



*A Developmental Bicycle Racing Club*

# Summit Freewheelers



## Letter from the President

### **Its Over!!!**

Hard to believe, the 2001 season is now just a memory—fortunately lots of good memories! The club had a solid increase in racing activity this year with more members participating in lots more races. There were many fine results, but the crowning achievement was when Dave Cockley won the overall championship in the *Criterion America Series*, consisting of 18 grueling races throughout Ohio, KY & Indiana.

We again promoted many successful races with our RATL and TOP series. Additionally, we did a new fall road race that evolved into a fundraiser for victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> (thanks to Denis Osowski), raising \$1344 for the cause. We can also be proud of the club for giving back to the community this year as members donated time for the NPS Bike Rodeo and a bike repair project for the Youth Outdoors organization.

Its already time to look forward to even better things next year. The October meeting notes, enclosed, summarize plans made so far. Officers elected at the meeting for next year are listed on the next page. The next club meeting will be 8:00 am, Saturday November 10, at Bruggers Bagels in the valley.

Also, the Freewheeler Year-End Awards Banquet will be 6:30 PM, Friday, November 2, 2001 at the downtown Akron Spaghetti Warehouse. Points Program and TOP awards will be presented.

Dig out your tights and keep Pedaling!!!  
Ted Ingraham

Oct 22, 2001

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## **Club Officers**

**President**  
Ted Ingraham

**VP – Membership**  
Angelo Catalano

**VP – Racing/Coach**  
Dave Cockley

**VP - Sponsors**  
Dave Osowski

**VP - TOP**  
Tom Collier

**VP - Treasurer**  
Joanne Liolios

# October Meeting Notes

About 15 Freewheelers attended the October meeting at Bruggers Bagels. Officers for 2002 were elected and plans for 2002 were discussed.

**Sponsors:** Denis Osowski will head-up the sponsor drive. Angelo and Ted will both assist. A revised brochure is being done. Sponsors are a key to our financial success! It is a big and important job. Any help or suggestions members can provide will be appreciated.

**Race Plans for 2002:** RATL will be run by Rick Schwarz & Dick Lott. TOP will again be run by Tom Collier. The Fall Race will be the responsibility of Denis Osowski and it may be expanded to a "series" of 2 or 3 races. Ted is working on a new crit in downtown Akron.

A discussion of possible races and courses focused on the fact that it is very difficult to find suitable courses, get permission, control traffic, and find marshals. It would be ideal to promote a race in conjunction with an event like a town festival. Anyone with ideas, please contact Ted.

Also, the concept of having TOP, or other races, at the same time and day each week was discussed. Course availability, other races, and other events in the valley make a regular schedule difficult but the TOP scheduling is still pending.

**Race Team/Coach:** Dave Cockley will be VP-Racing/Coach for 2002. The club will again field a competitive +3 "race team." We hope to have more organized structure next year and closer coordination to race together for both the +3 team and racers in lower categories. We hope to have more structured training sessions and more specific race plans. We continue to look for ways to get more members racing regularly.

**Membership:** Angelo Catalano is going to head our membership efforts this year. Primary focus will be to get club info and applications into local bike stores. We are always interested in adding new members, especially younger racers.

**Web:** Bob Iden has begun working on the website and is making progress. He plans to set it up so a number of members can post info on the site.

**Uniform:** Joel is handling the design and supplier selection for the 2002 uniforms. He plans to make some changes for next year. Uniforms often produce varying opinions. If you have input on what you want for the uniform, be sure to relay it to Joel.

**Points Program:** George will run this program again in 2002. He has improved the program for 2002. Members at the meeting reviewed and agreed upon the new system George proposed.

**Banquet:** The 2001 Yearend Awards Banquet will be Friday, November 2, 2001, 6:30 PM at the Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Akron. Awards for the season TOP and Points Programs will be presented.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am at Bruggers Bagels in the valley.

## 2002 Elected Officers

### **2002 Freewheeler Officers:**

President	Ted Ingraham
VP-Membership	Angelo Catalano
VP-Racing/Coach	Dave Cockley
VP- Sponsors	Denis Osowski
VP-TOP	Tom Collier
VP-Treasurer	Joanne Liolios

### **2002 Freewheeler Committee Heads:**

Fall race(s)	Denis Osowski
Newsletter	Mike Smith
Points Program	George Liolios
RATL	Rick Schwarz, Dick Lott
Uniforms	Joel Cockley
Website	Bob Iden

# Points System

## Summit Freewheelers Final Points Series Standings

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Races</u>	<u>Points</u>
Cockley	Dave	17	623
Gilmore	Jim	55	536
Ingraham	Ted	48	505
Liolios	George	32	491
Osowski	Dennis	29	341
Polce	Mike	18	279
Smith	Mike	37	213
McBride	Scott	8	203
Carson	Matt	9	173
Catalano	Angelo	32	169
Verostek	Eric	6	69
Spenoso	Kurt	11	56
Rufener	Kathy	4	44
Collier	Tom	11	37
McNaughton	Eric	5	28
Guldeman	Steve	9	23
Peter	Henriksen	7	21
Huntley	Bryan	5	18
Iden	Bob	9	18
Ciraldo	John	3	16
Bedell	Cathy	5	15
Collier	Scott	4	14
Hurling	Ed	7	12
Collier	Leah	4	12
Bott	John	8	9
Hale	Doug	2	5
Ingraham	Karen	1	3
Wood	Rick	2	2

## TOP Race Results

### Summit Freewheelers Final TOP Series Standings

#### Cat. A

1. Mike Polce
2. George Liolios
3. Kurt Spenoso
4. Denis Osowski
5. Ted Ingraham
6. Jim Gilmore
7. Dave & Joel Cockley (tied)
8. Bryan Huntley
9. Glen Sullinger

#### Cat. B

1. Mike Smith
2. Angelo Catalano
3. Bob Iden
4. Tricia Ingraham
5. Bob Hurling
6. Tom Collier
7. Matt Carson
8. Jim Falkman
9. Steve Guldeman
10. Brad Brojte
11. Eric McNaughton
12. Chad Brown
13. Doug Hale

## Freewheeler Fall Challenge

A perfect early fall day and lots of very competitive cyclists made this a fun race. However, what made the day *really* rewarding was the fact that it was a memorial/fundraiser for the NYFD and other victims of the terrorist tragedy. Cyclists contributed \$344 from their own pockets and the Freewheelers donated \$1,000. In addition, there was a moment of silence prior to the race and a five-mile parade lap with 77 cyclists carrying the Stars & Stripes as a memorial to the victims. It was great to see cycling—a sport that is by nature very self-centered—showing such support for the community!

None of this would have been possible without Denis Osowski and his wife, Mosie. It was Denis' idea and he and Mosie put together the entire effort in just 3 days! Denis and Mosie got great support from George Liolios and Tom Collier. We owe a debt of thanks to all of them for making a great race into something that was really a special event in response to the difficult times facing our country.

There were lots of additional folks instrumental in making this a great—and safe!—race. Tom Collier stepped up to do most of the work to organize and run the race. Joanne Liolios and Rick Schwarz also provided key help. Many marshals helped—thanks to Peter Henriksen, Dave Wadkins, Cathy Bedell, Karen Ingraham, Rob and Chantel Eggleton, Debbie Collier, and Mr. Lee on his motorcycle.

The club can also be proud of their race efforts! Lots of bright red and yellow jerseys were prominent in both the A & B races. The A race was at a furious pace as the peloton spent the entire race chasing Joe Papp, Jeff Braumberger, and Brian Batke who broke away on the first lap. The B race had a strong field that squashed a couple of serious break attempts and then rolled around to a bunch sprint finish. Word is some old guy from the Freewheelers got to the line first!

### Freewheeler Fall Challenge - Race Results

#### A RACE

1. Joe Papp
2. Jeff Braumberger
3. Brian Batke
4. Dan Staite
5. Paul Martin
6. Jim Bladesare
7. Brett Bailon
8. Jim Mullins
9. Jim Cunningham Jr.
10. Dave Chernosky

#### B RACE

1. Ted Ingraham
2. Jason Reinhardt
3. Jeff Plas
4. Matt Carson
5. Jim Houston
6. Brian Diffenbacher
7. Ian Tuttle
8. Jeff Augustine
9. Michael Polce
10. Mike Johnson

#### WOMENS RACE

1. Jane Evelyn
2. Tiffany Kenny
3. Tricia Ingraham
4. Melissa Weddell
5. Catherine Scott
6. Carrelle Bresson
7. Stacey Bolgain

Tom Collier wrote the following email on the day after the Freewheeler Fall Challenge and I think it sums up the feelings of all the Summit Freewheelers who were there that day:

Guys,

This may sound a little corny but I want to say it anyway. I have never been as proud to be a Freewheeler, a cyclist, or an American as I was yesterday. It was so inspiring to see all these competitors come together and respond the way they did. It seemed everyone was supportive, many brought flags, and some wore stars & stripes jerseys. I was hoping to ride in the parade lap but was just as happy to lead in the truck. At least for once I got to be out front. As we rode around the course I honestly had a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye watching this large group of riders come together for a common cause. It was a very moving sight to watch you guys cruising down the road and watching the reaction of those we passed.

I want to thank Denis & Mosey for putting the whole thing together in such a short time. I want to thank George & Joann for getting there so early and doing the registration and organizing. I want to thank Ted for supporting the idea and Karen for working at the race. I also want to thank Peter for helping out and taking pictures . I look forward to seeing them. There were a lot of volunteers on the course and driving vehicles and they were all appreciated. Finally I want to thank all those who competed and donated, for without them all the other efforts would have been wasted. It is nice to see people put aside their differences and come out and enjoy themselves together. What an end to a wonderful season.

Tom