

QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB

February 1976

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR will be an important planning session and a chance to meet old friends and greet new ones. Time is Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in rooms above The Rock Island Motor Bank, 5th Ave. and 17th St., Rock Island, Ill.

MEMBERSHIPS WERE DUE AND PAYABLE JANUARY 1, 1976. You may renew at the meeting (fill out blank at end of newsletter and bring along with cash or check made out to Quad-Cities Bicycle Club) OR fill out blank and MAIL it along with your check to QCBC, P.O. Box 3575, Davenport, Iowa 52808.

OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR met January 20 at Fred Blessin's home to make preliminary plans for 1976. Moline Criterium will be May 23 and the Century Ride, July 25. Officers elected last Fall are:

President - Elizabeth Schwegler	786-5379
Vice-President - Fred Blessin	391-0780
Secretary - Judy Anderson	391-8709
Treasurer - Ken Davie	786-6574
Race Director - Terry Burke	797-3790
Tour Director - Fred Blessin	
Bulletin Editor - Mary Jo Sheridan	323-0516

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS for rides or races, contact the above or bring your ideas to the meeting. Any items for inclusion in the Bulletin should be phoned in or mailed by the 1st of the month. Also any items "wanted to sell" and "wanted to buy" in the bicycle line will be published.

TWO NEW MEMBERS, welcomed during January, are Ralph Baechle and Doug Ribbeck.

Racing

1. Now is the time to start working your way back into shape, especially if you're over 30. Riding the rollers or outside should be started in February but remember to take it easy and stay in low gears!

2. Tentative plans for the 1976 season are:

- a. Weekend training ride in March on the Iowa side.
- b. Weekend training ride in April on the Illinois side with a time trial at Corcova.
- c. May through August a time trial a month and road races every Wednesday starting in Eldridge, Iowa. During June and July the circuit will be lengthened from the present 23.5 miles to 35-40 miles. The time trial at

Eldridge will be called "Time Trial Bingo" with the person guessing closest to his actual time taking the pot of 50% chances.

3. Jeff Bradley, Bill Olmsted and Jackie Bradley will ride this year under the sponsorship of Mike Patka's "Skunk River Cyclists." QCBC regrets losing some of our topnotch riders, but until a local shop or QCBC is willing to provide funds for sponsorship, we can expect it to continue.

4. John Hood, Sr., one of the QCBC founders, will be racing this year at the Moline Criterium May 23 -- good chance to meet a fascinating person. John is now serving on the United States Cycling Federation (USCF), formerly ABL Board of Directors.

5. Rene DeLanghe, who moved to Belgium in Sept. 1974, will be visiting Moline this July 20-Aug. 18. Rene writes that he is teaching English every Sunday, writing for the Belgium Press, riding his new 10-speed (undoubtedly Belgium made), and going to indoor track races. In short, it sounds like Rene is really enjoying his retirement.

Touring

Thanks to the efforts of Skip Thomas, Vice-President of Western Illinois Tourism Council, a map of the bicycle trail from Rock Island to Nauvoo, Ill. has been put in the tabloid "Do It in Western Illinois '76", being distributed at camping and travel shows. Other points of interest in Western Illinois are listed which would accommodate cyclists who do not wish to go to Wisconsin to ride their bikes.

Copies of the tabloid will be available at the February club meeting. If you happen to get a copy from somewhere else, do not follow the map between Milan and Reynolds. A corrected set of directions has been added to the copies available at our meeting.

DO IT NOW!

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			junior (to 18)	\$1.00	_____

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