

## QUAD-CITIES BICYCLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 1976

MEETING will be at 7:30 p.m. May 11 in the meeting rooms above the drive in bank of The Rock Island Bank, 5th Ave. and 17th St., Rock Island. President, Flinck Schwegler asks that any ideas or plans for rides be cleared through Fred Blessin so that things may progress in an orderly manner. Membership list, as of May 1, is enclosed.

BROCHURES FOR THE 750 MILE TOUR de IOWA are ready and calls have already been received from Nebraska and Illinois for information. Very attractive patches also are ready. Brainchild of Carter LeBeau, many other helping hands went into its plan and implementation.

OUR THANKS TO STEVE LIND who designed the beautiful bumper stickers promoting safe bicycling and the QCBC. The blue and gold stickers are at the printers now and should at least be ready for sale by the time of the Moline Criterium.

WITH SO MANY ACTIVE, INTERESTED MEMBERS, CAN'T WE COME UP WITH A CHAIRMAN FOR THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CENTURY?

Scheduled for July 25, it will have to be cancelled unless a chairman or co-chairman generously come forward. This would be its fourth year and it has always been a financial as well as a social success. People from all over the mid-west look forward to joining this venture. Are we going to let it die?

OF SPECIAL NOTE THIS MONTH is the Amara overnight bike ride joining the Des Moines Cycle Club and the Ames Skunk River Cyclists, May 15 and 16. Those who would want to ride all the way should meet at Vander Veer Park for prompt departure at 6 a.m. Sat. May 15. Those wishing to ride a lesser distance may start in Iowa City, for example and ride 25 miles each way leaving their car for the return trip. Other trips can start from West Liberty or Wilton.

Those riding all the way will take Locust St. West to the Blue Grass Palford Rd then North to Rt. 6 and follow Rt. 6 West to the Amaras. A motel is available in Marengo, 12 miles west of Amara or camping parks near Amara can be considered. The Motel in Marengo is The Sudbury (319) 642-5411. Carter LeBeau has been corresponding with both the Ames and Des Moines clubs and the last indication was that a good meeting place in the Amaras would be around the Oxbow Restaurant during the afternoon hours and then reconvene for the Saturday evening meal and some good conversation.

OUR ANNUAL MOLINE CRITERIUM is progressing as planned. One radio station has agreed to provide a rider for the celebrity race and other media are being contacted for some competition.

In addition to a probable celebrity race, Miss Moline, Mayor Mendt, VFW Honor Guard, we will be again offering "stock bike" races for local riders (no license is required). Entry blanks are available from local bike shops. Remember to bring some type of helmet with strap if you or your kids plan to race. For those who like to watch, the licensed USCB racers, in their tightly spaced packs, are exciting to see. Registration for stock races begins at 9:30, first race 10:30. First USCB race is approximately 12 noon. Race day is May 31, place 7th St. and 17th Ave. Moline.

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As an incentive to selling your tickets, the person turning in the most tickets by May 15 will receive a IRC 90 psi tire, retail value about \$6. Tickets are available from Terry Burke and Mel Bradley. If you have no intention of selling the tickets, please turn them in to either of the above.

An important function performed by club members at the 'oline Criterium is the corner marshalling of street barricades. Corner marshalls keep cars off the course and allow emergency vehicles to pass. Without corner marshalls, the safety of the course is greatly impaired. For those who can be a corner marshall, please call Terry Burke.

ELDRIDGE RACES WILL START MAY 5. For those who enjoy putting a little extra into their cycling, training races will start at the only stoplight in Eldridge Wed. night, May 5 and continuing throughout the Summer. Those competing for the yearly trophies should be ready to ride at 6:30. If you do not choose to ride with the group, please be ready to ride at 6:15, so that everyone finishes at approximately the same time. The course for May will be 23.3 miles long. Helmets are suggested but not mandatory.

BRADLEY BOUNCES BACK. After a long season last year competing against 20 year old racehorses, Mel Bradley sprinted to a second in a Class III field of 70 riders at the Blackhawk Criterium. Just ahead of Mel was former QCBC rider Bill Olmsted, who evidently is training in the daytime as well as at night this year. Jeff Bradley (SAC) won intermediates and sister Jackie was 6th in boys and girls mixed intermediates (ages 12-14). In a road race on the 1976 National Championship course, Mel grabbed a first in Veterans with Jeff winning intermediates and Jackie came in 2nd in Junior Girls on Sat. and 3rd in Junior Girls on Sun. It sounds like the Bradleys are off to a good start for some of the National Championships this coming July.

#### MAY AND EARLY JUNE RIDES ARE SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS:

- Sat., May 8, 2:30 p.m. Ride is sponsored by the Blackhawk Hiking Club. Cocoa and coffee will be served afterwards so bring a cup and a picnic lunch if you wish. Meet at Illiniek Park, Hampton, Ill., upper area for a 10 mi. circuit or it can be extended to a 20 mi. one by taking last years Hampton ride past East Moline Downs, East Moline State Hospital and Campbell's Island. Easy pace. Jim Blacker, leader.
- Sun., May 16, 8 a.m. Vander Veer Park, 25 mi. to Blue Grass and Buffalo. Good roads except one hill down and one up. Moderate pace. Leaders, Ed Anderson and John Martin.
- Sat., May 22, 1 p.m. at the Community Church parking lot right on the main road through town of Oaco, Ill. Nice quiet roads for either a 16-mi. ride or longer. Laps will be provided. Leader: Verne Johnson. How to get there (Oaco that is): From the Iowa side, take Interstate 30 across to Illinois, taking the Highway 6 turnoff and going about a half mile on 6 until you reach the Oaco-Green River Rd. turn right, driving about 9 miles.
- Sat. and Sun., May 22 and 23 There are races, 50 and 100 mi. at Morton, Ill. Illinois Valley Wheelmen, 6415 N. Imperial, Peoria 61614 (309) 691 0400
- Sun., May 30, 7 a.m. Rock Island Court House to Bishop Hill Ill., 90 mi. round trip good roads, few hills, light traffic except for getting in and out of Rock Island

Leader: Elisabeth Schussler. Ride could be shortened to 50 mi round trip by starting from Orion instead of Rock Island. You can eat in the restaurant at Bishop Hill or bring your lunch to eat in the square there.

Mon., May 31 - HOLINE CRITERIUM, 7th St. and 17th Ave., Collins. Stock races begin at 7:30 a.m.

Sat., June 6 - two rides available. 8 a.m. Port Byron near the Ranch Supper Club, 50-60 mi. Moderate pace. Leader: Chris Cowan

Also, 1:30 p.m. Cordova, Joh. Mt. St. & Erie Road, 16 mi. Easy pace on quiet roads. Leader: Claude Patton.

PACE DEFINITIONS:      Easy - 5 to 10 mi/hr      Moderate - 10 to 15 mi/hr  
Fast - 15-20 mi/hr      Racing - 20-30 mi/hr

SOME COMING EVENTS - TAKE NOTE

Sat. and Sun., June 12 and 13 - Camping and tour of the Amena area.

Sun., June 20 - The Henry Hundred, starting and ending at the Henry County Bank, Collins, Ill. Leader: Irv Garks.

Sun., June 27 - Club's Family Picnic at Westlake Park, W. of Davenport.

Sun., July 25 - Mississippi Valley Century . maybe ? ? ? ?

August 1 through 7 - Fourth Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

MORE DETAILS ON THESE AND OTHER CLUB EVENTS will be published in the June News letter. If there is anything you want included, send it to Mary Jo Sheridan, 1711 S Pleasant St., Davenport, Iowa 52804 before the first of the month.

Your Newsletter would like to publish names of club members who have made any or all of the Bikecentennial in the coming months. If you would still like to join the Bikecentennial, the organization running it is:  
Bikecentennial 76  
P. O. Box 1036  
Missoula, Mont 59801

Has anyone completed the Tour de Iowa? We'd like to hear from you on that too.

MANY OF YOU REMEMBER CLARENCE PICKARD who, in 1973 at the age of 83, rode with you in the Across Iowa Bicycle Trip. Now at the age of 86, he is planning on pedaling across the nation.

In a feature in the April 11 Des Moines Register he said he plans to start on May 14 from Yorktown, Va. and he figures on arriving in Astoria, Ore. sometime around Sept. 1.

Pickard said he would also like to leave the national ride Aug 17 and come to Iowa to participate in the Across Iowa ride.

"I think I will be in Kansas about that time," he said. "If I could bribe one of you Register fellows to come and get me, I'd like to ride across Iowa again."

CAN YOU WATCH THAT?