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THE MATCH MOST COMETS (whipps cross) WILL REMEMBER.

It was the first away league match of the 1958 season. The WHIPPS CROSS COMETS were travelling to TOLWORTH TUDORS, it had been raining and the track was heavy going. Tolworth were almost unbeatable at that time on their own track. Captain Johnny Brown won the toss and gave Derek Gray and Eric Hemsley inside positions. This resulted in a shock 5-1 for the Comets with several drawn heats following. Then a second 5-1 by Derek Gray and Terry Howse was wiped ouy by a Ken White and Paul Murden taking maximum points and just two points separated the teams at the halfway stage.
Johnny Brown and Terry Howse started the second half with a 5-1, only to have it reversed in the next heat by Paul Murden and Mick Little and with some fine wins by Ken White, Paul Murden, Roger Kirk and Reggie Squires the Tudors gradually overtook the Comets and were leading by two points with only the nominated heat to go.
Had the Comets Captain made a mistake by taking the inside gates in the first heat ?. Tolworth top scorers Paul Murden (10) and Roger Kirk (9) were on the inside on a very heavy track.Comets top scorer Derek Gray (12) was on gate 2, but who would take the outside ?. Terry Howse (8) was in no condition to continue and with a much disputed decision, Johnny Brown nominated Derek's natural partner Eric Hemsley, who had a bad afternoon scoring only three points. The gate went up and both Comets made a perfect start, with Eric first into the bend backed by Derek Gray but the race was not over yet !. Eric was pushing his pedals with two sticks of jelly that were once his legs. With every Comet rider screaming at him to keep going, an extremely exhausted Eric crossed the line first followed by Derek Gray to give the Comets a two point victory.
So exhausted was Eric that for the first time in his life, he was speechless, but the look on his face said everything.

TOLWORTH TUDORS		**WHIPPS CROSS COMETS**	
P.Murden.	10	D.Gray.	12
R.Kirk.	9	T.Howse.	8
R.Squires.	9	E.Hemsley	6
E.Hurley.	7	J.Brown.	6
K.White.	6	T.Platford.	5
T.Claydon.	4	T.Bunce.	5
M.Little.	2	S.Kingsnorth	4
P.Rides	0	S.Pipe.	3
	47		49

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GREAT WAKERING VETERANS MEETING

At the time of going to print, there is some doubt as to the date for the above event. In our last newsletter we said that it would be on August 8th, but we have been told that, due to some regulars being unavailable on that date, it **MAY** be moved to August 15th. As we do not have confirmation at this time we suggest that if you wish to take part or just go along to watch that you contact Denny Winch direct. Tel No:- 01702-218577.

FROM THE CYCLE SPEEDWAY STAR FEBRUARY 1958

THE ROY FRASER STORY By Roy Fraser (who ?)

Roy first started riding in 1946, as a kid of nine (he was big for his age) when he stripped his old roadster bike of it's mudguards and used to skid round the bends using his brakes. He used to think he was wonderful (hasn't changed, has he ?). His first real match however was not until the following year, when he replaced Max Cassuto in the Kingsbury Stars at the Paddocks track. He scored 5 points and thought he was really terrific, (same old Roy). He spent the next few months riding in junior matches and scratch races at Kingsbury Falcons, Cricklewood Cobras and Kingsbury Rangers tracks.

His first real team was the Wembley Rangers, where he partnered Laurie Pardoe, who has been his team partner ever since. From there they both graduated to the all star Wembley Monarchs managed by Roy Poyser. Well known riders in this team were, Roy's big brother Keith, Eric Marshall, Johnny Taylor, Ken Bell, Jim Cranis, Dickie Kidd, Pete Rhodes, Sid Luke, Laurie Pardoe and of course, as a last resort.....R.Fraser.

He joined the Hendon Cobras in 1950 and was elected Captain. In 1952 however, the team combined with Vic Merner's Roxeth Rockets, who at that time were captained by Bill Gadsby who also (all right Gadsby, whose story is this, yours or mine?). Later on the Hayes Broadsiders also combined with Roxeth. With an all star collection of riders, two teams were formed, Roxeth Rockets and Hendon Cobras. Roy returned to the latter team, but not as expected as Captain (choked). That honour went to Colin Brown.

1954 was one of Roy's best ever years, he was capped for Middlesex, was top scorer in the rounds of the Middlesex Rider's Championship and on 19th of September won the Final to take the title. His triumph was short lived however, as the following day he had to report to R.A.F.Cardington for his National Service thus becoming A.C.2. Fraser.R.A.

On his demob he returned to the team (now renamed Wembley All Stars) and continued where he had left off, again being capped for Middlesex and again winning the Middlesex Individual title, with a brilliant maximum. Together with team mate Norman Hunter he also lifted the Best Pairs Shield.

Roy is one of the most popular riders in the sport and all his fellow riders affectionally (?) call him Mister Bonce. Probably his greatest asset is being able to ride anybody else's bike, he has plenty of practise of this as his own bike never lasts more than one race before falling to pieces. Another feature is his unselfish (?) team riding, having finished behind his partner only once during the whole of the 1957 season !.

When Roy is standing over me forcing me to write his story, I mentioned that he had topped the Middlesex averages for 1957. His face lit up, won't old Dixie (Dean) be ckoked when he reads that, I'd like to see his face, he said. Unfortunately, I was wrong he was only second, Dixie was top. Won't old Roy be choked when.....

So finally to sum up, some people may think that Roy's riding is forceful, that he is outspoken and big headed, **but he still thinks he is wonderful.** But to be serious for a moment Roy gets married on March 22nd this year. I am sure that all of our readers would like to join me in wishing Roy and Doreen, his future wife, every success and happiness that they would wish for themselves and to hope that Roy continues to ride Cycle Speedway for a long time to come, as the sport would be a lot poorer without him.

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EDITOR'S FOOTNOTE

This article was sent to me without any covering letter, so we do not **KNOW** who sent it or where it came from. So I will leave it to your imagination to work out who you think sent it. You shouldn't need to be a member of MENSA or have a very high IQ to fathom it out !!

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Convincing home victory for the North at Bury

On Saturday 24th. July 1999 at the Bury Cycle Speedway track, near Manchester, a veterans race meeting was held between the North, consisting mainly of riders from the Manchester area and the South, mainly of riders from the London area. It was the fourth in a series which began last year and on this occasion resulted in a win for the North by **113 points to 94**. The score in the series is now 3-1 to the North.

Points awarded were on the 4,3,2,1,system reflecting the high scoring result.
Prior to the racing both teams were presented to **George Fernyhough**, the first secretary of the Manchester League.and former vice chairman of NACSA.

In bright sunshine, a good crowd enjoyed some close racing and it was not until the halfway stage that the home side forged ahead. **John Watling** was top scorer for the North while **Tony Johnson** was outstanding for the South. All of the races were hotly contested and there were a few heavy falls, fortunately with no serious consequences.

Points scorers The North. John Watling 17. Peter Lomas 14 Derek Garnett (capt)13
John Burston 11 Alan Marsh 10 John Bartholemew 9 Ken Taylor 9 Mike Berry 8
Vinny Marsland 8 Tony Mann 6 Josh Gleave 6 Matt Aldred 2
Manager Brian Moston.

Points scorers The South. Tony Johnson 20 Peter Chubb (capt) 17 Tony Marsh 14
Eric Hemsley 12 Malcolm Bell 12 Len Kitchen 9 Peter Page 7 Derek Cattle 3.
Manager Johnny Brown

Our thanks are due to **Tony Mann** and the officials of Bury C.S.C for the welcome and the excellent track and facilities which helped to make the day a success. We also thank referee **Jimmy Cobain** for his services and our St Johns Ambulance friends who were once again reassuringly in attendance. In the evening many of the riders and officials from both teams met at the Rostrevor hotel in Bury for dinner and to re-run the races of the afternoon making a pleasant end to an enjoyable day.

SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE 1958 (LONDON) - Top Ten averages.

DEREK CATTLE	TOOTING TIGERS	15 Mat's	200 Pt's	13.33
ROY BAKER	SOUTH LONDON RANGERS	19	249	13.10
DAVE CHIVERS	SOUTH LONDON RANGERS	23	251	10.91
BRIAN JARRETT	RAYNES PARK TIGERS	15	163	10.86
TED CRACKNELL	BECKENHAM MONARCHS	23	233	10.13
GEOFF PENNIKET	RAYNES PARK TIGERS	23	227	9.86
MICK SMITH	DITTON DEVILS	13	124.5	9.61
PAT CAREY	BECKENHAM MONARCHS	15	142	9.46
PETE JARMAN	BECKENHAM MONARCHS	16	146.5	9.12
PETER MILTON	SOUTH LONDON RANGERS	20	182.5	9.12

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SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE 1959 (LONDON) - Top Ten averages.

LES WESTWOOD	EDMONTON MONARCHS	15 Mat's	191 Pt's	12.73
MICK JEFFERIES	EDMONTON MONARCHS	16	193	12.06
ROY BAKER	SOUTH LONDON RANGERS	18	206	11.60
DEREK CATTLE	TOOTING TIGERS	17	196	11.53
BERNIE CABLE	TOOTING TIGERS	17	188.5	11.08
DAVE CHIVERS	RAYNES PARK TIGERS	17	186	10.93
TED CRACKNELL	RAYNES PARK TIGERS	17	176	10.55
KEN ARCHER	TOOTING TIGERS	18	183	10.16
DENNIS DANIEL	SOUTH LONDON HUNTERS	16	162.5	10.13
G.PAGE	HELLINGLEY LIONS	15	144	9.60

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NOSTALGIA EVENING

On Saturday July 31st a Nostalgia evening was held at the Exmouth Social Club in Stepney and there was a very good turnout of between 40 and 50 ex riders and wives, who all enjoyed the get together, as they did last year. Our thanks go to DEREK CATTLE who organised the event and who also arranged, free of charge, a buffet for us all. Thanks are also due to those of you who very kindly provided prizes for the raffle and also for your generous support of the raffle which went towards the cost of the evening for the Exmouth Club. And finally, thanks to all of you who were able to attend and came along to support the Association. This is obviously a very popular evening and will certainly be a permanent fixture amongst our annual events.

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FROM THE HUDSON ARCHIVES

FOREST GATE TIGERS

L-R. R.Genz - E.Parham - R.Shippey - A.Redman - T.Ball - K.Nash - B.Frame - B.Hudson

One of East London's first and most well known teams but however, did not last very long. They had **THE MAN** in RONNIE GENZ who went on to a very successful career in Speedway. BERT HUDSON went to BECKTON ACES and won the East London Championship in 1948 and EDDIE PARHAM became one of the STRATFORD HAMMERS stars.

On Friday August 13th, The Veteran Speedway Riders Association held their "Rider Cup" competition and some of our own members took part, as they belong to both Associations. The winner was none other than our own **ROY FRASER,** although there were calls for a recount from "**BRIGGO**"when it was realised that the marker for Roy was your own Secretary. However, I told them that I only put down the scores that Roy told me he had made and eventually he was presented with the trophy, which **DENNIS BOTTAZZI** won last year. Winner of the "longest drive" was one of our own **KEN BAXTER**, so we didn't do too badly on the day, which was rounded off with a most enjoyable evening.

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Our own, second Golf day was again a great success with the **VCSRA** Championships at stake and the eventual winners were, for the **LADIES -DOREEN FRASER ,** who was Champion two years ago. and for the **GENTS - ROY GARNHAM** emerged as the winner. The weather was great and as usual, we all enjoyed an excellent carvery and a few jars after the Golf was finished.
A few members stayed overnight with the intention of doing battle again the next morning, this time just for a bit of fun with nothing at stake other than pride.

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THE ROY FRASER STORY

My footnote to the above (which was meant to be amusing, but obviously failed) in the last Track Record, has apparently upset my very good friend Roy, for which I apologise sincerely and he has asked me to print the piece below to redress the balance, which I am very pleased to do. **VIC**

With Reference to Volume 3 Issue 3
I think that the editor should make a rule NOT to print any article that is received anonymously as this tends to cheapen the publication and also demean the persons concerned, who genuinely want to help the association.

ROY FRASER

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RAFFLE - DINNER & DANCE

Once again we are imposing on your generosity to ask if anyone would like to bring along a prize for the raffle. In the past you have been brilliant and we have made some very welcome profits, which all go towards helping to keep the Association solvent. So if you can help again we would bevery grateful.

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DINNER & DANCE

There are still some members who have paid a deposit for the above but have not paid the balance. We asked that you paid in full by August 31st in order that we could plan the dinner properly and ensure that there was sufficient room for everyone to eat in comfort. If you have not paid the balance and still want to go, would you kindly do so by return of post. If anyone has not booked but now wishes to go, we can accomodate you as long as we know right away. Don't forget also to let us know if you require accomodation or vegeterian meals. Thank you.

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GARRETT PARK - SUNDAY JULY 18th
THE GERRY CATTLE MEMORIAL MEETING

My brother GERRY was the Assistant Manager of the TOOTING TIGERS and also the Manager of the TIGER CUBS from the start in 1947 to 1960 when we had to dismantle the team. Gerry died on this day in 1970 and I invited as many riders that I could find that knew my brother and this meeting was dedicated to his memory.
After 20 heats, many of a high calibre, the overall winner was TONY JOHNSON, with a magnificent maximum. To make it fair on all ages it was broken down into three groups. The winner of the up to sixty group was PETER PAGE, sixty to sixty five was DENNIS DANIEL and the over sixty five winner was DEREK CATTLE.
Riders and scorers were as follows:- Tony Johnson-20 pts - Peter Elliott - 19pts Barry Maynard - 18 pts - Peter Page - 17 pts - Dennis Daniel - 16 pts - Ted Cracknell 15 pts - Len Kitching 13 pts - Ray Chivers 13 pts - Derek Cattle 12 pts - John Cooper 11 pts - Ken Archer 10 pts - Ron Holvey 6 pts - Dave Ellis 1 pts.
Because Derek Cattle was taken ill and had to be taken to hospital, the presentation did not take place as scheduled. This will, however, take place at the Veterans meeting on September 5th. I would like to thank all of the riders who came to this meeting and a special thank you to everyone who either came to see me, or telephoned me at home to make sure that I was okay. To Ray Gingell and Peter Elliott, my eternal thanks.
DEREK CATTLE

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Warwick Lions successful at Great Wakering.

On Sunday 15th. August 1999 at the Great Wakering CSC track managed by Denny Winch, a team representing **Warwick Lions** defeated Gt.Wakering, Hawbush Hammers and Sth London in a thrilling, four team, sixteen heat match. Ron and Peter Tarrant, founders and top riders of the Warwick Lions back in 1947 will be delighted to read (from their high powered, millennium modified rocking chairs in Calgary, Alberta) of their old team's convincing win and celebrations are expected.
Points scorers as follows:

Warwick Lions 45 points.
Tony Marsh 15 Tom Hughes 13 Dennis Bottazzi 10 Alan Catley 10.

Gt. Wakering 39 points
Eric Hemsley 11 Roger Rolph 10 Paul Lancaster 9 Vic Duffy(two rides)6

Hawbush Hammers 37 points
Peter Chubb 14 David Palfreyman 13 Ken Archer 5 Ian.Friday 5

South London 34 points
Peter Elliott 13 Len Kitching 9 Mick Little 6 Derek Cattle 6.

Dennis Bottazzi, for the Lions, was presented with a silver cup by Councillor Peter Stebbing and Tony Marsh received a trophy as the highest individual scorer.
In the second half of the programme, the Ellen Chalk Memorial trophy was won by Tom Hughes. Placed second and third were Tony Marsh and Eric Hemsley.

Narrow win for South London at Wimbledon C.S.C.

On Sunday 5th. September 1999 at Garratt Park, home of Wimbledon CSC as a tribute to the late Bill Cattle(England test team manager and a prominent founder of our sport in South London), an exciting match between South London and North London veterans ended in a close win for the South by 81 points to 79. On a fast track noted for its spectacular racing, the riding by two closely matched teams provided top class entertainment for an appreciative crowd. The star of the meeting was undoubtedly North London's dynamic **Dave Palfreyman** who was unbeaten by an opponent throughout and who, incidentally, generously provided his team's new colours.
Also consistently outstanding were Peter Chubb,Tony Johnson, and Roger Ford, while our most senior riders, Vic Duffy and Derek Cattle rode with energy and enthusiasm.

Scorers. South London. Roger Ford 15 Tony Johnson(Capt) 13 Ted Cracknell 12 Dennis Daniel 11 Peter Page 9 Dave Chivers 9 Len Kitching 8 Derek Cattle 3 Mick Little 1 . Manager Derek Cattle.
Scorers North London. Dave Palfreyman 21 Peter Chubb(capt) 18 Tony Marsh 14 Eric Hemsley 10 John Woolnough 6 Vic Duffy 5 Dennis Bottazzi 5
Manager Johnnie Brown. Steward Peter Elliott.
Tony Johnson, as captain of the winning side, was presented with a silver cup while riders and the managers received Bill Cattle commemorative plaques.
Our thanks are due to Peter Elliott and the Wimbledon CSC for staging this meeting and for their kind generosity in donating the proceeds of the meeting to the **VCSRA.**

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DINNER & DANCE

Another "full house" on November 20th ensured that our annual event was every bit as successful as our past Dinners have been and from reports received from a large number of members, everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves and enjoyed meeting up with old friends and rivals and re-living their youth. Some were even re-living their later life as well, with re-run races from Hawbush, Bury, Wakering , Garrett Park and East London !. November 20th also happened to the birthdays of **DEREK CATTLE and JOAN BOTTAZZI** so they had an extra reason to enjoy themselves.

Our incoming President for the coming year was that Northern legend **BRIAN MOSTON** and he was "inducted" by outgoing President, **JOHN BROWN** who deserves a big pat on the back for his untiring efforts on behalf of us all throughout his term of office. Many thanks JOHN.

Our raffle as usual, due to your generosity, was very successful and made a substantial profit for the Association. Thank you all very much indeed, both those who donated prizes and those who bought so many tickets.

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EVENTS FOR 2000

We will NOT be doing anything special for the Millenium, we feel there will be enough going on elsewhere. However, we will be running our usual events ie:- Nostalgia evening - Hawbush Race day and two Golf days. Dates for these will be finalised and advised after the A.G.M. in February.

Other events that will take place, but NOT organised by the VCSRA are Denny Winch's Great Wakering event, Derek Cattle's Garrett Park and possibly another East London event. As with the above, once dates are finalised we will let you know.

We will also keep you informed of any events that our new President **BRIAN MOSTON** will be arranging in the North of the country.

EAST LONDON VETS V SOUTH LONDON VETS

Sunday October 10th . The East London Track- Canning Town.

After sixteen fiercely competitive heats, the East London Vets beat their rivals from across the river by 81 pts to 79 pts. Every heat was closely contested, but always in a sporting manner.
For the East London team, newcomer MARTIN JARVIS was outstanding, being unbeaten by an opponent and a special word of praise is due to JOHN WOOLNOUGH who held off LEN KITCHING when things were going the South's way. The match was in doubt right up to the last race, but TONY MARSH & PETER CHUBB secured second and third spots to give their side victory by the narrow margin of two points, thus reversing the score at Garrett Park on September 5th. After 32 heats the score between the two sides was 160 to 160, which is a fair reflection of the endeavour put in by all of the Vets. When the East London team get back ERIC and DAVE and with the addition of MARTIN JARVIS, they are going to be a formidable team.

COMMENTS :- If MALCOLM BELL keeps bouncing on his saddle as of late, he will end up as the oldest boy soprano in the country. Did you see TOM HUGHES face after his coming together with TONY KOHNSON ?. He looked like he had done ten rounds with Rocky Marciano. Hope you are feeling better TOM !. Heat thirteen was interesting as MICK LITTLE and SID TOMLYN met in a race for the first time since 1958 when TOLWORTH lost to WALTHAMSTOW in the National team final.
I would like to give my old friend DENNY DANIEL a mention, he turned out for the Southern Vets although he had only recently come out of hospital following an operation. This sums up everything that the Association stands for, comradeship and the love of our great sport.

East London - points and rides for match :-

T.Marsh 16 pts 5 rides - M.Bell 5 pts 4 rides - P.Chubb 17 pts 5 rides
S.Tomlyn 4 pts 3 rides - T.Hughes 9 pts 4 rides - J.Woolnough 5 pts 3 rides
M.Jarvis 19 pts 5 rides - S.Allison 6 pts 3 rides.

South London :-

T.Johnson 16 pts 5 rides - D.Daniel 9 pts 4 rides - R.Ford 11 pts 5 rides
L.Kitching 6 pts 4 rides - P.Elliott 12 pts 4 ride - R.Foy 9 pts 4 rides
D.Cattle 8 pts 3 rides - M.Little 4 pts 3 rides.

DEREK CATTLE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place on **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19th 2000** at 2.30.p.m. at the same venue as for the last two years :- Waltham Abbey Sports Centre, Broomstickhall Road, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

If anyone wishes to nominate another member for consideration as either a committee member, Secretary/Treasurer or President for next year then they must do so, in writing, at least 28 days prior to the AGM and the nomination must have a seconder. All nominations will then be voted on at the AGM.

If anyone has anything that they would like discussed at the AGM then please write to us and we will see that it is included on the agenda. If you think of something too late to be included it can be brought up in "Any other business".

Should anyone wish to join us for a meal after the meeting would they please let us know as soon as possible, in order that we can ensure sufficient seating availability. Thank you.

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MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT.....by.....JOHN BROWN

When I got over the shock of being asked to be President, I thought what does a President do ?. I decided that the best thing to benefit our Association would be for Sheila and myself to attend as many events as possible in my term of office and make them social occasions. The North v South match at Hawbush followed by a Dinner at The Olde Plough House started the season well, while the return match at Bury saw a very sociable weekend spent together with our Manchester members and friends that travelled with the team.

Derek Cattle organised North v South London matches and again more old friends and rivals were discovered. Denny Winch ran a four team tournament at Wakering at which we were able to help. Derek Cattle also hosted a Nostalgia evening at his club which was very well attended (my last official duty as President) and so it was my great pleasure to present Derek with a birthday cake at the annual Dinner & Dance on his birthday from all of the committee members as recognition of his hard work and enthusiasm on the committee.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as President and I hope that I made it enjoyable for others.

JOHHNY BROWN

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HISTORY OF THE SPORT

We have been toying with the idea of attempting to collate archive material with a view to creating some sort of a history of our sport. Now, this may be a near impossible task but we feel it is worth a try. So if anyone has any suggestions that would be of help or would be prepared to offer assistance we would like to hear from you. In particular we are looking for a good copy of **" CYCLE SPEEDWAY IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON 1949"**. This was edited by TED SEAR and if we can find one we would like to reproduce it for sale to members. We have a copy of the **" 1949 CYCLE SPEEDWAY SOUVENIR"** which we also hope to reproduce.

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From **RON TARRANT**, co-founder of the **WARWICK LIONS.**

Dear Vic

Just a quick note to include with the "certificates". I thought that the piece in the Track Record about the Lions being successful at Great Wakering, where ever that is !, was really terrific. I failed to mention this to you in my last letter, but I've been giving it and your rude comments about millenium modified rocking chairs a little thought.

Yes, I will be delighted to buy several rounds of booze when I attend next year's Dinner & Dance (for the team only!) but I thought that I should do something more urgent in keeping with the trouncing that they handed out to the three losing teams. Hence the enclosed certificates to commemorate this never to be forgotten event.

I wonder if you would be good enough to represent me and present the guys with their mementos, with the strict assurance that drinks are to follow in 2000 A.D. I made one up for you, as I know that behind any endeavour in the field of Veteran Cycle Speedway these days , is a hard working ex Lion, Vic White.

p.s. I rode my first races as a Warwick Lion at Paragon Road in 1946 and raced against **DENNIS BOTTAZZI** in Euston Square Oct/Nov the same year.

THE MEN IN BLACK

A WEEKEND SPENT IN EDINBURGH, BERWICK and GLASGOW.

Friday 1st October 1999.

I TERRY STONE roll out of bed at 05.30 hrs. A quick cuppa and off I go round the M25 to meet up with the rest of the team at JIM GREGORY'S. We load up the van with all the machines ready for our trip North.

Machines in the van are :- Two 1928 Douglas and four 1930-31 Rudge.

Men in van are :- Jim Gregory - Tom Richardson - Terry Stone - Clive (Team manager).

Driving the first part of the journey was Mr.VINTAGE SPEEDWAY - Jim Gregory. He s an ex Rayleigh, Oxford and Wimbledon rider of the 1948 - 1957 era. Jim has one of the finest collections of Speedway bikes in the country and all of the above bikes belong to him.

Tom Richardson was a former Trials expert from East London. He was a Waltham-stow supporter in the 1950's.

Terry " Mr.ROCKET" Stone is an ex Longbridge Leopards cycle speedway rider. Ex Rayleigh, West Ham, Exeter, New Cross and Glasgow speedway rider.

We met up with Alan Patis and son John to have breakfast, tea and toast in a cafe on the A.1. We loaded the other bike into the van and continued our journey North. Alan Patis was a cycle speedway rider with Barkingside Cobras and the late Dave Stevens was his manager. He was also a former rally driver and grass track rider in the 1960's. John Patis was a junior rider at Milton Keynes Speedway.

Clive is starting marshall at Oxford Speedway. You may have seen him on Sky Sports TV.

We journeyed as far as Scotch Corner, where we had a good old trucker's dinner of pie, chips and peas. All at a fair price, not your motorway rip off prices !.

We travelled up to Newcastle where we branched off to join the A68, making our way to the border of Scotland. All passports were in order for the man in the kilt !. If you have ever travelled this road, you will know that there are a lot of hills to the border. However nothing daunts the Men in Black.

The rain had started by this time and when we arrived at Edinburgh it was raining cats and dogs. After 400 miles of sitting in a van, tired out after our 10 hour journey, that is the worst thing to happen !!!!.

Now it is rained off, postponed, all racing ruled out. We found a good chippie so it was fish and chips all round. As they say in Scotland, a Fish Supper.

Following a good night's sleep we awoke to a lovely sunny day. On this Saturday the journey back across the border to Berwick was a dawdle compared to yesterday. We unload all of the bikes in the pits. We had a show for the fans and had all of the children sitting on the bikes having the photographs taken.
This piece was taken from the Berwick programme.

"Take the time tonight to stop for a moment, close your eyes just a little as you watch the riders. Recall in your mind's eye those earlier times which maybe you or your parents saw and loved. Indulge yourself in a little nostalgia for times past, young or old smell the Castrol R, hear the crackle of the exhausts and see the black leathers and the body colours of times no longer in existence". Off to the changing rooms, on with the leathers and colours.

We each had four races.. not bad for us old boys eh ?. Jim 72, Alan 60 Terry 61 and young boy John a mere 25 years. After the meeting another fish supper. Diet ??. We headed back across the border to Edinburgh.

Sunday is another sunshine day. In the morning we visited the Speedway museum at Loanhead. This museum has the best collection of historic memorabilia I have ever seen. It is called "From Cinder to Shale" and is owned by Mr.Ian Paterson. This is a must for all speedway enthusiasts.

We then travelled for our 15.30. meeting at Glasgow. The bikes unloaded for the fans with lots of children again having their photographs taken.
As I am an ex Glasgow rider it was great to see fans and friends from the 1964 era. We had four rides at Glasgow. The best race for me was my first, which I won on the 1928 Douglas. Jim and I were neck and neck for three laps and we came out of the last corner together and over the finish line...I won by half a wheel.. Great stuff !. Tom had a nasty fall but was luckily O.K. Best man on the trip was Jim, winning five races.

We loaded the van for the last time on this trip and hit the road. Travelling South at 18.30 down the A74. M74. M6 and M1. We had a couple of stops on the way home and after driving through the night, we arrived at Jim's at 03.15. I picked up my van and drove home getting there about 04.30., tired but happy. That is it until next year when we hope to do it again. We wish you all good health and happiness. A very merry Christmas and happy New Year into the new Millenium.

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