

Queen City Wheelmen

SPRING 1986

TIME TRIALS SERIES TO RESUME ON MAY 6

Yes, that is one week later than the usual start. The week's delay will help us to assure sufficient daylight for all riders to finish. Participant safety, always a concern, is now a priority. Please take a few moments to read about the other changes:

REVERSE START

The road surface in our usual direction on Brower Rd. has deteriorated further under the weight of trucks hauling to the ash pit. Smoother, less hazardous pavement remains on the other side of the road. To use it, though, we have to ride "backwards". The new staging area is alongside the Trophy Barn in Cleves (near the old finish). Parking will still be available in the vicinity of Harrison's Tomb.

STANDING STARTS

USCF rules require a standing start. The same will apply to all QCW time trials. Riders may start with one foot on the ground, or be assisted by a holder. Riders will now line-up in the staging area instead of circling in traffic.

HARD SHELL HELMETS

The USCF amended its helmet rule for '86. The popular leather "hairnet" was deemed to afford inadequate protection. All time trial participants will be required to wear a hard shell helmet. No waivers. Even if YOU want to take a chance, the QCW does not.

MEMBERS ONLY

To limit the club's liability exposure to the public, only QCW members may participate. A member is someone who has completed an application form with waiver, and paid dues. There are three classes of dues: 1. Annual Individual - \$5; 2. Annual Family - \$7; 3. Weekly Individual - \$1

A special note to USCF riders attached to other clubs - Although the QCW is a member club of the USCF, joining the QCW as described above does not affect your status with the USCF in any way. You determine which club you are attached to when you apply for or renew your USCF license.

PERHAPS YOU HEARD

As many of you suggested, the QCW formally asked the Cincinnati Cycle Club to provide the QCW the same status as a CCC "Cluster". Terms of a mutually advantageous, prospective merger were worked out. However, the liability insurance carrier for the CCC has not yet approved. This means that we are not an affiliate of the Cincinnati Cycle Club, Inc. as announced in the CCC newsletter.

The merger still makes sense; and we hope that it will occur at some future time. We regret that the issues were not resolvable before the '86 time trial series. For those of you with dual QCW/CCC memberships we can only advise that you remain current. And, please, continue to support the CCC's activities.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Finally! The selection committee, chaired by Tim Gehling, recruited the following officers for 1986:

<u>President</u>	Jim Obert 9816 Greenriver Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45231 851-5134
<u>V. Pres.</u>	Robert Bruelheide 3223 Riggs Ave. Erlanger, KY 41018 777-2567
<u>Treasurer</u>	Greg Hanfbauer 5070 Western Hills Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45238 244-7164

The officers adopted the following objectives:

1. Continue the club Time Trial Series.
2. Improve the safety and efficiency of the Time Trials.
3. Remain a USCF member club.
4. Become a cluster of the CCC.
5. Provide for (s)election of next year's officers or cluster leaders.

The officers also gave approval to Tim Gehling to solicit sponsorship for the QCW.