

The NOBC News

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Summer Meeting

The NOBC mid-summer meeting will be held on Wednesday, AUGUST 24, 1994 at the home of Randy Legeai, 81 Neron Place (866-6640) starting at 6:00 p.m. If you have not yet picked up your 1994 NOBC Jersey, you may do so at that meeting. After the meeting, jerseys can be picked up at Betat Bicycles, 3027 N. Causeway in Metairie. Members are encouraged to offer suggestions for club projects and activities (racing seminar/workshop, winter training camp, upcoming fall races, etc.). The USCF House of Delegates meeting will be held in Houston Sept. 23-25. Information will be available at the meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

Tour de La. '94

The twenty-third annual Tour de Louisiane was held July 9 and 10 in Hammond, Louisiana. The NOBC's signature event attracted 113 riders this year, including riders from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee. The race format was identical to that of last year, with a 4 mile Individual Time Trial, Road Races on the Husser-Loranger circuit, and criteriums around Cate Square in Hammond. Included in the races once again was the now-traditional human-bovine face-off, this year occurring mid-way through the Road Race (our apologies to the farmer who had to chase down his cattle!), along with some major meteorological action. Although the Time Trial escaped the rain, riders in the Road Race had to contend with one or two severe thunderstorms that at one point had the officials considering stopping the race. Nonetheless, all events completed the full distances, and the few crashes weren't weather-related. Sunday's criteriums started out with relatively dry weather, but by the time the Master's event



started, the sky was already looking rather bad. About mid-way through that race, with a 3-man break already off the front, the rain started, and thus began the first Cate Square "surface adhesion test". Almost immediately, two of the three in the break crashed, followed shortly thereafter by other crashes caused by the unusually slick road surface. Most riders eventually figured out their limits on the slippery slopes, but as the next race lined up to start, the sky opened up, and the officials decided to cancel the remaining races (Juniors and Senior 1-3) for reasons of safety. (The deluge was sufficiently intense that some lady managed to immerse the entire front end of her Mercedes in a ditch alongside the course.) It wasn't the greatest way to end a stage race, but considering the situation, nobody was complaining. Once again, many thanks are due to Reggie Bresette for his selfless hard work in organizing and coordinating this event, especially in light of the fact that he became a new father just one week before race day! Major assistance was provided by Joey D'Antoni, Dennis Dunham, Bud Logan, and most of the other members of the NOBC. For the second year in a row, thanks largely to judging by USCF district representative Lorrie Hebert, there were no protests of any stage or GC results.

RACE RESULTS

Tour de Louisiane

Senior 1-3

1. G. Konrad (Unattached), 2. K. Perry (Cajun Cyclists), 3. S. Casey (Herring), 4. Bauer (Unattached), 5. B. Anderson (Memphis), 15. P. Guyton Sr. (NOBC), 19. T. Herbet (NOBC), 20. P. Guyton Jr. (NOBC).

Senior 4-5

1. M. Greco (Velo-Sportif), 2. J. Stiller (NOBC), 3. P. Knoup (Memphis), 4. J. Lee (Mezza Luna), 5. C. Lee (Unattached), 13. K. Duet (NOBC), 17. L. Bergen (NOBC).

Master-35

1. M. Trione (Port City), 2. R. Raspet (Memphis), 3. S. Matin (Unat), 4. G. Cross (Red Stick), 5. B. Abbott (Red Stick), 6. B. Magendie (NOBC), 9. R. Robert (NOBC), 10. M. Williams (NOBC).

Women

1. L. Miller (Herring), 2. V. Chwalinski (RCCA), 3. R. Younie (Cajun), 4. B. Livingston (Cajun), 5. L. Arlington (NOBC), 6. D. Schmitt (NOBC).

Junior

1. A. Peuhs (BBC), 2. J. Hurling (Cajun), 3. J. D'Antoni (NOBC), 4. B. Rayburn (Port City), 5. R. Bahle (West Fla).

Public/5

1. D. Jarrell (Unat), 2. C. Partlow (Emerald City), 3. A. Moore (Team La Sport), 4. S. Sperier (Unat), 5. J. Plunkett (Unat).

Natchez Bicycle Classic 1994

The popular Natchez Bicycle Classic this year featured a new format (TT first), and a new improved Road Race course that included a finish route taking riders from the race circuit to the Natchez Mall for the sprint. The race was marred by very late stage results (The Pro-1-2 criterium on Sat. was run as an exhibition only, because RR results weren't available by start time. For many classes, RR results weren't posted until shortly before the Crit. the next day) and a course-marking screw-up that affected the finish of the Master-45 Road Race (just ask Mike Williams, he'll tell you all about it!). Fields in all classes appeared to be significantly more

competitive than last year. NOBC riders competing included Mike Williams, Randy Legeai, Paul Guyton, Tom Campbell, Joey D'Antoni, Lorenzo Bergen, and Chip Eyman.

Results of the '94 Natchez Bicycle Classic follow:

Pro-Senior 1-2

1. Skip Spangenburg (Greenville SC), 2. Gregg Eberdt (Little Rock AK), 3. Dirk Pohlmann (Knoxville TN), 7. Todd Bauer (Ruston LA), 25. Kenny Beilau (New Orleans LA).

Senior 3

1. Aaron Johnston (Dallas TX), 2. Bill Kurtz (Baytown TX), 3. Craig Virr (Austin TX), 7. Keith Breaux (Monroe LA), 8. Russ Walker (Shreveport LA), 17. Patrick Marr (Ruston LA)

Senior 4

1. Shan Smith (Tylertown MS), 2. Sean Donahue (Pensacola FL), 3. Edward Brown (Panama City FL), 4. Marc Greco (New Orleans LA), 14. David Baur, (Metairie LA), 43. **Lorenzo Bergen** (New Orleans).

Master-35

1. Tom Bain (San Antonio TX), 2. Skip Cutting (Dallas TX), 3. Warren Young (Wichita Falls TX), 5. **Randy Legeai** (New Orleans LA), 6. Mike Lew (Metairie LA), 17. K. Hebert (New Iberia LA), 18. Bobb Abbott (Baton Rouge), 21. Robert Mason (Lake Charles).

Master-45

1. Mickey Allen (Duncanville TX), 2. David Thornton (Arlington TX), 3. Richard Raspet (University MS), 5. **Paul Guyton** (Metairie LA), 6. David Person (Lafayette LA), 8. **Mike Williams** (New Orleans), Ed Hurling (Breaux Bridge), 17. Dick Ehrlicher (Baton Rouge).

Women

1. Carol Royer (Memphis TN), 2. Yvette Casson (Lewisville TX), 3. Sherri Stedje (Lutz FL), 4. Mary Mercer (Shreveport).

Junior

1. Jacob Lasley (Tulsa OK), 2. Brian Fagan (Kingwood TX), 3. Alex Peuhs (Lynnhaven FL), 16. Keith Parker (Franklin LA), 17. **Joey D'Antoni** (New Orleans).



District Criterium Championships

The 1994 Louisiana District Criterium Championships were held this year at the James Business Park course near New Orleans International Airport. In the Senior 1-3 event, Todd Herbet finished with the pack, and Paul Guyton Sr. placed 6th. In the Senior 4 event, junior rider Joey D'Antoni finished 10th. The Master-35 race was won by Mike Lew (currently of MS

registry), followed by Guy Cross, Scott Martin, and Brian Magendie (Brian therefore received the 3rd place medal). In the Master-45 race, Mike Williams outsprinted Dave Swords for first, with Paul Guyton finishing, I think, 4th. Laura Arlington placed third in the Senior Women's race and 2nd or 3rd in the Master-35 event. Joey D'Antoni finished second in the Junior race. Complete results should be in the District newsletter later this year.

Nolan Theriot Series

The July Nolan Theriot memorial series included a Saturday Road Race in Opelousas and a Sunday Criterium in Lafayette. Brian Magendie finished 2nd in the Road Race and 5th in the Criterium. Unfortunately, various conflicts prevented many other NOBC riders from participating in this popular event.

M-Nats '94

Four NOBC masters riders traveled to the Masters National Championships this year, and returned with a number of medals and some impressive placings. Time Trial and Road Race events were held at an Army base in Augusta, and featured challenging courses and excellent roads. Mike Williams, Paul Guyton, Randy Legeai, and Lorenzo Bergen participated in a number of road events in Augusta, Georgia. Mike Williams also participated in the Masters National Track Championships at the new velodrome in Tallahassee, Florida. In the 50-55 Road Race, Paul Guyton finished 16th in the pack sprint. Mike Williams lost contact with the pack on the last lap. In the 40-44 group, Randy Legeai finished with the pack, but a dropped chain in the last 250 m forced him to coast the last 200 meters! In the Criterium, Randy Legeai finished fifth in the 40-44 group in a very fast race that featured a successful 3-man break early in the race. Paul Guyton finished in the pack in the 50-55 group, and Mike Williams, despite riding aggressively throughout the race, chose not to contest the final (and hairiest) two laps of the race. A week earlier at the velodrome in Florida, Mike Williams earned with 4 National Championship medals, including a 3rd place in the Points Race, two 4ths and one 5th. Mike Lew (Herring) accompanied Mike to

the track, and later to the road events, and placed well in a number of events. Be sure to get the story on the points race!!

Lorenzo Bergen competed in the Individual Time Trial, finishing in the top 20. Many thanks to Mike Williams, who picked up the tab for dinner!

Tour LeFleur

NOBC riders traveling to Jackson, Mississippi for the excellent Tour LeFleur Criterium on August 6 included Brian Magendie, Joey D'Antoni, Randy Legeai, Jay Stiller, Lorenzo Bergen, Keith Duet, Mark Phillips. The unusually well-organized and promoted event featured a challenging course in downtown Jackson and a really big prizelist that attracted very competitive fields with riders from all over the region. In the sparsely attended Junior event (there was a conflict with Junior Nationals), Joey D'Antoni finished fourth, a lap down on the lead group of three. The Master's race included a large field with lots of horsepower and more than a few sprint specialists. The result was a moderately fast, but not too aggressive race until the closing laps when G.W. Wenzel (MS) established a solo break. The pack responded, but just as he was caught, another rider went off the front (classic move!), followed shortly by Mike Lew (Herring). With only two laps to go, and the front of the pack clogged up with sprinters, these two maintained their lead until the final turn. Mike held on to finish second, being passed only by Tom Bain (TX). Randy Legeai finished third and Brian Magendie finished around 15th. Keith Duet competed in the Senior-4 event, but could not finish after another rider's front wheel broke his rear derailleur off in a near-crash. In the next day's "Bike Rack Super-Six" Road Race, Randy Legeai finished 7th and Brian Magendie 11th in the Master-35 group which featured a 2-man breakaway and another solo rider making it to the line before the pack. Joey D'Antoni competed in the Senior-4 event, in which he finished in the pack despite a flat front tire. Todd Herbet, Mark Phillips, and Lorenzo Bergen also competed in the Road Race (but I don't know their results).