

a country,

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a continent,

the world

by bicycle

1943-1993

50 yrs

500,000 km

John Hathaway

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUCCESS AND PROBLEMS</u>	<u>MLS</u>	<u>WKS</u>	<u>KMS</u>
1947	22	Coventry CCA B.A.R. Champion (over 25, 50, 100ml & 12hrs)			
1948	23	“ “ “ “			
1949	24	“ “ “ “			
1950	25	“ “ “ “ then,			
1951	26	severe chest pain in 1 st January (kept secret)			
1952	27	Emigrate to Canada (get away from racing)			
1953	28	TORONTO to VANCOUVER (all Canadian route)	4,770	13	7,670
1955	30	VANCOUVER to MONTREAL (all USA rte via New Orleans)	7,770	12	12,500
1956	31	In England back to time trials (fastest 100/best 12 hr/415ml-24hr)			
1957	32	HALIFAX to VANCOUVER (Trans-Canada record for 20 years) After record, met and married Margaret Reid, a diabetic.	3,950	3.5	5,780
1959	34	No strength, give up cycling on doctor's orders.			
1962	37	Viral pneumonia, left a weakened heart for 5 years, 4 weeks each year, no work, no diagnosis, only vallium.			
1967	42	'Nothing organically wrong' return to cycling.			
1971	46	Margaret dies from diabetes.			
1972	47	Broken hip, repaired with 3 pins. (no problem) 7 months later CALGARY to VANCOUVER in 51hrs (1000km)			
1974	49	WORLD TOUR (6 continents, 52 countries) GUINNESS WORLD RECORD	50,600	99.5	81,000
1977	53	VANCOUVER to WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO. (1 st Canadian C.A. Rally guest)	2,600	3.5	4,200
1983	58	Broken clavicle. (no problem)			
1985	60	Operation for removal of kidney stone. (no problem)			
1986	61	VANCOUVER to ST LUIS, ARGENTINA. (aborted World Tour, hit by truck, broken back 2 compressed vertebrae)	9,700	26	15,600
1990	65	Heart valve abnormality, return to England.			
1991	66	(return to Canada) TORONTO to VANCOUVER (via 48,000kms in 48 states, USA)	30,530	104	50,760
1993	68	Broken left hand (a problem)			
1994	69	Heart valve abnormality, returns after 48,000mls/76,800km in 4 years. (long distance hard riding a problem)			

1925
Billy Hathaway overweight
and undertrained

1939
Learnt to ride bicycle at a
building site. Was given the
BSA bicycle by the plasterer
foreman.
1938/40
Bicycle errand boy, and
school photo club rides.
1940 Age 15
Parents buy me a Graves of
Sheffield "SPEED KING" all
steel, fixed wheel, racing bike
at 3/19s/6d
1940/44 (war time)
In the cycle platoon of Local
Defence Volunteers renamed
the HOME GUARD

1939 Age 14
1938/40 Jnr. Tech. School.
Coventry Tech. College

1943 Age 18

Join COVENTRY METEOR C.C.
First Time Trial 50 mile – 2h 35m 25s (inc 5m
late start)

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BTTL 30mile Time Trial

Time 1h – 25m

1st Handicap Award
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Other activities:

Sunday rides include lunch, tea, pub stop.
Weekends. Sat 2pm to Dovedale, Ludlow, etc.
Hard rides (18mph) Marshall T.T. events.
Weekly clubroom for ride info, darts, table
tennis, snooker, piano.
And the war is still on with food rationing and
black outs.

Sept. '44 Birmingham TTL 12hr time trial
207 miles on 74in. fixed

Fixed wheel XMAS TOUR, Plymlimmon Pass,
Wales

The Landlord, Bill Pease, John Hathaway

1944. War is still on with food rationing,
shortage of bike spares.

1st 25ml Time Trial 1h 15m 36s heavy 'SPEED
KING' using 78in. fixed gear.

2 weeks later 1hr 5m 57s on J. Cliffords 'E.J.
CARPENTER' lightweight in 'Meteor' open 25
July..2 week 800ml tour Coventry to Ediburgh
and back, over the mountains on a fixed wheel.
Sept...3 day tour of Norfolk. See hundreds of
aircraft with gliders on way to the Battle of
Normandy, France.

1st completed 100ml Time Trial Pyramid R.C. in
5hr 9min 44sec. on a 79in. fixed. Cold heavy
rain reduced 80 riders to 40 finishers.

1945 Age 20

Short racing season, with 2 firsts & 1 sec. then 15th May inducted in Royal Navy at HMS Royal Arthur, Skegness, (War in Europe over)
 Transferred to Royal Marines Engineers in June for the Japanese War. In between missed the Solihull Invitation 25, but rode the Cov. CCA. 100 mile T.T. in 4h59m50s for 2nd place and 1st Handicap. War ended while square bashing at Deal, also given permission to have racing bike. Transfer to RMTTD at Portsmouth as EEVT Instr.

1946

Ride 50m Merseyside Mountain Trial on fixed –

July – Coventry R.C. – COVENTRY to LONDON and back record (held for 21yrs) 9hr 47 min, (170miles)

Sept. – Sail to HONG KONG for duty at the Services School. Now Cpl. Hathaway aka Cpl. Speed

1942 / 1952 inclusive

Solo and club tours in U.K. No Europe tours

1947 Age 22

After 4 months in HONG KONG, and cycling in constant heat, it was back to England in February for demob. Worst cold and snow in decades. Avoid snow drifts in 1st Cov CCA 25 in March Leicester Forest 25mile TT at Easter.

My slowest, 1hr 13min. Cure? Get a new frame. My first handbuilt a “GEORGE STOKES”

C.C. C.A. July. 25m TT win in 1hr 5min 42sec.

C.C. C.A. 12hr TT 217.5 miles
 Merseyside Mountain Trial 100km 3hr 32min 36sec.

Coventry Cycling Clubs Alliance

Best All Rounder Champion

Fastest average speed over 25, 50, 100ml & 12hrs

Typical week (March to October)

Monday	Rest (no riding)
Tuesday	25mile Training ride
Wednesday	Track racing
Thursday	50mile Training ride
Friday	Roller training

At Gibraltar – Sep. '46

Bike used: lightweight MAURICE SELBACH taper tube frame.

On tour in the Peak district '49

National Championship 50 mile T.T.
 2hr 12min 10sec (Club record)

Saturday Ride to event, or got to the movies.

Sunday Ride event, then ride home

1948

Feb. 250ml (400km) YORK and back week end.

My annual time trial rides

Easter Classic Charlotteville C.C. 50ml.

Whitsun Classic Calleva Road Club 100ml.

August Classic Bath Road C.C. 100ml.

Coventry C.C.A. 25ml 1hr 4min 32sec 1st.

Coventry C.C.A. 50ml 2hr 11min 52sec 1st.

Coventry C.C.A. 100ml 4hr 50min 01sec

Coventry C.C.A. 12hr 221.5miles

Favourite event

100km MERSEYSIDE MOUNTAIN TRIAL in
Wales

Course: Llangollen (Horseshoe Pass 400m)

Denbigh (Sportmans Arms Pass)

Pentrefoelas, A5, Llangollen.

Time: 3hr 9min 31sec. (13th fastest)

3rd fastest (100competitors)

Eleanor Road Club 25mile T.T. 1hr 4min 0sec.

Winning CCCA 50mile in 2hr 9min 33sec

(Event record)

3rd time COVENTRY CYCLING CLUBS

ALLIANCE Best All rounder CHAMPION

1949

10ml 23m57s (1ST)

15ml 43m32s (1st)

25ml 1h1m39s (1st)

50ml 2h9m33s (1st)

100ml 4h30m16s (28th)

12hrs 225.5miles

1949

Bill Dodd – John Hathaway – Albert Hayes –

Brian Blagden

Coventry Meteor C.C. Pursuit Team

3rd in 4 man Team Pursuit

Opening Meet – HALESOWEN TRACK

1950 AGE 25

COVENTRY CCA events

25ml 1h0m46s COURSE RECORD

50ml 2h8m12s

100ml 4h32m33s

COURSE & EVENT RECORDS

12 hr. 228miles

3rd FASTEST5th MERSEYSIDE MTN TRIAL

100km 2h59m57s

2nd FASTEST & KING of MTS

Winner Reg Devonport

2h59m36s

Win & Fastest 50mls

2h7m38s

Ericsson Wheelers

Open 50 Time Trial

COVENTRY C.C.A.

B.A.R. Champion 1947 1948 1949 1950

NOVEMBER 15, 1950

"THE BICYCLE"

Coventry Alliance champion for the fourth time,
J.W. Hathaway, Meteor, has also broken several
records this year.COVENTRY METEOR CYCLING CLUB – 1950 Annual Dinner & Dance

Prize Presentation

Vera Reed, Gordan Chinn, John Hathaway, Johnny Burwood, Brian Quinn

1951 Mersey side Mountain Trial (6th time)

Terrible cold wet conditions

Ride to LEAMINGTON, train to

SHREWSBURY, ride to LLANGOLLEN.

Saturday social drinking with competitors. Race

on Sunday....DNF. Ride to SHREWSBURY,

train to LEAMINGTON, ride to COVENTRY.

1951 Age 26

A few races, but touring was my main interest.

Club weekends, always B&B

HAY ON WYE, Her/Mon 180ml.

WETTON, the Peaks 125ml

LUDLOW, Shropshire 120ml.

LLANGOLLEN, Wales .80ml

BATH, the Cotswolds 180ml.

COVENTRY METEOR CYCLING CLUB

Breakfast run LOWER Chinnor, Bucks.

Start (Full moon) 6am to 6pm.

Organize a successful 2 week tour of the New Forest & Isle of Wight

NOTE: My lack of racing this year was due to having a severe chest pain when sleeping during the night of 1st Jan 1951 (always a secret)

Mid-week ride out to Catherine de Barnes, a cyclists' tea place. Wednesday night, support the Track League Meet, the BUTTS? Coventry

New Forests events

Poole Whlrs 50ml

B'mouth Jubilee Whlrs 100ml

Wessex R. C. 24hr DNF

Favourite Bed & Breakfast at Linford in the New Forest 1948 to Xmas 1952

Cat & Fiddle Inn

1951 - FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Coventry Carnival Parade

Lady Godiva

In the 1890s ridden in 24hr Pace Track Events
Riding a Geared Facile

Feb. W.E. Chores at Saffron Walden Y.H.

It was on this ride that Johnny Burwood and Les Batten talked about going to Australia. I said Canada would be better

1952 Age 27

After the Saffron Walden weekend, to London by train. At the CANADIAN IMMIGRATION, passed medical and written tests. At age 9, the Geography class subject was Canada and the Rocky Mtns. Hence Vancouver was my destination by bicycle.

Booked a passage on a cargo ship from Avonmouth to Montreal. Would receive embarkation details while on tour in the New Forest. Would spend winter in TORONTO, Canada

5,4,3,2,1.GO..the start in the
WESSEX ROAD CLUB 24hr Time Trial
August 1952

Result DNF due to boil on my scrotum. It was painful. Retired at 18 hours. Promised Joan Pickard we would do a 4 day tour in the Peak Dist. Was out of the saddle most of the time. Back to Coventry, it was time to get my bike assembled with its camping gear and put it in a wooden crate. With my parents it was by train to Avonmouth. Embarked from Avonmouth 18 Aug '52 on Donaldson Line 8000ton, 8 pass. Refrigerator boat.
HAD I MADE THE RIGHT MOVE??

1957After 5 day s sail, arrived in Montreal. On board remove bike from crate, walk down gangplank, pass through Immigration and Customs with passport stamped LANDED IMMIGRANT - 23 AUGUST 1952

By 16h30 it was time to ride to Toronto via Ottawa and Kingston

My TORONTO home till 26 April '53
(brother-in-law aunt's place)

1952 within 2 weeks found work as an estimator at John Inglis Co, on paper making machine for Red Rock Ontario,
Joined: ARAMAC CAMERA CLUB
QUEEN CITY BICYCLE CLUB
CANADIAN YOUTH HOSTELS

Don, Ted, John on one of our rides. North of TORONTO.

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W.E. rides to Collingwood (Oct.) and Baysville, Muskoka. (YH Xmas)
Ice skating with hostellers, and photography with ACC, end day at Bel Aire Restaurant for the best Boston cream pie.

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Date 1 of 3 girls from Birmingham who in 1953 rode Toronto to Vancouver on 125cc BSA Bantam motorcycles. Met again in Kelowna BC, in '53 and in Ocean Falls BC, in '54
Winter riding, freezing cold at times. Australian rider cried with cold feet on one Sunday ride.
Don Robinson and Ted Bateman emigrate from Coventry Road CLUB.

1953 Age 28

Ride with Don, Ted and Al to hostellers ski w.e. at Dagmar. It snowed all the time, return by train.

Ride Hamilton 'Good Friday' Road Race. Murphy and I split the field. Finished 11th.

Raced Tuesday nights on the Bolton circuit. QCBC events.

April.. ready bike for Trans-Canada camping tour. Buy 35mm Wrayflex camera.

Depart TORONTO, 27 April... Heavy rain, icy camping Hwy. 11... bush country all the way to Manitoba... Rolling and flat prairie from Winnipeg to Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary... Rough gravel roads and mountains Banff, Jasper, Mt Robson, Kamloops... Good roads Okanagan, Manning Pk, VANCOUVER. Arriving 4th August after 4771mils in 100 days.

Rear hub flange with broken flange at Saskatoon... SIMPLEX GEAR disintegrates at Mt Robson... Rear wheel sheds spokes, enough to accept ride from south of Blue River to Kamloops.

Trans Canada 'venturers of '53

The Whitfords, JWH, Jack & Hazel Weavell

A fabulous
Cycle Camping
Tour
4770 miles
100 days

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Muskoka Lakes
2. Kakabeka Falls
3. Intl. Peace Garden
4. Riding Mtn. Nat Park
5. Quepelle Valley
6. Little Manito Beach

7. Prince Albert Nat. Park
8. Elk Island Buffalo Park
9. Calgary Stampede
10. Banff-Jasper Nat. Park
11. Mt. Robson
12. Kelowna Regatta
13. Manning Park

1953 VANCOUVER

Meet the Vancouver Bicycle Club.

Fred Deeley Cycles presents me with Raleigh "SUPER LENTON" to ride the 3 day Stage Race VANCOUVER-HOPE-PR'TON-PENTICTON.

Hostelling group of day rides and weekend tours

A w.e. ride to Westholme, Vancouver Island to meet Jack & Hazel Weavell (tandem w/trailer), and the Whitfords & baby (tandem w/trailer), whose independent routes were Montreal to Vancouver.

Drafting jobs hard to find, get temporary job as lathe operator.

Learn to ski with Hostellers on Mt. Seymour including 3rd Peak.

Note... came here to forget about racing???

1954

Feb. No work, March.. temporary at Simpsons new place at Burnaby.

Share attic suite with Harold Leather a landed immigrant from Lancashire.

The '54 Commonwealth Games Velodrome is completed... ride the opening event 150 laps of the 250 meter wooden track.

Finally get a drafting job up coast at OCEAN FALLS with Crown Zellerbach Pulp & Paper

Cycling is out except 1 1/2 miles to Martin Valley. Plenty of rain. Apart from some hiking to ski cabin, winter was for skiing.

Decided my next tour would route me back to Montreal then sail back to England with my slide lecture.

1955 Age 30

Hospitalized for a week, it wasn't serious. Live in basement suite in Martins Valley, at least it was 25 miles a week. Work on route, return to Vancouver and send for new Simplex gears etc.

Jim Davies (right) of Vancouver, B.C., winner of the recent Vancouver-Penticton Bicycle Race, poses with John Hathaway (centre) of Vancouver, who came in second, and Gary Lund of Seattle, Washington, who took third place.

Skiing on Mt. Seymour

VANCOUVER is a great place to live and cycle. Spanish Banks, University B.C., Stanley Park, Marine Dr., West Van., Mt. Seymour

Won Mt. Seymour Hill Climb in 37min 43 sec.

Aug. 1st. start ride Vancouver – New Orleans – Montreal nipped by dog at Enumclaw, WA... Mt. Rainier... Colubia River... Mt. Hood... too cold to sleep at Crater Lake... Los Angeles... 105 F Mojave desert... sleep on Hoover Dam... Grand Canyon... Sante Fe for Indian Festivities... Loveland Pass 11992 ft... Denver... Texas Panhandle... Dallas... old type barbecue & hotel at Rusk TX... Gulf of Mexico... New Orleans... Birmingham AL...

Danger?? Blacks in N.C.... Gt. Smokey Mtns...
Sugar cane processing in KY... Williamsburg...
G.W's birthplace... Washington... Amish
country... Princeton... New York...
Plattsburg... Montreal.

At U.N., New York after 3 month riding

Sail on Cunard Liner Montreal to Southampton
back in time for BRITISH B.A.R. Concert at the
Albert Hall November.

7750 miles in 3 months
125 miles/riding day

1956 Age 31

Same address, same job as in 1952.
Club weekends to Dovedale, Hay on Wye the
Cotswolds.

Hounslow 100mile T.T. --- 4th fastest.
4hr 29min 36sec personal best
Coventry CCA 25mile T.T. 3rd fastest
1hr 4min 30sec
Mersey Road Club... 24hr T.T.
415mile (664km) club record

My secret goal was a future attempt on Fred
Anderson's Trans Canada record.

Because of my brother's death in Malaysia in
March, and the best climate required for the
record attempt in June 1957, the Canadian
Immigration said I would not lose my landed
immigrant status.

Gave a few Canada/USA slide shows

Regular rides with club on Sundays and
midweek

Mersey C.C. 24hr Time Trial
In the Cheshire lanes with my helpers and their
car. I finished, the car did not.

1957 Age 32

Worked on my Trans Canada record and scheduled 24 days. This was altered to 27 on advice of my friends. Could not use any road in the USA even when the Canadian route was almost unrideable in the West.

In May ride to Liverpool, and Cunard liner to Quebec City then ride 500 miles to Halifax. Start 7:00am 27 May by official timekeeper.

Rain to the St. Lawrence River, then heat to Ottawa with result badly blistered arms. N. Ontario gave below freezing conditions for early June. Robbed of a 200ml. Day on the Prairies by a terrible rain that I took shelter for over 2hrs, hence only 189miles. Terrible mountain gravel road west of Rossland to 5280 ft. Last day 182 miles from Princeton. Arrived at Vancouver P.O. at 20hr10min official time Record 24d13hr5m. (It stood for 20 years)

1957

Finish at Vancouver P.O.

SUCCESS

Guess what? There's a 300mile road race coming up in September.

1957 Age 32

June – record, July- drafting job, August- meet girl, Sept- road race and engaged, Dec- married on longest night of year.

My helpers Jack, Hazel, and Margaret thawed me out with a large fire and hot food at Manning Park.

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Labour Day weekend, 1 day Road Race
KELOWNA to VANCOUVER
300miles (480km)

1 st	Gary Lund	Seattle	16hr 30min
2 nd	John Hathaway	Vancouver	18hr 30min
3 rd	Bob Hartman	Seattle	19hr 30min
17 riders DNF			

ROUTE:

Kelowna (10pm start)

Keremeos

Princeton

(Sunday Summit 4000ft at a chilling 4am)

Alison Pass 4400ft at a chilling 6am)

Vancouver (Finish at China Creek Velodrome)

1957...

Saturday AUG. 2 it rained all day so went to the movie on the bus. Three blocks later, young lady gets on. After the movie, we met at the bus stop. At the Whitespot, she declined a coffee, and did not speak to strangers, in fact, I'm not a stranger, I'm John Hathaway. It was true as Margaret Reid was living with Fred Deeley's niece.

Monday SEPT. 2nd the day after the race at Kitsilano Beach, for my next adventure began, when we became engaged.

Married DEC. 21... First night aboard overnight C.P. ferry downtown VANCOUVER to downtown Victoria. Stayed at the "OLDE ENGLAND INN" kept the Lane brothers, racing men of the 30s in Lancashire.

The cast of HOCUS -POCUS
Other plays: Gaslight, Arsenic and Old Lace,
The American Dream
Some we took on the road.

1957 to 1971

We both joined the St. James United Church Drama Group becoming the successful UNITED PLAYERS

The cast built the set, did the lights, costume and found the props.
And then rehearsed, rehearsed, rehearsed some more.

Doreen Dick was a great director.
Margaret did the props.

Also played badminton '65 till '72

- 1958 Greyhound Bus to Toronto - Grand Canyon - LOS ANGELES - VANCOUVER to meet in-laws and friends.
- 1959 Find climbing 10th Ave hill a task that was sapping my strength. Doctor's order, stay off my bike. Margaret has miscarriage due to her diabetes.

Only local rides

1957 to 1974

Draftsman /Technician at British Columbia Research Council
Some projects: Gas furnace drawings, Plankton on deck incubator, Report drawings, Log machine technician, Marine drive detailing

1959

Replace bike with a NSU 150cc 2 stroke, shaft drive, motor scooter.

Having a motor scooter was like having a bike with an engine in it.

1961

Another 'scooter tour
Vancouver... Okanagan... Monoshe Pass...
CRESTON... CRANBROOK... CALGARY...
and return.

1963 new 250cc 4cycle Triumph Tigress Motor scooter for TRANS CANADA TOUR

Oct... at Oroville, California

VANCOUVER... Mt. Hood... Mt. Shasta... Mt. Lasse... SACRAMENTO... ALAMEDA... Napa Valley... Ave of Giant Redwoods... CRESCENT CITY... I-5...PORTLAND... VANCOUVER.

1962..

Severe storm and broken windows and cold apt. gave me viral pneumonia.

Resultant damage showed up in '63, '64, '65 and '66 as a fast heart beat that I could hardly walk.

Treatment each time was stay home 4 weeks and rest and take Valium.

At work they would not let me lift heavy loads or do heavy work.

How could I be so weak?

Vancouver – Thunder Bay – (boat to Pt. McNicol) – Toronto – Apsley
Toronto – Sault Ste Marie – Winnipeg – Calgary – Kamloops – Vancouver.

1957 to 1963

VBC member
Event promoter
Timekeeper
Commissar
BC Chairman for CWA
(Canadian Wheelmens Assn)

Prompted Western Canada Road Championships at MISSION CITY . Wet snow on morning of 1st July caused some riders to fall at Stave Falls Dam.

Bill Wild & Jack Ferguson went to the Canadian Championships back East and then to the 1962 Commonwealth Games at PERTH, Australia.

2 man Team Time Trial start on East Hastings at Sperling in BURNABY

1967

Reg, Margaret and John at Harrison Hot Springs

Reg Devonport (from Liverpool) of Montreal failed the Trans-Canada record

Reg came to Canada in '51. It's our first meeting in 17 years.

Reg and I were the first and only 2 riders to beat 3hrs for the 100km Merseyside Mtn Trial.

1st R. Davenport 2h59m36s

2nd J. Hathaway 2h59m57s

King of Mtns.. J. Hathaway

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Motor scooter still used.

1967 Age 42

Would I live past 43?

Good news in March

"There's nothing organically wrong with me", said my doctor.

Take my bike out of storage, and start commuting to work. In the fall, fall when hit by a car, he had to pay damages.

Ordered from England a JACK TAYLOR tandem and a Marathon frame.

Received both in early '68 and now could take Margaret out on the tandem.

1968

Train to Toronto and Winnipeg where our tandem was ridden.

Outside Toronto's City Hall.

1969

With Harold & Joan Bridge, Curt & Joanne Wilson, along with Margaret started the GREATER VANCOUVER CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB.

For the next 4 years regular club rides. Weekend overnight rides to Victoria, Chilliwack, Sunshine Coast Hostel

Most notable success: CYCLING RALLY at Bear Creek Park, Surrey
Novel events, Roller rides,
CYCLISTS' TOURING COMPETITION

Speed judging, hill climbing ability, observed sections, emergency braking, questions on cycling.

GVCTC – Club run.

Margaret Gwendolyn HATHAWAY nee REID.
Born 13 July 1931. Married 21 December 1957.
Died 31 March 1971. Enjoyed life to the fullest.
She battled her diabetes and its side effects in her
heroic life. Was a great partner on and off the
tandem.

1970

During the summer 70 girls, aiming for Expo'70
in Japan, arrived in Vancouver by bicycle from
Montreal.

By the time they got here, they were ready to
lynch their leader, a lone French-Canadian male.

They were short of money so not all made it to
Japan.

They had
1 sag bus
1 kitchen bus
1 equipment van.

Spring of '71 – A charity ride. Capilano
Stadium to UBC and back. My tandem partner
was one of the Quebec lady riders.

1971 Age 46

At mile 0. 5 pm start

After Margaret died. COULD I MAKE THE
RETURN TO LONG DISTANCE RIDING?

So after 3 months of training including
Pemberton and back
Earls Cove and back
Hope and back

AND OTHERS

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July train to Quesnel and ride to Dawson Creek
for record attempt. Dawson Creek to Vancouver
750mls(1200km) in 72 hrs.

SUCCESS

2 days 21 hrs 15mins.

Pine Pass 933m

Memories

Climb Pine Pass at midn't. Hot bath and good breakfast at Prince George at 9:00am.
6hr sleep at Quesnel. Ruined by painful knees.
Cut out 6hr rest at Spences Bridge
Livestock truck nearly wiped me out near Cache Creek.
Success on reaching Vancouver P.O. in 69hrs15min.

1971 Christmas

No family Xmas this year.
So with 6in of snow, beautiful sunny weather, and riding my fixed-wheel bicycle did a 4 day tour of the Fraser Valley. Staying with friends at Maple Ridge, Matsqui and WhiteRock

At Maple Ridge

1972 Age 47

Long distance riding all winter till 16th January.

It was a dark stormy evening when I crashed on railway crossing on Powell St.

Broken hip. Repaired with 3 pins, then on crutches till 10 May.

Was undaunted by the accident, continued to train over long distances after a period of riding with cane attached to top tube in case my leg failed.

By August was ready to schedule my attempt on Fred Anderson's 56hr Calgary to Vancouver Record.

At Prospect Lake. Saanich Peninsula
GVCTC July 1st VICTORIA 3 day weekend.

1972
BABC Recreational delegate to the Canadian
C.A.
Timekeeper at the China Creek Velodrome.
GVCTC Sunday & weekend rides.

1973
Hit by drunk driver on Lougheed east of
Bainbridge. Did not make club meeting so J.B.
made sure she got my position.

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1974
Winner Veterans Class – WEST VANCOUVER
– SQUAMISH – WHISTLER Road Race

3 week tour with Mary Tainsh
PRINCE RUPERT – JASPER –
CALGARY...2mths before my World Tour.

CALGARY TO VANCOUVER National Record
51 hrs 1 min

1972 Age 47

Ted Long my helper, without Ted it would have
been an impossible task. At the back of my
mind, would my hip give me trouble? Hottest
weekend of the year. Was late arriving at
Revelstoke. Beautiful clear full moon night
crossing the Rockies. Harold Bridge relieved
Ted on very hot Kamloops valley stretch.
Slept 1 1/2hrs in Ted's car west of Savona.
Fell of bike, at night stop.. Hip OK. No help on
new Hwy 7 as R.R.Xing is not yet finished. Ted
had to catch me at Agassiz by the way of Hope.
Good ride to finish.

Tony Hoar
lantern rouge
1954
Tour de France

Harold Bridge

1973
VETERANS CYCLING
CLUB

Annual Hill Climb with
Wine & Crab Picnic at
POINT ROBERTS

1974 AUGUST.. after 17 years at BC RESEARCH was layed off. That night at home, on spur of the moment, decided to sell my house (only had it a year), and ride round the world. Order special clothing from England. Get maps of each continent. Decided on 50,000 miles in 100 weeks at age 50

SEPT.. Carry out prearranged 3 week bicycle tour NANAIMO – KELSEY BAY ferry PRINCE RUPERT – JASPER – CALGARY.

OCT.. RALEIGH road bike with Simplex/Stronglight fittings. 10 speed (44 to 102 inch ratios) and 27 x 1 1/4 wheels. Wt. in touring trim 15kg (331lbs).

ROUTE.. being winter, so south to Mexico, Caribbean Islands, South America, Africa, India, S.E. Asia, Australia, then north to Far East, Trans-Siberian railway to Europe. Scandinavia, West Europe, U.K. then by air to North America, riding to Vancouver... all in 700 days. Note: ROUTE BASED ON PAVED ROADS, and to miss excessive HEAT AND COLD CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

NOV.. 2 sets of Jerseys & Track suits rcd. Green/riding & red/VIP. Lettered.. ROUND THE WORLD / 50,000 miles / ENDURANCE RIDE

Other Passport, any Visas, to be obtained en route. Money obtained using a LETTER OF CREDIT. Budget of \$20 per day. Saddlebag with spares, sleeping bag, etc., wt 15kg. Open dated flight tickets.

1974....Age 49

Start VANCOUVER, CANADA.

7:10am 10 Nov. '74. City Hall.

NORTH AMERICA

ride coast to LOS ANGELES, USA
ride desert to HERMOSILLO, MEXICO
ride coast to TEPIC, MEXICO
ride m'tains to VERA CRUZ, MEXICO
train to MERIDA, MEXICO

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

fly to KINGSTON, JAMAICA
fly to PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI
fly to SANTO DOMINGO, DOM. REP
fly to SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICA
fly to BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS
fly to PORT OF PRINCE, TRINIDAD

SOUTH AMERICA

fly to PARAMARIBO, SURINAM
fly to SALVADOR, BRAZIL
ride coast to CURITIBA, BRAZIL
ride inland to ASUNCION, PARAGUAY
ride river to BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

“Goodbye to the Vancouver
Veterans Club at the Peace
Arch – BLAINE, Washington, US
Day 1

Day 89 – 7000 mls (11200km) IGUACU CATARATAS – BRAZIL on the Parana River where Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay meet.

fly to CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
 ride coast to DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA
 ride north to VICTORIA FALLS, RHODESIA
 ride river to BOTSWANA
 ride river to LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA
 ride northeast to MBEYA, TANZANIA
 ride animal rte DAR-ES-SALAAM, TANZANIA

INDIA sub-continent

fly to BOMBAY, INDIA
 ride 100 of plus to NEW, DELHI, INDIA
 ride Ganges to BUTWAL, NEPAL
 ride foothills KATHMANDU, NEPAL

South-east ASIA

fly to BANGKOK, THAILAND
 ride east coast CHUMPON, THAILAND
 ride west coast JOHOR BAHARU, MALAYSIA
 cross causeway SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE
 fly to JAKARTA, INDONESIA

AUSTRALIA and PACIFIC ISLANDS

fly to PERTH, AUSTRALIA
 ride Nullabor BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
 ride coast to MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
 ferry ride to TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA
 ride to HOBART, TASMANIA
 fly to DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

Day 65 5400mls.

(13 Jan. '75) (8640km)
 50TH birthday lunch in Brazil
 (by 5:30pm the sandwich had me
 vomiting)

0m to 3275m in 58km
 (0ft to 10700ft in 35ml)
 TAROKA to SKI AREA
 east/west hwy
 last 9km all gravel
 2 days on 44/50in. gears
 TAROKA RIVER GORGE
 of steep cliffs

Happenings:

Mexico, N.A....follow local rider to sneak on freeway.

Sao Paulo, S.A... visit Caloi Bike plant for 5 speed block.

Coast hwy Africa..refused at blacks only restaurant.

India.. Almost collapsed after 100 mile ride in heat wave on 1st day from Bombay.

Hit a cow in the foothills of Nepal.

Thailand, SE Asia..robbed as I still pedalled a steep mountain climb.

Taiwan, A grime time on the roads.

Australia...NO food, or drink, or bed, at the only place at Nundroon, on the Nullabor.

It's a great adventure if don't weaken.

Sunday morning on the Ginza, every Sunday no cars.

Japanese, the most helpful people.

Osaka Adult presents me with map.
Visit Shimano they replace worn parts.
Matsu Teen girl walks me to find place for the night.

Osaka Cycling family are my hosts.
Tokyo Couple befriend me. Shop for Canadian food & Yokohama for Chinese food.
Stay hostel 2 weeks waiting USSR visa.
Attend Japanese concert with Danish friend. Visit shrines. Buy new camera.
See "Dersu the Hunter" movie.

ride coast to
ferry to
ride desert rd
fly to
fly to
ASIA (FAR EAST)

PICTON, NEW ZEALAND
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND
AUKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
NANDI, FIJI
MANILA, PLILIPPINES

Day 231
(week 33)

fly to
fly to
fly to
ride to
ride to
ship to
train to
EUROPE

KOWLOON, HONGKONG
TAIPEI, TAIWAN
OSAKA, JAPAN
HIROSHIMA, JAPAN
TOKYO, JAPAN
NAHODKA, USSR
MOSCOW, USSR

train to
ride to
train to
ride to
train to
ride to
ferry to
ride to
ride to
ferry to
ride to
medal ride to
ride coast to
continue coast
continue coast
continue coast
continue coast
ferry to
around coast to
ferry to
continue coast
ride Alps to
ride to
ride to
ride to
ride hills to
ride to
ride to

WARSAW, POLAND
WARSAW, POLAND
EAST BERLIN, EAST GERMANY
WEST BERLIN, WEST GERMANY
HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY
HOOK of HOLLAND, HOLLAND
HARWICH, ENGLAND
RHYL, WALES
SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND
LE HAVRE, ENGLAND
PARIS, FRANCE
BREST, FRANCE
LISBON, PORTUGAL
BARCELONA, SPAIN
NICE, FRANCE
MONACO-VILLE, MONACO
REGGIO de CALAB, ITALY
MESSINA, SICILY
MESSINA, SICILY
REG. de CALABRIA, ITALY
VENICE, ITALY
DIJON, FRANCE
SCHAFHAUSAN, SWITZERLAND
COLOGNE, WEST GERMANY
VENLO, NETHERLANDS
LIEGE, BELGIUM
LUXEMBOURG, LUXEMBOURG
LE HAVRE, FRANCE

200mls (320km) gravel
Nullabor Plain
AUSTRALIA
Perth to Brisbane
2,800mls in 24 days
- June'75

Keen to go to Sneen,
which way?
nr. Killarney, Ireland

ferry to	SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND	
ride to	LONDON, ENGLAND	
ride to	FISHGARD, WALES	
ferry to	ROSSLAIRE, IRELAND	
ride to	DUBLIN, IRELAND	MORE HAPPENINGS:
ferry to	HOLYHEAD, WALES	loaded bike stolen in
ride to	LONDON, ENGLAND	ENGLAND, police recover.
ride to	JOHN O'GROATS, SCOTLAND	
ride to	HARWICH, ENGLAND	Sick in bed one day (the only
ferry to	BREMERHAVEN, WEST GERMANY	day of the tour).
ride to	FREDERIKHAVEN, DENMARK	
ferry to	GOTENBORG, SWEDEN	Win saddle at CTC YORK
ride coast to	OSLO, NORWAY	RALLY for greatest mile
ride forests to	MALMO, SWEDEN	
ferry to	COPENHAGEN, DENMARK	Blew 2 tires on descent
ride to ferry		into SPAIN from ANDORRA
ferry to	PUTTGARTEN, WEST GERMANY	
ride to	MUNICH, WEST GERMANY	In the ALPS, stay with
ride mtns. to	INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA	skiers at CLAVIERE, ITALY
ride mtns to	VADUZ, LIECHTENSTEIN.	
ride to	INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND	See the 6 day races at the
ride to	PARIS, FRANCE	MILAN velodrome Also get
ride PARIS – BREST – PARIS Audax event		rear wheel rebuilt.
	1200km in 86hrs	
ride to	DIEPPE, FRANCE	With the Lepertels visit
ferry to	NEWHAVEN, ENGLAND	Notre Dame, PARIS, FRANCE
ride to CTC Rally	YORK, ENGLAND	
ride to	SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND	Bumpy roads in IRELAND
ferry to	LE HAVRE, FRANCE	produce saddle sores due to the
ride to	TOULOUSE, FRANCE	heat wave & sweat
ride to	AN' A LA VELLA, ANDORRA	
ride to	MADRID, SPAIN	22000ml (35200km) in EUROPE
ride to	LISBON, PORTUGAL	
fly to	NEW YORK, USA	
ride to	PORTLAND, MAINE, USA	
ferry to	YARMOUTH, NS. CANADA	
ride to	HALIFAX, NS. CANADA	
ride west to	REGINA, SASK. CANADA	
ride north to	TISDALE, SASK. CANADA	
ridewest to	JASPER, ALBERTA. CANADA	
ride south to	PINCHER CRK, ALBERTA. CANADA	
ride west to	VANCOUVER, BC. CANADA	(Finish 12 noon 6 Oct. 1976)

GOAL

Age 51

50,000 mls (80,000km) in 100 weeks through 6 continents

RESULT

50,600 mls (81,000km) in 99 1/2 weeks, 52 countries, 6 continents.

Average 72 1/2 mls/day (117km/day or 92ml/148km per riding day.

Accepted by "Guinness Book of World Records"
as World Tour of 6 continents.

1978 Edition
(still listed in '94 edition)

ROUND THE WORLD route

50,000 mile (80,000 kms) in 100 weeks

SUCCESS... 50,600 miles (81,430 kms) in 99 1/2 weeks in 6 continents (52 countries). Accepted by
GUINNESS RECORDS

“WELCOME HOME” by Mayor Art Philips and members of the Vancouver Bicycle Club, at
VANCOUVER City Hall after 99 1/2 weeks of touring 52 countries in 6 continents. 6 October 1976

1977 Age 52

Spent 4 months sorting receipts, newspapers,
photographs, slides, etc. for booklet, that was
sent to “GUINNESS Book of World Records” for
the best endurance ride

72mls/day (116km/day)

or

92ml (148km)/riding day.

Camping at GOLDEN, British Columbia on my
2800 mile in 4 weeks
Vancouver BC to Woodstock, Ontario.

Receive and accept invitation to be “Guest of
Honor” at the first CCA NAT. BICYCLE
RALLY 1ST JULY '77

Receive acceptance from GUINNESS as
WORLD TOUR 50,600 ml (81,000km) from
Nov. 10 '74 to Oct. 6 '76 visiting 6 continents

1977

Route Trans Canada Hwy, to Espanola, ONT.
south to Manitowish Is. ferry to Bruce Peninsula
ride to Woodstock.

At the First Canadian Bicycle Rally –
Woodstock, Ont.
Camping, Field events, Day rides.
Exhibitors, Good company.

After Rally invited to ride sagwagon TOUR of
(Lake) ONTARIO.
Niagara Falls
TORONTO
Kingston
ROCHESTER
Niagara Falls

Aug. long W.E. OCA camp out at N. Beach
Prov. Pk.

1977

After Ontario, train back to B.C. ride to
Vancouver. At MISSION meet VBC riders on
way to Miracle Valley for camping W.E. Went
with them.

On the California coast with Marilyn.

SEPTEMBER

14 day – 1200ml ride to San Francisco with
Marilyn.

NOVEMBER

Meet Shirley for a Xmas tour in S. California &
Baja, California
Left car in El Centro, ride to Calexico. It was
wet and muddy. Only ride was to YUMA
(motel) then back to Mexicali and hotel in
Calexico.

On the way back to Vancouver we did rides at
Indio, Palm Springs, and the Aqueduct bike trail
N. of Los Angeles.

Living off my savings till Fall '78, as were doing a Maritimes in '78

4 WEEK CYCLE CAMPING TOUR WITH SHIRLEY IN THE CANADIAN MARITIMES... 2000KM

Halifax airport ... Charlottetown, Prince Edward Is.
Fredericton, New Brunswick... Halifax, Nova Scotia
St. John's, Newfoundland

Visited:

- 1 Anne of Green Gables Cottage
- 2 Kings Landing Se' ment
- 3 Alex. G. Bell Museum
- 4 Ft. Louisbourg Se'ment
- 5 Trans Atl. Cable Museum
- 6 Signal Hill

1979 Age 54

Dan, Gerry, John, Wayne at the end of the
600km ride

Gerry Pareja organizes BC Randonneurs.
(Canada's first)

Our first riders
WAYNE PHILIPS
GERRY PAREJA
DAN McGUIRE
JOHN HATHAWAY

1st event 200km
New Westminster to Brackendale and return.

Then 300, 400, 600 and 1000km rides.

In August, we all meet in England, ride to Paris
for the PARIS – BREST- PARIS event (1200km
in 90hrs)

Paced French riders (a way to keep on course?)
Crashed coming off a back wheel. Helmet rim
cuts me above the eye. 20 minute ride to check
point. Then VW to hospital for sutures. Time
midnight, first night. Continue w/o sleep to
BREST (375km). Meet Gerry, both go off
course. Sleep 1 1/2 hrs at LOUDAC (680km)
then ride on. Crash off Gerry's back wheel at
TINTENIAC. A nun first aided my abrasions.
Gerry gets mad, wants me to withdraw. No, I am
going to finish. Finish on 3rd day at 2pm. for 76
hr ride for 1200k.

1979 Age 54 PARIS – BREST – PARIS
(1200KM)

Gerry and John at the start

1980

3 week cycling tour with Shirley in England.
The coldest July in 140 years. No sun only
clouds.

Used CTC – B&Bs and pub lunches.

ROUTE: Gatwick
Winchester Cath'dl.
Salisbury Cathedral.
Bath.
The Cotswolds.
Ludlow.
Shrewsbury.
Coventry.
Cambridge.
Suffolk County.
Felixstoe.
Epping Forest.
Gatwick.

Shirley in our Cotswolds B&B

Except for the weather, a GREAT TOUR.

B&B pub in Church Stretton
Have a laugh the bed broke

1981

Bikes in basement:

- 1 CRESCENT (SWEDISH)
(’72 record bike)
- 2 GITANE (French)
(’86 S.A. tour)
- 3 WITCOMB (English)
(a Caps ’77 gift)
- 4 JACK TAYLOR tandem
(English)
(touring type)

all bikes REYNOLDS
531 butted tubes.

1983

Add MARIPOSA (Canada)
(Randonneuring)

1991

Add new WITCOMB
(for USS tour)

Other bikes:

1936 used BSA Roadster
1939 GRAVES "Speed King"
1945 used SELBACH
1947 G. STOKES time trial
1949 G. STOKES time trial
1950 G. STOKES time trial
1951 E. BARNETT time trial
1952 E. BARNETT time trial
1953 RALEIGH Super Lenton"
1968 J. TAYLOR "S. Marathon"

Riding the CHAMPS ELLYSIE, PARIS WITH
VANESSA (Her dad Harold took the picture)

1983

Fly to Dusseldorf
Fly to Paris
Ride to Chelles & Nanterre

Stay at the FIAPAD
Meet Australian, American & BC riders

Sunday, Bike check at the start area

Monday, Start at 10am, my 3rd PARIS – BREST-
PARIS

Thursday, Finish at 9:55am for 71h55

BC's delegate to the inaugural meeting of the
RANDONNEURS MONDIAUX

Start of '83 PARIS – BREST – PARIS with E.
G. Anderson

1983 Age 58

Enroute to BREST.

Except for meal/control stops, non-stop to
BREST

Meal and massage and back to LOUDAC, 2hr
sleep plus massage.

Each control massage and meal

NOTE: In pain most of the ride.

Used Mariposa custom built bike that was fast,
71h55 for 1200km

1984

3 weeks in the red maple leaf country of Ontario.

With tour organizer Joan Taylor
Ottawa

OCTOBER

Friday, phone B&B near Woodstock

Saturday, fly to Toronto, ride to B& B.

Then on to

Woodstock, stay with friends.
Colingwood (shipbuilding)
Wasago Beach, on Lake Huron
Bala, in the Muskoka Lakes,
Haliburton Highlands.
Barry's Bay, Madawaska Valley
(here spent 2 days with a tour group
from Ottawa)
Pembroke on the Ottawa River.
Ottawa, stay with tour leader
(we ride the Gatineau Hills.)
Morrisburg on St. Lawrence S'way
Kingston with its Steam Museum.
Peterborough via Rice Lake.
Markham to my friends.
Toronto to my friends.
fly back home.

1985 Age 60

7th VBC John Hathaway Birthday Ride January
13th (60mile or 60km)

April, Maple Falls 200 km Randonneur ride,
descending with bunch, I collide with car. Not
badly hurt, but my Mariposa forks are bent like
cooked spaghetti.

After 4yrs of drafting, the job ended. So it was
time again to hit the road. A ride that would
surpass my '74/'76 World Tour.

August was hospitalized at VGH, for an
operation to remove a kidney stone. Was it the
cause of my excruciating pain in the '83 PBP?

By '86, after a year of planning, it was to be
100,000km in 3 years.

High Altitude Tour of the World's Mountain
Ranges.

Cascades, CANADA; Rocky Mtns, USA; Sierra
Madras, MEXICO; Andes Mtns, SOUTH
AMERICA; Atlas Mtns, NORTH AFRICA;
Tatras, Carpathians, Alps, Pyrenees. High
Sierras, Sierra Nevadas, EUROPE; Mtns of the
Moon, Great Snowy Mtns, AUSTRALIA;
Southern Alps, NEW ZEALAND; NEW

GUINEA; BORNEO; PHILIPPINES; CHINA;
TAIWAN; KOREA; JAPAN; HAWAII; Great
Smokey, Appalachian, USA; Laurentians, Rocky
Mtns, Selkirks, Cascades, CANADA.

Minimum camping equipment, and the fitting of
a triple TA chainring set are a must.

Start 31st August '86 at EXPO 86

1986

Bike: GITANE Tour de France fitted with Shimano 600 derrailleur and 5 speed block. (14, 16, 20, 25, 32 teeth)

TA triple chainring set (52, 46, 32 teeth)

North Face tent.

Small propane cartridge stove

1 set of pots

down sleeping bag

2 pannier bags

NO SADDLEBAG

Clothing

2 sets of GONSO matl.

SHORTS

TIGHTS

ROAD JERSEYS

lettered

ROUND THE WORLD/100,000km in
100wks/H/A BIKE TOUR

1986 mtrs/feet day/km /mls

CANADIAN PASSES:

1	Alison	1342/4402	Sept 2/256/159
	(Too cold, recovered in Lodge)		
2	Anarchist Mt.	1233/4337	4/595/370
3	Bonanza	1535/5036	5/757/470
4	Kootenay	1774/5820	6/807/501

USA PASSES (Rocky Mtns.)

5	Flint Creek	1981/6499	9/1415/879
6	Craig	2588/8490	13/1899/1180
7	Togawatee	2807/9209	14/2007/1247
8	Independence	3687/12098	20/2847/1769
	(At top, sudden snowstorm, almost a blind descent)		
9	Wilkerson	2897/9504	21/3150/1957
10	N. La Veta	2862/9389	23/3308/2055

MEXICAN PASSES (Sierra Madre)

11	P. D. Aires	1657/5436	48/5781/3592
12	Rio Frio W.	3124/10249	51/6172/3835
13	C'Vaca-Mexico	2987/9800	52/6306/3198

26 OCT. fly to Caracas airport, VENEZUELA

Climbing Anarchist Mtn.
from the Okanagan Valley
British Columbia, CANADA.

Puerto del Aires
west of Orizaba.
MEXICO

NOT THE LONGEST, NOT THE SHORTEST, BUT THE TOUGHEST.

Note: Descending traffic have the inside lane at all bends. This means crossing over at every other bend. This manoeuvre is dangerous in foggy weather.

26	S of frontier	2982/9783
		Meeting John
	Rakowski	
27	before Quito	2835/9301
	88/9200/5716	USA
	cyclist/author on the	
28	after Quito	3505/11499
		mountain climb from
	the	
29		3900/13090
		airport to Caracas
	1987 PERU	
		27 Oct. '86
30	east of Lima	4843/15890
	136/11060/6872	
31	s.	1714/5623
32	s.	1742/5715

Met cartoonist when looking for a restaurant in Mexico City. He wined and dined me in a nice restaurant. Appeared in a JEAN NATE products TV commercial, in Mexico City.

1986 SOUTH AMERICA (the ANDES MTNS)

VENEZUELA meters/feet

	day/kms/mls	
14	to Caracas	1562/5124
	58/6500/4039	
15	Sierra Nevada	3560/11680
16	Para. d. l. Negro	3049/10003
17	W of Merida	1565/5134
18	W of S. Cri'bal	1402/4600

COLUMBIA

19	W of Cucuta	3352/10997
20	W of B'manga	2804/9199
21	W of Barbosa	2855/9366
	73/8000/5000	
22	La Linea	3658/12001
	(climb this, you're a hero)	
23	W of P'yan	1890/6200
25	W of Pasto	2438/8001

ECUADOR

1986 Age 61

south on the Pacific Coast Machala ECUADOR
to Lima PERU

Day 95 (3 Dec) TUMBRES, Peru,

Disaster, fell down stairs of hotel with
loaded bike. Result, front wheel
pretzelled but was trued by local
repairer. On road discovered steering
head was loose. Rode 10 days unable to
tighten locknuts. A scary ride till a
broken spoke 350kms north of LIMA
forced met to accept a ride to LIMA.
Cost me 5 weeks, for steering head set,
fitted by Miyata. Xmas Eve with local
family. Xmas Day w/ Canadian consul.
Boxing Day and 2, bike fixed.

In desert restaurant "BAR OASIS" 895 km
PAN-AM hwy north of LIMA.

1987

Meet local club
VBC birthday ride, rode 50km
down PAN-AM hwy and back.

1987 Age 62

Celebrate 62nd birthday with a ride to 15890ft
pass summit. Start 7:30am 12 Jan. from 0ft at
LIMA. Reach village SAN MATEO at 10000ft
and overnight stay. Morning, leave for the Abra
Anticona 4843m summit, reached 13.00hrs, 13
Jan. My 62nd birthday. It started to snow, turned
back to hotel. Descend with only one good
brake. At hotel, eat and leave at 4pm. Arrive
LIMA Youth Hostel at 10:30pm, after a slow
descent due to many gravelled kms of roads in
the upper valleys, destroyed by the '82 El Nino
rains.

A few days later chased by wild dogs, one
chased me 5km, an escape due to a descent down
the coastal pass.

At the ABRA ANTIGONE summit
0 – 4843m over 145km
LIMA – HUANCAYO HIGHWAY

1987

33 S. 1244/4081

CHILE

(crossing 5 days of Acama desert)

34 S of Arica 1494/4901

35 S of Antafagastal 1950/6397

36 E of Santiago 3185/10450

ARGENTINA

Tunnel entrance

This pass #36 was a full days ride to the tunnel entrance. After the 8km tunnel, a fast descent to a night stop.

THE ROUTE

1986 -1987 (HIGH ALTITUDE)

WORLD TOUR aborted at SAN LUIS.

ARGENTINA due to injuries received when hit

by a truck.

1st day

1987

After 2 days in the Andean foothills reached MENDOZA, Argentina's wine industry capital. After the successful crossings of the Andes, the road to Buenos Aires was mainly flat.

2 days later when leaving SAN LUIS was clipped by a truck as I climbed the hill. At 8:10am at the 795km stone to BUENOS AIRES, on 27 Feb.

Taken to hospital, it was 4 weeks of back pain. My local family support spoke to the doctor and received permit to go by train to BUENOS AIRES for second opinion.

Canadian Embassy officials meet me at the station. Take me to hotel. Visit Hospital Britanico, diagnosis by x ray was 2 crushed vertebrae. Treatment: Torso cast worn for 2 mths.

TOUR ABORTED 8 APRIL '87

fly back to Vancouver to recuperate 20 APRIL '87

39th day

at BUENOS AIRES, glad to be going home.

1987

June Torso cast removed.
July Ride "Ride to the top of Mt. Seymour" was somewhat painful in 1hr 22mins
Train to Garibaldi, then ride to Whistler and back to North Vancouver. (100 miles)
AUG Train to Quesnel. Ride to Barkerville and back to Quesnel. A camping trip with Marion. (164km)
OCT Fly to Toronto, train to Halifax with Marion. At Halifax we meet Anne for a 3 week camping tour of the Maritimes. The Cabot Trail (Cape Breton)
Prince Edward Is. (Cavendish)
Moncton (Magnetic hill & Bore)
Hillsborough (steam trains)
Fundy N.P; St. Johns river;
Fredericton.

1988 Age 63

Mt. Robson on the 1000km route.

A great year on return to
RANDONNEUR RIDING

200km	8h33
300km	13h07
400km	18h38
600km	28h14
1000km (2 nd home in 600)	62h52

1000km (621mls)
COURSE

Edmonton (start)
Jasper
Tete Jaun Cache
Kamloops
Merrit
(Coquihalla Pass)
Hope (finish)

Retired in '88 due to my injury, hence 21,000km
(13,000mls) for year

1989 Age 64

Vancouver Bicycle Club's mid-winter ride and get together and pot-luck meal. Known as John Hathaway's Birthday Ride. (13 Jan '25)

Mileage equal to age.

first one 54 miles

this year 64 miles

Another good year

200km in 7h40

300km in 13h30

400km in 17h40 (2nd home)

600km in 32h48 (sick)

1000km in 63h52

Club weekends:

WHIDBEY ISLAND

PORT TOWNSEND

LILLOOET

HORNSBY ISLAND

1989 Age 64

Start 1000km.

Lake of the Woods. HOPE, BC

at Wayne's home for the 10th bash.

Tailwinds, rain, then headwinds, cold to

PRINCE GEORGE. 630km in 39

6hr stop (incl. 2 1/2hr sleep) Only 1 restaurant

after 10 none open. Mt. Robson. Arrive JA

63hr 52 min.

2 days later with Pierre Guyon (Fre

Marion Orser

started hoste

camping tour

JASPER

BANFF

RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

CRESTON

NELSON

NAKUSP

REVELSTOKE

1989 August

Southside Sunwapta Pass 2030m (6660ft)

1500km Vancouver Bicycle Club tour. At Lake Louise, my severe back pain was just as bad as my back pain 2 1/2 years before in Argentina. By Radium Hot Springs was OK again.

1990 Age 65

- April Diagnosed with heart valve abnormality.
Take it easy, withdraw from FLECHE PACIFIC
- June Receive LIFE MEMBERSHIP and farewell dinner from V.B.C.
fly to ENGLAND.. By September, would return to Vancouver in ...
- July Attend CTC Birthday Rides and meet Pierre Guyon again.
- Aug Attend Fellowship of Cycling Old Timers 3 day w.e.
- Sep 3 day w.e. to Flatford, (Constable country) Essex/Suffolk.

65mile – 12th VBC J. H's Birthday Ride. Lunch. New Westminster Seafood

1990

VANCOUVER CYCLE CLUB'S Saturna Is.
Club ride. May'90

At FCTF Rally dinner.
With BC riders in Paris.

1991 Age 66 in ENGLAND

Qualifying rides for the 1200km PARIS –
BREST – PARIS ride

200km LINCOLN (Rutland Waters)
200km LICHFIELD (Peak District)
300km KIDDERMINSTER (Mid Wales)
400km DONCASTER (Yorks. Dales)
400km CHEPSTOW (South Wales)
600km MENAI BRIDGE (Wales)
(DNF – crashed at 400km)
600km DONCASTER (B's flat one)

Doctor OK's me for the PBP.

July trade my WITCOMB for a new
WITCOMB road bike.
Aug ride to Le Puy en Velay, France for the
French Cycle Tourists Federation Rally,
then back to Paris for the PBP event.
Sept DNF the PBP ride due to new 6 speed
block failure on first night. Ride to
England and finalize USA 48 state tour.

Oct fly to TORONTO, Canada.
Bike delayed 24 hours.
Visit in – laws, then bike check at Mike
Barry's Bicycle Specialties.

Depart 24 Oct. '91.
TORONTO to VANCOUVER via 48 states and
10 provinces.
24,000mls USA, plus 6,000ml Canada

Actual route decided by:
Expiry of ATM card, June '92
Stay with Pensacola family, Jul '92
Family steals passport, Aug '92
New passport, WASHINGTON, DC., Oct '92
P'port extension, MINNEAPOLIS, Ap '93
L.A.W. Bicycle Rally July '93
and to miss winter conditions in the northern
states.

So it became:
48,000km 48 States USA in 24 months

Sea front park, Charleston, S.C.

1991 depart TORONTO, Canada 24 Oct.

Arrive State	Date	Miles
Rome, New York	28Oct	111
Blairstown, New Jersey	2Nov	358
Lewes, Delaware	6Nov	527
Pocomoke, Maryland	7Nov	600
Suffolk, Virginia	12Nov	800
Raleigh, N. Carolina	15Nov	965
Charleston, S. Carolina	23Nov	1312
Brunswick, Georgia	1Dec	1581
St. Augustine, Florida	5Dec	1779
Fig. 8 circuit Florida		
St. Augustine, Florida	29Dec	2834

Delaware River valley, road was up, down and along repeated, with a 65lb (30kg) up is a slow ride.

Visit OKEFENOKEE SWAMP alligators

Candle and torchlight historical parade and ceremony ST AUGUSTINE.

Tent covered at nights on the Gulf Coast with frost.

Mississippi River at New Orleans.

1992 Age 67 (48 states tour ctd)

Pensacola, Florida	11Jan	3447
Irvington, Alabama	20Jan	3548
Waveland, M'sippi	21Jan	3630
New Orleans, Louisiana	22Jan	3689
San Antonio, Texas	9Feb	4418
Laredo, Texas	15Feb	4748
El Paso, Texas	28Feb	5420
Lordsburg, New Mexico	5Mar	5598
Yuma, Arizona	13Mar	6032
San Diego, California	16Mar	6238
Monterey, California	30Mar	6710
Bandon, Oregon	16Apr	7361
Port Angeles, Washington	24Apr	7851
Vancouver, Canada		

Old Spanish Trail – Mile 0
 St. Augustine to San Deago now Rte 90 was followed to New Orleans.

Bayous, cattle ranches, desert farms, then mountains to the coast

at the confluence Pecos/Rio Grande

1992 (48 states tour ctd)

5 weeks at home for new ATM card, and replace std. 6speed block with 7speed cassette hub, to prevent broken rear wheel axle.

Seattle, Washington	31May	7998
Boise, Idaho	1June	7998
Salt Lake City, Utah	6June	8377
Laramie, Wyoming	9June	8420
Denver, Colorado	12June	8580
Dodge City, Kansas	20June	8955
Oklahoma City, OK	24June	9225
Little Rock, Arkansas	5July	9702
Pickwick Dam, TN	10July	9981
Columbus, Mississippi	12July	10135
Tuscaloosa, Alabama	13July	10208
Pensacola, Florida	17July	10442

7 weeks at Pensacola was my worst in 50 years, caused by the stealing of my passport and \$70 by a woman with 2 daughters that I trusted.

It was leap year in Arizona.

1992 (48 state tour ctd.)

Arrive States	Date	Miles
Tallahassee, Florida	4Sep	10652
Athens, Georgia	24Sep	11094
Fort Mill, S. Carolina	27Sep	11260
Raleigh, N. Carolina	30Sep	11563
Stafford, Virginia	12Oct	11849
Washington, D.C.	13Oct	11908
Baltimore, Maryland	16Oct	11948
Mount Pleasant, Del	17Oct	11986
Allentown, Penn	22Oct	12212
Mount Pleasant, Del	25Oct	12327

apply for passport at CANADIAN EMBASSY, Washington, DC receive passport at Mount Pleasant

Still camping, but find that pastors and police will help to provide church or motel to sleep.

Leather saddle popped its rivets. Replacement given me by COLLEGE PARK CYCLES, Maryland.

Hawks Nest Gap, Anstead. West VA.

1992 (48 states tour)

Cascade, Maryland	29Oct	12465
Charles Town, W. Va	30Oct	12520
Lexington, Virginia	2Nov	12678
Malden, West Virginia	7Nov	12999
Elizabethtown, Kentucky	12Nov	13257
Nashville, Tennessee	20Nov	13447
Springfield, Missouri	1Dec	13977
Springdale, Arkansas	3Dec	14120
Oklahoma City, OK	8Dec	14408
Austin, Texas	31Dec	15104

Allegheny Mtns. gave me a chest ache, was my heart problem returning? After 2 weeks all was well again.

Great reception at E'town by the bike club, with dinner at Fort Knox. Bike shop overhauled bike and presented me with parts and clothes.

Snow encrusted bike, froze up at Jay, OK. A local provided a motel.

The (W)right family was a pre Xmas stay to prepare for a winter route.

GRAND CANYON Feb '93 (a 122ml day)

1993 Age 68 (48 states tour ctd.)

San Angelo, Texas	5Jan	15331
Goldsmith, Texas	13Jan	15695
Carlsbad, New Mexico	16Jan	15874
Ruidoso, New Mexico	19Jan	16092
Lamy, New Mexico	24Jan	16280
Holbrook, Arizona	1Feb	16621
Tucson, Arizona	6Feb	16906
Grand Canyon, Arizona	26Feb	17487
Laughlin, Nevada	2Mar	17756
Salt Lake City, Utah	9Mar	18312
Roy, Utah	12Mar	18364

Carlsbad caverns a great discovery. West Texas oil field sun friendly smell
"Legal Tender Saloon" at LAMY was to see me in a cowboy video and was guest of local resident.

Salt River canyon was a great climb. Hosted by various cyclists - TUCSON Rode through a heavy snowstorm on way to FLAGSTAFF (a 25ml climb on I-17) 61ml to GR. CANYON on a sunny day.

In BELMOND, Iowa church, my guardian.

1993 (48 states tour ctd.)

Laramie, Wyoming	17Mar	18742
North Platte, Nebraska	21Mar	19003
Smith Center, Kansas	23Mar	19178
Omaha, Nebraska	26Mar	19435
Ames, Iowa	31Mar	19665
Minneapolis, Minnesota	5Apr	19934
Green Bay, Wisconsin	21Apr	20248
St. Ignace, Michigan	25Apr	20524
Goshen, Indiana	4May	21041
Fort Wayne, Indiana	5May	21107

Evanston to Laramie 326 mls in 3 days due to a freezing tail wind.

Visit center of 48 states near Lebanon, Kansas

Canadian Consul extends passport, be back in August for ID card at Minneapolis.

Took part in Rapid Wheelers Club 75ml club ride at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Moss Glen Falls hwy 100 VERMONT

1993 (48 states tour ctd.)

Took part in TOSRV 200ml/2day Columbus to Portsmouth and back ride. Thanks to my Fort Wayne hosts.

Columbus, Ohio	9May	21336
Ashtabula, Ohio	13May	21584
Eldred, Pennsylvania	15May	21742
Rome, New York	19May	21983
Plattsburgh, New York	27May	22220
Woodstock, Vermont	29May	22344
N. Conway, New Hants	30May	22465
Calais, Maine	4June	22572
Portsmouth, New Hants	8June	23071
Plymouth, Massachusetts	14June	23237
Newport, Rhode Island	15June	23329

hit by car in Ohio, bike OK, painful ribs otherwise OK. Result rcd \$500

Cracked and potholed roads a common problem, detracts one from seeing the sights that one passes.

Mount Rushmore, Black Hills, S.D.

1993 Age 68 (48 states tour ctd.)

Coventry, Connecticut	16June	23395
Millbrook, New York	18June	23503
Blairstown, New Jersey	20June	23623
Kutztown, Pennsylvania	2July	23910
Columbus, Ohio	14July	24638
Fort Wayne, Indiana	17July	24812
Lawrenceville, Illinois	25July	25065
St. Louis, Missouri	27July	25209
East Peoria, Illinois	25July	25390
Madison, Wisconsin	2Aug	25592
Minneapolis, Minnesota	7Aug	25898
Latoka, North Dakota	18Aug	26340
Keystone, South Dakota	28Aug	27061
Sheriden, Wyoming	2Sep	27355
Missoula, Montana	9Sep	27835
Boise, Idaho	15Sep	28215
Jordan Valley Oregon	22Sep	28315
Carson City, Nevada	27Sep	28699
Mariposa, California	3Oct	28966
Klamath Falls, Oregon	11Oct	29449
Ellensburg, Washington	17Oct	30003
Blaine (Can/USA border)	24 Oct	30285
		(48738km)

Yosemite Valley, California

THE ROUTE

1991 - 1993 U.S.A. TOUR

Snowhere to go, but through it.
Grand Canyon

Vancouver, Canada	24Oct	30330 (48810km)
Toronto to Vancouver		50740km (31530 ml)

Success to all
and those
that follow.

Ultra Marathon Tours

Age 28	Toronto to Vancouver	7680k
Age 30	Vancouver to Montreal	12470k
Age 32	Halifax to Vancouver	6350
Age 50	World Tour	80600
Age 52	Vancouver to Ottawa	4920
Age 61	Canada to Argentina	15450k
Age 66	Toronto to Vancouver	50740k
Age 70		

April '94 a recurring heart problem is now
stopping me from being too active. Let's hope
'95 sees me in long distance rides.

The end, is but a pause,
before that final ride.

As a surviving twin, the result was a youth,
whose ability to play sport and gymnastics was
poor.
At 17, mother fully supported my cycle racing
(time trial & pursuit)
Dad's support came a few months later when
winning a 3rd handicap.

George & Ann Hathaway
proud parents

Being an aggressive style rider, it made a
weaving style, that is a legend in the cycling
world.

A severe chest pain in Jan '51 (kept secret) saw
my career turn to long distance touring, from
which this album was born.

When tandem touring with Margaret in '68 in
Toronto area, word was received (4wks late) that
mother had died. After 17yrs met dad in his final
year. in '76 on my World Tour.

Age is a diary of life, that enhances each year,
until one follows our parents to inner peace.

13 AUG '94

Open Road Gallery

By Dustin Solberg

John Hathaway was a legendary bicycle tourist long before most bicycle tourists were off of their training wheels. When Hathaway, an Adventure Cycling member, passed through Missoula last summer on his 30,000-mile, 24—month tour of the U.S., he was 68 years old.

Hathaway has ridden about 110,000 miles since he began touring in 1953. In 1955, he pedaled from Vancouver to Montreal via New Orleans. A trans-Canada ride, Halifax to Vancouver, took him only 24 1/2 days and gave him the trans-Canada world record, a record that stood for 20 years. "I had to cover 1,000 miles of that on gravel roads," he said in the Toronto Globe and Mail in 1988. "The Trans-Canada Highway didn't go all the way."

His 50,600-mile, 100—week world tour in 1972-74 led him through 52 countries and six continents, and earned a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Adventure Cyclist contributor John Rakowski rode briefly with Hathaway, a few years ago in Caracas, Venezuela. "Though a short, slim man, he was all muscle —his body looked made of tangled rope—and I wasn't at all able to keep up with him," wrote Rakowski. Hathaway, who began cycling as a racer in England at the age of 18, compiled a list of the health problems and cycling injuries he's suffered from since 1950. Among the more remarkable include a broken hip in 1972, of which Hathaway writes, "Secured with three pins, still in, no problem." In 1987, he was hit by a truck while riding in Argentina. He listed his injuries as "Broken back, two compressed vertebrae, no problem."