

Queen City Wheelmen

Cincinnati, Ohio

September 25, 1982

USCF RULE CHANGES

At the 1982 annual meeting held August 5 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin a number of significant and not-so-significant rule changes were considered. Approved changes in the order that they were considered:

1. USCF member club dues may be paid as late as July 1. Note that dues are due on January 1 of each year. Clubs can pay late, with a penalty without losing their membership status.

2. The USCF will now permit the formation of "OFFICIALS' ORGANIZATIONS" within the framework of existing member clubs. These organizations may consist of only individuals with Official's licenses. Officials organizations will have all the voting rights of member clubs but may not promote races or enter into sponsorship agreements. Licensed officials who are also licensed riders may only belong to one USCF member organization.

3. The Sr. Women's championship distance was increased from 70 km. to 110. The USCF also passed a resolution to the Federation Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme to lengthen the world and Olympic distances for women's road races to approximately 100 km.

4. The rule requiring Midgets to ride 24" wheels was repealed. Note that Midgets and Intermediates still are prohibited from using tubular tires.

5. The name of a team or club which is sponsored or has a registered jersey design shall appear on jerseys worn in competition by members of the team or club. The name may be abbreviated and shall appear at least on the front and back or on the right and left side of a jersey

MAJOR TAYLOR VELODROME

Track racing is a little closer to home now that Indy has its track completed. Visitors to the velodrome report that it is well designed, managed and maintained...but that the banking takes some getting used to. Hours are set aside for use by road bikes so you do not need a fixed gear to try it out.

Here is the schedule effective September 11, 1982:

R=Road Bikes Only T=Track Bikes Only C=Classes

Monday & Thursday	8:00-10:45	R
	11:00-1:45	R
	5:00-7:30	T
Tuesday & Friday	8:00-10:45	T
	11:00-1:45	R
	5:00-7:45	R
Wednesday	8:00-10:45	T
	11:00-1:45	R
	5:00-7:45	C
Saturday	8:00-10:45	R
	11:00-1:00	C
	3:00	RACING!!!
Sunday	8:00-10:45	T
	11:00-1:45	R

For further information you may contact the Dept. of parks and recreation in Indianapolis (317) 924-9151, or the Major Taylor Velodrome at (317) 926-VELO.

MEMBER CLUB

UNITED STATES CYCLING FEDERATION, INC.

For the uninitiated we have an introduction to track lingo:

Sprint or Match Sprint

This is the event that you are used to seeing when they televise Olympic cycling. Two or three riders race against each other over a standard distance. This may be something like 800-1000 meters or simply 2 or 3 times around the track. Typically only the last 200 meters or so is of any apparent consequence. The rest of the race is dedicated to tactical maneuvering during which the riders may actually stand still. Timing, power, surprise, and exploitation of the banking contribute to victory.

Pursuit

Two riders or teams of riders start at opposite sides of the track and try to catch each other over a specified distance. When riders are too evenly matched to decide the race in this manner elapsed time is the determining factor. There are a couple of variations. Australian Pursuit involves teams of up to eight riders spaced out at equal distances, with any riders that are caught eliminated. Italian Pursuit involves two or more teams of 3-5 riders each in which each team drops off one rider from the race each lap. The last man with the best time wins.

Scratch Races

All Competitors start together. Typical distances range from 3-10 miles.

Miss-and-out

The last rider to complete each lap is eliminated until the field is reduced to a predetermined number for the final sprint.

Madison

This is a generic term applied to any number of track races wherein riders are relieved during the event by their teammates. This should not be confused with tag team wrestling as seen on the TV. There are some similarities, however. The relief rider is literally slung onto the track by the retiring rider to bring him up to speed quickly.

The Velodrome's Developmental Race Series Commences

on Saturday, September 11 and continues for 7 consecutive Saturdays. This series is for USCF riders only. Registration is from 1:30 to 2:30 at the track. Racing begins at 3:00.

Entry fees are a buck. Prizes are guaranteed to be \$200 each week. The Velodrome is located in the Northwestern portion of Indianapolis on 3649 Cold Spring Rd. This is just South of 38th St.

Tour de France

Bernard Hinault, a member of the Renault/Gitane team, won the Tour de France for the fourth time in five years. His total elapsed time for the 2180 mile Tour, 92 hours 8 minutes and 46 seconds. The second place rider, Joop Zoetemelk was 6 minutes and 21 seconds behind Hinault. Zoetemelk rides for the Coop Mercier team

Jonathan Boyer, the first American to compete in the Tour de France, completed the 22-day event in 23rd place. Only 125 riders out of 169 starters finished the Tour.

Hinault is definitely on a hot streak. Just this past June he won the prestigious Giro d'Italia (Tour of Italy).

GABR

With all the hype for the GABR, (That's Great American Bike Race for the uninitiated) many of us failed to take note of a new women's transcontinental record. Susan Notorangelo, 28 years old, achieved her record on July 13. She rode from Santa Monica, California to New York City in 11 days 16 hours 15 minutes.

The previous record was 14 days 14 hours. Notorangelo averaged 240 miles per day riding 16 to 18 hours per day. Her coach, Lon Haldeman. Need we say more?

Bike Law Update...

The City of Cincinnati has amended its traffic code pertaining to bicycles. The language now conforms to Ohio standards. We are required to "ride as near to the right as practicable." The former standard, within 5 feet of the curb, allowed for some bizarre situations. Enforcement personnel are now given some discretion to consider road hazards, parked cars, and traffic signals.

Road Hazards...

At one time or another each of us has had at least a close call with a sewer grate. These encounters can have serious consequences. Don Burrell, our local activist, has gotten the big "B" to do something about it. Of course, the City can't replace all the sewer grates at once. But officials have agreed to start installing diagonal grates at the most hazardous locations first. If you have a candidate for early replacement in mind give Don a call.

MORE USCF NEWS FROM THE MAILBAG.....

The newly elected officers of the USCF are:

- President Phil Voxland
- Secretary Ernie Seubert
- Treasurer Nancy Neiman
- Board Chm Mark Estes
- 1st V Pres Dottie Saling
- 2nd V Pres Wayne Stetina
- 3rd V Pres Steve Ball

The next meeting of the board is October, 15-17 in Colorado Springs. The USCF is willing to provide lodging for attendees at the Olympic Training Center. Please contact the USCF Operations Manager, Mary Cappy at (303) 578-4565 to arrange these accomodations.

A financial report for the six month period ending June 30, 1982 shows some interesting figures. The Federation generated revenues of \$560,000. Almost \$350,000 came from membership registrations. That is the money you, I and the QCW pay every year. Race sanction and

entry fees made up another \$110,000. Out of this revenue the International racing program has already received \$95,000 while the domestic racing program was allocated precisely \$18,702. District Championships got another \$3,847.

Where does the money go? Well, the federation has invested in office equipment (\$5600), Training Equipment(\$1150), and vehicles(\$13,431). They also have \$11,116 in "promotional item" inventory. Only \$18,000 of these items were purchased for sale to the public. So well over half of it is unsold despite heavy advertising in club mailings and CUSA.

Maybe you would like more detail. The statements are 3 pages in length. If interest warrants we can republish this information as it becomes available in future club newsletters. If you want the full current report send an SASE to the QCW and we'll get a copy out to you right away.

ABOUT THOSE TIME TRIALS

Perhaps the most popular activity that the club sponsors every year is the Time Trial Series. We meet every Tuesday evening, weather permitting, during the period that Daylight Savings Time is in effect. The weekly event commences at approximately 6:30 PM at the foot of Harrison's Tomb on Brower Rd. in North Bend, Ohio. Both North Bend, Ohio and Brower Rd. are shown on most decent road maps of the Greater Cincinnati area. Whether you care to look at your map or not, North Bend is approximately 8 miles West of downtown Cincinnati on US Rt. 50. If you take this route and see road signs indicating that you are in Cleves, or even worse, Lawrenceburg, you missed your turn.

The route is approximately 10.2 miles of rolling, lightly travelled road. An aerial view reminds one of a horseshoe. There are several reasons that this is advantageous. The net effects of wind and terrain changes are minimized. Also the Start and Finish are close enough, as the Crow flies that the timer can make it to the finish line before the first rider. Most time trial courses require a turnaround to accomplish the same thing.

We have been fortunate that the officials and residents of North Bend have tolerated our use of this particular stretch of pavement. We can only hope that our conduct, and the conduct of other cyclists warrants this continued tolerance. Over the years we have only been cautioned about two things by the police. One of these is parking, and the other is obstructing traffic. Indeed parking is limited. We prefer that you ride your bike to the Start from some other parking location. You'll notice that many of the better riders don't bother with cars at all and ride from their homes or offices. This is a very effective way to warmup and cool down. If distance, time constraints, or other factors require you to park at the start the please park well off the pavement on the side of the road furthest from the monument.

Well, that's easy enough to understand. What about this obstructing

traffic business? It's not because we ride too slowly. Riders have a tendency to stand around in the road to BS or fiddle with their equipment. According to the Police it is "obstructing traffic." Common sense tells us that it is a good way to irritate motorists enough to complain to someone. The moral, let the cars and trucks go through. Next Tuesday if someone should remind you not to stand in the road your only response should be to move.

Time trials are for members only. There is simply no other way to sustain the club without collecting dues from participants in its events. The policy is simple and straightforward. You may ride once as a guest. The second time we expect some financial support for the club. No one is going to tell non-members that they cannot use a public thoroughfare. We're not that naive. You might as well bring your own stopwatch, though.

This brings up the subject of the winning combination we have in a timer and recordkeeper, Mark Vincent. He is a volunteer, just as the people who fill in for him now and again. Mark does a superb job for which we cannot thank him enough. Maybe we can try. THANKS MARK! Practice that expression enough so that you can remember to say it sometime on a Tuesday night. Thank yous come in other forms also. An occasional offer to help says "thanks" in a big way. Coming early rather than late is another way. Maybe you can think of some others.

Queen City Wheelmen

Membership Application

Name _____

Occupation or School _____

Address _____

Birthdate _____ Today's Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Business _____

Individual Membership— \$4.00

Family Membership— \$8.00

WAIVER

In submitting this application for membership in the Queen City Wheelmen, 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 have or which may hereafter accrue to me against the Queen City Wheelmen, and/or any other parties connected with events sponsored by them, individually or collectively, from all responsibilities for any injury to persons during such events.

Signature _____
(Signature of parent or guardian if under 18)

Please send completed application with check to: **Queen City Wheelmen, 5070 Western Hills Ave., Cinti. OH. 45238**

