

OutSpoken



End of Season 2012

News from the Owen Sound Cycling Club

Another Season Flies By

I would like to thank our executive committee members for all their hard work... They make my job pretty easy. Trevor Stokes continues to keep our electronic media on track and his Monday rec. rides are always a favorite. Patty Marr has done wonderful things to promote women's cycling in the club. Our perennial treasurer, John Brown, has kept our finical heads above water while keeping the cost of membership at a very low price (Note: this will have to be tweaked for next season). Scott Thomson has continued to organize our time trials making them fun yet competitive using a handful of great venues. Thanks also to Mary Thomson, Jeff Thomson, Jim Cummings and others for taking on the timing duties. I know first hand how difficult the job can be as I again attempted to help one fateful Wednesday. Scott is still trying to figure out my attempt at shorthand. Some riders were thrilled at my timing gift while others were left scratching their heads... never leave a stopwatch in the hands of a left handed dyslexic.

There are other members to thank as well. Doug Miller's off-road rides have proved to be fun for the muddy set. Mary Ann Thomas took up the slow ride mantel and made it work. Emil van Dijk set up a really great course for the Whemmys and many others who stepped forward to make the club work.

As this cycling season quickly wraps up, the club is looking at a few changes for next season. For one thing, Fred Zottl has indicated that he is stepping down as our membership coordinator. We really appreciate Fred's meticulous organizing skills and dedication in keeping our membership list up-to-date. Fred will be missed. Of course the president's position is still open... but you knew that. So what I'm saying is that the club needs members to step forward and fill these rolls. If you are interested in being on the club executive, please let me know. Just send an email to: president@owensoundcycling.ca. We promise that there will be a minimum of meetings that you would have to sit through.

While on the subject of Fred Zottl... he was also the race director for our classic Whemmys end of season mountain bike enduro. I say was because Fred also indicated that he would like to step aside from his duties on that front as well. He felt that the light turn-out this year didn't warrant all the hard work that he and others did to get the event off the ground. If someone else would like to tackle the Whemmys next season... email me: president@owensoundcycling.ca. *Tom Hakala*

Still Faint Hope for Highway #6 Bike Lanes

Though the MTO seems to be digging in their collective heels

on the subject of adding bike lanes on the Highway #6 re-surfacing project between Hepworth and Springmount, there is still hope that the Minister could hear our pleas. I had a chance to talk to Eleanor McMahon at Centurion in September and she suggested that I send her the information and letters that have been going back and forth between the club and the MTO about the project. She indicated that she would talk directly with the Minister of Transportation about this and may be able to organize a meeting with the Minister and interested parties in our area. I will keep you posted if anything happens in the future.

Tom Hakala

Dutch Cycling Embassy

The Netherlands has always been leaders when it comes to cycling and they now have a facility to promote cycling... it is the Dutch Cycling Embassy. Rick MacLeod Farley sent this link for the Dutch Cycling Embassy: <http://www.dutchcycling.nl/>

Time Trials by the Numbers

We had another great Time Trial season thanks to Scott and his helpers: Mary, Jeffrey and Jim and others.

We held 37 races (the second lap of a two lap race, or the second half of Colpoys count as distinct "races"). The total distance of all these races was approximately 580 kms. The races were held on 17 courses, where a 10 km and a 15 km at the same location are considered different courses. We logged 416 results. 63 distinct riders participated. The total cumulative distance ridden by all participants was 7318 km. The most popular race course was our benchmark Shallow Lake 15 km with 24 riders on one night. Second, surprisingly, was Kemble Anticlockwise (that's up Kemble Mountain) with 23. Third with 22 was Colpoys Bay West. *Trevor Stokes*

On The Silver Screen

In what may be a case of art imitating life, The Odd Life of Timothy Green is currently playing at the Paramount Theatre in Hanover. If you're not chuckling yet, know that Tim Green is the owner of Wheelfast, a bike shop formerly in Scone but now located in downtown Hanover. Those who have met Tim or dropped in to his store will be aware that he is, shall we say, a character, but one with his heart in the right place. *Emil van Dijk*

Whemmys Race Report

There was a bit of confusion during the medal ceremony following the 89th running of the Whemmys Enduro. Yes, Matt Martindill was the first rider to complete 11 laps of the course, but he was totally spent and decided not to continue despite there still being time on the clock. Simon Farla, on the other

hand, perfectly combined speed and endurance to start his 12th lap before time expired and in so doing was the overall solo male winner. *Emil van Dijk*

Whemmys Results

Solo Women 50+: 1st Rebecca Hilts

Solo Men 18-34: 1st Simon Farla
2nd Matt Martindill
35-49: 1st Emil VanDyk
50+: 1st Allan (Woody) Woods
2nd David Collie
3rd Doug Miller
4th Tom Hakala

Female Team 80-149: 1st - Tyred and Cranky
(Kari Shufflebottom, Natasha Cordick, Sandra MacDonald)

Male Team 80-149: 1st - Too Fat & Furious & the Tokyo Drift
(Sean Currie, Fred, and Justin Zottl)

150+: 1st - Old School
(Dave Lawson, Ian Miller, Scott Thomson)
2nd - Broken Chains
(Arunas Liskauskas, Ed DeLaplante, Marty Tengelis)

Amongst the females, Rebecca Hilts annihilated her competition for the second year in a row. Ladies, where are you? Don't women have greater endurance than men? A big battle took place in the 50+ category, with Allan (Woody) Woods coming out on top. Woody warmed up for the Whemmys by doing a 100km ride in Kitchener the day prior. *Emil van Dijk*

Priceless Club Treasures Lost?

Authorities are madly scrambling across the globe in search of the priceless Golden Saddle and the even more priceless Golden Saddles. Painstakingly handcrafted by the legendary Martino Kerravagio, a old-world artisan schooled in the Cheap Renaissance tradition, the Golden Saddle/s are awarded* to the winners of the various categories at the Whemmys Enduro, a renowned mountain bike competition organized by the OSCC.

It is thought that the treasures were misplaced during a traveling exhibit of Kerravagio's work, but officials at both the Louvre (where they were last seen), and the Rijks Museum (where they failed to appear) could provide no answers. The club has hired Inspector Clouseau to get to the bottom of the mystery.

*Awarded is actually an overstatement. Due to the priceless nature of these trophies, winners are briefly allowed to touch them, before they are returned to the high security vault in which they are stored. Hey, did anyone think to look in the high security vault? Did I mention that these things are priceless? *Emil van Dijk*

From The Women's Front

What a successful season the women's Tuesday night OSCC

rides were. Many new riders came out, the pot lucks were a lot of fun. New riders got to mingle and meet other new riders. We would like to welcome all those who didn't get out last year to join us next season. We learned various skills like riding in town, drafting (which came in handy on many a windy day). Some learned how to change their own tires. We have decided to continue to meet once a month to snowshoe, potluck or just keep the connection we had. We are looking to get our own group jersey and are coming up with plans to make the rides available on line as well.

We also would like to encourage anyone who think they may be too slow to ride with the group to come out, we are a very friendly group and all welcome new riders at any time. We possibly could do two levels of riders this year if needed.

The entry level mountain biking didn't go over quite as well, as it was hard to get anyone to commit to teach a group of beginners, thanks to those who did help, Fred Scheel & Doug Miller. If anyone is interested in doing it next year please email me. If we could find a couple of people they would only have to do it twice in the month: pattymarr@gmail.com

Well as another season winds down, people are looking for other activities. Some are doing spinning classes; whatever you're doing, keep active. Bikeface does have wind trainers in stock as well to help you keep up your passion indoors. Thanks to everyone who took turns having the potlucks. Thanks to all the new riders who came out. Look forward to seeing everyone in 2013. I can be reached by phone at 519-376-9777 or the above email address. *Patty Marr*

Calling all families

In 2013 I would like to run a kids only ride night alternating between road time trials and mountain bike time trials. I was thinking about using local quiet dead end country roads - the road that runs west from the drive in theatre, the rail trail and the road that runs north from the top of Creamery Hill (9th Ave. W.) for the road TTs. We will use Sawmill Ski Trails, West Rocks and Jones Falls Conservation for the MTB TTs.

If you are interested in helping out please let me know - I am thinking either Tuesday or Thursday evenings and the whole thing would be 30 - 45 minutes. Of course, I will need lots of help to ensure of children stay on the trail and to keep traffic in check.

Let me know if you are interested or are willing to help out. My email address is: gnicol@owensound.ca. The cost will be the OSCC membership. *Greg Nicol*

