AT THE RACES WITH NCB - MAY 1987

NCVC Juniors are hot, and seem to be riding as a real team. Reports are that their trips to NC were quite successful. BRETT HINGO seems to be quite the team man, he drops back to help teammates in trouble, and so on. Outstanding! At Leesburg Classics we had a sample, CHRIS KIRKPATRICK broke away with 3 other racers, then took the sprint in text book fashion. Brett and team blocked with Brett second in the field sprint. He also got to see our new Wonder Woman KATHY ABERNAM in action, in the women's event. Unfortunately the pack let the area's Iron Woman Marion C. take off and almost lap the field. They just didn't get it done. After a rider from New England took off, everyone seemed happy to settle for 3rd. BETH BERNSTEIN's form looked a lot better in the sprint. With some more sprint training, I'm sure she'll put it together. The Vets saw Le Duc and Gellineau, both rookie Vets, take off from Lap 2 and chased like hell but the duo were too strong. On the last lap Le Duc rode away from Gellineau to win. Our man the BIG O (Oliver) finished in the money making him 3 for 3. CHANNING HOUSTON and Cat III team looked good, Channing sprinting in at 5th and TOM DALTON 9th. AUBREY "GIDY" GORDON made it an exciting race in the 1/11, when he took off in the decisive 9 man break his acolytes all down from NY were going crazy, while the locals were wondering why Reen (who had flatted and not permitted to reenter the race) looked so different. SIMON "BREAKAWAY" WALKER was caught resting after an early attempt to go way and missed the break. In the final laps the lead pack split right after Gordon took a pull and four guys took off. Aubrey took second in his sprint for 6th place. Simon, with some help from CHRIS STALVEY fresh from his 3rd place while in NC, moved from the third pack to the second, and after Stalvey dropped out Simon rode like a man possessed all the way up to 13th. CARY BLAND finished about 29th and Kirkpatrick with the bunch. I didn't go to Letterkenny but I heard Kathy was 3rd, Reen 5th, Cary went to the hospital, Bruce ended his streak and MARIO STEVENS almost beat a healing Bobby Phillips for 6th in the vets race. Potomac Mills was nice, local SAWDUST BOND caught a 4 man break meters before the line and beat them. GENE PETRELLA showed his blocking skills while REDN F886 was off the front.

SOMERVILLE. The grandaddy of criteriums if not in the world or country at least in the East. Always a very exciting race and this year it was a real treat for NCVC ol' timers, for exNCVC now professional Paul "the Animal" Pearson after years of coming close to the big one pulled it off, after complaining feeling sick all week, with a fever and what not. He sure got cured in time. He rode most of the race dead last, then when you missed him at the back he was off the front in a 9 up break, including exNCVCer Norfolk Jim Ridge. The break split with a few laps to go with Paul and two others off the front. It was no contest in the sprint. NCVC's Aubrey 6 and Gene P rode a very good aggressive race and I'm not sure how they ended up in a 142 up sprint for 9 places (a German and Dane had joined the break). I was a bit disappointed at the NCVC turnout. Somerville is the biggest race, with the greatest amount of spectators most NCVCers will ever ride and yet only a handful did. In the women's race Kathy kept her streak of placing in every race ridden going by placing 12th, and Beth was doing great battle before I am told went down in a crash. The mystery of the day was where were NCVC's hot hot junior team. I was making bets all the way through 6 laps of the race before I realized the DC flag was not in the field, the announcer named Chris and Brett at the starting line too. Reports from Nutley the day before had Brett Hingu 3rd and Aubrey 6 13th. Next year you have to go to Somerville.

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RAMBLIN' WITH THE WHEELIE

THANKS AND MANY THANKS to the NCO 1987 committee, which is really the executive committee plus some. The race was a smash, except for you so called hot shot NCVCC bicycle racers who did not hang around to help tear down. Don't hold your breath for any of the profits to go to you, I'm not that I have a vote) voting for the But and his executive committee to put any profits into the 1988 NCO. And next year, TD Mike should make it a requirement for all team members (except those who raced last) to help tear down or no goodies. BRUCE OLIVER who raced the day before, was at the course finishing off the setting up at 6:00 that's A.M., then helped with the race, serving as race promoter putting out fires, raced and placed, and thanks to you lazy racers he had to help tear down. So thanks for all the work he's done to promote the most successful NCO in History. Shame, shame, shame!!! Speaking of shame, shame, shame, how about those folks who went to N.C. on May 3rd to race? I can understand our two Juniors who stand a chance of qualifying for the JR Worlds trials, but why would a Senior miss his home town club race, possibly the one place where he can do his/her sponsor justice. And folks according to the race registrar a whole bunch of folks listed their club as NCVCC. Please give your club sponsor a break, from now on list your club as METROPOLIS/CORTINA/NCVCC or NCVCC/METROPOLIS/CORTINA. It's the least you can do. I can't believe TD B puts up with this...Well anyway we didn't do too badly. In the least talented women's field (not a knock, a fact) in many years, we took 4th and 7th. Keep your eye on KATHY HABERMAN she's hot, in her first 3 races ever, Tour de Moore 3rd,

next day in Raleigh 11th, then 4th at NCO. I can't believe NCVCC's women's team, in all my years, there was only one year when all our powers came together, Tracey Armstrong (Stillier in those days), Carol Addy and the Motoring Mary, since then it's been one on form and the other off. However this could be the beginning of something. If Pelz and Armstrong decide to race this year, who knows. Angie is in her words having a fun year. Anyway TD Mike B is excited about the prospects of the future, and if this year's last year JRS don't jump clubs like I heard a certain 1st year SR was attempting to do. Yah what's his name was thinking Whole Wheel for the BIG BUCKS. Like I was saying the seniors look great for the future, not since the days of Charlie Federikson, Phil Klinksetn and Jim Bob Bradford have we had such promise, of course Jim Bob is still with us, back this year as GRANT SPOON. For those of you who are not familiar with the SPOON, he was 4th in the Natz a JR and to quote former NCVCCer now Professional, Paul "the Animal" Pearson, "Jim Bob could have held any wheel in the world and probably still can". You seniors should be talking to and maybe learning from him, he's quite a talent and very experienced. And at Leesburg and Potomac Mills, he looked great and in shape, as soon as he can buy a jersey he might be identified easier. Now what the hell was I talking about? I hear our Juniors kick a lot of, I mean they rode their a... I .. They rode well, and not only that, the senior who missed his home race took 3rd in a Pro I,II. Way to go. Sounds like the Juniors are really working well together. By the way, I hear that the Washington Times (yes the Noonie newspaper) is or at least the sports section anyway is the best in town for cycling, race results everyday, and I hear they are talking about continuing to be the leader in cycling coverage international, national and local. Hey! this is America, if you like the Post or USA today that's OK. So I've plugged everybody except Afro-American, Journals and the Sentinels. Seriously, I hear the Times does have results daily. Heard REDM FOG is riding a lot this year and riding tough, and unfortunately his results have not reflected his efforts, but in Letterkenny (is that how you spell it?) he took 5th or 6th, and the next day 9th after a great solo effort at Potomac Mills. That was not a bad race. While Reon was off the front, GENE PETRELLA was doing such an outstanding job, with some aggressive blocking, that NJ's Carney hooked him and took him out of the race, unfortunately there was an official right there and he was disqualified after finishing 4th. But the hero was Italian turned Marylander SANDRO BOND in a Jim Montgomery type finish to chase, catch and beat the man break to the line...I see PAUL DIDIER got his dream of many years come true, with a very nice race in his backyard at Leesburg, VA or is it his frontyard. Anyway, after many years of dreaming, he teamed up with BOB ZOLDOS Sr. and after a great 1st try with no race, they bounced back to pull it off in 1987. I hear over 300 novice racers showed up for the citizens races. And they did this race in the name of NCVCC with the help of only 1 other NCVCC member Bob's son Bob, and on race day from the KING OF REGISTRATION - LEON MOORE who volunteered with the demand that he does not see another registration form until next NCO, and guess what was needed in a bad way when he shaved up? You got it, so he and CAROL, who will not believe Leon again when promised to show her a good time, took
ATTENTION NCVC BICYCLE RACERS

1. EXPENSE CHECKS can be picked up at Hains Point on Mondays at the club ride. Remember you must wear your club jersey, this is one way to give our club sponsors some exposure. Since Mondays are supposed to be an easy day you can ride two abreast in a group. It has a very impressive effect and looks hot. Of course out of town (more than 1 hr away) members are excluded.

2. TEAM MEMBERS call Mike if you have not picked up your goodies, and get directions to his place.

3. NEW MEMBERS, all club members can and are expected to wear the club jersey whenever racing anywhere. Jerseys are owned and sold by METROPOLIS BIKE AND SCOOTER in DC and VA.

4. USCF licensed riders cannot race in non-USCF sanctioned races such as Citizen’s races. It’s a USCF rule. Time trials for training, where no fee or prizes are won, are an exception.

5. ALL USCF racers can enter the district championships regardless of category.

6. Any questions, you may give Mike Butler a call.

NCVC RACING TEAMS

A TEAM   B TEAM
C. Kirkpatrick   G. Petrella
A. Gordon       B. Oliver
B. Hingo        B. Bernstein
S. Walker       M. Steven
R. Fogg         G. Spoon
K. Haberman     C. Bland
C. Houston      A. Hirshman
A. Kirpatrick   C. Stalvey
B. Lonax        T. Dalton
T. Grubill      J. McDornott
F. Kelley       B. Zaldos

To move from B to A you must be a Cat II with results. A “C” Team will be named from Cat IV racers based on results or race activity turned into Mike Butler. Call Mike with suggestions or questions. If you are missing from above send your resume or race results.

RACE RESULTS thru April 1987

$ Rock Hill SC Criterion
JRS C. Kirkpatrick 3rd
Pro I, II C. Kirkpatrick 23rd

$ Fayetteville NC Criterion
JRS C. Kirkpatrick 2nd
D. McCuistion 6th
Cat I, II C. Stalvey 7th
C. Kirkpatrick 10th

$ Dilworth NC Criterion
JRS C. Kirkpatrick 1st
D. McCuistion 8th
Pro I, II C. Kirkpatrick 20th

$ Willispore NC Criterion
JRS C. Kirkpatrick 1st

$ Tour de Moore NC Road Race
Women K. Haberman 3rd
B. Bernstein 11th

Pro I, II C. Kirkpatrick 40th

$ Raleigh NC Criterion
JRS C. Kirkpatrick 1st
Women K. Haberman 11th

$ College Park MD Criterion
Sr Men 35+ M. Steven 9th
D. Oliver 10th
Cat II, III E. Griffith 20th
Women A. Grabill 8th

ADVERTISING RATES

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

The National Capital Open bicycle race is now history. Thanks to BRUCE DRIVER and his hard working Board. The early indications show that the 1987 NCO may have been the most successful ever. Thanks also to the club members who came forward and contributed. Much thanks to the many non-NCVC members who really made this race possible. PAUL DIDIER and BOB ZOLDOS made this area the place to be, for 2 Sundays of back to back racing, with the success of the Leesburg Classic. Thanks folks.

Club meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to lack of interest. The past three meetings however proved very fruitful as we met a few valuable members who were an asset to the success of NCO. So now we will have to depend on the newsletter, area reps, category captains and the telephone to keep in touch. Please do not hesitate in getting in touch with any club officer with ideas or constructive criticism on how we can make our club better. If you are too shy you can call 588-2087 during the day and talk to my answering machine. Remember if we do not know it's broken we can't fix it.

I would also like to encourage your use of the newsletter to share your race experiences or give praise to fellow members and team mates. Write or call the newsletter editor with results or reports, we want to know what is going on and we may all learn from your experiences.

NCVC jerseys are sold at METROPOLIS BIKE AND SCOOTER bike shops in DC and VA (see ad for address). Skinsuits are purchased in group orders only. JIM MCDERMOTT was making an effort to put together a group order, if you are interested give me a call at 588-2087, the price will be around $75. It is also a good idea to let me know if you would like to purchase an extra or new jersey, since these are items used only by NCVC members, it is difficult and costly to keep the proper amount in stock.

Until next time. Let's do what we can for the sport of bicycle racing.

Michael C. Butler

THE TD SEEZ

In 1987 if I do not receive your race results form by the 7th of the month for the preceding month you will not be included in that month's (partial) reimbursement. If you are on the A or B team and have not yet received the initial team issue, call 588-2087 and make arrangements. If you are not on the A or B team, and you race every weekend and think you should be on a team then please send me a resume with last year's and this year's race results. If I don't know you or what you've done, it's impossible for me to put you on a team.

If I do not hear from you or receive monthly race results, I can only assume that you are not interested in team support. I would like to see the weekly training schedule of all team members and anyone else who would like to share or have their training reviewed. For the team members - If I do not receive your schedule, I'll assume you are not interested in the club's team concept and do not want to be a part of it.

I've been asked by quite a few members and potential members about coaching. Well due to the fact that most of us work and have different work schedules and locations, it's difficult to really have a club coach like other sports. The best we can do is avail ourselves by phone or on a part time basis. The problem with coaching or being coached, is that different people have different views as to what a coach should be. Most people do not care to listen unless you are a current ex-champion or hot shot. Take it from me, the best riders do not make the best coaches. My favorite example is football coach George Allen who was at one time one of the best (I don't think he is still coaching) never played the game professionally or semi-professionally. There are a few things that are important in selecting a coach. You must above all have faith in him or her. Your coach should know more about you than about bicycle racing. He/she can always research and obtain information about racing techniques and training methods.

But if your coach does not know you, it's hard. A coach should be able to pick apart and rebuild your weaknesses and enhance your strengths. In order to accomplish this he/she has to know what they are. There are an awful lot of opinions out there and I always say it does not hurt to listen to suggestions, then discuss it with someone who's opinion you respect or believe in. It's more important that it makes sense to you than who's giving the advice. If it does, try it, who knows? You must remember everyone is different and what works for Jim Montgomery or Mary Pelz might not work for you or I. We have access to quite a few talented and knowledgeable people in this area who are willing to help, so it's up to you to take advantage of it. They say practice makes perfect, I say you are what you train. So train smart, train hard and train to win. And remember, the race is not over until your front wheel hits the line.

Stay healthy and get faster.

Mike B.
Dear Leon:

First, congratulations on the 1987 NCO. From what I saw and heard it was a major success: good spectator turnout, safe racing, good field, great club support excellent course preparation, good cashflow ($), and very good media coverage. The club should feel very proud.

I am a little less thrilled by the piece in the April/May Velovoice which arrived today, the bit that caught my attention is on page 6 and is entitled, "Wild Bill Does It (sic) Again." It isn't signed so I can't address this to the author. It also seems to miss a few points so I thought I'd send you this note and try to set the record straight.

Late in 1985, the NCVC was still looking for someone to takeover the NCO. Don Carrick had decided that three years was enough. Yet, no one seemed eager to grab the title of Race Director. At that time I was the Deputy Director of the Bicycle Federation (that is the name of the corporation; PRO BIKE is our registered trade name). Also I was and continue to be a member of the NCVC. I proposed to your boss that the Bicycle Federation offer to the NCVC to organize the NCO. I suggested that there were several reasons for doing this: (1) it would give us a better understanding of the major type of bicycle event, (2) it might develop into a source of revenue, and (3) it would help the club out.

We talked to the club and negotiated a contract. Don and Bruce Oliver were the people along with myself who worked out the agreement. It included a clause which slowed either party to withdraw from the project by a certain date (in February).

The 1986 NCO got started late. We went through a long exercise of seeking approval of a new venue (Pennsylvania Ave). We eventually got approval, but the time we were given would not allow for running all the events. So, we (the Bicycle Federation and the NCVC) opted to return to the Ellipse and maintain a full slate of events. Actually, we increased the number of events: for the first time we ran Cat IV and Women's B races.

The 86 NCO was a tough job for me. I spent many weeks putting together most of the event from scratch. There wasn't much background on previous events. When I met with the National Park Service about our permit to use the Ellipse, they first said "No." Apparently, there was quite a bit of ill will left over from previous NCO's. Once we got past that hurdle, they quoted me a cost of $4500 to provide minimum support for the NCO. Eventually we got the cost down to $1500. But, even then, we were required to put up and take down all the snow fencing.

In my opinion, the keys to the success of the 86 event were Mel Fazio's support, the NCVC volunteers including Bruce Oliver, Stan Oaks, Leon Moore, and Mike Butler, and Rob Bushnell. Also, the staff and friends of the Bicycle Federation. The results were good: we had over 550 riders, good spectator turnout, and a safe event. We also got along well with the Park Police. Finally, we operated the event "in the black." That is to say, after paying all the out-of-pocket expenses, the Bicycle Federation got $1800 towards its approximately $10,000 in staff costs. The event didn't cost the NCVC anything for the first time in several years.

And, as I anticipated, we learned a lot. Throughout the planning of the event I made detailed notes on what I was doing. I also kept copies of all my letters, press releases, and programs, as well as lists of suppliers, contracts, volunteers, and things-to-do.

Then it came time to think about the 1987 NCO. We eventually came to terms with the NCVC on a new contract which gave us rights to the NCO for up to three years. We went to work with a sports marketing firm to try and secure a major sponsor for the event. I met with the NCVC leadership and proposed some change based on my experience.

Unfortunately, none of the sponsorship leads panned out. Also
of budget limitations, the Bicycle Federation went from a staff of five to a staff of three. At the Quarterly meeting of the Bicycle Federation’s Board of Directors I was asked how much of the organization’s work was going to the NCO and what was the potential return. Also, the Board discussed whether the bicycle race was essential to the purpose of the Bicycle Federation. The consensus was that it was not and that I couldn’t afford the staff to manage the NCO and I was directed to exercise the option in our contract to withdraw and run the NCO back over to the NCVC.  
I called Mike and Bruce to tell them. I also encouraged them to continue the event by saying that I fully believed that it was doable.

At the Quarterly meeting going to the event, and a complete list of all the things needed to be done if the event was to take place. Together, we all spent nearly three hours discussing how the NCO might be organized and run by the club. My main point was to stress that the best approach would be to organize the race which would allow for dividing the work between several people rather than having it all fall on one person. Don and I can outreach for the weight. While I went home that night I told my wife that it looked good—the club had gotten over their shock and had actively engaged in the process of managing the event. I had no doubt about the success of their efforts (I can’t resist, boy Bill must have been the only one who left the meeting feeling that good! L. Moore, former editor.)

Well, that’s a lot of it, but I would like to comment on one more thing: the bit in VeloNews which seems to have provoked some NCVCscribeto vent his or her spleen. Geoff Drake, VeloNews Editor, is a friend of mine. When he heard from Barclay Kruse, another mutual friend and one of the best race directors in the U.S., he was pulling out of the NCO he called me to get some background. What I told him was essentially that I added that I didn’t have the staff to do it, so it couldn’t be done without major involvement of the club. Therefore, it seemed most appropriate to me to turn it back to the club. My thought process was this: our contract provided for the Bicycle Federation to get about 80% of the income after expenses. I believed that we would earn this by being responsible for managing all aspects of the event, and your members did not appear to want the event announced in VeloVoice. I thought you were carpeing results from local training races and TTs as I went to the appropriate shop or event to get results. I could never (with the exception of the Westgate series in this issue) get anyone to mail monthly results to VeloVoice.

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Mike & Mary Butler:
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Larry Black

Dear Editor:
Wow! I think I gored a couple of oxen. Apparently (no question mark needed) a couple of club members feel they were abused by the former editor (me) of VeloVoice. A couple of years ago I took over as editor of this fine journal (for two issues as I remember). Except for Mike Butler, the Wheelie, and a couple of others (thanks Angie and Pete), I never invited anyone to write anything for VeloVoice. Now I see, all you have to do is gore an ox or two. Except for the four mentioned above, the letters from Bill and Larry are the longest personal comments about your role in the 87 NCO in VeloVoice had if your comments (slurs, I thought so) not appeared in VeloNews (a nationally circulated newspaper). I think your comments (especially before the event) were inappropriate. If you have a beef, it is with me not NCVC.

Leon Moore

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