



To all Racers and Friends of the Steel City Showdown -

On behalf of Steel City Endurance and Iron City Bikes Racing Teams, the organizers would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the 2011 Steel City Showdown on April 17, 2011.

To the **racers**, we were inspired by the amazing performances by athletes from near and far. We greatly appreciate your racing in our event, making it an exciting day and bringing "big time bike racing" back to Pittsburgh. Your enthusiastic participation made the Steel City Showdown a success in this first year back on the racing calendar.

To the **volunteers**, we send our most sincere gratitude. This event absolutely could not have happened without the small army of people who came before sunrise, stood on corners to hold away traffic, and stayed late at the end of the race. Thank you so much for your hard work.

Special thanks to the following:

- **Maura Spillane**, for doing a superb job as volunteer liaison, and leading our army on race day
- **Dustin Wehler**, who was very busy organizing prizes and payouts on the day of the race.
- **Will Bird** for getting us pro radios and sitting in your car the whole day making sure everything went smoothly.
- **Jenny Hock**, who worked the entire day at the registration table and did an incredible job.
- **Nora Runco** worked at registration all day then stood out at the end of the Tailgate during the 1/2/3 race because nobody else wanted to.
- **Carol Moore** who worked the whole day posting results
- **Carol and Stacie Truszkowski** for sweeping the course at 6am
- **The guys from Frankferd Farms** who helped us set out the straw bales then hung out all day and picked them all up at the end.
- **JR Petsko and Gina Desmond** for helping exactly where and when it was needed and becoming impromptu USAC officials
- **Team Hope**, who came from Ohio and supported us with enthusiasm and participation in our Tailgate, and then stayed after the race and helped take down from the event! We will be cheering for you this summer when you conquer RAAM!
- All the people we grabbed off the sidelines to volunteer (CMU cycling club, Grant Jackson, Ian Baun and Nathan Clair, others we're forgetting)
- **Jacob Yundt** for hosting our website
- **Tom George** who drove from Illinois for the whole weekend and helped us with everything

To all of the **participants in the Showdown Tailgate**, thank you for helping bring the party to the sidelines on such a windy day. Your support and participation really helped us make this an even more festive day.

To all **photographers** present on race day who have shared links to their photo uploads for all racers to see and share. They say "Pics or it didn't happen!" This happened big time!

To **Gary Bywaters and our USA Cycling Officials**, thank you for all of your hard work in officiating our event and helping us keep the day fun and safe.

To **Chris Mayhew**, thank you for your highly professional announcing at our event. Your talents raised this race to the next level.

To the **North Shore business owners**, thank you for your understanding about our event immediately in your front yard, and working with us on event day.

To the **City of Pittsburgh Special Events, paramedics, City of Pittsburgh Police**, thank you for believing in bringing bike racing to downtown Pittsburgh. This downtown event is truly unique in bike race events, and we greatly appreciate your help in bringing bike racing to Pittsburgh and showcasing Pittsburgh to cyclists.

Finally, to our **sponsors and supporters**, thank you for sharing our vision of downtown bike racing in Pittsburgh, and working with us to bring bicycle racing to our city. This race would not have happened without your support.

RESULTS - For racers, please note that results can be found at www.steelcityshowdown.com/results.html.

PHOTOS - We are grateful to the many photographers on course capturing the event for fans and racers, and sharing links for all of us to enjoy their Showdown Photo Albums. Please see our website link to photos and video from race day at www.steelcityshowdown.com/media.html.

LOST & FOUND - Also, there were some items left behind at the race. Some really nice items. Please contact steelcityshowdown@gmail.com if these wheels belong to you.

STEEL CITY SHOWDOWN 2012 - While plans are currently underway for this race in 2012, due to logistics of planning around the city's schedule and Pittsburgh Pirates, we will not have a date until later in the summer/fall. However, we would love your feedback about the race, while the event is still fresh in your mind. Racers, please take a moment to answer our brief survey at <http://bit.ly/fYDmXT>. If you didn't race, but have some thoughts or ideas, please email them to us at steelcityshowdown@gmail.com

Again, thank you all for racing and helping make this event a success. We hope to see you next year at the Steel City Showdown!

Sincerely,

Ben, Justin, Mike, and Patty

Race Organizers
Steel City Showdown

