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The February monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, at the Park Police Headquarters in East Potomac Park. Transportation questionnaires will be available for all members planning to ride out of town races. Plan to attend if you plan to travel with the club. If you know of 1973 NCVC members who have not yet applied for 1974 memberships, please inform them that subsequent applications will be considered new rather than renewals and will be subject to a \$5. club initiation fee.

Maryland riders should be aware of the following Maryland Bicycle Code bills and what they do:

Senate Bill 257, by Sen. John C. Byrnes of Baltimore City, and others

House Bill 424, by Delegate Frank O. Heintz of Baltimore City, and others

These are "companion" bills, identical for most practical purposes. COPIES may be obtained free by calling the toll-free number in Annapolis: 261-2300.

BOTH BILLS PROVIDE:

- REGISTRATION:** (1) State-wide registration for bicycles
- SAFE BIKES:** (2) That all bicycles sold or rented shall conform to the safety standards of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.
- (3) That requirements for lights, reflectors, brakes, etc., be under Administration rules instead of part of enacted public law.
- SAFE PARKING:** (4) That parking lots must accept bicycles and protect them like cars.
- (5) That bicycles may be secured to poles, etc., on sidewalks but not to fire hydrants, fire or police call boxes or traffic light poles.
- RIGHT TO THE ROAD:** (6) Elimination of the prohibition of bicycles on dualized roads or streets, but retain prohibition of bicycles on interstate and controlled access highways.

The Senate Bill 257 also provides:

- (1) for licensing and regulation of bicycle sales and rentals.
- (2) for dog control

(A free copy of the present bicycle law may be had by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Oxon Hill Bicycle & Trail Club, Inc., 6809 Livingston Rd., Oxon Hill, Md. 20021)

Time trials will begin March 3 on the Maryland side of the GW Parkway north of lock 5. Applications will probably be available at the February meeting. You are reminded to keep your racing goals in mind as you plan your time trial ride.

Unless your long range goals include serious time trialing, use gearing which is compatible with your training plan for March.

The World Championships will be held this year in Montreal, Canada, from August 14 to 24. Everyone who is anyone in world cycling should be there -- Eddy Merckx included. It may be a long time before you get a better chance to see the best racing cyclists in the world compete against each other.

Three club races have been granted sectional status for the coming year. They are:

National Capital Open -- Sectional BAR
 Rock Creek Park Race -- Sectional BAR
 Old Dominion (Quantico) -- Olympic Development

For Sale: 2 track bikes -- 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " frames. Both are Raleigh and both are all Campy. Roy Morris will sell either (not both). Call him at 543-0435.

In the February 3 Fort Hunt Criterium, 84 riders participated. Results are as follows:

Class A: Time - 32:47
 Av. lap - 3:15

1. Bobby Phillips
2. Stephan Dolezalek
3. Eric Dubbe
4. Dan Wagner
5. Chris Rose

Class B: Time - 25:44
 Av. lap - 3:11

1. George Orlov
2. Joe Gabriel
3. Steve Six
4. Gentry Gingell
5. David Jackins

Class C: Time - 22:02
 Av. lap - 3:40

1. Mark Eckelberger
2. Joe Sager
3. Peter Stevens, Jr.
4. Sean Dwyer
5. Luis Benito

Class D: Time 6:45
 Av. lap - 3:22

1. Stan French
2. Reed Cavanogh
3. Raymond Phelps
4. Randy Walkup
5. David Yarber

Midget: Time - 8:20
 Av. lap - 4:10

1. Matt Dubbe
2. Clark Cagle
3. Geoff Collins
4. Kathy Stevens

For midgets wondering about gearing for future Fort Hunt races, here is a chart of gearing for 24 inch wheels which might be applicable depending upon wheels used:

<u>Rear</u>	X	<u>Front</u>	<u>Gear</u>
13		36	66.5
17		47	66.3
16		44	66.0
19		52	65.7
15		41	65.6
18		49	65.3
14		38	65.1
16		43	64.6