

## **Cyclebration Draws Over 1100 Racers to Cincinnati**

Cyclebration '93, QCW's major annual production, was a smash hit with 1184 racers. This total shatters all previous registration marks. The race was highlighted by our largest ever Pro/1/2 turnouts, with over 30 pros chasing 174 USPro points. The overall winner was Athens Bandag - BREW Frames professional Dirk Pohlman. Dirk's effort was highlighted by a victory in Saturday's Mayor's Cup Circuit Race in Eden Park. In addition to the victory, Dirk picked up 5 King of the Mountain (KOM) bonus points. These proved crucial to his overall victory margin of only 2 points over Sunday's Blue Ash Dash winner, Dean Meyer, and Saturday's KOM winner, Trent Klasna, both of Team San Jose. Team San Jose, an amateur team, put in a performance that for many was

the highlight of the Pro/1/2 races. This was particularly true in Saturday's circuit race, as all six team riders spent time off the front, taking first and second and tying for third in the KOM competition. The team was setting up Trent Klasna, who had been off the front with various team members for most of the race, for a run at the victory. Jose Robles, the Columbian National Champion, has joined Trent in the break when fate dealt Jose a flat tire with three laps to go. After spending most of the race off the front, Trent couldn't stay away to the finish alone, as Dirk Pohlman's late attack proved decisive. Trent did hold on to finish 5th. Saturday's race was particularly unlucky for several pros, as assorted mechanical problems

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## **QCW to Host Cincinnati Stage Race Over Labor Day Weekend**

Right on the heels of Cyclebration, QCW will host it's second major racing event of the season, the two day Cincinnati Stage Race. This three stage race will take place on Cincinnati's northwest side, in Miami Whitewater Forest on Saturday, and Fairfield on Sunday. According to race director Rob Westendorf, this race is something of an experiment: "One of the loudest complaints among racers in the past few years is over the high cost of entry fees. I'm even one of the complainers. Therefore, with this race I am trying to keep the fees as low as possible. To accomplish this we've eliminated a prize list, and are running it like a training race. Most people claim that the prize money isn't really important to them, as three-quarters of every field finishes out of the money. I guess we'll find out if that's really true."

There are additional benefits to eliminating any cash prizes. First and foremost, no sponsorship dollars have to be raised. Soliciting cash sponsors is a difficult, time-consuming process. Those involved invariably lose a lot of their enthusiasm for the race. In addition, we did not want this race to compete with fund raising for Cyclebration. One last benefit is that it keeps the whole event on a lower key. There is less stress on those involved, including promoters, officials, and volunteers. Coming right after Cyclebration, no one needs more stress.

The low cost approach has produced an entry fee of only \$10. This is lower than any other race in the district this year, including all races, not just stage races. (USCF rules allow a fee of \$25 (\$28 for citizens) for races of this type.) However, keeping the fee this low does present some financial risk. We need approximately 100 riders to reach a break even point. While this should be readily achievable, if the weather is bad, or other nearby races appear on the calendar, the Club could lose some money. This risk is why the Club has not waived entry fees for members for this race.

In keeping with the "low key, maximum fun" approach, racers can enter any race they like. You do not have to compete (or complete) each stage to start the next stage. This allows those who can only make one day to still come out and give at least one race a go. You still must complete all three stages to be given a General Classification time and overall placing, but if you only ride one or two stages, GC doesn't mean anything to you anyway!

The categories for the race are in the A-B-C format. Senior men 3 and 4 must race A, cat 5's must race B, citizens must race C. Junior men, master 40+, and licensed women may choose A or B. Category 1 and 2 riders of any age or sex are excluded from all categories.

*The Cincinnati Stage Race is Sep 4-5. For further information pick up a flyer at a local bike shop, or call Wright Brothers Cyclery at 489-2222.*

**Time trial and Cyclebration results on page 3!**

## From the Board

Another Cyclebration race has gone by successfully. A tremendous amount of thanks needs to be expressed to a great many people. The number of critical volunteers is far too long to even attempt to list everyone here. Long hours were put in by a great many people, including many who are not even club members. It is too early to evaluate the financial success of the event, but early indications are promising (the final budget totals will be published here when available). There is still a great deal of work remaining to wrap up this year's event, so it is still way too early to discuss next year. We ran into a number of problems this year, and these may require some changes before we proceed. But, God willing, our financial success will contribute to the research and education efforts of the American Cancer Society in a significant way.

## Cyclebration Fees

Entry fees were waived for QCW members (that owned 1993 jerseys) for Cyclebration. This added up to over \$1200 in fee waivers. Our intent was to reward the many hours of volunteer service put in by so many members. Unfortunately, it didn't exactly work out that way. A great many riders whom we have never seen volunteer for anything in this Club took the waiver. And yes, some cheated and sent in free preregistrations and turned out not to own a jersey. (Those involved in putting on the race were already too stressed, so we didn't make a scene and "bust" those who cheated.) The majority of those who raced did not put in any volunteer time at any race venue. The argument that you didn't have time holds no water, as 20 people raced in two or even three different categories - meaning multiple races on each day - but only a couple put in any volunteer time. Yes, we desperately needed your volunteer effort. The number of volunteers was short by half of what we needed. You may comment that "But everything went so smoothly. How could we be short of volunteers?" The event was a success only because many who did work went overboard. Two hour shifts turned into ten hours. People who volunteered for one day came back for two or three, because they know how desperately help was needed.

The majority of the volunteers never race, many don't even ride. The efforts put out by wives and children of members - people who get no benefits from the club - were extraordinary. All of this adds up to a problem. Frankly, many people are angry at the way so many have taken advantage of the club this year. It may cost us a few members of the type we can't afford to lose. At the very least, many won't volunteer again, or at least cut their efforts way down. Cyclebration as an event may even be jeopardized.

The short term consequences are: no entry fees will ever be waived again for any club event. In addition, year-end reimbursements won't happen this year, and are less likely in the future.

This Club has made extreme efforts to reimburse fees and promote low priced racing. This is evidenced both by Cyclebration and by the upcoming Labor Day stage race. At that event we need twenty people per day who do not race. The volunteer turnout there will go a long way toward determining the future direction of the Queen City Wheels.

If you have a question or comment about editorials or any function of Club operation, please write to us at the address below.

Direct all correspondence to: QCW Newsletter, 2724 Morning Ridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH, 45211-8204. The Editor is Robert Westendorf, who can be reached at 513-481-4606 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays.

## Calendar

### Races (OH, KY, IN, WV)

Aug 21 OH/WV District Crit, Westerville, OH Team Columbus 614/890-4145  
Aug 21 Wapehau Challenge MTB, Bloomington, IN Howard Davis 812/332-9668  
Aug 22 OH/WV District RR, Bremen, OH Team Columbus 614/890-4145  
Aug 24 Southeastway Park Crit Series, Indianapolis Chuck Moll 317/894-2340  
Aug 27-29 TOSEO Stage Race, Columbus, Team Columbus 614/890-4145  
Aug 29 DINO Series MTB, Bloomington, IN Crossroads Comm. 812/336-1214  
Aug 29 Spectrum Classic RR, Ashland, OH Jennie Weidinger 419/994-5802  
Aug 29 Tour of Brookside, Indianapolis Bob Pugh 317/254-8923  
Aug 31 Southeastway Park Crit Series, Indianapolis Chuck Moll 317/894-4145  
Sep 4-5 Cincinnati Stage Race, Cincinnati 489-2222  
Sep 4 Bobby Rahal 100, Dublin, OH Team Columbus 614/890-4145  
Sep 6 Criterium Little Italy, Cleveland  
Sep 11-12 Tour de Parks Street Sprints and RR, Louisville, Craig Holmes, 502/245-6280  
Sep 11-12 KY Open MTB, Owenton, KY 502/484-2998  
Sep 12 DINO Series MTB, Plymouth, IN, Crossroads Comm. 812/336-1214  
Sep 16 Richmond TT Series, Richmond, KY Bob Marsh 606/885-4620  
Sep 18-19 Farm Fest MTB, Dayton, IN, Brent Mullen 317/423-4695  
Sep 24-26 CAZ (Columbus-Athens-Zanesville), Bruce Mitchell, 614/594-8219  
Sep 25 DINO Series MTB, Indianapolis, Crossroads Comm. 812/336-1214  
Oct 2 Parillo Performance RR, Cleveland 216/333-2233  
Oct 3 Tour de Hocking Hills, Logan, OH Team Columbus 614/890-4145  
Oct 3 DINO Series MTB, Lake Wawasee, IN Crossroads Comm. 812/336-1214  
Oct 10 DINO Series MTB, Nashville IN, Crossroads Comm. 812/336-1214  
Oct 16-17 Southeastern Championship MTB, Owenton, KY 502/484-2998  
Oct 17 IN Dist 15 Cyclocross, Starlight, IN Curtis Tolson 502/426-1530  
Oct 24 DINO Series MTB, Evansville, IN, Crossroads Comm. 812/336-1214  
Oct 31 Tricks and Treats MTB, Lafayette, IN, Brent Mullen 317/423-4695  
Nov 6-7 DINO Series MTB, Paoli Peaks, IN, Crossroads Comm. 812/336-1214  
Nov 20 Queen City Wheels Race MTB, Middletown, OH Jeff Vaught 921-6412

### Rides

Rides are ranked on a scale of 1 to 5, according to the typical speed and group. A "1" is an easy, teaching ride, "2" is basic paceline, "3" is moderate to fast paceline, "4" means many will be dropped, and "5" is an all-out ride harder than many races. For rides of "3" or higher you should not expect the group to wait for you if you get dropped. Rides with two or more numbers listed are typically large groups that break up as the speed picks up. All rides are led on a volunteer basis. Due to the vagaries of personal schedules, weather, etc., we cannot provide a guarantee that any given ride will always take place as scheduled here. Each ride has its own list of "regulars". You are encouraged to stay in touch with each other regarding scheduling and routes. Changes and new rides may be detailed on the QCW RIDE line before listed here.

Sunday 8:30 Loveland at bike trail parking lot, (4-5)  
Sunday 9:00 Hyde Park Square, 60 miles (5)  
Sunday 5:00 Wright Brothers Cyclery, Harpers Point, rolling (2)  
Tuesday 5:00 Campus Cyclery Clifton (to time trials) 30 miles with 2 hills (usually multiple groups, 2,3,and 4)  
Tuesday 6:30 Loveland at bike trail parking lot, (4,5)  
Wednesday 6:00 Procter & Gamble MVL, Old Colerain Ave., route varies (3-4)  
Thursday 5:30 Reliable Bicycles, 927 Vine (at Court), 25+ miles rolling (route and length vary with daylight, weather) (2)  
Thursday 6:00 Wright Brothers Cyclery, Harper's Point, rolling (3)  
Thursday 6:00 Campus Cyclery, Clifton, 40+ miles with hills (4)  
Thursday 6:30 Loveland at bike trail parking lot, (4,5)  
Saturday 8:30 Loveland at bike trail parking lot, (4-5)  
Saturday 10:00 Montgomery Cyclery, West Chester, 40 miles (3)

### Events

Tuesdays 6:30 QCW Time Trials, Cleves/North Bend, OH (through Sep)  
June 19-August 28 Bicycles in Art, exhibit, Maritain Art Institute, Loveland, OH, 683-1152.

**The QCW Mountain Bike Race  
returns on November 20th! Look for  
details in the next issue of  
QCW News!**

## Volunteer of the Month

This month we start a new feature honoring the volunteer efforts of clubmembers. QCW is a totally volunteer organization, and without the work of people like those featured here would quickly come to a standstill!

How many people in Queen City Wheels participate in our weekly time trials? Nearly everyone in the club has time trialed on Tuesday nights on our Cleves/North Bend, OH course. In fact, for many of us - myself included - time trials were our first contact with QCW. A lot of people take the time trials for granted and assume that they will always be there. However, the time trials survive solely because of the efforts of one person - Jim Obert. Jim has been running and coordinating the time trials for 8 years now - taking over from Greg Hanfbauer in 1986. Most people don't think about what this means. Jim comes to Cleves to run the time trials every Tuesday night from May through September no matter what the weather is like. If he can't be there for some reason, he makes sure that he has someone to back him up. Getting to time trials isn't convenient for Jim - he lives in Loveland, a long drive to & from the west-side course. He does a lot of travel on business, too - often coming to Cleves directly from work in Indianapolis or Columbus to make sure we have our time trial. Often, Jim has missed his children's baseball games or swim meets because of the time trials.

The weekly time trial is a big part of Jim's contribution to the club - but it isn't the only thing that Jim does for QCW. Jim is also the club's membership chairman. He manages our membership and mailing lists, and is responsible for adding all new members to the club. Jim has also volunteered a lot of his time to Cyclebration over the years. Jim helps with the set up and tear down of all 3 days of Cyclebration - which means he is usually one of the first people there to set up, and one of the last people there tearing down all of the equipment. Jim's family (Ellen and the kids) have also contributed much of their time to QCW and it's events - even though they don't receive many benefits from the club.

QCW has managed to remain an active club through the years - in large part because of the efforts of Jim Obert. Many of you are newer to the club - you probably weren't aware that Jim used to race a lot - he rode a 24 minute time trial (the record was still over 23 minutes at the time, and time trials were run on standard road bike set-ups), and competed and placed in many races. In 1985, Jim had a serious accident during time trials. This, combined with changing jobs & responsibilities, has meant less time to train and compete - but Jim still gives to the club. Let's not forget to give back to Jim. Please take some time to personally thank Jim for his efforts. Better yet, volunteer some time so we can spread the work around and keep everyone energized and contributing to the health and success of QCW. If enough people help out with the time trials maybe we can get Jim to ride one sometime soon - it has been a while!

-Roxanne Westendorf

## Time Trial Change

On Tuesday August 10th and 17th the time trial course will be reversed for a two week period. This change is simply to introduce some variety. The course is significantly faster in the reverse direction, so times will drop. Any records set during these nights will not count toward club awards. Come out and give it a try!

## Results

**May 31 Miami Valley Time Trial: Jr/5:** Mike LaBarge 1st; **June 18: Bud Light Crit: SR5/Cit:** Adam Krause 1st, Mike Bertsche 2nd; **July 14: Ault Park #8: 20K:** Andy Bracke 2nd, Rob Westendorf 3rd; **Ault Park Overall: 20k:** 2nd. Jeff Schwardt, 3rd. Eric Simpson; **July 30 Mt. Adams Hill Climb: JR:** Adam Krause 6th, Mike LaBarge 15th; **SR 3:** Jon Dahlberg 2nd; Bill Brigger 14th, John Cole 19th; **SR 4:** Andy Bracke 1st; Jeff Schwardt 11th, Ken Schlacter 15th; **Masters:** John Cole 2nd, Jay Paeltz 9th, Grant Wearne 16th, Eugene Spiegel 24th, Dave Carr 26th, Paul Padgett 27th; **Women:** Lora Arms 12th, Amy Trusler 17th; **July 31 Eden Park Circuit Race: 50+:** Dave Carr 1st, Fred Mause 4th; **40+:** Grant Wearne 3rd, John Montag 4th; **SR 3:** Jon Dahlberg 11th; **SR 4:** Ken Schlacter 6th, Andy Bracke 7th, Lee Tucker 10th; **August 1st: Blue Ash Dash: SR 4:** Andy Bracke 1st, Eric Simon 10th; **JR Citizens:** Mike Labarge 1st; **Citizens/SR 5:** Bruce Colligan 2nd, Bill Murch 4th; **Women 4:** Sandy Lentz 2nd; **Women Citizens:** Miryam Kadkhodayan 5th; **30+:** Jay Paeltz 4th, Rob Westendorf 15th; **50+:** Ed Theuring 2nd, Dave Carr 4th.

### QCW Time Trial Results (through 8/3)

**SR 2:** Rick Hoeting 23:04

**SR 3 & 30+:** Paul Liebenrood 22:16

**SR 4 & 40+:** Grant Wearne 23:22

**JR 15-18:** Eric Knight 23:37

**JR 14 & Under:** Tim Beckman 27:18 (on his first try!)

**45+:** Roger Macomber 25.02

**50+:** Fred Mause 30.31

**MTB:** Dan Libby 25.11

**WM Overall & 30+:** Stacy Kisker 27:03,

*Note: The Club does not have a list of member's racing categories. These are from my memory, which is often faulty. If I've made a mistake, please let me know at 481-4606 daytime. Thanks! -Rob Westendorf*

Please call your results in to the QCW RIDE line (791-RIDE) once a month, no later than the end of the month. Please give your name, the race name and date, category, and place. Please speak slowly and clearly, as most messages have been difficult to understand lately. Thanks!

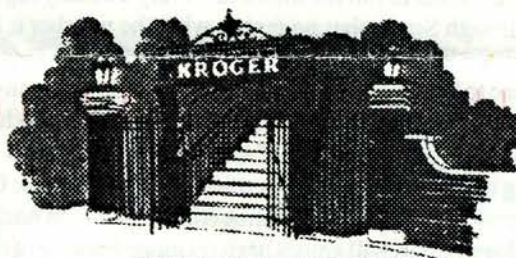
## A Problem for Time Trials?

On August 3rd ground was broken for the construction of a new bridge replacing the "Lost Bridge" along the time trial course. This new bridge will cross the Great Miami River just before the CG&E fly ash pit, about two miles into the course. All of the civil engineering details are not yet available, but it appears that our days on this course are numbered. The bridge will be a continuation of state route 128, and will be a designated truck route. The majority of truck traffic that now exits in Brower Rd. at the course finish will now take this new route. It is likely that a stop light or four way stop sign will be erected at the intersection. If either appears that section of the course will immediately become unusable. Even if no stop appears, the prospect of trucks turning left across the course in front of racers is a chilling prospect. Even in the short term, during the construction phase, contractor traffic or debris in the road may make the course unsafe. It is possible that time trials may become week-to-week, or even cancelled without warning.

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caused strong riders to be eliminated from contention. A flat tire also came into play on Sunday when Graeme Miller of Duck Head, a New Zealand Olympian who was the pro's unanimous choice as the likely winner, fell victim on the final lap. QCW highlights include a number of victories and high placings. Andy Bracke parlayed victories in both Mt. Adams and Blue Ash into an overall series win in the cat 4's. Ken Schlacter and Eric Simon also finished in the top 10 overall (9th and 10th, respectively) in the same category. Jon Dahlberg posted a Mt Adams 2nd and Eden Park 11th to finish 6th overall in the Cat 3's. Additional QCW winners include Dave Carr's popular "Birthday Boy" ride in Saturday's 50+ race, and Mike LaBarge in Sunday's Junior Citizens. Mike was also featured in full color on the front page of Saturday's Cincinnati Post for his photogenic ride up Mt. Adams on Friday night. (He bought *only* 20 copies!) Complete QCW rider results are listed on page 3.

Alternative course opportunities are few. Perhaps the best option is to move the start to the boat launch parking lot opposite the entrance to Shawnee Lookout Park. This would shorten the course to 6.2 miles. Other locations are possible, but most options would certainly be even less central than the current location. (If you have any ideas on a new course, please speak up at time trials.) Shortening the course may occur without warning. A sign will be posted at the old start if this happens. If any changes become necessary they will be announced on the RIDE line (791-RIDE). Please get in the habit of checking the RIDE message before making your Tuesday pilgrimage.



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