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The final team standing (14th) for NCVC is respectable. It could have been better but for the Saturday Road Race in the Mountains, where one team member quit, and another finished off the pace considerably. Individually, no team member was entirely prepared for the race: there was no real sharpness to speciality riding (Criterium, Miss&Out, no real strength in the Road Races. In fact, the big race was our undoing. The Time Trial was our strongest event, in which we gained 1:10 on the next-placed team, and considerably on many teams. Based on this year's performance, no team member should have a definite spot on next year's entry. Team selection should be based on performance in road races, including I.D. Races and State Road Championships. Criterium placings are meaningless. There is no relationship between riding a Criterium, which anybody can accomplish and riding and finishing A Mountain Road Stage.

On the brighter side, every team member behaved magnificently. Everyone conducted themselves in a professional way, all bills were paid, no rooms were trashed. There were incidents with other teams. Those responsible will be billed by Celestial Sea Seasonings.

Some teams were extremely well-financed, with several managers, support vehicles, and matching warm-up clothing. It was needed in the mountains.

Al Slaughter provided essential support to the team as the manager. His van, mechanical ability, and massages filled a gap in the logistics. And all support was volunteer.

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STAGE I, Keystone, Colorado -80 Miles.

Wayne Stetina won the Mountain Road Race, ave. elevation 9,000 ft. The rain started when the gun went off, the skies opened on the first hill, a descent. Temperature dropped about 15 degrees, most riders complained later of numb arms from the freezing rain. Bradford, Pearson and Slaughter finished with the main pack, down 2:10. Pearson rode well, in some breaks from the pack. Barnett got behind some slow riders on the first hill, and never rode with the pack.

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STAGE II, Denner Criterium, 60 Miles

It wasn't a difficult race, despite the rain and the finish time of 1:59. All who started finished, though some were lapped. Bradford fell before a

prime, Barnett dropped back to help him, and both were lapped. It was a mistake to do so, since team standings were based on the top three finishers of a team, each day, instead of a team's best three places in General Classification, as we had thought. NCVC lost 2:04, and dropped from 10th to 11th in Team Classification. Ed Slaughter won one prime, the Dutch won a bundle. Dutch riders finished 1-2.

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STAGE III, Time Trial, 10.6 Miles

Kingsbery won in 22:35, using a 54x12, 30 seconds better than second place. Barnett was 10th, undergeared with a 53x13. All Mexican team members placed in the top 10, moving into First Place Team, ahead of USA Blue. (Dale Stetina, Pringle, Ware and Thompson).

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STAGE IV, Mountain Road Race, 93 Miles

This was the real test for the remaining 100+ riders. The race started at 5,400 ft, and climbed to 9,300 ft, with one climb 11 miles long. Slaughter came unglued and was never in the race, dropping out after 30 miles. Pearson was dropped at the base of the first major climb. Believing himself to be the fourth man for the day, he took it easy until otherwise informed by Eddy from the van. Bradford lost it at the top of the climb, and Barnett followed with mechanical difficulties. After a wheel change, a bike change, and another wheel change (when will they learn to pump up the tires on the spare bikes?) Barnett chased for most of the race, finishing with Bradford, about 45th. Pearson finished 40 minutes down, the team dropped to 14th. Mark Pringle won the stage, with an average speed of 23 MPH, which is incredible considering the climbs.

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STAGE V, Miss&Out, Boulder, Colorado.

A unique way to end a stage race,

Tuesday Night TRACK RACING at TREXLERTOWN

by Larry Black

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this inspired idea was a thrill the last detail (Balloons, music, a huge crowd, and likewise prizes, Circus tent, sprints every lap, and Chauner, and suspense to the last hurrah.) Four heats to qualify, two riders pulled each lap, and then one to qualify six; twenty-four riders to start the final eliminations. About 25,000 were on hand, and Chauner livened things to a frenzy. No NCVC made it to the finals, Barnett was the last to go from the fourth heat.

Potentially, either Dale Stetina or F. Huerte could have beaten Wayne Stetina in the end, had they won the Miss&Out with its bonus seconds. But it was not to be: With five riders remaining, they were: Dutch, Noel De-Jonecheeren, and Roger Young, reinstated by protest during a neutral period following a crash. And with two to go, it was Noel and Young, previously partners on the boards in Belgium. And with one to go, it was Noel winning the bicycle race for \$2000. (stage win), and W. Stetina taking the 1977 Red Zinger Classic. (Ask Noel if the mountains were worth enduring for the M&O.)

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RACE MANAGEMENT

Celestial Seasonings and the folks of Colorado know no bounds: from the 80 road marshalls on hand for the first stage (eat your heart out, Mike), to the 7 course dinner for the entire race entourage and awards ceremony (& awards,) and the fact that riders and those associated with the race were celebrities in Colorado...What more can be said? The race lived up to its billing thanks to Mo Seigel, president of Celestial Seasonings, and all.

THE WOMEN'S RACE

Connie Carpenter won the 40-mile Mountain Road Race in Keystone from a 5-up break. NCVC finished Margy Saunders 23rd, about 10 minutes down, with Donna Tobias next, and Laurie Wigell down considerably, finding the altitude and mountains not to her liking.

The time trial reinforced Carpenter's lead, as she beat Miji Reoch (again), and our ladies just kept on "keepin' on."

Sunday's Criterium was a scorcher, with an average speed of 25MPH. 12 lapped everybody else, and Carpenter won, leaving Mini second overall, and Cary Peterson 3rd. Margy finished 18th, Donna 22nd, and Laurie took a bad crash and didn't finish. It was not her week.

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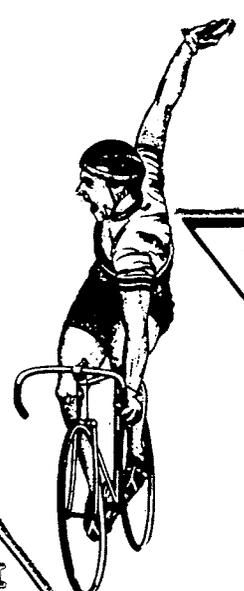
Tuesday night track racing at the Trexlertown Velodrome. The sun is beginning to set across the cornfields of the Lehigh Valley. 6 P.M.: Two acres of parking lot begin to fill with vans, cars, and trucks from several states; bringing riders, trainers, coaches, officials and spectators to another gala program. 6:30: The gates open, and the caravan of riders are the first to enter, carrying bikes, wheels, tool boxes, personal items, and bottles of secret liquids. Locker rooms are bustling with socializing riders, and bleachers with spectators.

Registration has opened on the neatly-groomed infield lawn. \$5.00 number deposit but no charge to race for the entire two-hour event-filled program. Never a complaint, all numbers always returned. Spectators are lined up waiting to pay their dollars to get in and the concession stands are open for business; selling programs, posters hot dogs, soft drinks, and other goodies. Another booth, on popular nights, sells a variety of natural treats like cider, nuts, and the famous Velo-Wedge sprout taco. (As indescribable as they are, no rider has been able to digest one before the first event.)

7 P.M.: Music by such greats as John Denver and the Platters on the P.A. is interrupted by announcer Dave Chauner to welcome riders and spectators, "Fifteen minutes left to register", a brief plug for the Velo-Wedge, and back to music. Riders by the scores are diligently warming up on this glass-smooth 333-meter concrete bowl-in-the-ground. All horseplay has stopped. 30 MPH pace lines flow smoothly, while other riders practice

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their 200-meter bursts of speed to the finish line. Riders from age 9 to 39 are all out there on the same track. Chauner and Track director Jack Simes can be seen in the stands discussing the riders and the tremendous success of the track with Robert Rodale, the mild-mannered environmentalist responsible for the entire facility.

Artie Greenburg, the stout little New Yorker-turned-Pennsylvanian, breaks from the huddle of zebra-striped officials and blows his whistle. All riders clear the track. He means it. Chauner breaks into the music at 7:30 to intro the National Anthem. Hats and helmets pop off heads, and before the final note is through, riders are on their way to the line. 10-15 riders per heat, 4-5 heats in this first event, the senior apprentice three-lap scratch race. "Top five in each heat qualify for the final - no free lap.

The second heat brings Georgetown's Larry "Torpedo" Black to the line. He's a little shaky but squeaks into the top five to qualify. Next event to the line, 35 Juniors for a miss-and-out. Steve Wood, a Georgetown visitor from Albuquerque, N.M. manages to stay 'til the final 3-up sprint in this race and edged out the other two riders to win this event.

A womens race, followed by the "egg-beater special" midget race are the next events. Georgetown is represented once again as Chris Frederiksen comes to the line for the two-lap intermediate scratch race. Chris flies from the start and stays away from the field to win. He claims it was brute strength, but Black says it was the famous "torpedo push" that really sent Chris flying. The next event is at the line - the 25 senior men finalists for the three-lap scratch race. Money is riding on this one \$ 7, 5, 3, 2, 1, for the top five. Know his gas tank was empty, the torpedo comes around the field in the final turn and gets his third first-place win this season.

The rest of the evening sees Black and Wood placing in their other events and dominating the primes in the 30-lap final Junior-Senior event. By 9:30 the lights are beginning to dim on the track, the crowds are pouring out of the gates, the shower rooms are filled with steam, and another Tuesday night program is over.....

August 9 was a typical Tuesday at Trelxertown, except there were too few Georgetown Riders. All Juniors, women, intermediates and seniors are eligible to ride on Tuesday. Please contact your rider rep if you need or can offer a ride or need information. The drive takes about 3½ hours, and is worth it.

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IN MEMORY

Bob Lovelett

A Friend of Cycling Died this year.
June, 1977.

The Culpeper Clean Air Race is set for Saturday, Sept. 3. The people of Culpeper are doing much for the race, providing prizes, etc. The club will provide expert officials. Lenz approved the course (70+ KM). Rock Creek Classic will be Sept 25, providing a sponsor can be secured. NCVC sprints will be held Aug 20, 3:00 PM. (see calendar for details)

MONEY

Expense money will be paid to all who attended the Nationals; \$50.00 to each, plus \$25.00 to those who placed. General expense money will be available to team members on a 50% basis (50¢ on the dollar) for travel expenses.

TIRES

12 pair of tires will go to riders attending out of town races. The issue came up via a letter from Kelly Taylor, expressing dissatisfaction over not being named to the team. The list of those receiving tires will be compiled within a week. Women, Vets, Cat II, III and IV and juniors were mentioned.

TREASURY

Lenz gave a healthy treasurers report. The Club has a total of \$1,378 on hand, \$375 in the rider fund for nationals expenses, \$998 in the general fund. IBM grosses about \$100 a month.

RED ZINGER

Rick Barnett reported on the Red Zinger. (Report appears elsewhere.) The board extended congratulations to all who participated. Reports, both from Barnett and others at the Rac emphasized the professional and mature manner team members conducted themselves. Stevens assured the Board there will be an invitation ne year.

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The Charlie-Reno incident at the Md-Del. States road race resurfaced. Charlie did not deny the allegation against him; he will continue suspended from the team, and be denied monetary and material benefits. The quasi-litigious verbosity continued well into the evening.

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Aug-Sept
Specials



- In addition to specials in current VeloNews, we also offer:
- SunTour Cyclone Levers \$8.95
 - TTT Anodized Stems, 80-125mm 10.95
 - NEW Georgetown T-shirts 2.95
 - Wigwam Quiana racing socks 2.50
 - DuraAce Complete BB Set 12.95
 - DuraAce Gold Freewheels(15-24) 7.95
 - Campy Chainrings 14.95 Sugino 7.95
 - DuraAce Bar Controls 12.95
 - Park Tool Univ. Extractors 9.95
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The upgrading system at the Velodrome is simple. For every Tuesday night WIN (1st) you get one chance to participate on Friday night, the Pro-Am and Aspirant classes. If you get a first in any event on that Friday, you stay in the Aspirant class. If you do not, you need five first-place Tuesday wins to stay Fridays. Black has three Tuesday wins so far this season and hopes to join the Georgetown Friday-night regulars Al & Ed Slaughter, Paul Pearson, Charlie Frederiksen, and Jim Bradford by the end of the season so he can learn more about track riding and improve his performance.

All club members are urged to "GoForIt" on Tuesdays and come and watch the Team Fridays so we can help build enthusiasm for a track in the D.C. Area. A local track would do so much for the bike cause on all levels.

A word from your Editor:
 #1. Special thanks to Shawn Brooks + Weadon Printing in Alexandria for significantly reducing our printing costs.
 #2. Time to start thinking about NVC newsletter editor for 1978. It takes a little skill-- Who knows, maybe you could do it.
 #3. This issue has been no picnic-- good luck reading...
 + Look for the Year's Recap ^{MID} OCTOBER

Club Jerseys! Must be worn in all open events. Speaking of which... 100% Wool (washable) jerseys, road, are now in stock at Georgetown Cycle Sport in Bethesda. Those with advance orders may pick theirs up for a total cost of \$21. Others, \$26. Includes six stick 'n sew red embroidered stars. We are having a silkscreen made to print Georgetown Cycle on all jerseys. A bath in a mild salt solution for the jersey before wearing it helps keep the colors from running.

There are still a few acrylic road jerseys left at a special low price of \$20. Kucharik track jerseys should arrive the week of August 10th.

Please pick up your free Canetti Patches for your shorts at Georgetown Cycle Sport, also. Two patches per rider FREE, additional 50¢ each.

RACE ENTRIES When entering open races, club name should read: NVC/Georgetown Cycle Sport-Canetti. If this seems like a lot to write, here's a suggestion to speed up registration. Next time you have standard entry forms xeroxed, fill one out completely (name, address, age, club, USCF#, etc...) and zerox it, leaving blank the name of the race, etc. Then, all you have to do is fill in the name of race, date, etc, and mail or whatever.

IT'S OFFICIAL !!! NVC/GEORGETOWN-CANETTI welcomes its latest USCF Officials. Linda Dochendorf and Larry Black have become certified as Referee, Judge, and Clerk of Course. Linda is also a Certified Timer; Larry forgets his watch too often. For more information about becoming a USCF Official, contact your State Rep.

Please feel free to contact your rider rep about rides to races...

Results of July IBM Series

A CLASS	B CLASS	C CLASS	NOVICE	
Ed Slaughter 66	Tom Mobley 57	Hugh Douglas	David Beers	1st
Pete Czapiewski 39	Alan Rashid 51	Jim Brown	Jim Wagner	2nd
Paul Pearson 38	Craig Parker 35	Kurt Mayrand	Chris Good	3rd
Ray Barbehenn 30	Charles Lima 26	Peter Oliver	Tim Good	4th
Larry Black 29	Hal Mattes 24	John Long	Chuck Harvey	5th
Jim Hargett 26	Lawson Knight 21	Chris Rehm	Robert Rodrigues	6th
			Jimmy Kennedy	(tie)

just a reminder... Do plan to attend the Annual Business Meeting October 3, at the National Park Headquarters on Ohio Drive in East Potomac Park (Hain's Point). Meeting starts at 8:15, and you'll be considering changes to the NVC Constitution and Bi-laws, new directions and objectives for the club, in 1978, and of course voting in the new club officers for 1978. Participate in running your club by submitting nominations (to the club mailbox) before September 25th, and by being there, October 3rd, to express yourself.

Current Officers and phone numbers:
 President: Mike Butler 588-4571
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CALENDAR

- 13 August 1977 Baltimore City Open, Women & Vets. Chesapeake Whmn.
- 20 August 1977 NCVC Road Sprint Championships, Cedarville Natural Resource Management Area. Take exit 36 off the Beltway onto Highway #5 South. Continue in 5 until it becomes 301 South, then another three miles and make a left at the Schwein Yamaha Center. Four miles to a right on a gravel road (ignore the "No Trespassing" signs), go until a paved road makes a left into the office parking area. Watch for signs of Bike Day and Cedarville Natural Resource & Management Area. Registration 3 to 3:55, prizes based on entrants.
- 21 August 1977 Bryan Park Criterium, Richmond, Va. SR II,III,IV, Vets, Wom, Novice(local only), Junior. More info: Morris Truslow, 804/264-0198.
- 28 August 1977 German 100 Km Handicap, Westbury State College, Westbury, Long Island. SR I,II,III,IV, Veterans. 50 Km Scratch, Sr, Wom&Vet.
- 3 September 77 Culpeper Clean Air Race, Culpeper, Va. Jr. O.D. Road Race, Sr III,IV, Vet, and Jr (featured) Criterium. More information: Paul Lenz (279-0061).
- 25 September 77 Rock Creek Road Race, (tentative, pending sponsorship). Using course for future Junior World Road Championships (1978), Washington, D.C. SRI,II (B.A.R.), Women, Jr?,& Int. for more information: Mike Butler (588-4571).
- 25 September 77 Deadline for nominations for Club officers, to be voted on at Annual business meeting. All nominations must bear signature of nominee, to signify desire for position, and be mailed to club's mailbox, P.O.Box 14004, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D. C. 20044.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Colnago Super, 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", full Campy, black pedals, Ergal rims, Barum tires, TTT Bar&Stem, Cinelli Saddle, Wine red, ridden little, New. \$700. Dean Williams (451-1297).

FOR SALE: Zieleman, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Phil Wood Bottom Br., Universal brakes, the rest is Campy. Mustard yellow, Excellent condition. Two extra spare tires. \$500. Call 703/620-2399 and ask for Tom.

one more date:

17-18 Sept 1977 Atlantic City Pro-Am Bicycle Race on the Boardwalk. Races for Juniors, Women, Cat 3&4 Sept 17 and International Sprints (track bikes only) in front of Convention Hall Saturday Night. Main Event, 77 Mile SRI&II Criterium Sunday. Standard entry & Release to: Katherine Cramer, 5000 Boardwalk - Suite 1612, Ventnor, New Jersey 08406.

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