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## NCVC NEWS



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### RAMBLING with the BIG WHEELIE

Greetings sports fans. Just to show you where years of hard work and dedication can get you, how about the fantastic year associate member Tommy Prehn is having: surprise selection to the U.S. team to Europe, super ride in the Milk Race (the Amateur equal to the Tour de France), a team win in the Red Zinger, and now a Silver medal in the National Road Race; and from what I'm told another 20 yds. and it would have been gold. Congrats and keep on keeping on.

Welcome back to to Fast Eddie Slaughter and Paul "The Animal" Pearson who enjoyed a successful stay in Holland. Ed put his european experience to use quickly in taking a 3rd place in his first U.S. race the Pittsburgh Classic.

Reports from team members say we were well represented at Super Week with \*Jim-Bob Bradford and Reno Rashid showing the best finishes in the Senior I-II category. The smoothy Mike Petty picked up a few points in the Cat-III races and should be close to being moved to the big time. And just to show everyone that Somerville wasn't a fluke Intermediate Champ Thomas Kroh-Poulsen outclassed our Junior entries with some very aggressive riding, in Intermediate gears no less. For Rick Barnett the Milwaukee venture went sour early as numerous hard crashes left shreds of those bionic legs on the asphalt squelching any chances for a medal in the ill-fated National Time Trial.

Would you believe that people are still cheating on their weekly race fees at IBM. While there are a few who arrive late and pay after the race, it appears that are some who have no intention of paying. These people are clearly cheating their friends and teammates and then taking prizes to boot. Why? (Those caught in this practice will lose all points for the month)

Another disappointment was the poor showing at the August Membership Meeting, with Mary Pelz the only Maryland winner to show up for her trophy. The ever present Charlie "I want a track in Washington" Frederiksen gave a very good presentation on the progress and work required from the club if this dream is to ever become a reality. Our next meeting is on September 11th at 8:10 at the National Park Police Headquarters (2nd Floor), Haines Point. For directions to call 588-4571.

I took my first trip to the Trexlertown International Sprints and was treated to some fine displays of power and grace. After being used to 400 meter tracks in the Islands, Trexlertown's 333 1/3 meters seemed a bit small but the action was exciting. General Ian Jackson proved he could be just as fast on the track as he is on the road and those NCVC colors looked terrific flying high on the banked surface. I'm really looking forward to seeing the Madison there on September 2 and a chance to see the living legend Eddy Merckx.

Plans are for the Fall Rock Creek Series to be an open race and assistance will be needed, so call me before I call you (number above). Others in need include Larry Black, Chairman of the Track Committee, and Alan Rashid, Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee. Feel free to offer your time and constructive thoughts to these worthy ventures.

Speaking of contributing, I'm sure the newsletter editor would like see a few race reports, articles, letters to the editor, or any other piece of information that would benefit the membership.

Well, until next time keep on spinning and try to make it to your Clubs next meeting on September 11th.

Cheers,

*The Butler Did It!*

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#### A VIEW FROM THE CENTER- Part 2.

##### Preparation: April 1976 - June 1978

I don't know when the idea of holding the Junior World Championships in the USA first emerged as a gleam in Ernie Seubert's eye; our involvement started about April, 1976. Washington, D.C. seemed a natural candidate for holding the road events. The NCVC is a very large (200 + members) club that has organized a lot of bike races. Rock Creek Park is a beautiful park, centrally located, and we had held races in the park for years. Therefore, we also had long-established working relations with the National Capital Region of the National Park Service (NCP) who administer the parks. Washington's being a major media center and having certain international flavor because of all the embassies here also figured to be helpful in organizing and promoting the championships. So we started laying out courses, applying for permits, and submitted a bid to the USCF in October 1976 to host the 120 km individual road race and the 70 km team time trial. When the bid was accepted, my pleasure had a slightly ominous fringe like the mixed anticipation and apprehension one gets near the top of the first big climb on a roller coaster. Now we were really committed and had somehow lost control over our own lives.

But why spend time writing about the preparation? Why not just get to the point, the races themselves? Basically, the events of June, 1978, simply can not be understood without knowing their background. If anyone else should find our experience useful in organizing future events, it will from seeing the way that different aspects of the preparation worked themselves out during the events. In rethinking and reliving the championships I am struck by how much everything that happened during the two weeks of execution was absolutely predetermined by the plans and attitudes formed during the preparation. There were "acts of God" like the thunderstorm or the parkway construction, but in the last analysis events took place as they had to take place and people acted as they had to act.

In looking at the attitudes and actions of all the people and organizations that were involved in the championships I see a great intellectual and emotional continental divide. On one side was the attitude that this was just another bike race or just another special event. On the other side was the attitude that this was a World Championship, calling for a special level of commitment and effort. It's not surprising that virtually everyone on the DC committee felt the special commitment; that was our job. However, the committee was never bigger than 10 at the center and 30 total, but more than 300 people had important roles in staging the road race.

We were most fortunate that one of the first persons outside of the organizers to get the point about the special nature of the worlds was Sargent George Swerda of the Special Operations Division, US National Park Police. His job was planning and organizing the closure of the courses, and he was well aware that only the Park Police could stop traffic. Looking back, the idea of closing 15 km of roads, park or no park, in the center of Washington at the height of the tourist season for a road race seems as preposterous as closing 20 km of the George Washington Parkway three days later for the team time trial. Rock Creek Park is laced with popular equestrian trails, so cars were not the only "traffic" that needed to be controlled, and the idea of a horse getting mixed into the bicycle race just produces too many grey hairs to contemplate.

At best as I can tell from a careful investigation (and I usually heard about the smallest problems almost instantly), the closure of the roads was perfect, repeat perfect. The time trial course was scheduled to be closed at 10:00 AM. I can still taste the memory of standing in the median at 9:58 AM; watching the last dregs of the morning rush hour traffic whiz by; and thinking that, if the road doesn't close at 10:00 AM sharp, we're dead. At 10:00 the scheduled miracle occurred, the traffic stopped, and we were back in business. But now I am getting ahead of the story.

The overall organization of the championships was in three quite distinct pieces. The Trexlertown Velodrome with Dave Channer and Jack Simes presiding was the site of the track events. Ernie Seubert headed the Junior Worlds committee with Annick Bouvron as secretary and resident correspondent. I chaired the Washington committee that organized the road events. Each group operated quite independently, not only because we were far apart, but also because our tasks were more or less unique. For example, the tasks to organize the track program were quite different from those that we faced. Also, we had no need to get into the problems of dealing with other cycling federations or into negotiations with potential national sponsors as did Ernie and Annick. I rather hope that someone tells the stories of Trexlertown and New York, but this story must focus on the road events in Washington.

(To Be Continued)

Peter B. Stevens

#### FREEHOLD CRITERIUM

A band of six NCVC gladiators set out to slay the dragon on August 6th with rain clouds waiting in the wings. Ned Carey, Larry Black, an super-Vet Don Giese started the day out with some hard riding in the featured II-III race. Ned was plagued by a case of the bottom bracket blues and watched his teammates finish the race standing high atop his shiny new Guerciotti in the crowd of spectators. Both Black and Giese finished at the front of a bunch sprint led by Joe Deaton. Unfortunately the field had let a group of five slip away early in the race.

The Cat IV race proved a blood bath as the rain started to fall on the very first lap, causing many a rider to eat the asphalt. Early out was Shawn Brooks, crushing a wheel in the process. Jack Moschetto was soon off the back after riding over two downed riders but undaunted started hammering back toward the pack. Pete Swan, who had brought his rabbit foot with him, managed to stay up through the melee and was sitting pretty around the front lap after lap. With a herioc effort (and some encouragement from a certain Chilean beauty) Mighty Jack caught the field with one to go and sprinted to a satisfying 3rd place. What of our man Swan? Poor old Pete, looks like the only way he's going to get a sprint is buy a can of J-Wax.

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IBM RESULTS

IBM proved to be a hot month on the thermometer and the 1.2 oval dear to the hearts of Washington bikies. Red hot sprinting was the name of the game in A & B class, as Joe Deaton and Bob Lipovsky showed the others the way to the finish line. Patrick Dement led a small band of C class riders and Tom Fennel used his smooth style to capture D class. Last but not least the Midgets were dominated by the speedy David James, a name to watch for in the coming years.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>	<u>Class D</u>	<u>Midget</u>
1	J. Deaton	B. Lipovsky	P. Dement	T. Fennel	D. James
2	C. Meerman	W. Lanius	J. Klein*	#133 ?	#90 ?
3	J. Montgomery	Chris Rehm	T. Buzas*	L. Tabacchi	
4	N. Carey	A. Villada	B. Lesson	#132 ?	
5	R. Barnett	E. Cottrell	A. Daza	#96 ?	
6	C. Cressy	F. Sheffield	P. Cramer	S. Solana	

\* tied on points

PRIZE LIST FOR IBM

In case some of you have been wondering about what prizes your weekly stipends have been going toward, listed below are the winners booty for the July series. These goodies should make sprinters out of everyone.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
1	I	I Wheel Covers \$11	I Clement Condor \$15	I Soyo tire \$13	I Freewheel \$10
	I	I Clement Condor \$15	I G.T. Hat \$2	I Glue \$1	I Bottle & Cage \$3
	I		I Glue \$1		
2	I	I Wheel Covers \$11	I Cycling Gloves \$10	I Toe clips & straps \$6	I Toe clips & straps \$6
	I	I 2 rolls tape \$2	I G.T. shirt \$4	I G.T. shirt \$4	I G.T. Bag \$3
	I	I G.T. shirt \$4		I 3rd Hand \$3	I Bottle \$2
3	I	I Alloy cage \$5	I Silca pump \$9	I G.T. Hat \$2	I Floor pump \$7
	I	I Bottle \$2	I G.T. shirt \$4	I Bottle & Cage \$3	I G.T. shirt \$4
	I	I G.T. Bag \$3			
	I	I L.P.S.(3-Lg) \$3			
4	I	I Alloy cage \$5	I 3rd Hand \$3	I G.T. Bag \$3	I G.T. Bag \$3
	I	I Glue \$1	I G.T. Bag \$3	I Bottle \$2	I Bottle \$2
	I	I G.T. shirt \$3	I 2 rolls tape \$2		I LPS \$1
5	I	I Malthausen Brake blocks \$7	I G.T. shirt \$3	I G.T. shirt \$3	I G.T. shirt \$3
	I	I 2 rolls tape \$2	I Bottle \$2		
6	I	I G.T. shirt \$3	I Glue \$1		
	I	I G.T. hat \$2	I G.T. shirt \$3		

RACE CALENDER

Aug 27 Great Reading Bicycle Race, Reading, Pa.  
Sept 3 Tour of Raritan, Raritan, N.J.  
Sept 4 Kipona Cup Bicycle Classic, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Sept 4 Tour of Newton, Newton, N.J.  
Sept 9 Mt. Washington Road Race, Manchester, N.H.  
Sept 10 Mt. Washington Hill Climbs, (Masochists Only)  
Sept 16 Tour of Wallpack, Wallpack, N.J.  
Sept 17 Tour of Rockford, Wilmington, De.  
Sept 17 Victoria Station Fall Bike Classic, E. Brunswick, N.J.  
Sept 23- Wildwood Pro-Am, Wildwood, N.J.  
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Sept 24 Bryan Park Criterium, Richmond, Va.  
Sept 30 Charlottesville Criterium, Charlottesville, Va.

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70	325	18.00	13.95	Skid-Lid racing	33.00	27.95
60	250	18.00	13.95	touring	37.00	31.95
<u>National</u>				<u>Water Bottle Cage</u>		
(nylon)	230	19.00	14.95	Omas alloy	10.00	7.95
panaracer	270	"	"	Regular alloy	6.00	4.50
	300	"	"	TA alloy	12.00	9.95
<u>Clement Silks</u>				<u>Hubs</u>		
Criterium Seta	220	30.00	26.95	Sunshine-Pro	45.00	37.95
" "	250	"	"	Sunshine Pro-Am	36.00	31.95
<u>Clement Cotton</u>				<u>Gloves</u>		
Strada 66	250/	29.00	22.95	Cool Gear-padded	15.00	9.95
Criterium	250	"	"	<u>Saddles</u>		
Canetti				Sella Italia	34.00	24.95
Sport Butyl	325	16.00	11.95	(super leggera alloy		
Paris Nice	230	25.00	18.95	rails, buffalo, 235 gm		
<u>Clincher Tires</u>				Avocet Touring III	38.00	33.95
National (finest				(brown or black)		
nylon weave:				<u>Chainrings</u>		
very lively				Sugino Might Compe		
700 C & 27 x 1"	265	9.00	5.95	(black-42,45,48,52)	12.00	6.95
27 x 1 1/8"	300	9.00	5.95	<u>Shorts</u>		
<u>Rims</u>				MOA Sport- 80/20 wool	32.00	23.95
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pro		30.00	19.95	\$8/wheel with		
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TREXLERTOWN, PA -- Many of the top professional bicycle racers in the world will converge on the Trexlertown Velodrome to race for over \$10,000 in prize money when the Pennsylvania bicycle racing facility launches the Bicycling Magazine International Madison Championships, Sept. 1 & 2.

Making his first public appearance in the U.S. for the occasion is Eddy MERCKX from Belgium, five-time winner of the Tour de France. Merckx, 35, is internationally recognized as the greatest rider in history. Now retired from the sport that made him a multi-millionaire, Merckx will appear at the Trexlertown meet in an ambassadorial capacity.

Topping the bill on the track are Patrick Sercu of Belgium, Rene Pijnen from Holland, and Danny Clark from Australia. Over two dozen leading Pro-Am Riders from around the World will race in the two-day event.

Sponsored by Bicycling Magazine, the Madison Championships ranks as the richest bicycle track race in America. Racing Begins at 7:30 PM both Friday and Saturday Nights. Tickets are \$2, \$4, & \$6. and are available from East Coast Ticketron or at the gate.

The Trexlertown Velodrome is located six miles west of Allentown, Pa. on Route 222, two blocks west of the route 100 junction.

As an added attraction, Eddy Merckx will participate in a training ride on the road Saturday Morning at 10 AM. The pace will be conversational, so bring your road bikes and plan to stay for the Weekend.

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#### PROPOSED VELODROME FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In case you missed the discussion at the last membership meeting, the Washington, D.C. area is on the verge of getting itself a bike track. A \$5,000 feasibility study was approved thanks to the hard work of a few NCVC members and other concerned people. This was a major victory for all concerned, but if we don't get busy right NOW we may be permanently overlooked. As Charlie Frederiksen, study coordinator, points out, we must show a widespread and strong demand for such a facility in the county. Furthermore, if this study shows little demand, other jurisdictions may follow suit and never even consider the need for a Velodrome.

DO IT TODAY----

Spread the word! A velodrome will serve the needs of all cyclists, both recreational and competitive, as well as developmental and educational programs. Cycling is one of the most popular and fastest growing participation sports in the world, and the Montgomery County Area is abundantly saturated with bicyclists in all age groups. Club membership in the area is among the largest in the country. All we have to do is demonstrate these facts and the needs to the proper officials: County Council Members, office seekers, County Executive, etc.

We need everyone to write personal letters to all concerned. We need the petitions to be circulated. Please give a little time in the next few weeks. It will be worth it. This will be your track as much as anyone else's, even if you never plan to attend or ride; you owe it to yourself and fellow cyclists to support the Velodrome in order help the sport, pastime, and utilitarian aspects of bicycling become more respected and to grow on all levels.

Please do not expect others to do all the work, because we need everybody to help NOW. Or never will we see this track realized. Below is a copy of the latest petition. Use it, copy it, make others, or obtain others from the NCVC Track committee; Larry Black, Al Rashid, etc. Any one may sign, but each person only once. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me soon. ....thanks, Larry Black

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NCVC is proud to be one of the largest bicycle racing clubs in the United States. Our purpose is to promote the sport on a local and national level. In 1978 NCVC was the host club for the Junior World Championship Road Race and Time Trial, and we are currently bidding for the 1981 National Time Trial Championships.

NCVC promotes club and open racing throughout the year to include: January - Roller Races, February - Low Gear Criterium Series, March - Time Trial Series, April - Road Race Series, May/September - Open Criterium Series, October - Road Race Series, November/December - Roller Races. NCVC also promotes a Winter Training Clinic, and the finest race on the East Coast -----The National Capital Open - National Prestige Classic

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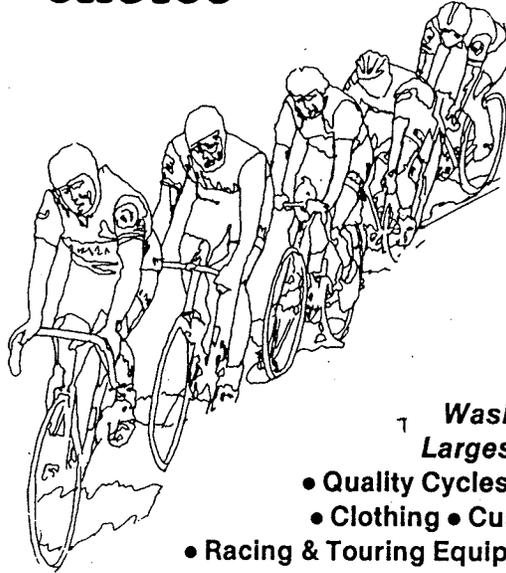
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