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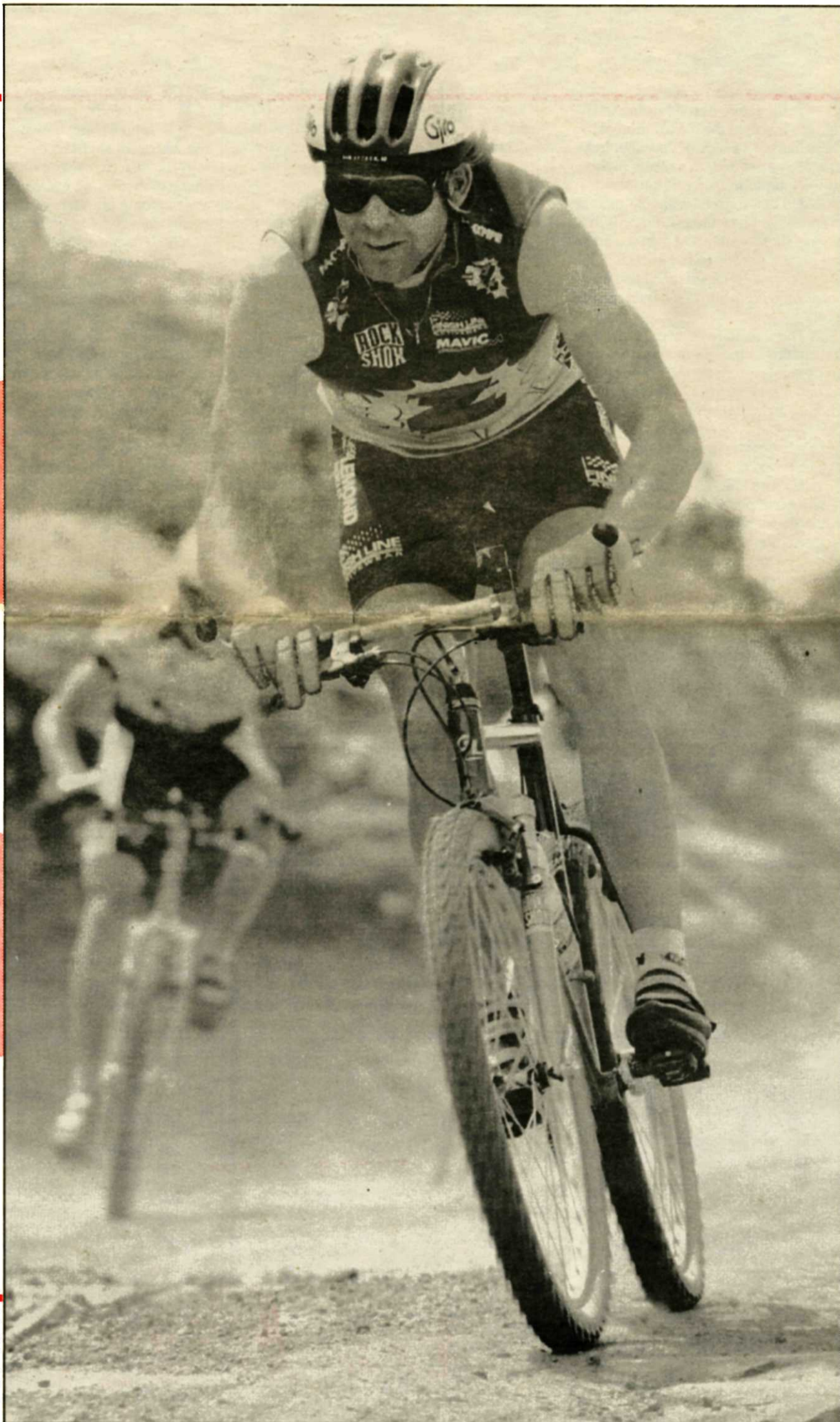


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Promoting racing

Cooperation needed for success

One of the critical areas affecting the future of road racing in Utah involves the role of promoters. There has been a lack of constant, long-term promoters and, as a result, highly visible long-term races. It must be conceded that for road racing to increase its appeal and its numbers, it needs to become more visible and gain the attention of a greater portion of the general public.

To do this, experienced and professional promoters must be attracted to the sport.

There seem to be two factors that prevent this. First, promoters do not make a reasonable return on their time and effort. Second, promoters tire of dealing with the whining and complaining of racers.

As to the first issue, it must be said that a person who promotes races "for the love of the sport" will not promote races for long. The long-range planning to organize and put on a successful race requires a lot of time and energy.

Additionally, a promoter must deal with many personalities, some rational and some not, in getting the necessary permits. He must also search for and deal with the demands of sponsors.

Finally, as already pointed out, a race promoter must deal with the cyclists themselves, which can be the most frustrating part of the process.

Because of these and other frustrations, unless a promoter can put a reasonable amount back into his own pocket (and most would consider something substantially less than minimum wage as reasonable), he will soon abandon his efforts. Besides, as much as a person would like to

work for free, everyone has to be able to support himself in a reasonable manner, and in most cases, a family as well. These demands are going to make it necessary that promoters realize a return for their efforts.

Road racers in Utah have been fortunate in that racing fees have remained relatively low. In fact, compared to the cost of participating in other organized sports competition, road racing has been a real bargain in Utah.

These racers will also note that there are few high quality events in Utah, and none that have endured. If people in Utah want to have only low profile, club sponsored events, then these fees can, and should, remain low. These events are important and are, in fact, the backbone of amateur racing.

But if we want to help promote road racing in Utah and bring it into the general consciousness of the public, we need more high visibility events. This will cost more money, and some of that money must come from entry fees.

In the long range, your entry fee at such events is not only buying your participation in the event, but it is helping to promote bicycle road racing.

The mountain bike racing scene seems to be healthier. But then entry fees for mountain bike races are higher, and mountain bike racing benefits from the current wave of popularity of the sport. This certainly must partially account for the successful events that are presently being put on.

Del Brown, the current USCF district
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What is *cycling utah*?

In a nutshell, a brief description

This is *cycling utah*'s first issue and you're probably wondering who we are, how it came about and where we are headed.

The idea for *cycling utah* developed after a club meeting in October of 1992. I was outgoing president of Utah Premier racing team and was pretty discouraged with how my race season turned out.

My interest in the sport was still there but the motivation for training hard was slipping. I was ready for a new direction, a new point of view.

Being the editor of the club newsletter, I was already writing about the club's participation at the many state races.

Dave Ward, also an ex-president of Utah Premier, approached me after the meeting and asked if I thought a bicycling publication would be worth pursuing. He hardly voiced the question before I answered, "Let's do it!" while thinking I wouldn't have to do Tuesday night intervals if I edited a cycling publication.

Starting from scratch was a bigger job than we anticipated with a lot of loose ends to tie down. It's fairly easy to write about and photograph a race. Everything is right there in front of you.

But to plan a publication, with advertising rates, distribution, printing and a host of other requirements is not an easy task. Needless to say my winter training schedule was sacrificed. That's the way the leg muscles atrophy.

Instead of watching my heart rate monitor or the wheel ahead of me in a paceline, I considered which typeface to use or how we would design and illustrate the events calendar.

Now that most of the details are worked out, it is a matter of gathering the information to put within these pages.

I look forward to seeing the great races in Utah from a different perspective. I've raced on most of the courses and hopefully this will help the reporting.

I hope Ned, John and Bobrick use the Moab Rock and Road as a springboard for their seasons. I look forward to seeing them rush by me. I could never catch them on a bike, but on film I can.

We will be devoting a lot of space to racing on and off road because it's exciting and highly visible.

But let's face it. Most of us bicycle because it's fun and a great way to stay fit. There is so much more to bicycling in Utah than just racing. And we hope to bring you some of that too.

Mountain bike festivals are a great experience and the atmosphere associated with these events is not to be missed. I've been an enthusiastic participant in the Joe's Valley, San Rafael Swell and Fish Lake in the Fall festivals in the past and will continue to enjoy these events.

Also look for touring events within these pages. Centuries are popular with cyclists who aren't competitive. Tandems are growing in popularity as evidenced by

their increasing numbers at these centuries and at local shops.

We are planning on having a regular feature introducing readers to some of the great rides available in the state. We're planning articles on repairs and maintenance that may help you get home some night if the gremlins strike.

On the more serious side, there is the government involvement in the sport with city and county bicycle advisory committees as well as the regulation of the sport by federal and state agencies regarding land use issues.

Maybe some of the local shops will provide us with bikes and the latest gizmos to evaluate.

Tell us what you would like to see or give us your point of view in our letters to the editor section.

Also consider *cycling utah* your source for selling or buying used equipment. We have a classified section. Look over the Classified Ad guidelines published on Page 8.

We invite promoters to list their events in our calendar and we hope they'll advertise their events. Without promoters the events do not happen. So we offer them a discount to help get the word out.

We're excited to bring this issue to press. The sport of bicycling has needed something like this for some time. We hope to be your source of bicycling information in the state of Utah.

I do have some regrets however. I'm going to miss the competition, challenge and maybe even those Tuesday night intervals. What the heck. I'll still strap on the heart rate monitor and lose my lunch after reaching my maximum heart rate. It doesn't get any better than that. Enjoy!

Robert L. Truelsen
Editor

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There's so much to do, but so little time

Cycling calendar provides something for everyone, on or off-road

Variety, they say, is the spice of life. And the bicycling schedule that is shaping up should season Utah cyclists' hunger for fun and excitement very well, thank you.

Whatever your speciality or preference may be, the events scheduled to date will offer riders a taste of Utah's deserts, mountains, forests and valleys. The events cater to as many abilities as there are locales in the state.

Road racing continues to provide racers with some of the finest venues available in the intermountain west. The Bicycle Racing Association of Utah (BRAU) is under new leadership and shows signs of revitalizing the state organization of racing clubs.

Not to be outdone, the Utah Fat Tire Series returns with some familiar races and events that drew some of the best off-road talent the sport has to offer. Series promoter Bob Walker ventures into the realm of pavement for 1993 by organizing two events that include road racing.

Here's a rundown of the upcoming season.

March

The racing season kicks off with the weekly training criteriums held at the International Center in Salt Lake City. Local hotshoe Tom Bonacci will be promoting this event, taking over BRAU's involvement.

Beginning Saturday, March 6 at 12 noon, this long-running event is vital to many racers by providing head-to-head competition in a training atmosphere. Many substitute this weekly race for the pain of solo interval workouts.

Bonacci has been working with BRAU and the joint decision is to share series frame numbers with all criterium series.

The International Center Course is a flat and wide course in the industrial complex that is over a mile per lap. Situated near the Great Salt Lake, the racers are often buffeted by lake breezes.

New for '93 is the District Criterium Series that will take place at the Department of Motor Vehicles training course at 4700 S. 2780 W. in West Valley City. This will be a closed course and offer increased safety for participants. The first event is Sunday, March 7 and continue through March on Sundays. Start time will 12 noon.

This location will also feature improved spectator viewing. It is a short course that will be visible for the entire course.

Racers have come to look forward to the Icebreaker Road Race in Richfield. But racers will not be able to enjoy this race in '93 because it has been cancelled. Promoter Clark Knight experienced difficulties with road events in 1992 and decided he was



▲ **Fast and furious would best describe the Red Cliffs Mall Criterium at the Tour of St. George. Tight turns and big fields add to the challenge.**

Photo by Robert L. Truelsen

unable to continue his involvement in '93.

Knight turned over all but one of his cycling events to Greg Morrell. Morrell has decided to cancel the road events at Richfield, Moab and a proposed event on Labor Day. Hopefully, someone will pick up the Moab Stage Race but it is probably too late for the Icebreaker. (At least too late to be published here.) Racers will have to make do with the training criteriums at the International Center and the District series.

Another long-running tradition is the Up and Over Time Trial on Saturday, March 27. Salt City Racing Team organizes this race.

The race begins in Lehi and climbs up to and over the hill at Camp Williams before rapidly descending into Riverton.

This is a good opportunity to dial in your time trial equipment in preparation for the stage races that loom in the not-so-distant future.

It also provides the racer an opportunity to do back to back races. The Up and Over TT is held in the morning, early enough to allow racers to make it to the training crit in the afternoon at the International Center.

Not many racers look forward to time trials and the Tour of St. George's TT should provide ample reinforcement. The course is the Hurricane venue that was used last year. Racers motor along flat highways before turning uphill for the last mile and hilltop finish.

The Red Cliffs Mall criterium is a fast, technical course in the mall parking lot. No riding in circles at this one. Riders have to negotiate tight right- and left-hand corners with a couple being off-camber. Staying at the front is recommended since moving up on the tight course while in a big field is difficult the say the least.

Brown has created a jewel with the Tour of St. George and the race will surely be bigger and better this year and in the years to come.

The Lehi Criterium Series gets underway Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. and continues through the season. Promoter Randy Larsen has been negotiating with Lehi to allow the series to take place on the annual Lehi Pioneer Days Criterium course.

Larsen intends to mirror the International Center criterium series as much as possible to provide racers another training opportunity.

The Lehi City Council was to have voted on the proposal at press time but Larsen intends to hold this event at this location or another near Lehi. He feels this location will draw more Salt Lake racers. Look for an update on this race in the next issue of *cycling utah*.

The season continues with the annual Hammer at the Slammer. For those of you not familiar with the venue of this race, the course follows the frontage roads on either side of I-15 at Point of the Mountain in the state penitentiary's neighborhood, hence the name of the race.

This is a popular race and the course provides some thrills with fast descents and some agony with the usual wind and short, stiff hill on the west side frontage road.

New in 1992, the Moab Rock and Road event drew some of the finest talent mountain bike racing has to offer. Then-current World Champion John Tomac dominated the event which also boasted another former world champ in Ned Overend. Ranjeet Grewal, David Weins, Bob Roll and other factory riders rounded out a fine field for the pro/expert event.

These riders also raced on the road Saturday to get additional training in preparation for their respective seasons. Overend is no stranger to Moab. He has often raced in the Moab Stage Race.

Fast and anaerobic would best describe the District 40 Criterium championships. This event has been moved up from its former late season date to April 24 in 1993. The course is waiting for approval at press time but will happen since District

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April

Utah boasts some 4-star events on the racing circuit, with the Tour of St. George stage race heading the list.

Providing Utah racers the first big stage race of the season, the Tour of St. George also attracts some of the best competition racers will encounter during the season.

Promoter and USCF District 40 representative Del Brown widely advertises the race and draws from the racer pools of southern California and Nevada, while also attracting hungry cyclists from Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho.

St. George in April is pleasant to say the least. Intermountain riders usually race for the first time in short sleeves and shorts.

And the courses are as challenging as they are beautiful. The Gunlock Road Race is the first event of this stage race and tests riders with a series of short, stiff climbs followed by the spectacular descent down Snow Canyon with its off-camber corners, high speeds and remarkable vista (but don't take the time to look, keep your eyes on the road).

Season preview

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medals at stake. Stay tuned for confirmation on this event.

Rounding out April is the San Rafael Fat Tire Festival. This ride is organized by Carbon County Recreation and will introduce riders to some great riding in the San Rafael Desert.

This is the desert you pass on your way to Moab, usually on Friday night. If you've been curious what this area has to offer, take this opportunity to get acquainted.

You can let the good times roll at this event. The fun begins with a dinner and prize drawing in Price Friday evening.

You'll want to carbo load for the featured ride. It's the advanced Twin Knolls single track. When you're on this ride you'll wonder how they found this, while negotiating the challenging trail. There are also beginner and intermediate rides scheduled as well as a bike and hike in Little Wild Horse Canyon. Free tuneups at Price bike shops will be offered again this year.

New for '93 is a Dutch Oven dinner on Saturday night in camp. Be prepared to camp out in the desert and bring plenty of water.

May

Wendover was host to a two-day mountain bike race last year that drew a big crowd of competitors. This race returns on April 30 and continues through May 2, adding two road events to offer lots of opportunity for fun and games, besides those at the casinos.

May is a great time to be in Wendover with lots of sun and warm temperatures. This is an event that draws a lot of Idaho racers.

The cross country event is a tough course with a long climb in lots of traffic followed by dusty, rocky descents. Then more climbing is in store for racers and is followed by a short blast along paved city streets. The final stretch offers riders a short, technical section over volcanic rock leading to the final stretch to the Wendover Visitor Center finish area.

The second day of off-road racing features a real kick of a race. Some may call it a circuit race but it's more of an off-road criterium consisting of laps around a short course with tight turns, a short drop-off and climb, quick descent, whoop-dee-doo and plenty of dust. Yahoo!

The afternoon finale is a white-knuckle downhill that features a dust bowl with a voracious appetite for mountain bike racers and lots of uncontrollable grins on the faces of speed freaks.

The weekend of May 8-9 has been left open with the cancellation of the Moab Stage Race. This race will be sorely missed by those who enjoy racing in red rock country. There is still hope some ambitious promoter will pick up this race in time for the '93 season.

Ogden takes its turn in providing some great courses for racers. The Golden Spike Mountain Bike Race is a dream of a course with difficult climbs, fast downhill, tricky single-track sections and a real party atmosphere. If you do only one mountain bike race a year, consider this



COVER PHOTO: Bob Roll descending at the Moab Rocks in 1992.

▲ Former World Champion Ned Overend raced in Moab's Rock and Road event. Will he return in '93?

Photo by Robert L. Truelsen

race. This course has it all.

The Golden Spike Road Race provides climbers the moment they've been waiting for: drop the sprinters like a brick!

Climbers will revel in the North Ogden Canyon road race. It is as difficult a climb as any the riders will encounter during the race season. As if the grade wasn't enough, last year the wind was blowing mercilessly into the riders' faces while making the climb.

May is National Bike Month and Salt Lake City has a week's worth of activities planned, the highlights being the Mayor's Bike to Work Day and the American Investment Bank Century on Saturday the 21st. Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club will help the folks at American Investment Bank organize and run this popular metric and full century.

The route takes participants along farm roads north of Salt Lake City with the full century turnaround being in Hooper. Lots of food, good company and a nice flat ride will help participants celebrate the month.

Events after the ride are being considered by the planning committee and will be reported on in future issues.

The District 40 Individual Time Trial championship is next on the slate. Moved up from the initial schedule, the date is now Sunday, May 23.

The course is the 12th St. course

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Stage 2

THE HURRICANE TIME TRIAL

approx 5 miles with a one mile climb to the finish. First rider 3 pm. start order: 3, 4/5, master 35+, Wm, Jr, Pro/1-2

SUNDAY, April 4th

Stage 3

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So you want to go bicycle racing?

If there is a race, you probably have BRAU to thank for it

If you ever intend to race bicycles in Utah on the road, you might get your first taste of racing at a United States Cycling Association event that is promoted by a local Utah club. That club will probably be associated with the Bicycle Racing Association of Utah as well as the USCF.

Better known by its acronym, BRAU, the association functions as the governing body of road racing in Utah.

Del Brown, USCF District 40 representative, described BRAU as a "district association that is basically a club made up of member clubs in the district (or state)." One of the requirements is that all USCF clubs be permitted, but not required, to join the district association. The district association provides the "nuts and bolts" needed to make the races happen.

The association also provides "a vehicle by which clubs can have input into what happens with bicycle racing in their districts," Brown said. Regular district meetings will be attended by representatives from member clubs and they will vote on issues brought before the district. It

is the only district association in the state and "we're going to recognize it as the governing body, so to speak, of cycling in Utah," he said. "I put a lot of stock in what the district association decides to do," Brown added.

At the District 40 meeting in November, BRAU was reorganized and a board of directors installed. At this meeting Chuck Collins and Al Kolendo volunteered to join Tom Bonacci on the board. Collins is the principal member of Team Flower Children and Kolendo is a former board member of Utah Premier. Bonacci agreed to stay on in an advisory capacity but with reservations as to the amount of time he could spend working with BRAU.

Bonacci expressed doubts about heading the organization for another year citing burnout and lack of time necessary to do justice to the job at hand. Bonacci has headed BRAU for the last several seasons, virtually single-handedly.

Bonacci announced at this meeting that he would be promoting the weekly training races at the International Center in

Salt Lake City. Initially, BRAU would retain some association with this series. Board members Collins and Kolendo wanted BRAU to maintain an interest in the event since it is a long-standing series started by the district association.

However, at the first BRAU club meeting in January, it became evident that this effort was losing momentum and BRAU took action to break ties with the International Center event.

At this meeting, it was announced that a new board member would be elected to replace Bonacci to avoid any conflict of interest in promoting the weekly race series. Bonacci stepped down voluntarily. John Pos of EDC racing team was selected to the post.

Within the span of a month a new criterium series called the District Criterium Series was announced and will take place at the Department of Motor Vehicles training course at 4700 S. 2780 W. in West Valley City.

This is a completely closed course and can be changed with little effort. But the main consideration is safety. The

course will be free of traffic during an event.

Another advantage is the entire course can be viewed from one location. Hopefully this will increase spectators and make the sport more visible.

This series will include up to 15 races during the season with the first on March 7.

Before BRAU can function as an association, a means of creating revenues was discussed. This race series is a result, in part, of this need to support some of BRAU's plans for the upcoming season. This was a stumbling block with the International Center series.

In the January meeting, member clubs approved a surcharge of \$1 per rider per event to go directly to BRAU. This is permitted by USCF regulations of district associations.

This decision caused problems with promoting the International Center series. Concerns were later expressed at the February meeting by members of MiDuole. They were concerned the

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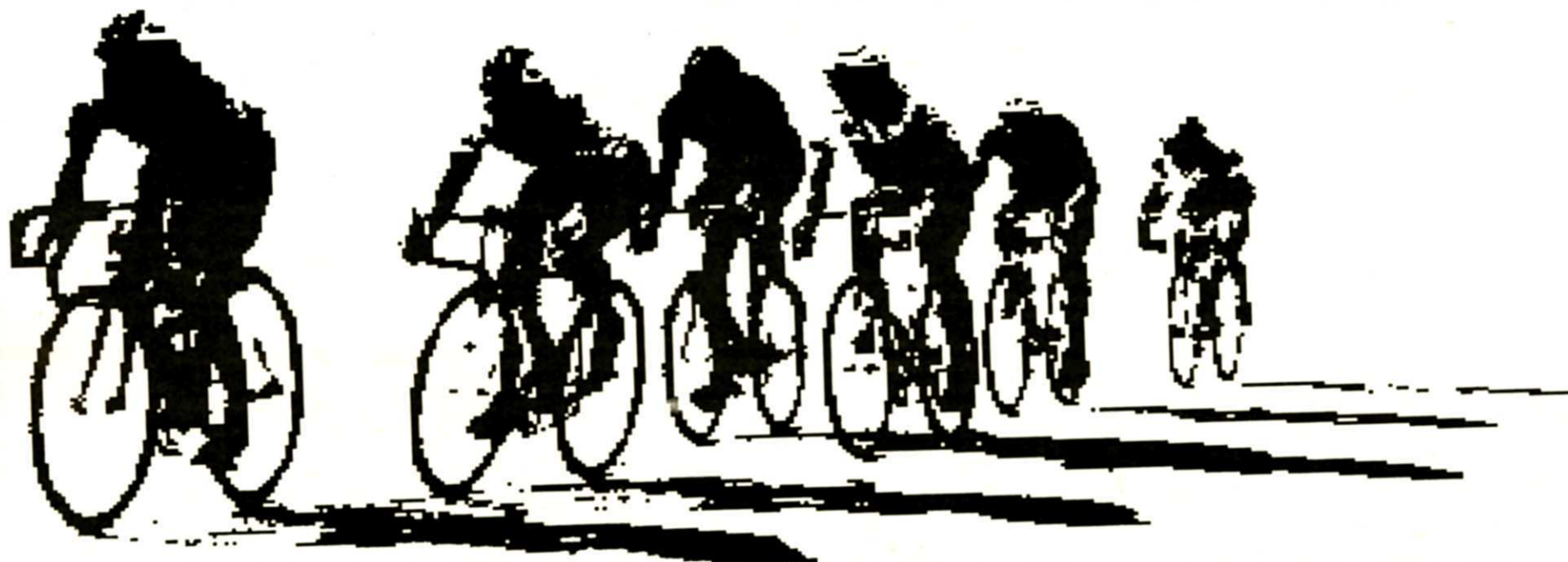
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27 -- USCF Official's Seminar, Ogden. For information call 392-4019.

March Series Races

6, 13, 27 -- International Center Criterium Series begins. Held on Saturdays at noon through March. For information call 583-3449.

7, 14, 21 -- District Criterium Series. For information call 263-4044, ext. 7725.

March Events

21 -- Hagerman - Buhl - Hagerman RR in Hagerman, Idaho. For information call (208) 733-0671.

27 -- Up and Over TT at Camp Williams. For information call 278-6820.

28 -- BRAU District Criterium Series Open House. For information call 263-4044, ext. 7725.

28 -- Hill Top TT. For information call (208) 343-3782.

April Series Races

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 -- International Center Criterium Series moves to Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

6, 13, 20, 27 -- Lehi Criterium Series begins and continues through season on Tuesday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. For information call 370-2367.

7, 14, 21, 28 -- Cache Velo Cyclists/Sunrise Velo weekly time trial series. Each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Alternate between 10-mile flat and 10-mile hilly courses. For information call 245-3979.

10, 25 -- District Criterium Series. Call for other possible races on 11, 14, and 28. For information call 263-4044, ext. 7725.

April Events

3-4 -- Tour of St. George Stage Race. For information call 392-4019.

4 -- Black's Creek TT. For information call (208) 343-3782.

10 or 11 -- Hammer at the Slammer. May be held on the 11th. For information call 581-1318.

17-18 -- Moab Rock and Road. Road race on Saturday with mountain bike race on Sunday. Also guided tours. For information call 582-4425.

23-25 -- San Rafael Mountain Bike Festival. Beginner through advanced rides near Price. For information call 637-9575.

International Center training criteriums begin Saturday, March 6

Up and Over Time Trial Saturday, March 27
Lehi to Riverton

24 -- District 40 Criterium. For information call 392-4019.

May Series races

4, 11, 18, 25 -- Lehi Criterium Series moves to 6 p.m.

5, 19, 26 -- District Criterium Series. Other possible date is 30. For information call 263-4044, ext. 7725.

5, 12, 19, 26 -- CVC/SV TT Series moves to 6:30 p.m. through August.

6, 13, 20, 27 -- International Center Criterium Series moves to 6 p.m.

6, 20 -- Boise Crit Series. For information call (208) 342-8060.

BRAU District Criterium Series begins Sunday, March 7

Tour of St. George Stage race, April 3-4
St. George



May Events

April 30-May 2 -- Wendover Borderline Challenge. 3-day mountain bike event beginning on the 30th. 2-day road race event May 1-2. For information call 582-4425.

2 -- Ontario Hts. RR. For information call (208) 454-9997.

9 -- Mudslog Open Mountain Bike Race. For information call (208) 3782.

15-16 -- Golden Spike Cycling Festival. Mountain and road events in Ogden. For information call 782-5015.

17-22 -- Cycle Salt Lake Bicycle Week. Bicycling activities scheduled throughout the week to celebrate National Bike Month.

22 -- American Investment Bank Century. For information call BBTC 534-4451.

23 -- District 40 Individual Time Trial championships. For information call 392-4019.

29-31 -- Salt City Racing Team 3-day Stage Race. For information call 278-6820.

28-31 -- Iron Horse Bicycle Classic. Durango, CO event offering double points for Utah series. For information call 582-4425.

30-31 -- Twin Rivers Cycling Classic. For information call (208) 743-2040.

June Series Races

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 -- Lehi Criterium Series.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 -- CVC/SC TT Series.

2, 13, 16, 27 -- District Criterium Series. Other possible date 30. For information call 263-4044, ext. 7725.

3, 10, 17, 24 -- International Center Criterium Series.

3 -- Boise Crit Series. For information call (208) 342-8060.

June Events

4-6 -- Thin Air Fat Tire Festival. For information call 277-1534.

5 -- Eureka Road Race. For information call 466-3971.

5-6 -- Willard Bay (Or Antelope Island??) Overnighter. Full sag wagon and meals. Call BBTC 534-4451.

5-6 -- Idaho City Festival. Idaho event that is part of the Utah Fat Tire Series. For information call 582-4425.

12-13 -- Bike for Breath Countryside Classic Bike Trek. For information call 484-4456.

13 -- District 40 Road Race Championships. For information call 392-4019.

13 -- Blue Ribbon. For information call (208) 523-4490.

19 -- Red Riding Hood Metric Century. Male supported, all women's metric century in Cache Valley. BBTC 534-4451.

20 -- Big Bad Wolf Century. Female supported, men only full century. BBTC. 534-4451.

19-20 -- Kamas to Evanston Stage Race. For information call 307-742-4763.

19-20 -- Canyon Festival at Solitude. For information call 582-4425.

26 or 27 -- Boise Cycling Club Crit. For information call (208) 343-3782.

27 -- Hammer at the Slam II. For information call 581-1318.

July Race Series

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 -- International Center Criterium Series.

3, 4, 11, 18, 25 -- District Criterium Series. Other possible dates 14, 21, 28. For information call 263-4044, ext. 7725.

6, 13, 20, 27 -- Lehi Criterium Series.

7, 14, 21, 28 -- CVC/SC TT Series.

15, 29 -- Boise Crit Series. For information call (208)342-8060.

July Events

3-4 -- Mountain Bout at Snowbird. For information call 582-4425.

10 -- Little Mountain Road Race. For information about this Logan race call 563-3519.

17 -- Unlimited Road Race. For information call 370-2367.

17-18 -- Devil's Backbone Mountain Bike Race and festival in Price. For information call 637-5026.

24 -- Lehi Pioneer Days Criterium. For information call 768-3330.

24-26 -- Brian Head Bash mountain bike festival. For information call 277-1534.

31 -- SCRT District 40 Team Time Trial. For information about this 4-man event call 278-6820.

31 -- Twilight Criterium. For information call (208) 343-3782.

August Race Series

1, 8, 15, 22 -- District Criterium Series.

Other possible dates 4, 11, 18, 25. For information call 263-4044, ext. 7725.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 -- Lehi Criterium Series.

4, 11, 18, 25 -- CVC/SC TT Series.

5, 12, 19, 26 -- International Center Criterium Series.

August Events

July 31-Aug. 1 -- Dinotrax Festival. Guided tours, lessons and off-road race. For information call 582-4425.

1 -- Rustler Run. Fat Tire Series. For information call 582-4425.

1 -- VA Criterium. For information call (208) 386-9396.

7 -- Morgan-Trapper's Loop Road Race. For information call 782-5015.

7 -- Jan Fest. Fat Tire Series. For information call 582-4425.

7 -- Freezeout Hill Climb. For information call (208) 343-3782.

14 -- ULCER. Utah Lake Century Epic Ride. BBTC. 534-4451.

14 -- Mt. Nebo Hill Climb. For information call 467-0717.

14 -- Horseshoe Bend Hill Climb. For information call (208) 343-3782.

19-22 -- Jackalope (LoToJa spelled backwards) Jackson to Logan tour. BBTC 534-4451.

22 -- George's Mountain Classic. For information call (208) 343-3782.

28 -- LunaTrek II. Salt Lake County tour.

28 -- Bear Lake Monster Road Race. For information call 278-6820.

28-29 -- Idaho District Road Race and TT Championships. For information call (208) 543-6332.

29 -- District Criterium Series Championship. For information call 263-

4044, ext. 7725.

September Series Races

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 -- International Center Criterium Series.

7, 14, 21, 28 -- Lehi Criterium Series.

September Events

4-6 -- Labor Day Classic. This event is pending at press time. For information call 896-9300.

10-12 -- Fish Lake in the Fall mountain bike festival. For information 896-9300.

11 -- Snowbird Hill Climb. For information call 521-6040.

12 -- Snowbasin Hill Climb. For information call 392-3911.

12 -- Bogus Basin Hill Climb. For information call (208) 343-3782.

12-18 -- 9th Annual Tour of Southern

Utah's National Parks. Cedar City to Cedar City by way of Zion and Bryce National Parks. BBTC

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18 -- LoToJa RR. For information call 753-3294.

18 -- Tour of Diamond Fork. For information call 582-4425.

18-19 -- Tour de Cure Classic. American Diabetes Association. For information call 363-3024 or (800) 888-1734.

24-26 -- 9-Mile Canyon Tours. Choice of ATV, mountain bike, car and hike tours of historic 9-Mile Canyon. For information call 637-9575.

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26-31 -- Moab Fat Tire Festival. For information call 259-5333.

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26-31 -- Moab Fat Tire Festival. For information call 259-5333.

November

7 -- District 40 Cyclocross. For information call 582-4425.

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Deadlines: To have an event listed, *cycling utah* must be contacted by the 15th of the month prior to the event's scheduled date.

Important phone numbers

BBTC Hotline -- 534-4451

BRAU Hotline -- 263-4044, ext 7725

UMBA -- 531-7703
(Utah Mountain Bike Association)

USCF District 40 Rep -- 392-4019

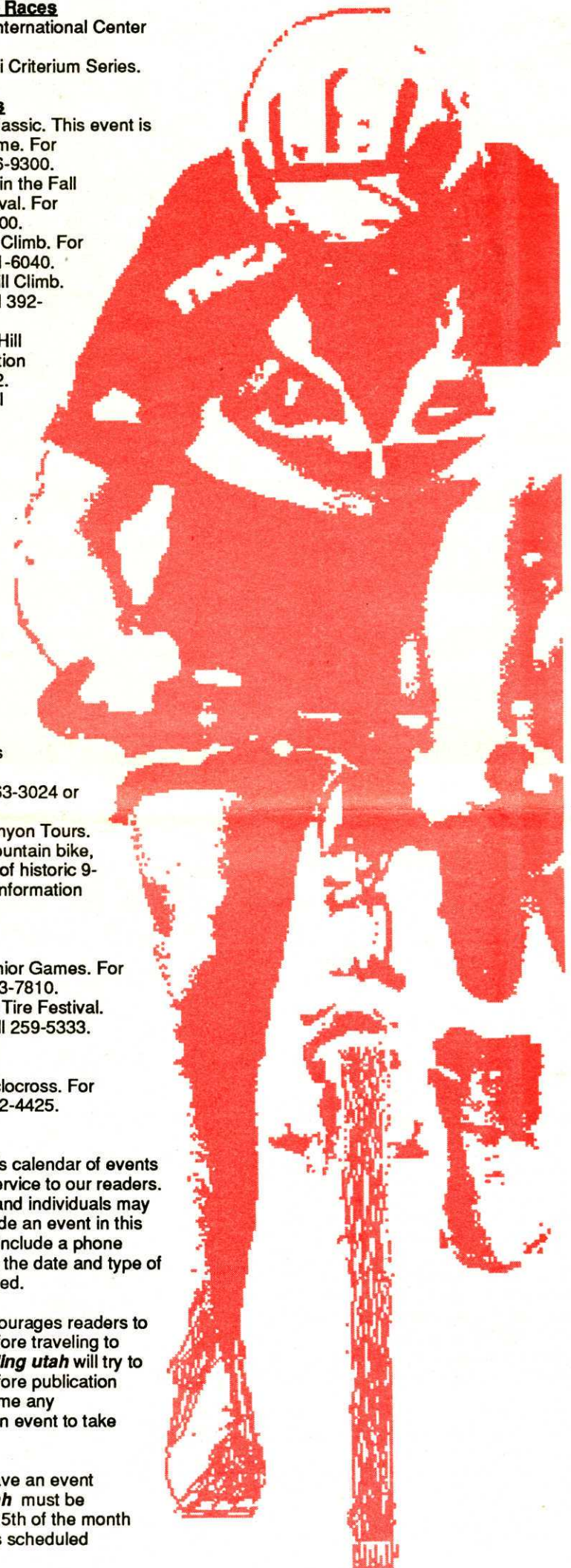
Utah Fat Tire Series -- 582-4425

Clubs, promoters and organizations
are invited to announce their events in

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is the 15th day of the month
prior to the date of the event

Example: April 15 deadline for any event in May



PEPPERWOOD LOOP

cycling utah's featured monthly ride

Approximate distance: 23 miles
Skill level: Intermediate+ (must be able to ride in traffic)

Given all the snow in the mountains around Salt Lake, most Salt Lake cyclists, unless heading south, will initially be stretching their pre-season legs on the valley pavement. Riding in Salt Lake can be somewhat unnerving because of the traffic. However, after one gets to know the roads a little, there are some good routes that avoid a lot of traffic and traffic control.

One such ride that is a favorite among many riders is the Pepperwood loop, so known because it loops around the Pepperwood subdivision. This features several short but fairly steep climbs. As a way of gauging your progress, you should ride this early in the year, while at your worst, then again at the peak of your fitness. It gives you a good indication of how far you have come.

Either ride or drive to the junction of the Murray-Holladay Boulevard and 6200 South (Knudsen's corner). Most will recognize this junction by the landmark Cotton Bottom Inn. Then head east, go under I-215, and turn right at the first light (3000 East). Next, after .2 miles, turn left

on to Big Cottonwood Canyon Road which will take you past the Old Haunted Mill. Once you reach the top, turn left on to 7200 South, and then right on to Wasatch Boulevard.

Having warmed up on the hill just past the Old Haunted Mill, you will really burn as you climb past the Canyon Racquet Club. There is usually a fair amount of traffic, but it has a good shoulder. Stay on Wasatch Boulevard for approximately two miles, until you come to the turn-off to La Caille (you will see the sign to La Caille on the right). You now have a choice of either continuing on Wasatch to the mouth of Little Cottonwood, or turning right and going past La Caille.

Before you opt for the climb, make sure the traffic knows your intention of going straight instead of turning to LaCaille. After you crest the hill you will turn right at the junction with 9400 South and head down.

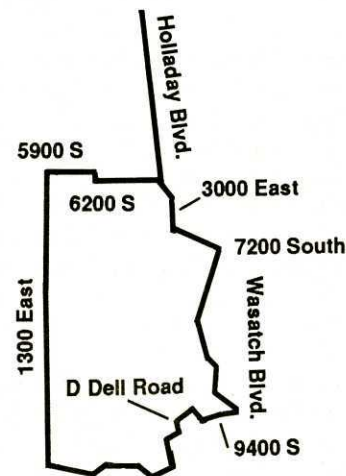
If you decided that was one climb you could do without, then you will have a shorter climb once you pass the entrance to La Caille, and will connect with 9400 South.

Either way, you will now be heading

west but only for about 150 yards. Take the first left on to 9710 South. This curves to your right and you will come to the stop sign at 3100 East where you will turn left. After .2 miles, the road turns right, and then you take an immediate left onto Dimple Dell Road and head downhill. This is a pretty canyon, and a nice breather after the climbing you have been doing. But pay attention as the descent is fast.

After about a mile, just past where the road curves to your right, you will want to turn left onto Lost Wood Drive. This is where the fun (What?! You call this fun?!) really starts. You climb as hard and fast as you can to the top, about a half mile, to Wasatch Boulevard. Then you blowup. The good news is that you can now enjoy a long, fast downhill to 1700 East.

If you are feeling especially masochistic, you can now turn around and retrace your steps, thereby assuring yourself of a good workout. Or, if you have had enough, head north on 1700 East till you come back to Dimple Dell Road. Then turn left and head down to 1300 East. Stay on 1300 East all the way to 5900 South. Again, there is usually a fair amount of traffic, but it is a good road with a wide shoulder. Then, head back east till you



come to the Cotton Bottom Inn.

This is a challenging ride, with a lot of variety and nice scenery.

This column is provided as a service to our readers. All rides, however, pose risks and riders must be aware of traffic and other obstacles and dangers. BICYCLING HAS INHERENT DANGERS AND ALL RIDERS RIDE AT THEIR OWN RISK. ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET, OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS, AND RIDE DEFENSIVELY. Cycling Utah makes no representations as to the safety of the rides which it reviews.

Bicycle Racing Association of Utah District Criterium Series

Location: 4700 S. 2780 W.

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Times/Dates: Selected Sun. and Wed.

Sunday events begin 12 noon

Wed. events at 5:30 in April, 6 p.m. May

1-Time registration charge \$5 per rider

Entry fee: \$3 USCF attached riders

Entry fee: \$5 Citizen, unattached

International Center season numbers honored.

This is a training series. There are no prizes.

Call BRAU INFO-line for exact times, dates.

263-4044 ext. 7725 or leave message

Tentative Schedule:

March 7, 14, 21, Grand Opening 28,

April 10 (11) (14), 25 (28), May 5, 19,

26 (30), June 2 (6), 13, 16, 27 (30),

July 3, 4, 11 (14), 18 (21), 25 (28),

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BRAU

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surchage would boost the fee to \$4 for the weekly event and may reduce the number of participants.

The suggestion was made to impose a BRAU fee on top of the fee for season number plates. This would bring some revenue to BRAU but not nearly enough to cover the cost of implementing their goals. So BRAU pursued the race series.

The racers of Utah are the beneficiaries of these developments. Racers can now choose among four race series. There is the time trial series promoted by Cache Velo Cyclists and Sunrise Cyclists, the Lehi Criterium Series, the International Center Series and the District Series.

Collins then called on member clubs to increase club membership by 10%, in particular junior and women cyclists. These two areas have seen a dramatic reduction in numbers in recent years. He also wants to increase USCF club membership in BRAU.

Last year only four member clubs paid the annual club fee of \$50. BRAU's sole source of revenue was the weekly training criteriums.

In January member clubs approved a BRAU club fee of \$10 per rider up to a maximum of \$100. This will provide start-up funds for BRAU.

Another method of revenue was to organize a bike swap. Comparison were made to the Rowmark ski swaps that are popular with skiers. There was a bike swap

several years ago that a women's team organized and was quite successful in generating revenues for their program. This will be studied by the board.

With the addition of a new board of directors, comes new enthusiasm for the association. One of the first actions by the board was to announce regular monthly meetings with member clubs. This will provide clubs a voice in the organization and also bring in new ideas about the racing scene.

At the District 40 meeting in November, Collins and Kolendo had originally planned on being board members with each sharing the position of president. But they decided in organizational meetings that Collins would assume the position of president and Kolendo would be secretary/treasurer.

Collins said "the mission of BRAU is to promote bicycle racing in Utah by increasing rider participation, public awareness and club support."

BRAU is very concerned with the public image of the sport of cycling and board members contend this image will have an effect on the ability to conduct races in new venues around the state. One negative incident that reaches a mayor or sheriff somewhere in the state will taint their view of cycling. When approached with the prospect of allowing a race to occur in their town, their decision may be based on a negative report.

The board wants all BRAU members to be aware of how their actions can affect motorists' and the public's view of cycling.

After all, we share the road with automobiles and trucks and are governed by the same laws.

Brown was particularly concerned about the abuses of traffic laws by some high profile cyclists. He has ridden with many clubs over the course of the past season and was not complimentary of the attitudes of some riders towards traffic laws.

Community involvement projects were also discussed to enhance the image of bicycling. Dave Chiovoloni of Utah Premier suggested Subs for Santa and the refurbishing of old bicycles for children in need during Christmas as a way to improve cycling's image. Also discussed was club involvement in the city and county bicycle advisory committees. Joel Bingham of Bingham's Cyclery and Northshore announced his involvement in the Mayor's advisory committee and will keep BRAU apprised of any developments. Pos will begin attending these advisory meetings so BRAU is represented.

Riding clinics were discussed as a means to increase USCF membership. These clinics would be directed towards citizen riders as a way to help them learn valuable bicycle handling skills and training techniques. Also discussed was involvement of schools to attract junior riders to the sport. The junior ranks have seen a dramatic loss of participation the last few years. BRAU needs the help of member clubs to reverse this trend.

An equipment pool was discussed as a means of supporting member clubs in the

organization of district race events. BRAU proposes a pool of safety equipment, hip numbers, mailing lists and improved signage. A pool of EMT volunteers was suggested and also a P.A. system. A telephone hotline was discussed and later implemented.

Collins requested a current club roster of all members of member clubs. He intends to create a data base for possible sale to promoters for the purpose of advertising events. The goal is to create a list that includes citizen riders.

At the February meeting, Kolendo announced Fisher's Cyclery donated storage space for the proposed equipment pool. Fisher's also agreed to advertise on the season number plates. This advertising helps pay for the number plates.

The equipment pool would be a complete supply of odds and ends needed to put on a race. This would include race numbers, cones, signs, brooms, safety vests for course marshalls, pens, pencils, pins and tables. BRAU intends to rent this race packet to interested organizers.

Also discussed was an EMT volunteer pool. Brown said at the January meeting that the availability of an EMT at a race was based on response time from local EMS services. If a race is held in a rural area, EMTs would be a requirement. At the February meeting following up on this subject, USCF official Dan Thomas said the University of Utah EMT Service has been willing to volunteer their services in the past and expects them to continue their support.

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Sunset, UT 84015
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Vernal

Basin Sports Saw & Cycle
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Vernal, UT 84078
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Club Directory

Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club

3247 Bon View Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84109
Carl Ehrman 278-9386
Ride Hotline 534-4451.
BBTC is a touring club with regular weekly rides, club newsletter and monthly meetings. Club headquarters is Fisher's Cyclery, 2175 S. 900 E., Salt Lake City.

Cache Velo Cyclists

P.O. Box 313, Hyrum, UT 84319
Dave Wallace 753-4044
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EDC

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Bicycling briefs

Official's Seminar offers upgrades Feb. 27

There will be an Official's Seminar conducted by the United States Cycling Federation in Ogden on Saturday, February 27.

Interested parties should RSVP USCF District 40 Representative Del Brown at 392-4019. Cost of the seminar is \$5 and includes an official's manual. Seminar begins at 10 a.m.

Attendance at this seminar will qualify participants for a Category IV Official's license. Cat IV officials can upgrade to Category III status.

The seminar will be conducted at Union Station in Ogden. Union Station is located at 25th and Wall.

Brown suggests anyone interested should attend even if being an official is not their goal. A lot of information on tactics and riding techniques will be discussed.

Cycle Salt Lake will offer something for everyone

A full slate of activities are planned for the annual Cycle Salt Lake event. The featured day is Saturday, May 22 with the Investment Bank Century Ride.

This is the largest bicycling event in the state drawing 1,000 participants. With solid support from Investment Bank and a helping hand from the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club, this event showcases the sport of bicycling better than many other events in the state.

Discussion followed about organizing post-ride activities. Bicycle Racing Association of Utah representative John Pos suggested a BRAU bike swap after the century as a possible activity. Also discussed was a sports fair type of event with bicycling booths from shops and manufacturers.

This century is a significant fund raiser for the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee. Income from this event has helped with the cost of creating bike lanes in the city.

In addition to the century, there is the Mayor's Bike to Work Day. No date has been set on this but in years past it has been on a Wednesday. Look for an announcement in the months ahead. You wouldn't want to miss a ride with Mayor DeeDee would you?

Julie Eldridge, Alternative Transportation Coordinator for Salt Lake City, would also like to get as many employees as possible to ride bikes to work to promote bicycles as an alternative to the normal modes of transport.

She would like to see a corporate challenge and reward employees of companies who have the highest percentage of employees bicycling to work that week.

Many of the activities are planned around the new Block 57 redevelopment. This is the development downtown between Main and State streets and 2nd and 3rd South streets. This area opens May 1st and features four acres of area. There will be a boat pond in summer and ice rink

in winter, game area, picnic tables and vendors. The facility will have a Plaza Manager and Program Supervisor.

Other activities planned are a bike rodeo, bike club booths, Bike In movies, bike registration and safety checks, a possible BBTC tour and possible BRAU race in Sugarhouse Park.

Utah rider joins National team for 1993 season

We were purusing the pages of *Velo News* recently and noticed an article on the U.S. National Team selection. At the end was a list of riders on the team and Marty Jamison made the list.

The selection process was based on national and international results during the previous season.

Marty has been racing in Europe for the past couple of seasons and came home to compete in last year's national qualifying races.

Host a European cyclist or go racing in Europe

If you have ever toyed with the idea of racing in Europe where every cyclist's roots are, there is an exchange between American and European racing cyclists.

David Huntsman, Velo Club La Grange Westwood, would like to hear from you. You can phone, write or FAX your ideas and suggestions to him in Los Angeles at 2301 S. Beverly Glen Blvd. Suite 303, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Telephone/FAX (310) 474-4605.

Category upgrade guidelines clarified

The United States Cycling Federation (USCF) has announced guidelines for upgrading in road events.

Minimum requirements for upgrading from 5 to 4 include qualifying road races of 15 miles or 24 km, criteriums of 10 miles or 16 km with field sizes of 10.

Upgrade by experience requires 10 criterium or road races, any race open to Category 5 including public, collegiate, master or junior.

To Upgrade by results, a racer needs 15 points to upgrade. Points are earned up to 6 places in criteriums and road races with at least 10 riders entered. Points scored are 7 for 1st, 5 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd, to 1 for 6th.

Racers wanting to upgrade from category 4 to 3 must qualify in races of 25 mile road races, 20 mile criteriums for men; 25 mile road races and 15 mile criteriums for women.

Those wishing to upgrade to category 3 by experience need 25 criterium or road races with minimum fields of 30 for men, 10 for women and juniors.

Upgrading by results require 15 points in a 12 month period. Same scoring system is in effect within the field limit requirements as stated above.

Riders who score 35 or more points in a 12 month period shall be upgraded.

To upgrade from Category 3 to 2 requires road races of 50 miles, criteriums of 20 miles with field sizes of 60 for men. Women's requirements are road races of 40 miles, criteriums of 15 miles with field sizes of 20. Field size must be Cat 3 or higher.

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Promoters

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representative, encourages promoters to conform to the USCF guidelines. These provide for fees of \$10.00 per day of racing where the prize list for a class is no more than \$1000 and \$15 per day of racing if the prize list for one of the classes is \$1000 or more.

However, one of the reasons that Utah elected to be a free market is to allow more flexibility for races in more remote locations or that for some other reason is more expensive to put on.

Additionally, though some prefer to bypass the t-shirts, water bottles and other merchandise that comes with an entry fee, these items are often important in obtaining necessary sponsorship.

This brings us to the second issue, that being how promoters feel about racers.

The feelings here are usually strong, and at times bitter. Racers generally, and road racers in particular, can expend a great deal of effort complaining. It seems at times that we lack any sense of understanding or appreciation for promoters. We complain about the entry fees, the courses, the organization, the marshalling and many other things.

How many of us, however, take time to tell a promoter "thanks" for a good event? Or try to be constructive with suggestions, rather than mean with complaints?

The Moab Stage Race used to be a highlight of the race season, but the promoters have abandoned it.

The Salt Lake Classic was abandoned after a couple of years, and it probably enjoyed more exposure outside the cycling community than any other race in Utah. It was announced recently a popular event, the Icebreaker road race in Richfield, was cancelled.

We could go on listing quality, highly visible and well-organized races that have disappeared from the calendar.

We believe that racers need a shift in attitude. We should expect to pay more for well-organized races. We should not expect to be in the prize money unless we are placing well. We should quit complaining, and start working with promoters to cure problems that arise and help promote bicycle racing in our state.

By the same token, promoters need to be considerate of the racers pocket-books. By carefully planning events with the needs and concerns of racers in mind, they can reduce some of the complaining.

Also, by publicizing their events, they can increase attendance at their events, thereby being able to keep entry fees lower.

Without a greater understanding for each other, and cooperation together, road racing will, at best, continue to plod along with races and promoters coming and going regularly. But with cooperation, road racing in Utah can rise to a new level that will benefit all concerned.

Del Brown poses the question, "Why would anyone want to organize a bike race?" He has not as yet found a satisfactory answer. Perhaps we should all keep this in mind.



▲ The Kamas to Evanston Stage Race challenges racers with a 20-mile climb over the Uintah Mountains. But the climbing isn't over. The time trial is straight up and the criterium has a big-ring leg burner of a hill.

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Season preview

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in Ogden that goes out towards Little Mountain. It is the same course used in 1989 and '90.

Salt City Racing Team takes its turn putting on a stage race with the SCRT 3-Day Stage Race May 29-31. Last year the race included the old District Road Race course in and around Herriman, a criterium and a time trial.

Also on tap is the Iron Horse Classic in Durango, CO May 28-31. This is of particular importance to Utah mountain bike racers since it offers double points for the Utah Fat Tire Series. Also included is the classic Durango to Silverton road race which pits road racers against the narrow-gauge railroad train that makes daily runs to Silverton. This is a popular event with Utah racers.

The Eureka Road Race comes back for its fourth year on Saturday, June 5. Utah Premier puts on this race and features a party atmosphere with sound system and barbeque after the race.

This 70-mile road race will serve as a good primer for the District Road Race that follows on Sunday, June 13.

The race site for Districts has not

been confirmed at press time but expect a challenging course. It's not racing for dollars, just District medals and the state championship.

If there are any women wanting the ultimate challenge, there is the Ore-Ida Women's Stage Race June 17-27.

This is the race that has tried, without success, to get on the UCI calendar. The international bigwigs contend that women can't race long, difficult stage races. Well, they must know. Just don't tell those who keep coming back that they can't race that far.

The field is the best there can be. The Olympic gold medalist raced there last year. The race seemed to agree with her.

Kamas to Evanston Stage Race will take you over the top of the Uintah Mountains and make you pay the price of a 20-mile climb. But what goes up, must come down (at 50+ mph).

This is a great race, well organized and a climber's delight. The downtown criterium is one of the best around.

Hammer at the Slam II rounds out the racing in June. Same course as in April.

Needless to say, the 1993 season has much to offer racers and spectators alike. *cycling utah* will continue this season preview in the April issue.