

A SMALL SUMMARY REGARDS THE S.V.T.T.A. TROPHIES

THE EDDIE TAYLOR TROPHY LADIES SHORT DISTANCE COMPETITION

Eddie Taylor was a founder member of the Glasgow Road Club when formed in 1927. He was also a member of the Cycling Tourist Club, you had to be to join the Road Club. He started competing in timetrials from 1928 until he was injured and physically handicapped doing war work as a " spider monkey ". He held a variety of posts within the Road Club and was a very efficient track official which became his main interest in the later years. Eddie was a member of the S.V.T.T.A. from 1952 until his death, he competed in veteran timetrials in 1952 and 1953 seasons.

THE REILLY TROPHY 100 MILE TIMETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Joe Reilly was in a manner of speech, the father of the S.V.T.T.A. Joe was the instigator in forming the Scottish Group of the V.T.T.A.. In 1951 he invited a group of veteran club members to a meeting in the old club house of Central Scotland Wheelers and formed a committee and in 1952 the Scottish Group became Official. Joe became the timetrial secretary for the group. Joe as well as doing the secretary's job raced in veteran events from 1952 until 1964. Joe was a member of The Glasgow Nightingale.

JIM & BETTY TRAIN TROPHY 10 MILE TIMETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jimmy Train a life long member of the Wallacehill Cycling Club. He was one of the founding fathers of the S.C.U. as we know it today. As a member of Scottish Amateur Cycling Ass. [S.A.C.A.] he was instrumental in leading them into the new organisation in 1952. From 1952 until well into the 80's Jimmy was the National Registrar receiving and processing all membership applications and lisense requests completely without assistance. If you applied for your race license one day it was lying on your doormat the next day. Jim took great pride in stating that no application took more than 48 hours to process. [I can vouch for that]. He also took an interest in his racing club boys and coached them to success after success. For all his work to cycling Jimmy recieved the B.C.F. Gold Badge and also the S.C.U. Gold Badge. When Jimmy Knew he was dying he remarked to his good friend George Miller, 'I might not have much money but I've got a lot of friends and that is important'-- A fitting epitaph

Betty supported Jimmy in all he did and their door was always open to any cyclist who cared to visit and there were hundreds of them.

THE HARRY ROBERTS TROPHY 50 MILE TIMETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Harry was an Englishman who came to live in Ayrshire around 1955. Although a racing man with Chippenham Cycling Club in England, Harry joined the Ayr Road Club he went onto hold various positions in Ayr Roads the most notable being Vice - Chairman, Harry also worked in Harry Fairbairns Cycle Shop in Irvine where he became known as 'Wee Harry' a name given to him by the other Harry to distinguish the two Harry's when working in the shop together. Harry rode veteran events from 1961 until his death in 1964. In that year Harry went on holiday to his native Wiltshire with a Ayr clubmate and while on that cycling holiday Harry was killed outright by a car when the front tyre blew out the driver lost control and hit Harry.

**THE JOHN CRAMB TROPHY
TWENTY FIVE MILE HANDICAP**

John was a member of Dunfermline & District Cycling Club from 1937 until his death in 1980. A typical club member of the time. participating in all facets of cycling from grass track to 12hours, camping, hostelling, etc. He was a dedicated timetrialist although not of the fast brigade, he contented himself by plodding along and invariably the last man. [a position I think he would contest Jimmy Soutar for] The first "25" of the season at Stirling would find him riding the 25miles to Blair--drummond, racing in the event enjoying the talk afterwards then cycling home again usually alone. He was a very keen vet and attended all the A.G.M.'s along with his friend Jock Elder. This in spite of denying to admit he was eligible when asked to join by Joe Reilly he would have been 45yrs at the time. John raised a family of cyclists one namely Wilma went onto be the Scottish Ladies Champion in the 70's doing faster times than her dad. John died while competing in a "10" on the Dundee- Perth course he was run down by a car and died of his injuries 'He was a real cyclist'.

**BEN SMITH TROPHY
25 MILE TIMETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**BEN SMITH SHIELD
ACTUAL FASTEST B.A.R.**

Ben Smith was introduced to cycling by his father they used to cycle everywhere together, thats all I knew of Bens youth. He served in the Italian Campaign during World war two. He resumed his cycling activities when demobbed, I first met up with Ben in the early sixties when with John Park we used to do the miles together, that is John and myself rode side by side for Ben was always about five miles in front saying we were to slow. Ben first rode veteran events in 1954 aged 42years, he rode every year until 1967 when he was run down from behind by a car while out training for the comming season. With bad head injuries Ben fought for life hard and won after a long confinement in hospital Ben was left with an unsteady walk and had to use a walking stick to get about but that didn't deter him he started to timetrial again with the help of his club mates who steaded him on his bike and waited at the turn to guide him back on the return leg. Ben in his veteran years held eleven British records also in 1966 was 2nd in British vets B.A.R. and with John Park won the team award. His name was at the top when competing in S.V.T.T.A. events. Sadly the years took their toll with Be.

**TOM McGINNESS
MERITORIOUS TROPHY**

Tom was a gentleman very pleasant to all who frequented his cycle shop, but when out riding with him it was a different story he went all out for blood he was'nt happy till he saw your tonque hanging out, there are still people out there to testify to that. Tom won the very first event the S.V.T.T.A. held, a 25mile at Stirling his time 1.4.20 at 40years gave him a + 1.40. in those days Tom was a member of the Douglas C.C. moving over to the Glasgow Regent in 1961. Tom had two rivals Jimmy Brinkins and Ben Smith if he beat them he was over the moon. He held four British veteran records. Tom never recovered his health after an operation he gave up his shop and retired.

**JIM SHARPE TROPHY
VETERAN HANDICAP
100 MILE TIMETRIAL**

Jim Sharpe was an enthusiastic veteran though not a competing one he enjoyed the administration side of things. He attended all the events and performed what was asked of him. his specialty was recording he had all the figures calculated and down on paper before the timekeeper had finished. Jim was a touring man rather than a racing one his club in his young days was the Douglas CC and the C.T.C. he toured Europe and England as well as his beloved Scotland. He developed heart problems and had to give up the bike although he still went out for short rides but they were few. Jim for a while was correspondent gathering all the Scottish veteran news and any other news for the Veteran magazine, he also was Chairman/ President of the group taking over from Jock Patrick when Jock stood down. That was a proud period in his life. Jim was admitted to hospital on the morning of the vets 100 mile championship with heartfailure, he did'nt survive.

**KEN ANDERSON TROPHY
UNDER 50 YEARS B.A.R.**

Ken presented the above trophy to the association. I believe it was one of many he had won in his cycling career. I know very little of Ken as he was a bit before my time, he owned a cycle shop in Scotland Street Glasgow next to the Shields road subway and I as a young cyclist used to window shop and look at the racing photographs that adorned his window walls never stepping inside his shop. I believe Ken was a member of the defunct Zenith Wheelers and indulged in bicycle polo along side the great track man Jameson possible he done the track also. I would be grateful if one of our older members would put pen to paper and hand me a small history of Ken.

**JACKIE CONNOR TROPHY
THE ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP [MISSING]**

**JACKIE CONNOR TROPHY
BEST IMPROVED B.A.R.**

Jackie Connor Snr. is a well known Glasgow business man a life long member of the St. Christopher C.C. and long time sponsor to the Glasgow Regent C.C. and many others who benefited from him. the road race cup which he donated to the association went missing a few years back so if anyone can point a finger towards it come forward. Jackie donated another cup and we have put it up for the most improved rider in the B.A.R.

**JIM LYON MEMORIAL TROPHY
THE OVER 60 YEARS ROAD RACE CHAMPIOSHIP**

The above cup was donated to the association by Jim's Wife in memory of him. After a spell away from cycling Jim came back to the sport and joined the vets, right away he was showing a clean pair of heels to the top men. His best year was 1994 when he achieved three firsts in the 10ml. 25ml. 50ml. championships followed by 2nd and 3rd placings in the 100ml. and B.A.R. In 1995 Jim got 1st and 2nd in the 30ml, 25ml. Also age records 50ml. 30ml. 10ml. If Jim was still with us today there would be no doubt that his cabinet would be over flowing with trophies.

**THE JOHN CUSKER TROPHY
TWELVE HOUR TIMETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

John was a character, they dont come like him anymore. I will guarantee you that every club cyclist in the west of Scotland over the age of 50 years and possibly below can tell a tale regards John. My own is when John Came into Tam McGinness shop with his crumpled bike one day, he told us that while cycling down the waterworks brae at Milngavie where he stayed he spied a lady emerging from a car [the type that the door opened forward] showing to much leg, poor John with his eyes fixed in her direction crashed bending his top and down tubes. John with a glint in his eye said " Chaps it was worth it." John was of the same calabur of John Cramb a mile eater the long distance events were Johns delight especially the twelve hours. When you went out on a run with John doing the Cria, Dunoon or round Loch Katrine the day went fast not by speed but by the entertainment you got from John. At John's funeral there was'nt an empty seat in St. Mungo's church.

**BILL LENNON TROPHY
HILLY TIMETRIAL**

Bill Lennon had the distinction of being the oldest Glasgow Centre novice 25mile winner. Comming late to timetrialing Bill won the novice trophy when he was 37 years old. Bill like all rest of the club folk then was a mile eater and a hard one at that, the name half-- wheeler rings a bell with me. If Bill Met up with you and any conversation took place it was with Bill speaking to you over his left or right shoulder. A window cleaner by trade Bill cycled everywhere in Glasgow during his working day and if you happened to see a bike hanging from scaffolding around some buildings he knew that Bill was'nt far away cleaning windows. Bill left a legacy to the vets, hence the event and trophy to his memory and like John Cusker everyone has a story regards Bill and meeting him out on the road. He was a hard rider.

BILL SMITH BOOMERANG TROPHY

TWO UP TEAM TIMETRIAL

Bill was a member of the Douglas cycling club who emigrated to Australia where he married and settled down. He came back on holiday frequently and rode timetrials here on one visit he donated the Boomerang trophy to the S.V.T.T.A. in the early seventies, at that time all the names of the vets riding the event was placed in a hat and when the names emerged that was your team. the format has changed over the years. Bill was friendly with Pinky Williams and when Pinky went out to Australia to visit his Daughter they used to meet up and with a bicycle supplied from Bills many racing machines Pinky and Bill put in a few miles together. Bill even promoted a timetrial in honour of Pinky who didn't let him down by taking third fastest place. On one such cycle runs Bill let it be known to Pinky that in the event of his death he would like his ashes scattered on Loch Lomond side. Unfortunately that day came to soon and Pinky keeping his promise received Bill's ashes and organised a service on the lochside at Balloch country park and Ian Walls came along with his church minister to take the service. With a large group of S.V.T.T.A. members a service was held for Bill and his ashes put to the wind

PINKY WILLIAMS TROPHY 30 MILE TIMETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Alexander Stratton Williams. If you were to ask anyone if they knew the man you would get blank stares, but if you asked for Pinky Williams all the cycling world would know who you were speaking of. A legend in his life time Pinky love for cycling was well known, starting prewar with a local Wishaw club Pinky's second attempt at timetrialing brought him a time of 25min. 26sec. for a "10" being only a eleven seconda adrift from the event winner Jim Scott a Scottish champion that season. The war interrupted Pinky's cycling he was called up six months prior to hostilities and spent six and a half years in the heat of things. He landed in France in 1940 and then onto Crete again evading capture he was posted to North Africa attached to the 8th army and after North Africa he landed at Normandy to go all way to Berlin. You could say Pinky had himself a war. Back home Pinky joined the Law Wheelers his old club being disbanded and he remains a member to this day, holding many positions in the club he is now President for life. Pinky joined the vets six years after its forming and has been instrumental in the groups growth since, he took on the position of treasurer/ secretary of the group and he worked hard on gaining new members and keeping old ones. He also organised the groups dinner and Presentation, it also grew to become the best dinner and dance in the cycle world with at times over 300 cyclist and friends attending. Besides doing all that work for the vets and Law Wheelers Pinky rode timetrials all over Britain and Europe gaining many awards to numerous to mention. Pinky is still with us today living in retirement with Betty his wife who from the day they married in 1946 has encouraged Pinky in all that he has participated in.

SADLY PINKY DIED 8TH NOVEMBER 2001 AGED 83 YEARS

THE ARCHIE SPEED TROPHY

10, 25, 50, AGGREGATE PLUS TABLE

Archie joined the Fife century Road Club in 1947 and is still a member after 60 years. He has held a variety of posts within the club and the Fife Cycling Association. He has Organised and rode events from 10 mile to 24 hours over the years. He was involved in the Stage race "The Tour of The Kingdom" for 24 years and still time keeps events in the Fife Area.

Timetrialing

0and has rode every distance numerous times including the only 24 hour to be

H00eld in Scotland. He has been a member of the S.V.T.T.A. since 1963. He went onto be President Of the Scottish Group until he retired from the post and now is an Honorary Life Member Of the Association

Sadly Archie passed away on the 7th of October 2013.

JOHN M. THAYNE SHIELD

BEST ALL ROUNDER CHAMPIONSHIP

John Thayne was a life long club cyclist, a member of the Glasgow Wheelers from 1941—2015. John entered national service with the Royal Navy in 1943 aged eighteen years old serving in Ceylon [Si Lanka] and was a member of the services cycling club known as the Jungle Roamers whilst on the island. On returning to civvy street he had a leading role with the Glasgow Wheelers forming the the Scottish section of the new B.L.R.C. and raced under its banner including the famous Brighton to Glasgow six day event. John continued to race until the early sixties when he took over various club duties. He was a member of the Commonwealth Games technical committee for Cycling in 1970 and 1986. He also was involved as time keeper and judge in the Scottish Milk Races. He found time to time keep events for the West of Scotland Cycling Association also he served on the committee for the S.V.T.T.A. again performing numerous duties. Whilst carrying duties John found time to return to racing and with his wife Johan both winning numerous veteran championships

THE SPEED FAMILY TROPHY

15 MILE TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

DONATED BY MHAIRI AND BRIAN LAFFOLEY

The Speed family from Fife [Fife Century Road Club] is a well known name family name the length and breadth of Scotland. Father Archie's fame is well documented else where. Son Alistair followed in his fathers footsteps. Time trialing, Timekeeping and along side dad organising. There was'nt many cycle events held in Fife that father and son did'nt support. Mother Margaret and daughter Mhairi always attended events with Archie and Alistair to give encouragement. Mhairi also organizes and timekeeps events in Fife and else where when asked. Mhairi with husband Brian and son Gavin carry on family tradition.
