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1. General: This contains a current calendar of events; a summary of the 1987 annual membership meeting; new things for 1988; winter club activities; and some general information on subjects that will be better defined by the time the next newsletter comes out.

2. Calendar of Events:
 - Jan. 22 (Fri. at 7:00) QCW Board of Directors Meeting at Tim Gehling's
 - Jan. 27 (Wed.-7-10 p.m.) Blue Ash Dash race meeting - Blue Ash City Council Chambers (see Section 14c)
 - Feb. 7 (Sun. at 12:00) Team Bike Day at Tim Gehling's
 - Feb. 27 (Sat. at 9:00 a.m.) Bike Show at Jim's Bicycle Shop
 - March 11 (Fri. at 6:30 p.m.) Logo Night at Tim Gehling's
 - March 26 (Sat. 12-4) Heart Mini-Marathon Clinic at Convention Center
 - May 3 (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.) USCF Time Trial at North Bend
 - May 28-30 Riverfest Racing - Dayton, Ohio
 - June 4 (Sat.) District Time Trial Hannibal Locks, Ohio
 - June 5 (Sun.) District Track Meet at Indy
 - June 12 (Sun.) District Road Race - Site not confirmed
 - July 2-4 Cyclebration '88 (Sat.-Mon.) Racing - Cincinnati, Ohio
 - July 16-24 Masters (Vets) Nationals in Pensacola, Florida (reserve your condo now).
 - July 23-August 4 Senior Nationals in Spokane, Washington (make reservations now)
 - August 1-August 14 Junior Nationals in Allentown, PA (approx. dates)

3. Action Requests:
 - a. Call the RIDE hotline to volunteer to help with the Blue Ash Race. We need more committee people.
 - b. Attend the open meeting for the Blue Ash Dash Race per above.
 - c. Submit membership/waiver form immediately and pay dues. Need to maintain a positive cash flow.
 - d. Share your ride/run/ski information within the club. Call the RIDE hotline and leave a message.
 - e. Juniors register with Fred Steinbrecher 851-5420.
 - f. Call the RIDE hotline about available frames/wheels for Team Bike(s).
 - g. Order new jerseys and shorts now. Separate check from membership/waiver.

4. Annual Awards Banquet (Nov. 7, 1987):
 - a. The 1987 Annual Awards Banquet was held on November 7 at the Blue Ash Recreation Center. The attendance was overwhelming with 105 of 202 members on hand. 30 members did a fast pace 30 mile ride in a cold mist prior to the meeting. The Blue Ash Police escorted the riders out Reed Hartman Highway. The hot showers got a lot of use after the ride. Sponsors and friends donated at least \$500 toward the door prizes.
 - b. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - c. The Treasurer's report by Jim Obert showed about \$500 in the checking accounts. After paying for the banquet and some outstanding bills, Jim anticipates entering the new year liquid, but tight.
 - d. The Membership report was given by Ellen Obert and showed that there are 202 total members at 168 separate addresses. This takes into account family memberships. In 1986, there were 126 members. This is an increase of 42 (+33%). There has been a proportional increase in licensed riders thanks to the local racing programs.
 - e. Business items:
 1. The club voted to table the affiliation discussions that were held with Cincinnati Cycle Club (CCC) last year. CCC has worked very amicably with us while we re-secured liability insurance and helped us to meet getting racing information to the entire cycling community via their newsletter.

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2. The club voted unanimously to expand the Board of Directors to 8 members with the Vice President being elected from that Board.
 3. Membership requested that significant first place awards be presented in 12 categories to the first place person at the time trials. Some restrictions would apply. Basically, there would be 6 USCF categories and 6 citizen categories. A rider would have to participate in at least 5 events to qualify with 3 qualifying riders per category.
 4. Current officers asked for input from the club on involvement with the planned Blue Ash race before we risk any money. The club heartily approved doing this race.
 5. The membership felt there was a need for more winter rides and a Thursday night training ride beginning in May through the summer. Better publicity of those rides is necessary.
 6. In response to the above, the club voted unanimously to install a ride and information hotline.
 7. Election of Officers and Board of Directors: The QCW officers for 1988 are: President/Secretary - Tim Gehling; Treasurer - Jim Obert; Membership Chairperson - Ellen Obert. A Vice President will be elected from the 8 person Board of Directors, who are: Watson Nordquist, Fred Steinbrecher, Ed Theuring, Tom Vanover, Ellen Obert, Steve Trapp, Mike Scully and Ivan Forsythe.
- f. Summary of 1987: Some of the accomplishments of 1987 are:
Three excellent sponsors (Convenient Food Mart, New Balance Cycle Wear, Jim's Bicycle Shop); new liability insurance policy; membership increase of 42 addresses; 40 licensed QCW racers; paid junior entry fees; excellent volunteer help for membership, time trial assistant, newsletter mailings and banquet.
- g. Goals for 1988: Some areas need improvement. They are: 15 more individuals involved in club management activities; good Thursday and Saturday training ride programs; find a junior coach; at least \$500 more in sponsorships for the Junior program; 5 more Junior men, 6 Senior 18-35 men and 4 more Senior women racers; a successful July 4 Blue Ash Race.
- h. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
- i. The meal was excellent by anyone's standards -- even meatless dinners and plenty of dessert was available.
- j. After dinner, awards were presented to 57 people. Awards fell into the following categories: Club Service, Special Recognition, non-USCF Performance, USCF Performance, Time Trial Awards for dependability, consistency, rookie of the year and Special Time Trial Performance Awards for improvement over 1986 and fastest ride in each category.
- k. Door prizes and raffle winners were drawn. Tim Weber won the major non-cycling raffle award, a dinner for two at The Precinct Restaurant.
- l. (How can QCW do all this for \$7.00 per year?) Please pay your membership (donations and sponsorships are accepted!!). It should be obvious that this is a bargain.
5. Membership: There are some changes on the attached membership form. Check the label on this envelope. Be certain to tell us if you have a new address and/or phone number. We are also interested in your occupation and non-cycle related hobbies (you never know when we might be able to direct business your way). If a friend needs a copy of the membership form, please copy it and the attached data sheet for them. If you are entitled to a reimbursement for jersey or entry fees, do not subtract it from your membership dues. Membership and racing are maintained in separate accounts by different people and that will make the bookkeeping more complex.
6. RIDE Hotline: 791-RIDE is now installed to give the latest on club, sponsor and racing news, and late breaking club ride information. This number is available to everyone, but QCW will insist on membership for those attending events. During the winter, we will try to advertise as many events as possible. That includes running (and cross country skiing activities when the weather is right). I will keep track of how many rides are scheduled to see if the RIDE hotline is a justifiable expense. Send or call in RIDE hotline information.
7. Club Activities:
- a. February 7, Sunday noon at Tim Gehlings, Team Bike Day - thought it might be fun to try to find enough parts to put together a team bike(s) using parts that we do not really intend to use again. The team bike(s) could be beneficial to a new rider for some specified period of time while they found a better bike (if that's possible knowing the quality of parts that you all have squirreled away). The basics are frame and wheels. If someone has one of these items to donate, please call. We won't be able to build without them and I don't have any. Bring your own drinks.
 - b. February 27, Saturday 9:00 a.m., Bike Show at Jim's Bicycle Shop. This is an event that we did last year in conjunction with members from Clifton Track Club. It's a way to see the latest in equipment, in case you've been wanting to upgrade or buy something totally diverse. Although this Bike Show is a drop-in event before the store opens for business, a call to 791-RIDE would be appreciated so we have a rough idea of how many folks will be there. Jim's Bicycle Shop is two doors from the southwest corner of Plainfield and Galbraith near Dillonville Shopping Center in Deer Park.

- c. March 11, Friday 6:30 p.m., Logo night at Tim Gehling's. The club owns a silkscreen with a variety of QCW logos on it. This is for anyone who has clothing or equipment to screen and even those who just want to hang out. No guarantees. We only hope we know what we're doing. Bring your own drinks.
 - d. March 26, Saturday 12-4, Heart Mini-Marathon Clinic at the Convention Center. The Heart Association and Clifton Track Club annually make a booth available to QCW. The club has benefitted quite a bit over the years from this clinic. This encourages members to appear in the booth to answer questions from the public, ride rollers and demonstrate equipment. The clinic is the day before the Heart Mini-Marathon and it is usually attended by 5,000 plus runners and their families.
 - e. Anytime: If it snows 5" or more and you want to cross country ski, give a call. We'll do it. One possible location is the Blue Ash Golf Course -- it's just off my deck.
8. Sponsorship: QCW is expecting all of our sponsors back in 1988 (Convenient Food Mart, New Balance Cycle Wear and Jim's Bicycle Shop). Jim's Bicycle Shop is now offering 10% off to QCW members on purchases greater than \$20. He has a current membership list.

Kencabco, from Golf Manor, is a new supporter of QCW. Tom Trapp's business is cabinets. If you are considering new cabinets, you may want to give Kencabco a call. I had these cabinets in both of my last two houses and they are really nice.

Randy Folz, R. F. Folz and Company, has volunteered to pay for all newsletter mailings for QCW this year. If you need insurance, call Randy.

It is very important to let me know if you have made a major purchase from our sponsors or if you referred someone to make a purchase. This information helps to sell the sponsorship in the following year.

9. USCF Rule Changes: There are a number of new rule changes that go into effect 1/1/88. Some of them do not really apply to members of QCW at this time. This is a listing of those rule changes that do apply:
- a. Riders will be required to wear legal helmets when warming up for a race on the course.
 - b. Team Time Trial Championships are added for women and juniors.
 - c. Riders will be allowed to wear colored shorts in races. Formerly, only colored panels were allowed. (QCW will continue to wear solid black shorts with a white/silver logo).
 - d. For riders 30 and older, racing age will be their age on December 31, 1988. For those riders 30 and under, racing age will be their age on December 31, 1987. This means that no one will have a racing age of 29. (This was to be designed to align the USCF with age classifications in Europe and Canada.)
 - e. Riders in Age-Graded National Championships may only ride in one class - that of their racing age.
 - f. In future rulebooks, the word veteran will be replaced by the word MASTER and the word girl will be replaced by the word WOMEN.
 - g. Women will become Seniors at a racing age of 17. (This is one year before men, in accordance with Int'l rules.)
10. Reimbursement: Some Juniors have not yet applied for reimbursement of entry fees from 1987. This must be done before March 1, 1988. Any racers who have QCW on your license and rode 6 sanctioned USCF events wearing the jersey are entitled to a \$32.00 reimbursement. To claim your reimbursement, SEND me the date, location, placement and entry fee cost (if applicable) prior to March 1, 1988. You can also request another jersey or shorts in lieu of cash.
11. Junior Coach: Fred Steinbrecher has volunteered to be the Juniors coach for 1988. If you are a Junior and wish to work with Fred, call him at 851-5420. (This will help with one 1988 goal.)
12. Training Rides: There will be no organized winter training rides except as information is received and available on the RIDE hotline. This includes rides through March. We are depending on you to call in to let club members know where and when you are riding. For a spur of the moment ride, accompany someone who has put forth the effort to organize the ride. In April and early May there will be scheduled training rides on Saturday and Sunday. Beginning in May, there will be training rides on Thursday night. One will leave from Campus Cyclery and there may be several other rides. More details will be worked out later.
13. Time Trials: QCW plans to run the Time Trials for 1988 the same as last year. In 1987, there were 151 separate participants, 61 of whom rode four or more rides during the year. Some riders rode up to 19 of the 22 possible weeks. Two weeks were rained out. A summary sheet is attached that shows your placement by fastest time within your racing age group. This is for incentive.

The QCW Membership Fee payment at Time Trials will revert to the pre-1987 rule. A person who does not pay the \$7.00 membership fee and chooses to pay the nightly \$2.00 non-member time trial ride fee will no longer be able to accumulate 4 ride payments to equal a membership fee. (The treasurer/membership folks were going crazy with this policy and at least one rider who has been identified made one \$2.00 payment standup for the whole year due to clerical error.)

With the USCF rule concerning team time trials, we expect more riders will occasionally go as teams to Louisville on Wednesday evening to participate in the 10 and 25 mile Oates Time Trial Series. QCW will be trying to put together competitive teams for the District Championship race also. We had one Junior Vet. and women's team go to Louisville for the Kentucky-Indiana District Time Trial Championship last year. Any of those folks will tell you that team time trialing is more fun than individual time trialing. More later.

John Durbin has volunteered to be the Time Trial Awards Chairperson for 1988.

14. Racing:

- a. If you are an unlicensed rider and wish to ride for the QCW team in 1988, send an SASE to the writer to get a license form. If you are unsure about licensing, read the data sheet that is attached. Licensed riders who ride 6 USCF sanctioned events for QCW and have QCW on their license, are reimbursed for the cost of their jersey. Have your birth certificate ready when the form arrives.
 - b. Cyclebration '88 is the name of the race series that will be done in Cincinnati from July 2 through July 4. This event is a "Designated Bicentennial Event" with proceeds going to the Children's Discovery Center of the Natural History Museum (I am amazed at what a neat venture this is). So far, the Cyclebration '88 series includes a race promoted by Cincinnati Velo Club/Campus Cyclery on 7/2; the criterium at Union Terminal which will be bigger and better than ever this year on Sunday, 7/3 and the Blue Ash Dash co-promoted by the City of Blue Ash and QCW on Monday, 7/4. The Organizing Committee is hoping to expand Cyclebration '88 to include some bicycling activity each day of the entire week prior to the racing. We know there will be a QCW Time Trial on Tuesday night (possibly USCF sanctioned), a USCF race in Ault Park on Wednesday night and possibly a time trial to kick off the racing weekend on Friday night. The committee would like to see at least two widely promoted Ride-Your-Bike-To-Work days on Monday and Thursday and some evening tours. Much of this has to do with the involvement of volunteers and the Cincinnati Cycle Club. The Committee feels that a week of widely publicized cycling would greatly benefit the cycling community in Cincinnati. We are not sure, however, that our priorities will become the priorities of other folks. You will hear more later. If you wish to be involved with any of it, please call.
 - c. The Blue Ash Dash is tentatively scheduled to be an 0.8 mile counterclockwise criterium using the west side of Reed Hartman Highway and the paved roads through the Procter & Gamble Sharon Woods Technical Center in Blue Ash. The race will feature a "miss and out" (devil take the hindmost) format. I am currently working toward one major sponsor. If that fails, we will have multiple partial sponsors. Some folks have volunteered to help already. There are many positions available that will suit your talents. Everyone should consider putting something into the race. The following committees are available: race direction, sponsorship, publicity, design, ridership, operations, volunteers, scoring, financial and critique. Please call me if you would like to work on the race and/or come to the first Race Committee meeting that will be held on January 27, 1988, 7-10 p.m. at the Blue Ash City Council Chambers in the Municipal Bldg. on Cooper Road. If you are interested in finding out what's going on, please drop by.
15. Clothing: Jerseys are available at \$36.00 and shorts for \$20. Send a check, separate from your membership fee, to the writer.

16. Miscellaneous:

- a. I want to borrow the American Flyers Record Album. I only want to tape it and return it. Who has it?
- b. Sale item: La Prealpina car top carrier for gutters. One bike mount, like new, \$35.00.
- c. Those who received this newsletter and are not 1987 paid up members will not be on further distribution without returning the membership form (and fee).
- d. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the Annual Awards Banquet. It wouldn't have happened without you and it definitely was a lot of fun and something we will repeat. Thanks to everyone.

For the Officers & Board of QCW
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P.S.: Please go back to the Action Requests section on page 1. Thank you, train hard and Happy New Year!