1980

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Dear Jack:

Thanks for taking the time to express your thoughts on club policy and administration. Your five major suggestions have considerable merit and should definitely be "phased-in" over the remaining 1980 season so as to become club policy for 1981. Other members share your concerns, so perhaps it would be helpful to address your five points.

#1. Dues Policy. With the exception of time trials, there has been a dearth of organized club activity over the past couple years. In fact, the club performed few services for its members. There was one meeting and one newsletter in 1979, for example. Additionally, the club road race series was discontinued and race promotion was drastically curtailed. We didn't even bother to elect new officers for 1980. Consequently, there seemed little, if any, justification for anything but a lax dues policy.

For 1981, I would like to suggest a revision to the dues structure to diminish the discriminatory surcharge for the USCF riders. How does \$2.00/student; \$4.00/individual \$5.00/family memberships sound? Hopefully, this structure and a viable cycling program in '81 will justify a higher degree of compliance, as you suggest.

#2. Reporting of Time Trial Results. In the past, most of the time trial participants were Junior or Senior Men by virtue of the low participation by females and other age groups (formerly Senior Men were to age 39). Now the time has come to recognize individual achievements by age and sex. This will tax the current reporting system which has not yet worked as smoothly or been on as regular a basis as was initially intended. I'll check with Mike Albrinck to see whether he can handle that next season.

#3. Recognition. This year we're going to do just that! Bill Mirbach has completed arrangements for the meeting room at T.C. Peppercorn's on Calhoun Street. The first annual awards banquet will commence at 6:00 PM, Sunday, October 12th. Members, prospective members and guests will be invited. Invitations to follow.

#4. This is a tough one. Historically, routine business meetings were poorly attended. We finally got the message that members weren't particularly interested in bicycling in the winter months, and during periods of weather conducive to cycling our members had better things to do, i.e. ride. With no meetings, we need to explore alternative means of meeting each other and sharing training opportunities and obtaining race information.

I would suggest a three-step approach to this apparent dilemma:

- (a) Attend time trials and make it a point to introduce yourself to at least one new face each week.

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(b) Campus Cyclery is the next best thing to a cycling mecca as most of the mechanics train regularly, race regularly, and seem to know who is doing what and what is happening where. Stop in and check with Kent Wright, Kent Frazier, John Wartenburg, Kevin Ryder, or Dave Moore.

(c) Use your newsletter--If you find out what is happening, you have race results to share, comments about equipment, anything, send it to OCM, 5070 Western Hills Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45238. One of the problems with putting out a newsletter is no one takes the time to make a contribution. If it is newsworthy (and sometimes if it is not) the information will get out.

#5. More members, more publicity, more activities. It seems that the interest is there, let's see what we can do with it. Perhaps you could start by introducing a friend to cycling by bringing him to one of the few remaining time trials. Bring a friend to the Awards Banquet.

There's also a weekly training ride that will be leaving from the "shop" each non-race Sunday at 9:15 AM (subject to change). Come along and jam your way to Ross or go all the way to Oxford.

Roger Auge also has a commitment for a Novice and Senior 3-4 (incl. Jr. & Vet.) USCF race in Devou Park for November 2. Call him and volunteer your services now. Those entry forms should be ready to go. Has anyone contacted the State Rep. regarding sanction and mailing list? Pete DiSalvo should also have a good mailing list. When you find out what Roger is doing and needs, let us know.

Again, Jack, thanks for your interest and assurance of future support.

Sincerely,

Greg Hanfbauer  
Treasurer