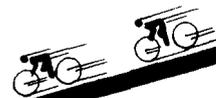


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Saturday night, February 14, 1981

RACEVENTS

Sundays March 1, 8, 15, 22
GREENBELT PARK LOW GEAR SERIES
76" maximum gear
Registration 11:30 a.m. at Holly Picnic
Area
First race Noon - Rain or Shine
\$1.00 entry. Unattached riders double.
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Sunday March 22
VIRGINIA BEACH PEDAL CLASSIC
9:30 a.m. Sr.1,2; Sr.3,4; Jr., Vet,
Master, Women, Int., Midget
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Saturday and Sunday April 4 & 5
GRAN PRIX AUX BERMUDES
Sr. 15 km TT, 80 km RR.
Vet 15 km TT, 60 km RR.
40 km TTT. Spons. by Schaeffer Beer.

Sunday April 19
NCO-See Velo News ad
Come early, we need your help. IT'S
YOUR RACE!

Saturday April 25 (tentative)
2d ANNUAL COLLEGE PARK BIKE RACES
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Club and Washington Bible College
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Sunday April 26
MONTGOMERY CO. REC. DEPT. CRITERIUM
Registration 11:00 a.m. IBM Course

Time Trials

Seniors - 1 Larry Black
6 Reeves Taylor
Juniors - 1 George Sheffield
2 David Pedersen
4 David James
Women - 1 Martha Rainey
2 Geneva Nugent
Veterans- 1 Ron Fuller
2 Jerry Nugent
Finals - Sprints
1 Reno Rashid
2 Larry Black
3 George Sheffield
4 Reeves Taylor

(Thanks to Ron Fuller and Columbia
Mall Merchants!)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

D.O.T. Hotline: (301) 659-1663

Information regarding cycling activities,
equipment, legislation, etc. is now pro-
vided by the Department of Transportation
at this number.

A copy of the "Maryland Vehicle Laws
Pertaining to Bicycles" is available
from:

Maryland Dept. of Transportation
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6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062

COACH'S CORNER

by Jim Montgomery, Nat'l Champion

TEAM NOTES

We now have a full 15 member A team with the final addition of a Senior 2 rider, Andres Villadas.

Cycles Peugeot has furnished a new Peugeot CFX10 frameset, headset, bottom bracket and seatpost to the following team members:

David Pedersen	Matt McGoey
Colin Clark	Reeves Taylor
George Sheffield	Ed Cottrell
Mike McConnell	Jerry Nugent
Larry Black	Mary Pelz
Jim Montgomery	Martha Rainey

How can you make the A team if it is already filled? Simple, outperform any of the current members, but please note that there will be no revisions until June 1

DESIGNATED RACES

A list of designated races is as follows:

Mar. 22	Va. Beach Pedal Classic
April 19	National Capital Open
May 24	Tour of Nutley
May 25	Tour of Somerville

This is a tentative schedule and more will follow. Note: Every attempt will be made to notify team members 3 weeks to one month ahead of races.

There is no expense money budgeted for March.

Next month -- the rest of the Team -- the B Team!

ROCK CREEK ROAD RACES GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKWAY TIME TRIALS

If you want to ride these events, help organize and run them. Please call Larry Black, 277-2555.

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RAMBLIN WITH THE WHEELIE

Don't forget Ken Gyory can use your help to run the State Championships in June... and "P. E. Swan wants your help to run the NCO April 19th ... someone suggested we stop giving out awards for every year. These trophies serve as a graduation to the Maryland Road Club/Alpine...at the roller races at Columbia Mall someone was overheard saying "What do most NCVC riders want to be when they grow up?...give up?... an Alpine Team member"...you know, he could be right.. why are they attempting to jump clubs?...they're doing it for Danny...how come they all say that?...why is riding for Georgetown Cycle Sports riding for NCVC and riding for Alpine is riding for Danny and not for MRC?...

Reno Rashid, NCVC grad of '78 defeated 1980 Mid-Atlantic Roller Racing defending champ Pres. Larry Black in a close and exciting duel. The Torpedo, however, was the time trial winner...George Sheffield was the Junior winner, Jerry Nugent took the Veterans title and Martha Rainey made it two in a row winning the women's event for the second year...The prizes weren't bad: Reno took home a TV for first place, time trial winners got a silver plate, champagne and flowers... Speaking of time trials, we do have some angry club members because for the first time in history that we're not having time trials in March...and a few are upset over the absence of a February low gear series... Well, it's time for the Wheelie to go out on the limb again, or should it be the top tube? Anyway, it's prediction time. In the year 1981, my crystal sprocket says--- Dyno Vet Jim Montgomery will continue his reign as King of the Vets with the support of Rob Lea and Master Blaster Nugent...and he will need teammates this year. Joining the opposition led by Joe "W.S." Saling and "I'm so smart" Humphries is one of the US premier road sprinters for the last umpteen years, the Baltimore Bullet, Bobby Phillips who was overheard saying, last year, "Montgomery is only holding the stars and stripes jersey for me until next year"... I think that it's great to see the Vets competition at such a level but now, after waiting all these years, I'll have to wait some more. Maybe by the time I am a Grand Master they'll be tired of winning and I'll get my chance...watch for the names Fred Kelly, Dave Edinburgh, Dave Meany and Channing Houston...Eddy Cottrell, Torpedo Black, and

Major Taylor, II, will continue to do well, along with the new members of the Club Matt McGoey and Mike McConnell who I don't know so can't predict...the name Sheffield will strike terror in the hearts of Juniors once again this time by the flamboyant George who with added determination will do good... first year Juniors Clark and Pedersen will surprise a few and the determined David "never say die" James will learn a lot to help him in late 81 and 1982...the women, with the encouragement of spiritual leader Julie Paul and experience of Mary Pelz, should do well...in addition, I think we will all do better this year for the sport is on an upswing and things seem to be happening but it's up to you as racers, support crews, cheer leaders, promoters... the sport must be making headway for I saw -would you believe-bicycle racing shirts take off in the fashion departments at Hecht's...joggers watch out...Oh! By the way, this year when registering at a race or in the winner's circle or wherever, let the world know that you race for Georgetown Cycle Sports/Peugeot...how many people say Ed Slaughter rides for M.R.C.?...that's what club sponsorship is all about...can you remember the winners of the NCO since you have been watching it? Turn page for the answers.

Unless there are two Schuette families in McLean, Va. another member of Rick's very athletic family made the sports news; according to the Post, 16-yr-old Karen Schuette stands a good chance of making the Junior Olympic ski team...maybe she'll pick up riding as a summer sport...which reminds me, are you doing any recruiting? ...not only of new members but renewals... look at your roster and see if your buddies are missing. Noticeably missing from the roster is Rick "the Macaine" Barnett... unless...nah! he wouldn't want to be one of them...club jumpers that is...did you see all that good stuff in Velo News?...the schedule?...things are looking good for the sport...let's do what we can to improve the sport and results in this area. I may kid about the other team in town but we should have the same goal. Competitive rivalry is healthy but petty jealousy is childish and that goes both ways grads...so keep on pushing and don't stop until you reach the top...don't forget to thank Mr. Wagner of Georgetown Cycle Sport for sponsorship.

Cheers, Mike

Letters to the Editor

February 12, 1981

To the Membership:

As Team Director of the National Capital Velo Club for most of the last two racing seasons, I was recognized by every member of the club who desired expense money and a position on the team. Now, I carry an American Express card. However, I thought I would venture forth from my anonymity to say a few words with respect to Tom Prehn's letter in the February issue of Velo Voice.

I'm sure that some of you are, at this moment, warmed-up and ready for a juicy rebuttal or a fiery defense. Cool down. In my opinion, Tom could not be more correct. There are two factors to be considered when distributing expense money; a rider's desire to perform and his/her need for the support. The first can be translated to a reasonably fair formula. However, a rider's need is something that must be judged by the Team Director or Team Coach. I shall try to illustrate how I came to these conclusions.

When I developed my Team Program, which is the basis of the current Team Program, I tried to incorporate some of the ideas that had been expressed to me by a variety of riders. It was suggested to me that the club should be developing good team riders, but that this could scarcely be accomplished when riders were always attending different races. It was also suggested that some riders lacked ambition; they tended to enter small races where the chance of winning was greater than in a National Prestige event. Finally, there were those who felt that some riders were too willing to settle for fifth place instead of first. It occurred to me that by designating which races the majority of the team could attend, and by weighting the distribution of expense money to benefit those riders who attended these races, classified races such as National Prestige and Olympic Development events, and who placed in the top three places of an event, the distribution of money would benefit those riders whose ambition to perform was the greatest. This was the primary scheme I used to distribute expense money.

I found that trying to distribute expense money according to need was a far more difficult task. After all, the Team Director can hardly be expected to know, and probably has no right to know, details regarding the financial situation of every person holding a position on the team. Yet, he must determine who will put the club's money to best use, how much money they should need, and how much money the club can provide. He must, therefore, rely on his judgment. My solution to this problem may seem feeble, but it was the best I could devise. First, I set aside part of the year's expense money in case a rider found himself to be in need of some extra support. If a rider complained about the amount of money he received or asked for some additional support, I would advance him as much as I could to insure that he could continue riding races and maintain his equipment. If he could return the money at a later date from his expense money, he was expected to. If he could

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not, I had already prepared for that eventuality. Generally speaking, anyone who asked for additional support received it.

The point I am trying to make is this: distributing the club's expense money in a fair manner is not an easy task, but we are trying to do just that. Jim Montgomery is running the team this year, and he has developed a Team Program which I am including with this letter. I ask that you read it carefully. If you have a better idea, speak up. If you find that you need some extra support during the season, ask for it. I am sure that you will receive every consideration from Jim. If you feel that you are not receiving your fair share, ask to see the Team Book; it has always been available upon request.

Work with your Team Coach and Team Director. Help them to do a better job. However, if your only interest is in complaining or securing a disproportionate share of the expense money for yourself, do not waste your breath; it will fall on deaf ears.

(Ed. Note: For Team Program see Vol. 1, No. 2)

Sincerely,
Alan Rashid

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ARIZONA HIGHWAYS, Jan., '81
--a shot of Jim Montgomery's mighty calves in feature article "Bisbee Close-Up"
also Jerry Nugent as spectator

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