



Queen City Wheels

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Banned By USA Cycling

By Les Earnest

This is a letter that I received from Les Earnest. Apparently, there is a lawsuit against USA Cycling to restore member's voting rights. USA Cycling refused to print any ads concerning this lawsuit in the USA Cycling Magazine. So local clubs are being asked to get the message out to the membership. If the lawsuit is won it is very important for all to vote. Your rights and opinions are important! (See excerpt from Les Earnest's letter and ad below.)

As you may know, on February 26 the USAC board of directors, two-thirds of whom are elected by constituencies that make up less than 1% of the licensees, launched a preemptive strike against our reform initiative by amending USAC bylaws so as to remove members' voting rights and to give those rights exclusively to themselves. We have subsequently filed a lawsuit against the officers of USA Cycling seeking an injunction to allow the members to vote in the reform initiative, which if adopted will undo the board's takeover.

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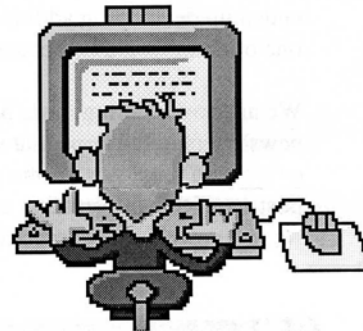
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From The Editor

I'm Back!!!!!!!!!!!! With work and training I didn't get to put out a newsletter this summer, plus Jim Obert's computer crashed and he lost the club's database. It took him awhile to retype all the club mem-

bers back in. If you know of anyone who belongs to the club and didn't receive a newsletter, have them leave their name on the QCW Pelo line.

I would appreciate any interesting or informative articles that members would like to contribute. How about sharing some of your thoughts or experiences on biking, training methods or even about QCW as a club. With that I would like to thank Peter Winberg for his excellent time trial articles and the ever faithful Chip Elison for his Cyclocross updates. I would also like to thank all the members that volunteered for the Elite Nationals. Even though there were problems, as reported by Velo News and others, it seemed that most of them were partly due to poor planning and follow-through by the USCF. Heard through the grapevine that Indy might be getting the Master Nationals next year.



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The trial was held on October 1 but the decision may not be announced for several more weeks. Assuming that we win the suit, voting will probably not occur before early next year. If USAC appeals the court's decision it may be even later.

Meanwhile, we are trying to get the word out to USA Cycling members regarding the importance of voting if they get a chance to do so. There will be just one such opportunity -- if the reform initiative is not adopted we will be locked into the current undemocratic and unresponsive governing body for the foreseeable future.

We attempted to place an ad in USA Cycling magazine, as described in the attached account, but it was refused. We ended up developing additional ads in the hope that at least one of them would be accepted but they were all refused.

We are now offering these banned ads to clubs and regional newsletters in the hope that some will be willing to run one or more of them as a public service. In response to an earlier posting of this information on some public Internet e-lists, we have received a number of positive responses.

The race you can't afford to lose.

It's the race to reform the USAC...and you're losing.

Last February 26, in a little noticed but devastatingly important action, the USA Cycling board of directors voted to remove certain of your voting rights. We're challenging that...but time is running out. If they win, you lose: you lose your vote and your voice.

We're out to change the USAC and make it more responsive to the needs and wants of all its members. Find us online at:

www.team-internet.org/usac-reform

Read our reform initiative and proposed legislative amendments. Or call us at the number below. And join our online discussion group at reform@cyclery.com where you can participate in the discussion about reforming the USAC. Subscribe by e-mailing majordomo@cyclery.com. In the message text write: "subscribe reform".

Reform of the USAC is up to you. The clock is ticking.

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1999 QCW Time Trial Series In The Record Books

By Peter Wimberg

Another successful five months of the Tuesday Night Time Trial Series was completed on September 28. While the final awards will be given at the annual QCW dinner, there were some highlights and stats worth mentioning.

Overall, the number of riders participating over the course of the summer was consistent with previous years. We only had one night of rain and even that evening a few riders went at it anyway. Unfortunately, the road conditions continue to deteriorate a little more each year. There are certainly areas where one needs to watch out for potholes and some road repairs that closely resemble speed bumps. A repaving would be worth quite a few seconds off everyone's time.

While there were no reports of any riders actually hitting any deer, there were some close calls. Shawnee Lookout Park has the highest deer population density of any Hamilton County Park so riders need to keep their heads up.

At this time, it is safe to say that the fastest individual time went to a Team Mercury rider. In town for the Nationals in June, he stopped by and rode a comfortable pace to be only a few seconds off the best time of the '90's.

For the first time in a few years, we had tandems participate. Jeff McClain and Colin Vogt had a time of 20:57 in early September and on the last night of the time trial had an even better time. A glitch in the timer may have prevented a new all-time course record from being set that night but Jeff and Colin vowed to be back next year to claim it once and for all.

The remaining best times will be announced at the awards ceremony later this winter. For now we need to give a BIG thanks to Jim Obert for his devotion to this series. Jim has been holding and timing riders in addition to maintaining all the stats for many years. His time and energy is greatly appreciated.

Editor's Note:

When Jim Obert has the times back in his computer I will post the best time each rider had this year down at Cleves.



Local Riders Bring Back District Time Trial Medals

By Peter Wimberg

The Ohio District Time Trials were held in Delaware, Ohio on September 4th with near perfect conditions. The 20.7-mile course was an out-and-back with riders going north 4 miles, then east 6.35 to the turn around. Traffic was minimal and the road was in excellent condition.

Of course, a really perfect day would have been a constant tail wind. This day actually had a nice wind out of the east which meant a rather slow, grueling first half. As the first rider off, I really couldn't detect any movement in the trees and couldn't find a flag to verify the wind direction. I really thought I was just having a lousy day. Fortunately, after the turn around, my speed immediately jumped by about 25% and the ride back in was incredible.

Out of the four local riders that are regulars at the Tuesday night series that went to this event, three of us medaled. Toby Costello won the gold in the 45-49 bracket with an awesome time of 47:09 for a 26.34-mph average. Eugene Spiegel won the bronze in the 50-54 with a 51:11 for a 24.26-mph average. I was able to get the silver in the 35-39 group with a 46:34, 26.64-mph average. Robert Turner rode as a cat 5 and finished in fifth place. There is no doubt that the Tuesday night series prepares one for the longer events. In some ways the Cleves course, with it's rolling terrain, is harder than a flat 20-mile course. Overall, this was a great showing by Cincinnati riders.

The best time of the day went to Paul Martin, a cat 1 from the Cleveland area riding for Navigators. He covered the course in 41:00 for a 30.29-mph average. I guess that gives the rest of us something to shoot for next year, and the year after and the year after that and so on. Overall, the almost one hundred participants were treated to a well-run event with plenty of competition in each category.



(from left to right : Eugene Spiegel, Robert Turner, Toby Costello and Peter Wimberg)

Harbin Halloween Hoot: Ohio Valley Cyclocross Series Race #3 10/31/99

By Chip Elison

Another great day at the races.... The angel of cyclocross gave us another day of beautiful weather! Over 65 riders came out to race on a "backwards" course at Harbin Park. Up the pavement, into a headwind, around the water tower, through the woods, down the sled run, across the meadows and around the double-track: Harbin continues to be one of the best venues around Cincinnati to hold a CX race. Thanks again to the city of Fairfield for the use of their beautiful park.

Another hard fought "A" race with Phil Noble again scouting for a weak spot in Kirk Albers and taking advantage of it for another win. Andrew Frey continues to dominate the Harbin competition in the "B" race riding away from the field on his ROAD bike - someday it will be muddy. Harry Wicks makes it 3 in a row with another big win in the "C" race and Sheila Senft won the women's event.

Thanks to all the racers & spectators for coming out and to all of our sponsors including:

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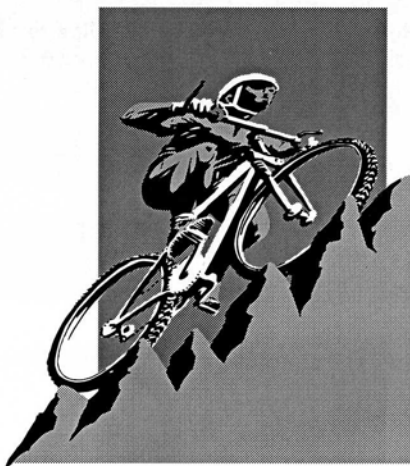
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Attention All Cyclocross Racers!!

By Chip Elison

"Hey all you mountain & road bike mortals! come out and see a real race! --- Cyclocross!

QCW is sponsoring a race as part of the BioWheels series - on 11/14 at Cowan Lake State Park.

I could use help at the event. Below is the tentative schedule:

8-9:30 am course set-up

9-10:30 registration

12-1:30 course take down



Registration begins at 9 w/ the first race at 10.

details (and directions) can be found at <http://www.biowheels.com>

I know a certain number of you will be without mountain bikes this weekend and would be happy to come out and help! Email me (chipe@iglou.com) or call me at Wright Brothers (489-2222) if you have any questions. If you volunteer you will be eligible for the drawing on 11/14 for a new Cannondale Caad3 Cyclocross frame - can be seen (thanks Curt!) at <http://www.qcw.org>



Rides we've heard of...

Note: these are **departure** times, not the time to drive into the parking lot.

Wednesdays

- 6:00 Road Ride: meet at Okley's Parking lot. Lights are required.

Saturdays

- 12:00 Road Ride: meet in parking lot at the top of Devoue Park

Sundays

- 10:00 Road Ride: meet at Hyde Park Square

Report other recurring rides to Central Ride Control (PeloLine).

Last update: 10-29-99

It is understood that these are not organized rides, not sponsored by anyone, not run by anyone, the fellow that lets me know about them is not responsible for what happens, and your editor is not responsible for what happens. Each rider *is* individually responsible for how they ride. Is that clear?

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