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1. Calendar of Events:

Jan. 20-22	Club Mgmt. & Leadership Seminar (Louisville Wheelmen)
Jan. 29	English Off Road Race, Indiana c/o Dave Spittler (502-458-2094)
Feb. 12	Wright Flyers Roller Race, Dayton (1-276-3776)
Mar. 5-Apr. 23	QCW Club Training Criteriums, Cinti Financial
Mar. 18	(Sat. 12-4) Heart Mini-Marathon Clinic Downtown Westin
May 2	(Tues. 6:00pm) USCF Spring Opener Time Trial at North Bend
May 6	Thunder Road Bike-A-Thon Dayton Ohio
May 13-14	TORSV
May 25	Dayton Cycle Club Clinic
May 26-28	Riverfest Racing - Dayton, Ohio
May 31-July 19	(Weds.) Ault Park Criterium Series
June 3-11	District Championships
June 30-July 2	Cyclebration '89 Cincinnati, Ohio
July 24-29	USCF Senior Track Championships Redmond WA.
Aug. 21-25	USCF Master Road and TT Bear Mt. N.Y.
Sept. 10	Tour of Monroe County, Woodsville

2. Annual Awards Banquet (Nov.5,1988)

- a. The 1988 Annual Awards Banquet was held on November 5 at the Blue Ash Recreation Center. We again had an excellent turn out with over 120 members and friends in attendance. Heavy rains all day left us with only eleven riders showing up for the 3:00pm ride. They experienced no rain during the ride and enjoyed temperatures in the mid-fifties.
- b. The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm.
- c. The Treasurer's report by Jim Obert showed a balance of \$3827.84 in the checking accounts. Annual Banquet expenses, along with '89 USCF fees need to be paid yet.
- d. The Membership report was given by Ellen Obert and showed that there are 346 members at 274 separate addresses. This is an increase of 144 members from last year and representing a 71% increase
- e. In addition, we had 59 USCF licensed riders riding under the QCW name.
- f. Business items:

1. The club was informed that we are now incorporated thanks to the help of Dan Roketenetz. Incorporation means that the Club is protected under the laws of Ohio giving greater protection to both its members and its officers. This took a great deal of work and we'd like to give a special thanks to Dan for taking the time.

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2. Charley Gehling reported on the Blue Ash Dash for 1988. She indicated that there were 532 riders from 32 who participated in the event. Nine hours of video tape was taken of the race, some of which was shown at the end of the night's activities. Most of this footage was top notch and will be condensed to present to future sponsors. A very special thanks to Tom Jacobs and Eugene Spiegel for their effort in producing these tapes. Net revenues for the race were \$3366.33 and will be used to seed the 1989 race.

3. Time Trial Series: Discussion was held on the Tuesday night time trials. There was a suggestion that the starting time be moved to an earlier time due to darkness. With the number of riders each night being between 40 and 60 it is getting more difficult to get all the riders off in a reasonable time. The club will form a special committee during the winter months to look for ways to improve the series. Anyone wishing to help on this committee should give one of the officers a call.

4. Election of Officers and Executive Committee: Roy Roberts presented the slate of officers running for election. The QCW officers for 1989 are: President – Charley Gehling; Vice-President – Jim Flaherty; Treasurer – Dave Carr; Secretary – Jim Obert; Executive Committee – Larry Haubner, Ivan Forsythe, Lois McKnight, and Vic Roth.

5. Summary of 1988: Many special events were held in 1988. Some of them included Team Bike Day, two Kentucky road races, the Blue Ash Dash, the Tuesday time trial series, Leslee Schenck – Craig Shommer Clinic, and logo night. Our club members participated in many local races, along with participation in the District and National races. One of our Juniors, Chris Thomas, finished third in the Junior Nationals Time Trial. It's a season we can all be proud of and one that can set an example for future years.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

f. Again the meal was excellent. There were a number of special volunteers that contributed including Charley Gehling, Deb Zimmerman, Jennifer Carr, Ellen Obert, Roy Roberts, and Sue Steinbrecher.

g. **Raffle and Door prizes:** Many door prizes were raffled/given away, with almost everyone walking away with something. Right, Gene! A big thanks to Vic Roth for handling this and the Awards

h. **Awards:** For the first time, QCW was able to give plaques to those who won their respective classes in the Time Trial series. The winners were:

Junior 12-13	25:32	Chris Thomas;
Junior 14-15	24:52	Dave Dewbrey;
Junior Men	24:09	Curt Zimmerman;
Junior Women	30:58	Kendra Keller;
Senior Men	22:11	Scott Gregory;
Women	26:05	Terri Haber;
Master 35	23:45	Jim Flaherty;
Master 45	25:24	Ed Theuring;
Master 55+	34:31	Watson Nordquist;
Master Women	27:42	Charley Gehling.
Most Improved Awards:	Junior – Adam Luginbill;	Senior – Mark Densel;
	Master – Dan Roketenetz;	Women – Molly Fitzmaurice.
Most Reliable Awards:	Men – Ken Schlachter;	Women – Karen Rokich.

Three special Awards were given for those who represented the Club at USCF events in a competitive and honorable fashion. Chip Ellison, Fred Steinbrecher, and Lois McKnight received these Awards for the number of races they participated in and the placings they were able to achieve. A big thanks to John Durbin for the outstanding job he did in getting the Awards. We will again do this next year, so the competition should be hot and heavy.

- i. As you can see, there is a number of excellent benefits by being a QCW member. Continue to be an active part of the Club. It's a real bargain at \$7.00!

3. **RIDE Hotline:**

As reported during the Annual Meeting 791-RIDE continues to be used by much of the membership. If you need information or have an announcement you would like to leave on the RIDE line, give it a call. The Club will also keep you informed of upcoming events. Give your name and number when you call, we like to keep track of who is using this service.

4. **Junior Team:**

Fred Steinbrecher, our Junior team Coach, has kept the Juniors in excellent shape. Many of Junior members, and some oldsters, have been riding several days a week right into the Winter. In addition, they have had some special events such as a bike maintenance clinic. Thirteen members attended this December 9th event. They now have a weight room available on the Western side of Town. Anyone have extra equipment they would like to donate? John and Jan Thomas have volunteered to be coordinators for the Junior Team. Scott Denny has also been helping out in many of the activities. The Club continues to be very interested in promoting and improving the Junior Team. Any Junior interested in riding with QCW or using the weight room should call Fred at 851-5420.

5. **Master's Team:**

All this talk about what good things the Juniors are doing, why not get something going for the Masters? Our Club has quite a numbers of excellent Master riders that could ride as a Team. Any Master volunteers to put this together? Give one of the officers a call.

6. **Membership List:**

Anyone that didn't get a membership list at the Annual Banquet can send a SASE to Jim Obert and he will get one mailed out to you. This has the address and phone number of each member and is useful for finding riding companions, etc. Send a note and envelope with your 1989 application.

7. **New USCF Rules:**

Some of the new USCF rules for 1989 are published in the December issue of Cycling USA, the official newsletter of the USCF. Most have to do with race promotion and officials, but the one on spoke covers is worth noting. They will be allowed in time trial and pursuit events. It's my guess that we'll see some pretty effective covers being introduced in the next few months.

9. **Club Management Seminar:**

The Louisville Wheelmen are holding a three day seminar on January 20, 1989. This Seminar will present a variety of information on the ins and outs of running a successful bicycle club. QCW will be represented.

10. **Clothing:**

A QCW jersey order will be placed by February 15th. Price for the jersey this year will be \$40.00. Anyone needing a jersey should send the appropriate amount to Charley by February 10th. You can also send it in with your membership but please make out a separate check. Anyone who bought a new jersey in 1988 and raced six USCF events can get a refund on their jersey or order a new jersey for no cost. Send us a note with the races you participated in. Deadline for this program is February 15th.

11. **Racing:**

- a. If you are an unlicensed rider and wish to ride for the QCW Team in 1989, send a SASE to Jim Obert to get a form.
- b. Scott Denny and Fred Steinbrecher report that there will be a series of training criteriums starting sometime in late February or early March. This will be an eight week series held at Cincinnati Financial Offices on Winton Rd. We'll keep you informed as plans develop.
- c. Several meetings have already been held on Cyclebration and The Blue Ash Dash for 1989. It looks like Cyclebration will be a three day event held on June 30, July 1 and July 2. The Blue Ash Dash will be held on that Sunday. We are also talking with The Dayton Cycle Club about combining with their Memorial Day races into some kind of Pro-Am Championship. We will be holding an organizational meeting in early February for these races. We'll again need many volunteers, so start thinking of how you can help.
- d. Our first Kentucky road race is tentatively planned for April 16th. More details later.

12. **Membership:**

Enclosed is a 1989 QCW membership form. Membership for 1989 will again be \$7.00 for an individual or \$10.00 for a Family. This continues to be a real value. There are some changes to the membership form. If you were licensed last year and plan to get licensed this year put your USCF license number on the application. (This year's number will be the same.) If you plan on getting a license and do not know the number yet, check the appropriate box. Also put the Club you are riding for. Be sure to insert your birth date. All of this will help us keep better records of the QCW Team. Mail early. It's much easier to take care of this now than to wait for the Time Trials.

13. **Sponsorship:**

QCW is hoping to have all our sponsors back for 1989. Convenient Food Mart and Jim's Bicycle have already committed. Exceed has been approached and New Balance is no longer in the apparel manufacturing business. Remember to support those who support us. Let them know you are from QCW.

14. **Club Items:**

The Club has made several nice purchases in 1988. We have a Campy disc wheel and a wheel carrying case. If any club member would like to use these items give Charley or Jim a call. A small fee might be imposed for the maintenance of these items.

15. **Miscellaneous:**

Thanks again to all the volunteers this past year. It's been a good year with the Club having many activities. It is because of your willingness to help that we are able to put on such events.

For QCW,
Charley Gehling, President
Jim Obert, Secretary