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QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB  
July Newsletter

Jerry Neff, of Jerry & Sparky's, will show the touring films, "Wheels Across America" and "Wheels Across Europe" at Bettendorf Civic Center Tuesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. This will be in place of our July meeting (but there might be a little meeting before and after to gather up the loose ends of the Mississippi Valley Century coming up July 13). Bring your friends, relatives, potential members -- anyone who might be interested.

Welcome to new members who joined during June: Jill Bouvier, Gary Edwards, Jr., Daniel De Shane, Betty Keyoth, Bill Oakes, Mark Siegel, Rick, Jeff and Matt Liske, Robert & Sue Carbone, Bruce Kaldheim, Pam Aye, Tom Bloom, Nancy Engle, Terrence Parish.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Kathy Murphy and John Martin, bike club members who will be married July 26 at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory church, Davenport.

A camping weekend is being planned for July 19-20 which would be a good trial run for the August Across Iowa ride. For details call Roger Weitzenkamp (797-8562) or John Farrell (323-8227). Departure time is 8 a.m. on Saturday from World of Bikes, 1121 Brady St., Davenport. Carry your own gear and food.

For sale - One of our new members, Tom Bloom, has a bike for sale. It's a Gitane (super corsa professional). Phone 323-4262.

Jeff & Jacque Bradley First at Iowa Championships. Neil Davie Tops Minneapolis Criterium

At the Iowa State Championship races June 28-29, both Jeff and Jacque easily out distanced their opponents to qualify for Nationals, Road and Nationals Track. Good luck at the Nationals Jeff and Jacque!

In the 100 mi. senior mens road race, Bill Olmsted took a 7th or 8th, after some dispute in standings, and Mel Bradley took 10th or 11th. Only 14 riders were left still running out of some 50 due to the searing heat and swift pace the first 35 miles.

Neil Davie, working in Ames this summer, found a trip to Kansas City profitable, where he took 2nd overall in a stage race. Neil was 10th in the time trial, 2nd in the road and 4th in the criterium. Evidently he was just warming up, since the next week he went to Minneapolis and took first place in a criterium. Neil is riding with the Skunk River Club which has 15 to 20 ABL racers.

In the tour of Lockport, Peter Nordloft sprinted to 2nd in a prime, Jeff Bradley won intermediate class, Bill Olmsted was 13th in a field of 100 and Jacque Bradley was second to one of the Kron sons. At Minneapolis Jeff took 6th in a Junior 50 mi. road race, (Juniors are 14-17, Intermediates 11-14), and won his own class in the criterium Sunday. In a field of 80 to 90, Bill Olmsted placed 14 in a criterium at Elk Grove Village.

Rain Decreases June Eldridge Race Attendance -- Rain/threat of rain evidently scared away several from participating in the Wednesday night Eldridge races. Good races are often missed because these are often local showers which do not last long, or are falling on the Illinois side of the river but not at Eldridge. Tornados/tornado warnings are another matter. Anyone riding then will do so at his own risk and also will be required to fasten his toe clips tightly (contact Carter LeBeau for riding in a tornado).

Due to the small attendance, only the nights which had at least 3 participants per class will be counted, and those points will be added into a total for July.

Milwaukee Hosts Road Nationals; Track Nationals at Northbrook

Illinois -- July 26-27 the National Road Championships will be held at relatively close Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It will be a good opportunity to see the best in U. S. racing; such as John Howard, Stetina Bros., John Allis, Ron Skarin and the promising intermediate from Davenport.

July 30 through August 2 the National Track Championships will be held at Northbrook. Last years events were televised on Educational T. V. Several new bicycle tracks have been built in the last 2 years. Both Jeff and Jacque Bradley will be competing for National titles at Northbrook. Come cheer them on and see World Champion sprinters Sheila Young and Sue Navarro decide best of three.

CALENDAR

July 6 - No special ride is scheduled for Sunday, July 6 but you might call up a few fellow members and get one up on your own. Attached is a Davenport ride, scouted by Fred Blessin, RICKER HILL RIDE. Sounds like a pleasant ride for these hot days.

July 13 - Come out for the Mississippi Valley Century and to avoid confusion on the day of the ride, please sign up in advance. This can be done after the movie on Tuesday night or call Mary Jo Sheridan and she'll send you a form (323-0516).

July 19-20 - Try your wings on the Maquoketa camp out!

July 27 - Another "free" day. You might try the ride up around the Cordova-Erie area again only maybe meet at 10 a.m. instead of the too hot afternoon time. Maps are available --- call Mary Jo.

August 3 - Many club members will be starting on the Across Iowa ride and

August 10 - Those who stayed home may want to join the group coming back up from Fort Madison after the Across Iowa Ride. More details in the next Newsletter.