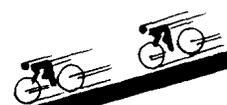


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The National Capital Open signalled the start of the racing season on April 19th at the Ellipse in Washington. Good weather, famed cyclists and a fast course drew a large turnout of both spectators and racers.

In the Veteran's category, Jim Montgomery and Rob Lea captured this one for NCVC by winning it 1-2. Jim was unfazed by a cyclist who hooked him from the left during a prime attempt.

Fred Kelley took first place in the Senior III category by staying in the front and motoring away from the pack in most of the prime sprints and the final sprint as well. Kraig Klinke pulled in for third to wrap up the event. Another group of NCVC riders, including Ed Cottrell, Mike Kennedy and Jim Bob Bradford went down in an early crash, leaving few club members to take the rest of the top places.

Smooth motorpacing dominated the riding style in the Senior I,II category until a crash en masse about 120 meters from the finish line. Jim Montgomery, Larry Black, Mike McConnell and Chris Cressy went down hard, Chris suffering head injuries. Chris Meerman of the MRC/Alpine was in front and able to capture fourth, with Eric Heiden twenty-fifth after being blocked out.



RACE RESULTS

by Mike Butler

Correction to Race Results in last issue
VA Beach - J. Paul was 10th
Druid Hill - F. Kelley was 4th

SPRING ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a very cloudy and rain threatening Sunday, April 12th, about 103 racers showed up late to battle for A, B, and C Class Championships. A Class rode for the Ron Rae Trophy while B and C Classes rode for the title and glory. C Class turned out to be an uneven battle of the sexes with Mary Pelz the only female representative. After a hard and steady two laps the leaders took the bell at a very fast pace and the guys attacked on the hill in an attempt to shake the lady but she rode back to nip young R. Groome at the line becoming the second female to win a race at the creek. J. Gangloff was third. B Class had a group of people who were not sure if they wanted to ride B or A. So when B caught A (only because they started too soon after A) they rode with A, breaking the age old rule of joining in another class. Two guys stayed in A while the others decided to return to B (way ahead of course) when the A Class pace got too hot. Of the pack that stayed together Gil Clark beat John Mills and Tom Craven to the line. A Class turned out to be quite a battle and after several attacks Kraig Klinke, Andre Villada and Bobby Fisher (the Rock Creek of old) broke away. Mike Kennedy after two falls caught the leaders with two laps to go and beat Villada and Fisher to the line.

NCVC Spring Road Racing Championships

- A Class: 1. Mike Kennedy
2. Andres Villada
3. Bobby Fisher
- B Class: 1. Gil Clark
2. John Mills
3. Tom Craven
- C Class: 1. Mary Pelz
2. Rich Groome
3. Joe Gangloff
- D Class: 1. J. Haddock
2. S. Ingram
3. M. Fitzgerald

MONUMENTAL MOTION

The Monumental Motion BIKE-a-thon is a total community activity presented by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This BIKE-a-thon gives each participant a chance to help provide bicycle programs and improve cycling in the DC area and aid in the fight against MS.

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The date of the 1st annual Monumental Motion is set for Sunday, May 31 (rain or shine), in E. Potomac Park. Registration begins at 8am - 11am. For further information, call 296-2122. Funds generated from this event will be used for research and patient services for the MS Society and to improve bicycling programs through the aid of WABA.

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RACE RESULTS (cont)

"OOPS, SORRY FRED"

In the last newsletter Fred Kelley was listed as a winner at Virginia Beach, March 22, and we, or rather I, left out the details of the race. The fact is it was the most exciting race of that day. Fred who had spent the day before and all morning not like most, wondering if he would do well, but how he was going to win. The Wheelie advised him to take about three or four laps to check the pack out and get a feel for the race. Fred could only wait two laps before he began asking everyone he rode next to "you want to go for it?" When no one replied Fred put his legs in overdrive and did about a 23 mile time trial lapping half of the field. Everyone kept saying he'll never make it but a handfull of fans who knew of his power grinned at the mixture of shock and excitement when he seemed to get faster with each lap.

BLOOMINGDALE'S/TUCSON BREAKAWAY BIKE RACE Short Hills' N.J. April 5, 1981

On a very cloudy day, with rain expected at anytime the first annual Bloomingdale's Bike Race got under way. At 8:30, there were stock bike road sprints which had me a bit excited as that's how I got started in this game. The course was in a Mall and thus reminiscent of the National Criterium Championships-one mile around with a lot of curves and winding on the back stretch. The Women's race was off at 9:10 and they were cranking from the gun - 40 women all strung out, racing 10 miles for a \$1000 prize list and 10 places. Mary Pelz was off to her usual slow start while the Paul sisters were tucked in near the front. Everyone waited for the Pink Shirts of Paris Sport to attack. So they did. Young Yolanta Goral, a bit heavier and a lot stronger went off the front and like VA Beach, it was the Georgetown/Peugeot women who challenged, first Julie then Mary. Everyone else was racing for the remaining 7 places as Betsy and Leslie were still in the field. With 3 laps to go and Goral having 30 seconds on the pack, Motoring Mary attacked only to have Betsy Davis glued to her wheel. At the bell, Betsy took off leaving Leslie Nitz to complete the 1-2-3. In one hell of an exciting sprint, Mary took 7th, Cynthia 8th, and

Julie 10th. But the real thrill was the size of the prizes, \$75, \$50 and \$25.

The mens race had a very classy field and it looked like a 25 mile sprint. Matt McGoey was the only local finisher. The race was won by T. Hammon of Australia with Canadians Walton and Hayman finishing 2-3. I was very impressed with the professional manner in which the races were run including the European look of the winners on the podium with a "Winner of Breakaway" ribbon draped across the winners who each had a trophy and a hand full of roses.

TWO-WHEEL CHALLENGE

Glasgow, Delaware

On April 18th, the day before the NCO, under a (unusual for this race) bright 80° sky, a small contingent of Georgetown Cycle Sport/Peugeot riders showed up to score a double. In the vets, they did it again, the dynamic duo of Montgomery and Lea were 1-2 with the Master Blaster Jerry Nugent placing 5th. In Sr. III, it was Fred Kelley and fast Eddy Cottrell who did the old 1-2. We had some finishers in the Sr. IV but the results are not available.

Tour de Moore Road Race

Women Mary Pelz, 7th

Tour de Moore Criterium

Women Mary Pelz, 10th

Senior III-IV Fred Kelley, 4th

Mont. County Rec. Dept. Criterium

A Class, Jim Montgomery, 2nd

Ed Cottrell, 4th

Kraig Klinke; 5th

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RAMBLIN WITH THE WHEELIE

by Mike Butler

About four or five years ago in Rock Creek, I met a young man (who now is in the R.A.S. category) who was full of questions, not the usual bikie questions, questions that made sense and he always had very constructive suggestions. As club president it was my job to spot talent and this guy was officer material. Being an accountant, he seemed perfect for treasurer but as Mr. John Prehn, then Vice President, suggested he was one to be groomed for the big one - President of N.C.V.C. So he was elected Vice President, to be groomed by the master. At the end of the Butler era, the Swan took over and was President for one year. But, from day one, he worked his ahh...legs off for the club and gave the club the most successful training series ever - the IBM evening races, two memorable NCO races, helped in getting Jim Montgomery into the club and made several other contributions to make NCVC a nice club to belong to. Unfortunately for us, he will be taking his lovely wife and children to Germany while working for a bigger club. So please join me in saluting Mr. Peter Swan, P.E. and dedicating the 1981 racing season to his many years of service. Pete, Sally, Amy and David we'll miss you more than words can say. The Best of Luck and may your future be filled with lots of love, peace and happiness. ----- Next month is the District Championships. Have you called your fellow club member Ken Gyory, (301) 239-7295, yet? He needs your help. If you're not racing or have a friend or relative who can help please call the man ...Wait until you see the 7-11 Schwinn team shoes, green and white and, I think, a dash of red. Must be a very tactical plan, cause if I look at those shoes in the middle of a hard race, I'll get sick...What's with M.R.C. AKA Alpine? Two races, two crashes. At Bloomingdales before 5 laps were completed the entire team was out with crashes, flats and broken toe clips (don't blame me, we don't have voodoo in Guyana)...Next time you see the Baltimore Bullet check out his new perm ...like they say on the streets (so I've

heard) "it is rough, man"...Well since Frederic "Ironman" Kelley or as others call him "the Man of Steel, the Beast, the Moose, the Hulk, SOS - stink of strength"...anyway, since he has been a rising star (and vows not to join MRC in '82) I thought that I'd let you in on a secret. Few people are aware that Motoring Mary was his first coach, and less than 8 months ago would drop him up hills and slaughter him in the sprints!! IMPORTANT-From the results as reported in the Velo Voice, the Wheelie will award his B.A.R. trophy to the club members with the most points at the year's end. Every month the standings will be published... Qualified Open Races only...Local superstar and Associate Member Tommy Prehn will not be able to go for the hat trick at the districts. His schedule does not allow him to be in the area but there's a chance that he'll try to make it. Tom is in Europe with one of the National teams for the next couple of months. You'll get to see him race this year at IBM whenever he is in town. Those of you who missed him at Druid Hill last month would have received a lesson in jumps and snap. Unfortunately, Yoplait's sponsorship fell through leaving Tom and 2 other national riders without a sponsor (as of April 9)...Florida, yep, after all these years the Wheelie went south for some early season miles. Unfortunately, going to Florida for a week does not make you an overnight sensation - I'd try almost anything to be a sensation. Anyhow, I learned what the traffic lights mean to most racing cyclists: Red Light-this means time to practice stickling (or as you call it, balancing) on your bike or darting across if there isn't a car at least 15 yards away. Yellow lightsprint like hell. Green light-sprint like Morelon. From Red to Green-practice your jumps. Also, at Red lights, make circles in front of cars making the Sr. citizens nervous or the Jr. citizens call you a faggot...It always seems as if we would ride through the city faster than we would in the country... Congrats to Mike Kennedy, Gil Clark and Motoring Mary on

their victories at NCVC Spring Road Racing Championships. This was such a success that several people suggested that we make it an annual event instead of a series. Regardless of what we do, Rock Creek is the only road racing course we have, and it should be utilized... If you missed the NCO kick yourself. Two records were broken-Sr. Men's 50 km and Sr. Women's 25 km. Mr. Legs and Mr. Calves (Montgomery/Lea) did it again with lots of excitement...F. (C. for Comet) Kelley did indeed sprint like a comet. His sprint to catch and beat to the line a racer who had a 1/2 lap lead is a story that will be told over and over again. Thanks to Fred's team work, Kraig Klinke was third...Motoring Mary showed her stuff by beating Karen Strong to the line in a 7 point sprint to finish 7th overall. Everyone had a very good day. David James showed that he's going to have to be reckoned with soon by finishing well in the pack. Unfortunately, there were several crashes causing a lot of damage and hospitalizing Alpine's Chris Cressy and ruining many wheels and a few bikes. Get well soon Chris!...Our thanks to Mel Pinto and P. E. Swan and crew for a very exciting day of races.

Cheers,
Mike

Maryland State Championships

Ken Gory, USCF District Representative, reports the following schedule for the Md.-Del. District Championships. Ken mentioned that consideration is being given to alternate courses for both the RR and TT, but a definite decision has not yet been made. He will provide an update (if there are any changes) through the club officers and at the early June IBM races.

June 13	Track	Trexlerstown, Pa.
	Start	8:30 a.m.
June 14	Time Trial	Federalsburg, Md.
	Register	7:30 a.m.
	Start	8:00 a.m.
June 20	Track	Rain Date
June 21	Road Race	Hydes, Md.
	Register	6:00 a.m.
	Sr., Jr., Vet, Women	
	Register	8:45 a.m.
	Int. & Midget	
	Start	7:00 a.m. Sr.
		7:08 a.m. Jr.
		7:15 a.m. V & W
		ca. 9:15 a.m. I & M

The Wheelie Club Standings (thru the NCO)

1.	F. Kelley	46 points
2.	J. Montgomery	36
3.	R. Lea	30
4.	E. Cottrell	17
5.	C. Paul	10
6.	M. Pelz	9
7.	K. Klinke	8
	J. Pedersen	8
9.	B. Clark	7
10.	J. Nugent	6
	M. Schaaf	6
12.	D. Pedersen	4
13.	C. Clark	3
	J. Paul	2
	M. McGoey	2

Results are from Velo Voice and memory so correct me if I'm wrong. Points are 12-10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

by Frank Pedersen

Four NCVC Juniors participated in the Atlantic Highlands Olympic Development Race on April 26th. The course included a very demanding climb (about 1 km. long) and a twisting descent that began with a hairpin curve and ended with a 90° corner at the bottom. Midway through the descent there was a spectacular view of the Verazanno Narrows Bridge and the New York City skyline, missed by the competitors who had their attention riveted on wheels and road surface. Sixty-four starters were narrowed to a lead group of about 15 by the third lap of the 12 lap (40km.) course, and less than half the field was able to complete the race. Dave Lettieri of the Central Jersey Cycle team won. David Pedersen stayed with the lead group to finish 12th. Tim Noakes finished 18th in a second small pack while Colin Clark and Jim Capia (riding in sneakers after forgetting his Dettos in someone's car) were in the low 20s.

In the Senior race only Reeves Taylor represented NCVC. Your reporter stayed barely long enough to see Steve Pyle (Astro-Daimler) and Dave Kellogg (Mavic/Alpine) in a spectacular break and a shattering of the field by the 4th or 5th lap. Riders who were able to do quite well in the NCO were decimated by the awesome pace of the climbs and descents. Steve Pyle won, but Reeves showed a respectable effort.

COACH'S CORNER

by Jim Montgomery, Nat'l Champion

Fred (F.C.!) Kelley has been added to the A team. Unfortunately, several current A team members can be expected to lose their A status near the end of May. In addition, I would not be surprised if Kraig Klinke or Mike Kennedy is added to the A team soon. Their results will tell and that goes for everyone. Results are what count. While I would like to see a stable A team, my philosophy is that the A designation is for riders who win or place in the bigger races; therefore, if one does not travel to the bigger races regularly or does not place, he should not be surprised to see himself replaced.

Expense forms for May are due, in Jim Montgomery's hands, by 2 June 1981.

Now that we are on daylight savings time, training rides regularly leave from my house at about 5:30pm. Monday is normally an easy day and therefore a good one for novices to come out. Tuesday will probably be a day for sprints and intervals.

Designated races for May are as follows:

- May 16 - Tour of Letterkenny
- May 17 - Mohawk Carpet Cycling Classic
- May 23 - Ross Cup
- May 24 - Tour of Nutley
- May 25 - Tour of Somerville

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Well, thanks to some fast talking, thinking, engineering and praying Co-organizer Bill Curtis obtained a very interesting one kilo course quite near the old one. We just doubled the laps and kept the same distances. All events were well attended, including Intercollegiate, USCF, and Novice. The biggest problems were the uncooperative motorists, which we were able to keep under moderate control thanks to the road guarding by riders themselves who shared the duties after their own events were over or had not yet begun. Nippy winds and misty air in the morn-

ing gave way to a sunny afternoon.

A very special thanks to all of the great roadguards, officials Ken McCormick, Ken Gyory, and Elmer Streeter, the Hendricks family of Columbia who stood in one position as guards for four hours. And three BIG Cheers for Bill Curtis of Washington Bible College and his staff and team whose hard work and dedication made this whole event possible.

SENIOR III-IV

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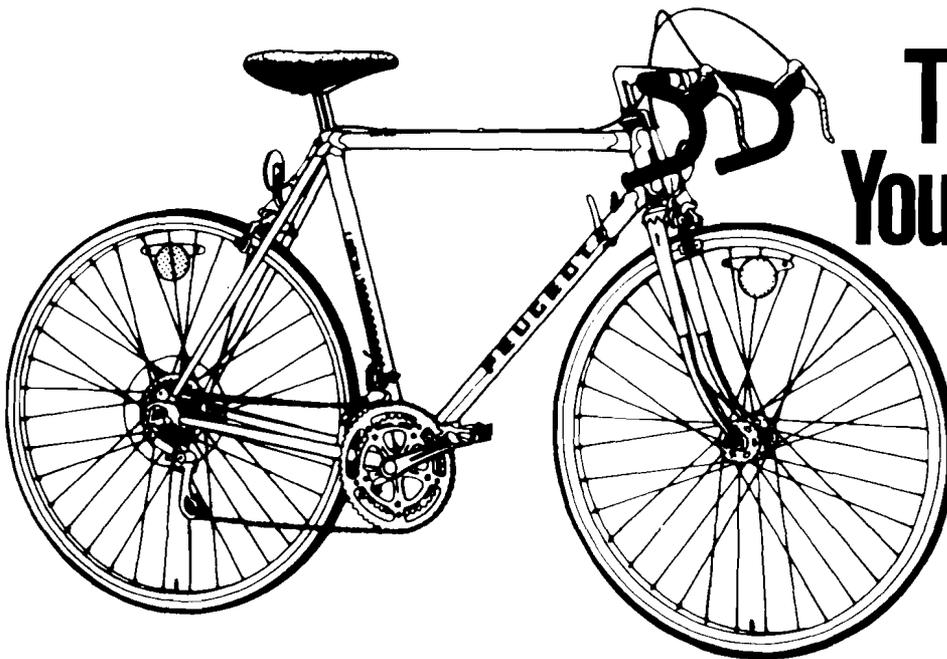
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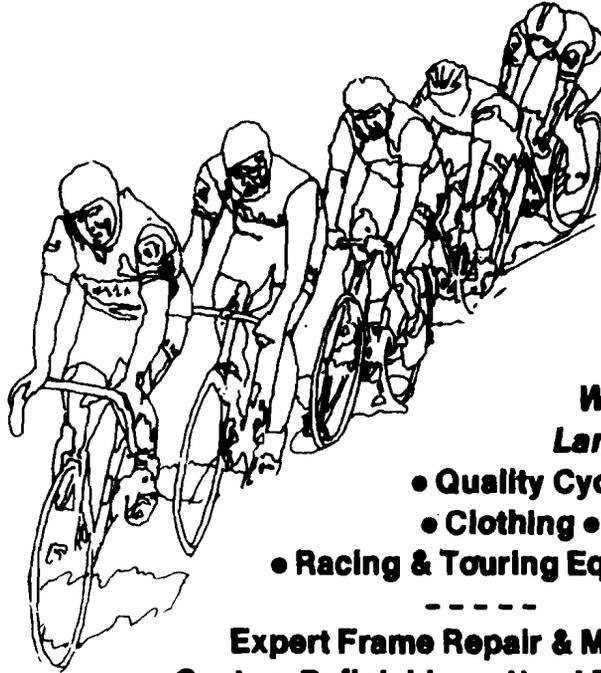
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