

Queen City Wheels

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From The President

"RIDE SMART- RIDE SAFE"

By
Bob Rich

As summer approaches, vehicular traffic will increase and safety will be a concern for all cyclists. I wish I could provide details on the cyclist killed in Cincinnati a couple weeks ago. Based on newspaper accounts, it appears a tractor-semi trailer collided with a cyclist trapping him under the rear trailer. Two weeks ago, Dale Eads of Cycle Sport was on his way to the Hyde Park ride and was struck by an elderly woman on her way to church. Dale suffered a broken ankle and numerous bumps and bruises. We wish Dale a speedy and full recovery.

We have all experienced vehicles that pass us then slam on their brakes and make a right turn

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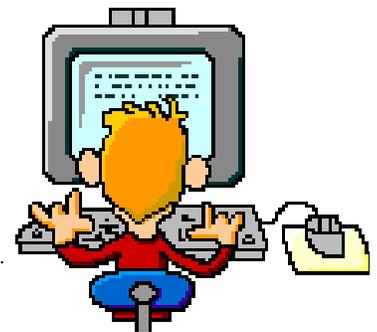
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CLEVES 2002 TIME TRIALS

By
Toby Costello

Mark your calendars, **Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 PM** for the second time trial of 2002. The QCW Time Trials are one of the big benefits of being a member. They have been possible because

Jim Obert has been putting on this venue for many years now.



Directions:

Take US50, River Road (west of downtown) to Miami Avenue in North Bend, following signs to the Harrison memorial. Turn left at the first stop sign onto Brower Road, which crosses back over US50. Parking is in the gravel lot on the left, opposite the Memorial, about 300 yards from Miami welcome young, old, women and men. All that is required is that you become a member of QCW for the low price of \$15.00 a year. Then you can come down every Tuesday night to Cleves, Ohio and be timed on the Ave. Do not park in the lot for the Memorial itself. This is where the finish line is located.

Alternatively, Take I-74/I-275 to exit 7. Go south on 128 to US50 past Mt. Nebo, and turn left onto Miami Avenue (less than a mile). From Miami, turn left onto Brower Road as above.

You can either ride the course backwards (west on Brower, no turns, 10.2 miles) or ride directly to the start by returning to Miami Avenue and turning left up the hill. Turn left onto Mt. Nebo, cross US 50, and turn right on River Road.

We are guests of the local drivers and residents. Be nice.

See you at Cleves!!!!!!!!!!

THERE IS PARKING ON THE START SIDE BUT IT IS LIMITED!!!!!!

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From The President

By
Bob Rich

directly in front of us.

This is a good time to think about safety while leading our group rides and especially when out by ourselves.

QCW had several riders participate in Calvin's Challenge 12 hour endurance race held in Springfield, Ohio on May 4. A record field of over 200 racers from all parts of the US as well as teams from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio entered the mass start event. The course was a 50 mile flat to rolling loop followed by a 7-mile loop that opened at 3:30. The event was well organized and was almost traffic free. Listed below are Cincinnati riders who medalled at the event:

Robert Schoettinger of Ice Cream Boyz- 249 miles- 6th overall and 2nd in his age division

Tim Weber of QCW- 220 miles- 4th in his age division

Terri & Bob Rich of QCW- 213 miles- 2nd in M/F tandem division

Have a GREAT summer of riding and remember to "Ride Smarte and Ride Safe!"

Bob Rich



Queen City Wheels Junior Development Program

By
Larry Haubner

Can you spare some of your old stuff?

Having been riding with the juniors for the last month or so in the cold spring weather I see that the young ones have a lot of innovative ideas on how to stay warm. Some of them use tube socks over the shoes, plastic bags over their socks inside their shoes or half finger gloves when it is 40° F. The only comment that I have heard is "it's not that bad" or "isn't supposed to get warmer later today".

Having been riding a while I have found that I collected a lot of bike stuff that hasn't been used in years. The juniors in our program will be eager to take an extra pair of gloves, shoe covers, jackets, shorts, jerseys, wheels, frames, saddles or any bike stuff that you are willing to give up. This is a perfect opportunity to clean your garage and help some young bicycle racers.

If you have any "stuff" you would like to donate please call Larry Haubner at 513-755-3394.



STATISTICS, TRENDS AND MORE ABOUT DOGS

By Steven M. Magas, Attorney At Law

STATISTICS AND TRENDS

As you may know, I am not a huge fan of insurance companies. I spend hours and hours of my time fighting with them over whether my client has a good case and what the value of the case is. However, one group, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, publishes some very interesting statistics about bicycling accidents.

The IIHS [found on the web at www.iihs.org] is funded by dozens [hundreds] of insurance companies and tracks all types of road-way accidents. The stated purpose is to figure out ways of preventing or minimizing crashes, ostensibly so that the insurance companies can keep more of your premium dollars instead of paying them out due to crashes! The IIHS publishes some wonderful statistics on bicycle crashes though. For example, did you know....

- . 746 bicycle operators were killed in 1999 and 687 were killed in 2000
- . 2% of all traffic deaths involve cyclists
- . 4 states account for 43% of all bicycle deaths [California, Florida, New York & Texas]
- . Bicycle deaths are most likely to occur on Fridays and Saturdays
- . The peak time for bicycle deaths is 3 – 9pm [48%]
- . 71% of bicycle deaths in 1999 involved riders OVER the age of 16.
- . Male riders are killed 7 times more often than females
- . 64% of all deaths occurred in urban areas
- . 35% of all deaths occurred at intersections.
- . 57% of all deaths occurred on major roads
- . But, 59% of all deaths among children under the age of 13 occurred on minor roads

Bike deaths have actually declined in recent years. In 1975, the first year of the IIHS kept statistics, 1003 bicycle operators were killed in the United States. The trend has been downward. However, the percentage of older riders being killed has consistently climbed - from 32% in 1975 to a whopping 62% today.

Oh yea, one more stat -- **90% of all bicycle operators killed in 2000 DID NOT WEAR A HELMET.** So Strap It On EVERY time you ride!

DOGS

I had a request to write a bit more about dogs. This is a frequent topic of mine and, judging by the cases I have taken in during the past year, dogs continue to a huge issue for cyclists chasing us and causing severe injuries and deaths.

What can you or your club do about dogs? Typically, the same dogs tend to consistently cause problems. One thing which I have advocated for years is for local clubs to keep a “dog list” and develop a “dog letter.” This should be a form letter that can be sent to dog owners. Once a dog is reported to a club as a problem, the club or rider should determine the address of the dog’s owner. With public records so easily available, the owner of the property that the dog came charging out of can be determined by a trip through the internet or the county auditor’s office. Once the name and address of the probable dog owner has been found the letter can be sent, both certified and regular mail.

The letter should contain information identifying the dog, should accurately reflect the details of the club member’s interaction with the dog and should put the owner on notice of the dog’s propensity to interact with bicycle riders. If the dog later causes a crash and owner has been placed on notice, the owner can be held liable for damages above and beyond the normal “compensatory” damages. These are called “punitive” damages and are designed to punish the owner for not keeping the dog tied up after being put on notice of the dog’s vicious propensities. “Notice” is often difficult to prove - but a certified letter from a bike club warning the owner would be a slam dunk on that issue!

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD RIDING.

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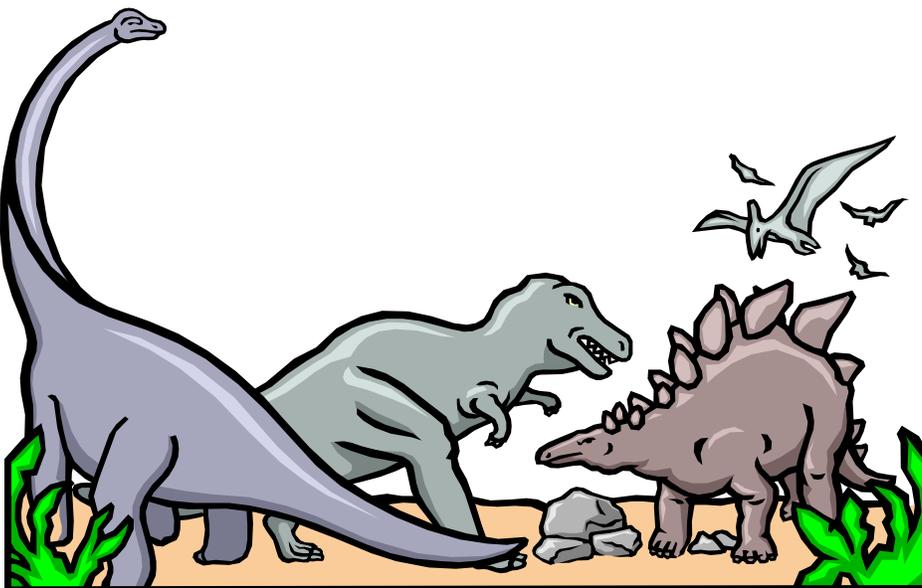
We are still taking applications for Godzulla. Requirements are as follows:

1. Must be willing to suffer through a multitude of physical ailments
2. Must be willing to drool, spit, fall over (due to low climbing speeds), cuss and other various unladylike things
3. MEN: you must be willing to go through various levels of embarrassment as women pass you
4. Must be willing to use brain in order to defeat the rabbits
5. Must be willing to push your body to its absolute limit risking major Bonk
6. Must be willing to chuckle at rabbits when you pass them near finish because they went out too fast and bonked
7. Must enjoy luxury accommodations with friends and family at a plush resort when finished
8. Must enjoy large pack riding and lots of competition
9. Must enjoy following activities at resort when finished (Fishing, 42 miles of trails, Swimming, Golfing, Picnics, Beaches, Hunting, Bridle trails, Putt Putt, Boat Rental, Ice Fishing, Tennis, Game Room, Indoor and Outdoor Pool, Restaurants, and 63,000 acres to play around in.)
10. Must enjoy riding some of the best and most scenic roads in Southern Ohio

Do you want to know what it feels like to be a European Pro in a classic timed road event with feed hand-ups and all? Do you just want to beat your buddy or others? Then this challenge is for you. It doesn't matter if you're striving for 6 hours or if you just want to get back by dark. You can do it in 6 hours or in 12 hours when the sun sets. There will be all types of athletes from different parts of the country traveling here to do this event. Cincinnati riders really must make an effort to come out and give them some competition. It will fragment to pieces once the climbs start and groups will divide and start to form. From the 65 km point and on you're going to have a minimum of 4 feed zones with all types of fuel. The feeders at 2 of the main feed zones will be trained with the latest hand up technology to ensure you lose as minimal time as possible. Feeds will be placed in strategic areas, after the top of climbs and in scenic and shady areas with easy access for your personal sags

if needed. Registrants are already coming in from California, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and others. One important thing to note, when you look at the topo map it looks like it's climbing all day, but in actuality you're only really doing about 20 km of real climbs. The climbs are spread out in 200km with lots of flats and down-hills to help make up some lost time.

There are all types of options available; from minimal support to maximal ride support. There



will be plenty of campsites with showers available after the race if you choose to stay overnight. Deluxe accommodations are also available in the resort. A block of rooms have been held for Godzulla Challenge until May 15, 2002.

To be a part of the best cycling challenge to ever come to Cincinnati you must register soon. GODZULLA.COM

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Include late fee after May 25, 2002

Clip this coupon and include it when mailing your registration.

Tri-State Regional Road Race

By
Glen Schoenung

Tried of 40-minute criteriums and 50-mile road races in the middle of summer?

The inaugural Tri-State regional road race is just around the corner. Held June 23 near Caesars Creek State Park the race will be one of the longest in the Mid-West. Category 1-2 riders will ride 96 miles on their quest to claim the championship. Category 3, 4 and 5 riders will go 80, 64 and 48-miles respectively.

Master age groups will also be included as part of the event. Check the web site www.OhioValleyRacing.org for more details.

The race winds through farm fields in a 16-mile loop between the lake dam and the Little Miami River. There is one short climb with the rest of the course nearly flat.

Anyone wishing to help on race day to support the riders in the feed zone or wheel vans please contact me at (513) 591-2439.

Mark your calendar now for this unique event.



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