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From The President

Announcing QCW Sponsorship and Pelopoints Incentive for 2003

By Doug Dobrozsi

It's easy. If you volunteer your time and effort to help QCW you will earn significant discounts at Wright Brothers and race fee reimbursement from the club as well.

Our club exists to promote the sport of bicycle racing in the Cincinnati area. Our primary resource to do this is the time, energy and talent of QCW members. What we are doing now is taking our other resources, namely money and

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From the Editor

By Toby Costello

We are already into the Spring Racing Series. Remember that QCW will hold its race on March 30th at Morrow.

To get all the latest info for races in the area. Go to <http://www.ohiovalleyracing.org>

to get all the latest info for races in the area. Also on May 6th the QCW Time Trial series will start and continue until the last Tuesday in September. First racer goes off at 6:30 pm so make sure to get there early enough to do your warm-up and register. Other things of interest. In April the club will start a training ride that will begin at Wright Brothers. Look for times on the QCW web page. Also make sure that if you are racing you wear the club uniform. They are also available at Wright Brothers.

I know I brought this up in the last newsletter but I just want to remind everyone that they need to make sure that if they change their mailing address or e-mail address to send me a note. My e-mail address is tobycstl@yahoo.com. Each month I get a couple of newsletters back in the mail or undeliverable e-mails. If you receive the newsletter by mail and want to get it by e-mail send me your e-mail address.



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sponsorship, and giving it back to the QCW members who volunteer their time and effort to make the club tick.

So here is the official job advertisement.

Help Wanted

Bicycle Racing Club Volunteers: Unlimited opportunities for motivated individuals who love the sport of bicycle racing and want to help it to grow. Benefits include fun, comraderie, fresh air, good health, and of course **Pelo Points**, redeemable for huge discounts and cash. Experience helpful but not necessary. Applications accepted by any club officer, by phone at 403-1951 or by sending an email to ddo-brozsi@cinci.rr.com

DETAILS OF THE PELO POINTS INCENTIVE:

Purpose - To encourage club members to volunteer their time and expertise in the coaching, training, education, race promotion and other events the club undertakes.

And to return club resources earned through sponsorship and through club income to those members who work to grow the sport of bicycle racing in our community.

Basic Structure

A.) **Points system** – Points are awarded to club members for volunteerism, for racing in the club jersey, for performing well in races,, and for helping our primary sponsor Wright Brothers Outdoor with cycling-related events.

B.) Membership Categories

- a. Bronze member – earned by paying dues
- b. Silver member – earned by accumulating 10 points
- c. Gold Team – earned by accumulating 20 points.

C.) Benefits

- a. **Bronze**
 - i. Team uniforms at cost
 - ii. 10% discount from regular cost at Wright Brothers
- b. **Silver**
 - i. 20% discount from regular cost at Wright Brothers
- c. **Gold** (in addition to Silver benefits)
 - i. 10% over shop cost at Wright Brothers
 - ii. Eligibility for race fee reimbursement
 - iii. Eligibility for Tim Gehling award
 - iv. Eligibility for club racer of the year award



Points

1 point is earned and Bronze status achieved for paying dues. Silver membership is achieved by

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earning 10 total points, and no more than 5 may be racing points. Gold membership comes with accumulation of 20 total points, and no more than 10 of these can be racing points.

Points are earned for all club-related events for which members participate. Racing points are those earned by racing or finishing well in the club jersey. Some examples of activities and points are listed below, but other items related to QCW which we have not thought of when making this list also qualify. Parents of junior members may earn points for the junior by volunteering.

Membership Cards will be issued for each membership level and these will be necessary for receiving the discounts at Wright Brothers.

Tracking Points – Members are responsible for submitting their activities to the Pelo Points director Ric Strasser at points@qcw.org. The preferred method is email.

Member Responsibilities – Members should do their training and racing in the club uniform as whenever possible. We should be good representatives when we are out there: – Ride and race safely, follow the rules of racing and all of the traffic laws to the letter; follow good trail etiquette when riding off road. Especially, we should foster a spirit of good will and mutual respect with the non-cycling public because the way in which a motorist perceives a cyclist will determine how that motorist treats the next cyclist they meet one. We are all disciples for our sport.

Race Fee Reimbursement – The club will budget approximately \$1000 to race fee reimbursement for 2003. The amount could grow / shrink depending on club income from sponsored races for the year but the budget right now says it should not be less than \$1000. Riders who achieve Gold status are eligible and will receive race fee reimbursement proportional to their total number of Pelo Points (so more points is better, even beyond earning gold level membership), up to a maximum of their total race fees submitted. Reimbursements will be made at the QCW Annual awards banquet in January 2004.

Example Volunteer Activities and Associated Points

We will make adjustments as we learn and hear back from members on how the system is working. Look for info and updates on www.qcw.org

Stuff We Really Need Help With and Which are Worth a LOT of Pelo Points

- Race director for a June 21st criterium
- Create and distribute a flier with information about the club to local shops. This could take several people and the content of the flier will be provided.
- Assistant coach kids on bikes team (opportunities in Loveland and Montgomery).
- Create and Distribute Membership Cards.
- Marketing Director to handle promoting events, races and the club in general.

Race Volunteers Needed

QCW-run Ohio Valley Spring Series events. Registration, corner marshals, follow car drivers, etc.

March 30th QCW race in Morrow.

April 6th QCW Kids on Bikes race in Reily (south of Oxford), proceeds to QCW Juniors squad.

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If you can help please contact Tom Cross or Larry Haubner. tcross@fuse.net, lhaubner@titanmf.com

Details are available at www.ohiovalleyracing.org

Joining and paying dues	1
Club officer for 1 year	10
Race director for 1 event	10
Coach kids on bikes team	10
Maintain club web site	10
Incentive points director	10
Coach junior team	10
Club marketing / promotion director	10
Time Trial race Director	10
Recruit a junior into the club	7
Serve as Director of Women's racing	7
Serve as Director of MTB Racing	7
Coordinate annual banquet	7
Assistant coach kids on bikes team	5
Assistant coach junior team	5
Work registration for 1 event	3
Corner marshall	3
Follow Car	3
Organize and lead Junior ride	2
Bring a new junior to a club ride	2
Lead a club ride	1
Bonus for leading Thursday night ride from Wright Bros.	1 (total 2)
Recruit a new adult member into the club	1
Submit a newsletter article	1
Upgrade USCF category	2
Obtain coaching certification (USCF)	5
Obtain official's license	5
<u>Racing points (must race in QCW Clothing)</u>	
Spring series	1
Ault Park crit	1 point/2 races
Regional / State USCF event	2
Nationals (per event)	2
MTB or CX race	1
Any race 3 hrs or more duration	2
Podium at any event (top 3, minimum field size of 7)	1

1997 Super Bowl of Cycling by: Jonathan Spicker

January 2003

With the recent passing into history of Riverfront Stadium (Cinergy Field for you youngsters), it seems only appropriate to review it's brief cycling history.

The RIVERTOWN RALLY Gran Prix of Cycling wasn't the biggest bicycle race of 1977, but it was probably the only one that encompassed an NFL stadium. The race was the brainchild of Greg Hanfbauer and myself.

Greg was at the time an up-and-coming officer of QCW as well as a rising star in the administration of the City of Cincinnati. Greg had a burning desire to put on a bicycle race in the streets of downtown Cincinnati, and he knew the people who could make it happen.

We teamed up with the Downtown Council to promote a downtown bicycle race. The Downtown Council is the downtown promotions arm of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the same organization which originated and owns Oktoberfest Zinzinnati. Betty Lane of the Downtown Council was instrumental in assisting us with the race and would later become the QCW Secretary, Publicity Director and Newsletter Editor into the early 1990's.

There were many false starts on downtown courses, most of them focusing on the Lytle Park area. Eventually we settled on a labyrinthine route that encompassed the Riverfront Stadium complex. It was a stunning course!

The start/finish areas was on the east side of the stadium plaza. You circled around the south side of the plaza exited the plaza level onto the ramp of the Suspension Bridge, made a sweeping right hand turn onto the elevated roadway along the north side of the stadium, down a 180° right-hand turn onto 2nd Street. On 2nd it was like riding in a tunnel underneath the stadium plaza with the support columns flickering past like a picket fence. Then you busted out into daylight only to perform another 180° turn and head back under the stadium plaza. Upon exiting the tunnel a second time you made your third 180° and headed up the ramp that would take you across Ft. Washington Way. A right turn onto 3rd Street was followed by three quick, tight, uphill, 90° left turns which put you onto the bus/taxi ramp to the stadium. Exiting the ramp onto the stadium plaza you were faced with a quick S turn to avoid the traffic islands and the headed to the finish. Approximately 1.5 miles of pure torture! as the race application noted "Wheelsuckers need not apply!"

The race took place on Sunday, August 21st, a day which started out warm and sunny and finished with thunderstorms that matched the course in ferocity. One lesson learned that day was that however well intentioned your thoughts might be, covering the sewer lids with plywood to keep bicycle wheels out will also keep out a lot of rain water!

If you're putting on a race in an area where they don't have a lot of electrical outlets you may need to rent a generator. We rented one and put it down one level in the stadium parking garage. Not having a lot of extension cords I made a 250 footer out of some house wire my dad had lying around. House wire might seem like pretty tough stuff, but after the race, when you've driven through one too many deep puddles while picking up your plywood sewer lid covers, and your 1973 Honda Civic has stalled out and won't restart, don't bother trying to tow your car with it, Greg and I did, but that wire kept breaking!

The race drew a good number of riders for an event with a modest prize list. Those who came almost certainly had one of their more memorable bicycle races, not just for the course but for the weather that the Senior I/II event experienced. The course and weather moved Alan Marcossion enough that he wrote a dramatic article for Velo News. The piece was titled "Did I hear a bell?" and ran over a photograph of a bunch of race officials standing around in the rain. The photo was not from our race, but it gave the article a very special look.

Did I hear a bell?
by: Alan Marcossou
printed by Velo News

*The rain exploded with a might crash as we set out at the gun.
Then the first one yelled to the second one there.
I hope you're having fun!
Small fry on the run...*

Cincinnati's Rivertown Rally on August 21 was funny. Tortuous course: nine corners including three 180's and three esses, plus a couple of sweeping things in a mile-and-a-half circuit touching every exposure and elevation of the giant Riverfront Stadium complex, home of the Reds and Bengals. Ramps, bridges, tunnels, oil, cracks and off-camber. And rain. Funny, and great.

Some lesser lights who raced a lot in 1970 when the Midwest had rain about eight Sundays running (and who never forgot their hard lessons) went to the front and just tooled along listening to the carnage. There was so much big meat crashing that Mao must have vibrated. Pretty quickly gaps blossomed and grew.

But then the rain stopped, there were dry spots spreading between corners, the meatmen behind looked awfully mad as they chased us through the flickering up-and-back basement stretch, and I was worried.

"Cool," I pleaded of the little Wolverine who looked like a mean sprinter, "Steady — it's our only chance 'less it rains again." But Ted Waterbury, the only man of repute in our company, was antsy. Boom! off the front he went, leaving us three and frazzled. I could hear the dragon to the rear gnashing its collective hundreds of inches.

I prayed. Lord, let it rain. The sky blackened and electricity danced over the stadium to terrific thunder cracks. Then it rained as if to was us all into the Ohio. (May never pray again.) Water coursed over the open decks and down the ramps. The stream from my front wheel slowed my feet turning past. We couldn't hear. Competitive isolation.

But I could see a little. From 12 to go on lap cards held low so as not to get zapped, the officials went to two big ONE's displayed on either roadside. Did I hear a bell?

Waterbury is generous; he loses it on a bridge approach and jups back like a punching dummy. But we're on him nearly. Around the last corners I kick it hard and catch Ted while the sprinter-type slides off. Lead out. S-turn. Mad sprint in the spray. Can't see... white line, throw the bike, Ted charges past. It was a crosswalk. He wins.

But he doesn't know it — thinks it was a prime and the race is not over — and he keeps right on going! I chase half-heartedly, uncertain myself in the din and glare. Halfway around I've got my head sorted and am laughing insanely at the two of us racing desperately in these conditions while the race is over. He falls again, jumps up red-faced and blowing as I tool past with, "Ted, the race is over."

I kept going just in case it wasn't, but it was.

THE END.

The USCF licensed rider results below show the finishing place with a number in parentheses, all Cincinnati area entrants are listed with their names in uppercase. In the Novice categories the rider's are listed in their order of finish, names are not all uppercase because it is assumed nearly all are local riders, some who have racing licenses today. There were a total of 68 novice riders, but not all their names are listed as they have been lost to the sands of history.

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USCF RACES

SENIOR MEN I & II (40 riders)

(1st) Ted Waterbury*
(2nd) Alan Macosson*
(3rd) Matt Eaton
(4th) Martin Rossmann
(5th) Dave Eaton
(6th) Chris Frost
(7th) Alan Kingsbery*
(8th) Ken Blauvelt
JOHN MONTAG
GENE CORNWELL
MICHAEL LIMKE
ROBBIE JANKE

SENIOR III (32 riders)

(1st) Kim Kroll
(2nd) Rick Mitchell
(3rd) Gerg Cloyd
(4th) John K. Stewart Jr.
(5th) Joe Huth
(6th) JOHN MONTAG
(7th) Robert H. Zeman
(8th) Craig Campbell
MICHAEL LIMKE
GENE CORNWELL
JONATHAN SPICKER

SENIOR IV (60 riders)

(1st) DAVID A. GECKS
(2nd) Gary L. Gifford
(3rd) William S. Herst
(4th) Stephen Rau
(5th) Russell Kopf
(6th) Guiliano Maddamma
(7th) Mark Langenteld
(8th) David Raber
RICK JANKE
FRANCISCO CARDONA
MORRIS MAY
HOWARD MUNTZ
DAVID K. MOORE
JOSEPH OBERMEYER
GREG LUKEN
GARY MEYER
RICHARD PENHAM

JUNIOR MEN (22 riders)

(1st) Gerry Fornes
(2nd) Tom Chew
(3rd) Tim Dull
(4th) Matt Eaton
(5th) Brent Schuster
(6th) Gary Miller

(7th) BRIAN JONES
(8th) Pete Bronson
ROBBIE JANKE

SENIOR WOMEN (5 riders)

(1st) Terry Mahoney
(2nd) ROXANNE WILLIAMSON
(3rd) BECKY SMITH
MARY FEEMAN

JUNIOR WOMEN (3 riders)

(1st) Sylvia Esser
(2nd) Debbie Kaufman
(3rd) Sofie Eaton

VETERAN MEN 40+ (4 riders)

(1st) Dave Eaton
(2nd) James Hilke
(3rd) Mack Jackson
(4th) Ralph A. Llewellyn

INTERMEDIATES (8 riders)

(1st) Mason Clapper
(2nd) Troy Stetina
(3rd) Ron Hanna
LEANNE JOHNSON

NOVICE RACES

BOYS 11 -14 (6 riders)

1. Christopher Spicker
2. John Rolf
3. Barry Hudepohl
4. Jeff Luken
5. Mark Shafer
6. Doug Wainscott

BOYS 15-17 (16 riders)

1. Dana Paul
2. Matt Wind
3. Steven Veite
4. Eric Roockx
5. Ken Belezky
6. Robert Westendorf
7. Timothy Spicker
8. Nick Carey

MEN 18-39 (35 riders)

1. Jeff Schuster
2. Greg Coor'
3. F. Scott Sommer
4. Dwight Elliot
5. Tim Weber
6. Kent Wright
7. Timothy Sommer
8. Bill Mann
9. J.C. Martin

10. Dennis Geiger
11. James F. Bill
12. Robert C. Steele
13. Robert Heilitel
14. Bart Hughes
15. Roger Auge
16. Brad Oliver
17. Richard Bruggeman

MEN 40+

1. John W. Peter
2. Gill Mann
3. Millard Segal
4. Walt Smith

GIRLS 15-17

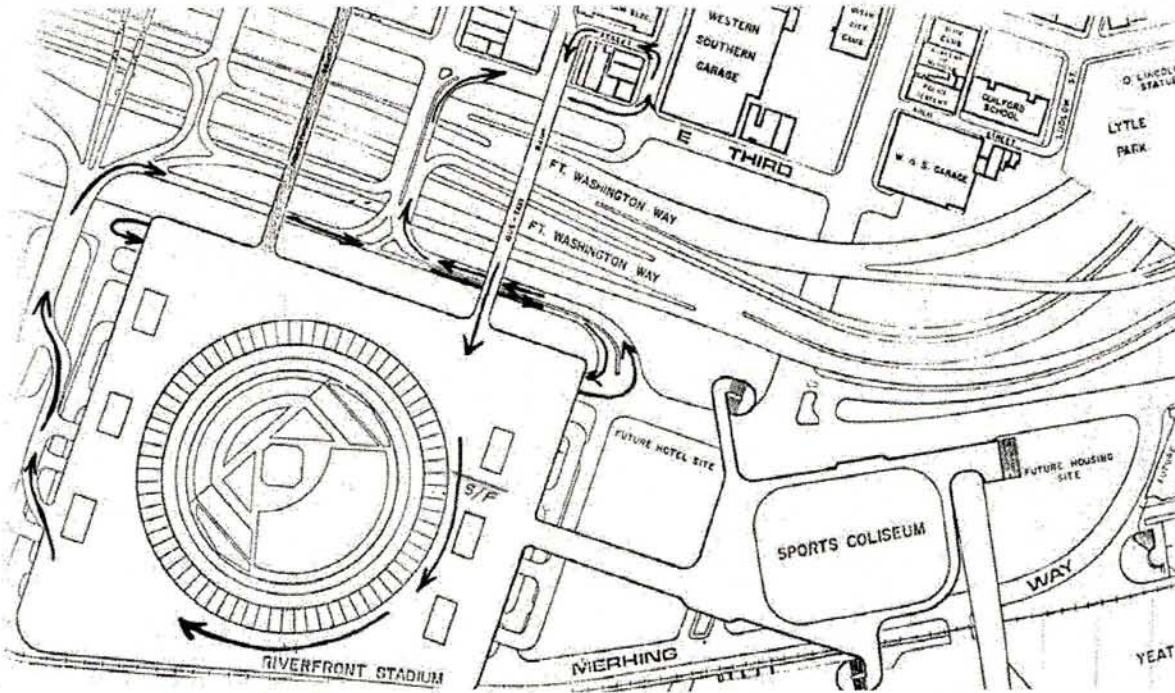
1. Megan Reardon

WOMEN 18-39

1. Carolyn Blachwoski
2. Dianne Rappapart
3. Diane E. Steele

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by: Jonathan Spicker



Junior / Senior Bicycle Racing Development Program

Queen City Wheels for its second year will be sponsoring a bicycle racing development team for men and woman ages 14 - 23 who are interested in participating in training and competing with experienced racing cyclists.

Participants in this program can expect to learn bicycle racing training techniques, bicycle safety, and basic bicycle maintenance. There will be biweekly team training with fitness tests to monitor training fitness progress. Members of this program can become eligible for race entry fee and race travel fee reimbursements.

Below are the participants who have already enrolled in this development program for the 2003 racing season.

Name	Age	School
Evan Thomas-Arnold	18	Walnut Hills High School
Ben Showman	17	Fairfield High School
Tom Herman	17	Summit Country Day
Aaron Hoffman	18	Wyoming High School
Alex Williams	14	Wyoming High School
Billy West	15	Loveland High School

For more information, please contact Larry Haubner at 513-755-3394

WRIGHT BROTHERS / QCW TEAM UNIFORMS UPDATE

In order to earn Racing Pelo Points, members are required to race in the team clothing (jersey at minimum). This means the current Red/White/Blue uniform. Under our new sponsorship agreement, team clothing is available at Wright Brothers at a small increase over wholesale cost. This is a great discount and will make it a lot easier for everyone to be able to ride and race in the team clothing. Wright Bros. has a decent supply of clothing now and is offering a slightly better deal on the in-stock stuff. All is Louis Garneau. Shorts, jersey and wind front vests are \$33. Bib shorts are \$44.

We will be placing an order for a slightly updated (but mostly similar) version as soon as we can, and the cost will be a little more. If you do not have team clothing and you can not be fit with the in-stock clothing, we will still count racing points as long as at race registration you indicate your team as Wright Brothers /QCW.



RIDE LEADERS NEEDED - THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES FROM WRIGHT BROTHERS

QCW is responsible for leading a group ride from Wright Brothers Outdoor on Montgomery Road on Thursday nights. The rides start at 6:30 pm sharp and will be about 90 minutes in duration. Start time will be a little earlier in April and September to accommodate the sunset. The intent of the rides is that no one will be dropped. Rides will start after Daylight Saving Time changes (some time in April) and continue through the month of September. If you want to lead a ride it would be great and lets you earn Pelo Points. Check the web site (www.qcw.org) for exact starting dates / times of the ride.

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For Sale

Cannondale 2003 Caad7 R3000 for sale.
Time carbon fork with carbon steerer.

Components- Full Dura-Ace components
(double) (will include ultegra 12-25 cogset, and
shimano 11-21 cogset as well)

Wheels- Nuke Proof hubs with velocity aero rims.

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Seat Fizik Poggio

Seatpost Easton Carbon CT2

Stem Cannondale oversized

Handlebars- 3T ZeppXL

Works like it did when bought new in July, will-
ing to sell cheap (compared to msrp...) because
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rubbing off). please contact if interested and can
talk price.

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