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Pete Smith (Caludon Flyers), & unknown (Teneriffe Tigers)
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DAVE HUNTING

15th March 1942 — 16th February 2015



It was with sadness that Cycle Speedway heard of the sudden death of Dave Hunting. Dave was truly a giant amongst men in Cycle Speedway, a larger than life character, a true supporter of the sport in every way and a most outspoken critic of the failings of the sport. Dave started riding in 1954 with Kesgrave and soon showed his real ability by winning both the Suffolk Junior and Senior titles in 57 and the Senior again in 58 as well as touring Holland as the Suffolk Champion in 58. This was at a time when Cycle Speedway in Suffolk boasted over 20 teams and well over 200 riders.

A slight set back in Dave's life took him to the London area and he rode with the Harefield Pirates at Uxbridge in 59 and 60 alongside Roger Seymour, Bill Punter and Pete Leckie. Dave moved away from the sport following other interests but returned again in the 1970's building the Grundisburgh track and finishing runner up in the 73 and 74 Suffolk Championship and winning it for the third time in 75, 18 years after his first title success.

Away from the track Dave had numerous interests especially with motor Speedway racing and became a major sponsor to Ipswich Speedway and several riders under the name of Hunting Hire, a company he started from humble beginnings to make it into a major player around his home town of Ipswich. At one time he was Stadium Manager with Ipswich and Yarmouth as well as promotions manager with Spedeworth around several other tracks.

Dave also took a major role in refereeing in Cycle Speedway and established a record of officiating at nine British Finals, a record yet to be matched and was the last real freely elected Chairman of the Cycle Speedway Commission under British Cycling. In 2006 Dave was deposed from high office because he would not deviate from his high held principles that British Cycling did not have the best interests at hand for Cycle Speedway. He spoke strongly against British Cycling and despite many other people agreeing with him he moved away from the big stage.

He did however continue to help and advise Suffolk clubs and started a small growth in cycle speedway again back in the Ipswich area.

In 2013 he encouraged Bill Gill to return to Cycle Speedway by taking on the role of Secretary with the Veteran Cycle Speedway Riders Association and together they hoped to attract the army of youngsters that have followed Cycle Speedway after the original "skid kid" days. To this effect they had held several exhibitions at major events and were due to work together at The Speedway Celebrations at The Speedway Museum in Hertfordshire the day before he died, but ill health prevented this happening.

In the future when people talk about Cycle Speedway the name of Dave Hunting will often be mentioned and his contribution to the sport never forgotten.



Grundisburgh Bombers 1st team squad in 1974. Dave Hunting 3rd from left.



Interleague Test Match v North London Independent League at Melton.
Dave Hunting splits N.L.I.L. riders, Chas Read Inner & Vic White.
Photo from Cycle Speedway Teams down the ages.

I would like to add my personal thoughts about Dave Hunting, remembering him as a talented rider, a committed official and a true friend.

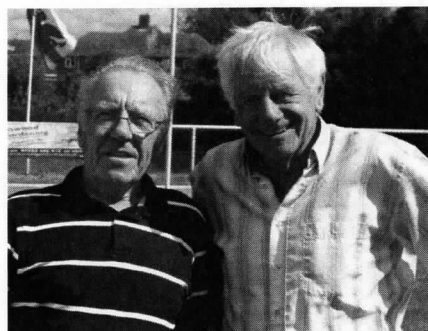
When Dave moved away from the sport we lost contact but then in the early 70's I was carrying out maintenance work in the Kesgrave Quarry when I spotted a small truck with his name on it and he was purchasing some aggregates and I spotted the then youthful face and could not avoid calling out to him. We started talking about Cycle Speedway and his plans for Grundisburgh and it was if he had never moved away from the sport.

My lasting memory of him will be returning from the Speedway Celebrations in 2014 together and nearing Colchester he asked if I wanted to have something to eat and he said he knew a place close by. I thought perhaps Macdonalds or a local pub but no it was a very exclusive Chinese restaurant on the outskirts of Colchester and we were the only non Chinese dining there. We spent the better part of three hours talking about our experiences in the sport and shared the very expensive bill but it was worth every penny spent. I learnt things about Dave that I would never tell but fully realised how cycle speedway filled his veins and like myself had held great hopes that the sport would have got better acclaim.

Dave had great personality a real ladies man always the perfect gentleman, a truly brilliant host and a special friend who was never afraid to speak his mind . We always agreed on most things but failed to agree on his style of refereeing but our friendship never faded and he will remain with me for the rest of my days.

DAVE old friend R.I.P

BILL GILL



Bill Gill & Dave Hunting.

M/ship Sec. update on Len Silver's invitation to VCSRA Members to enjoy Speedway at Rye House.

Len Silver and I have agreed a date for our 'get-together' at Rye House.

It will take place on SUNDAY AFTERNOON 16th AUGUST.
Len has two Matches on that day. 'Rockets' v Workington 'Comets' and 'Raiders' v Kent 'Kings'. The first Match will start promptly at 2.00 PM

Full details of how to get there can be found on the Website.

www.ryehouserockets.co

I have yet to discuss with Len the conditions of free entry of Members and their Wives/Partners but I would assume showing your 2015/16 M/ship Card would be required.

As a 'thank-you' to Len Silver for the Invitation I propose holding a 'Donation Collection' from the Members present in aid of the 'SPEEDWAY RIDERS BENEVOLENT FUND' (S.R.B.F.) A Charity dear to Len's heart.

(An OAP/Concession to a 'Double-Header' at Rye House would cost £17.00).

If any of our Members not going to Rye House would also like to Donate to this Charity please send your Donation Cq. (marked S.R.B.F.) to me, I will then forward the Cqs together with our collection to the SRBF Office at Rugby.

I will publish the total amount collected in a later 'Track Record'.

Thank you.

Malcolm Belchambers.
Hon. M/ship Sec. VCSRA.
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THE VETERAN CYCLE SPEEDWAY RIDERS ASSOCIATION.

THE VCSRA WILL BE HOLDING THEIR **ANNUAL LUNCHEON** ON JUNE 7th 2015 AT PARADISE WILDLIFE PARK, HERTS EN107QA AT 12 NOON FOR A 12.30 SIT DOWN. THE COST OF THE LUNCHEON IS £22.50 PER HEAD AND CONSISTS OF A BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON WITH DESSERTS.

IT IS HOPED THAT MEMBERS WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME ALONG AND ENJOY BOTH THE LUNCHEON AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OLD FRIENDS IN THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE PROVIDED BY PARADISE WILDLIFE PARK

THE COST INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO BOTH THE WILDLIFE PARK AND THE SPEEDWAY MUSEUM AS WELL AS THE LUNCHEON.

THIS IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO BRING CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ALONG WITH YOU AND COSTS FOR CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER WILL BE £16.50 AND CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE.

IT IS HOPED MEMBERS WILL ALSO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD PHOTOS ETC. TO SHARE THEIR MEMORIES WITH OTHERS.

IN ORDER TO RESERVE TICKETS CONTACT BILL GILL 19 ,COLCHESTER ROAD, HOLLAND ON SEA ESSEX CO155DD TOGETHER WITH PAYMENT. (CHEQUES PAYABLE TO VCSRA)

THE AGM WILL FOLLOW LUNCH AT 2.30 P.M. AND THIS IS A TIME FOR WIVES AND OTHER GUESTS TO TOUR THE PARK IF SO DESIRED.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS VENTURE AND MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS

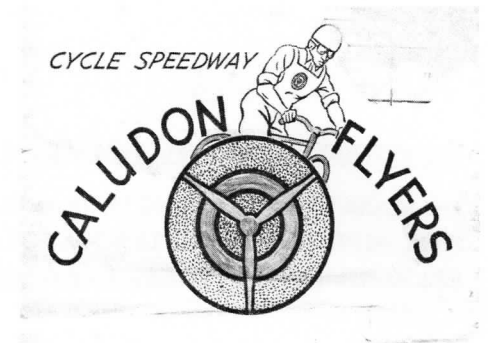
AGENDA

- 1 .OPENING ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT Pete Saunders
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 - 3 ,MINUTES OF 2014 AGM
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 - 6 .MEMBERSHIP REPORT Malcolm Belchambers
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Geoffrey Dunstan Recalls Cycle Speedway

Geoffrey Lenox Dunstan

D.O.B. 21/09/1931, 19 Arch Road, Wyken, Coventry



Coventry Bees Speedway reopened after the war in 1948 and triggered the interest in starting a cycle speedway team. Caludon Flyers were formed in the spring of 1949 and existed until the end of 1950.

I was a Caludon Flyers team rider 1949 and manager during the 1950/1951 seasons (as riders couldn't ride after the age of 18)

The Original Coventry League 1949

Alvis Aces (champions)

Track located at the corner of Holyhead Road and Four Pounds Avenue (now a Morrison's store)

Caludon Flyers (runners up)

Track located at the corner of Bodmin Road and Farren Road, Wyken, Coventry (a former wartime barrage balloon site)

Abbey Aces and Teneriffe Tigers

Shared a track in Old Church Road, Longford, Coventry

Black Pad Panthers

Track located in Ordnance Road, Stoke, Coventry (now Stoke Bowls)

Barren Black Bats

Track located at Barras Green, Coventry

Allesley Hounds

Track located in Allesley Village, Coventry



L/R Bill Parker (Caludon Flyers) , unknown, Geoffrey Dunstan (Caludon Flyers).

Caludon Flyers

Teams visited during 1949/1950:

Rugby Falcons, Hillmorton Road, Rugby

Duston Devils, Northants

Leicester East

Oxford Aces

Leamington Red Devils .

Coventry Teams

Nillenhall Dragons

Roseycosibe Rockets

Binley Bees

Walsgrave Wallabies,

track opposite The Red Lion pub

Roland Rockets

Devonshire Devils,

track in Sewall Highway (now a petrol station)

Courthouse Cobras, track in Nuffield Road

Adderley Aces, track in Adderley Street, Hillfields



Caludon Flyers 1950.

L/R. Trevor Elliot, Douggie Knight, Geoffrey Dunstan (Manager), unknown, Derek Cemery, Pete Woolnough, Bill Parker, Gordon Bates & John Timms



1,000 + crowd. Wyken Coventry July 1949.

L/R. Geoffrey Dunstan (Caludon Flyers) Pete Smith (Caludon Flyers) Pete Reason & unknown.
Starting Gate constructed from part of a wartime barrage balloon securing base section.

Les Gustafson

TYNESIDE HISTORY

The period of the sport's early activity on Tyneside was rather brief - from 1948 (maybe late 1947) to 1951 (Newcastle Speedway closed down at the end of that year, which may have been a major contributory factor). There was then an interval of fourteen years before two separate groups of teenagers — one in South Shields, the other living within walking distance of Brough Park stadium, where Speedway had resumed several years earlier, took up the sport, and although both groups of kids may have unknowingly rubbed shoulders on the Brough terraces in 1965, it was not until 1966 that they met in a Cycle Speedway match.

Each group of those 60s teenagers thought they were pioneers of the sport in their own particular district (possibly attracted by the 'Look at Life' short showing in cinemas in 1965) and it was not until much later that it became known that there had been Cycle Speedway on both banks of the Tyne in those post-war years — in the Walker/Wallsend districts to the north, and in Gateshead and South Shields on the south side of the river.

Distance made Tyneside a bit of a backwater in those early years (although matches were raced against Edinburgh and Catterick), so it was a big step when a group of riders representing Newcastle set off at Easter 1950 on the train to London, to race three Test Matches in South-East London — at Cardinal Bourne Street, SE1, home of Cardinal Monarchs, East Surrey Grove (Peckham Stars) and New Cross. The Tynesiders lost all three matches, but were not disgraced, and were leading in the second match until the final few heats, when the home-track knowledge of Peckham riders Ray Braddon and Henry Brand enabled the Londoners to overhaul them and take the match 60-47. The match reports in the local press mentioned return fixtures scheduled for August 1950 in Newcastle, but these appear to have fallen by the wayside.

One of those Newcastle riders was Archie Cooper, who was a guest at one of Northumbria Vikings' Northern League matches in 2014, along with Edmund Hall (both featured in a recent 'Track Record' photograph of the event).



South East London Test Team v Newcastle.

L/R. Ray Braddon, Vic Winter, Henry Brand, A Palmer,
Joe Goody, Jacky Lunan, Terry Vintner & G. Luck.



Ray Braddon, Peckham Stars, recent winner of the Cycle Speedway Individual Championships of South London, broadsides at the start of heat 16 of the opening match on Saturday against Newcastle.

SOUTH-EAST LONDON Cycle Speedway League won all three matches in their Tests against Newcastle over the Easter weekend. Though they never finished with less than a thirteen point winning margin their victories were by no means runaway.

Ray Braddon returned the best figures in Saturday's match at the Cardinal Monarchs' track, New Cross. He scored 14 of his side's 68 points against the visiting team's 40.

The following day Newcastle were riding well, and looked as though they would square the matches, but after leading until the twelfth heat they fell away, when the South-East Lon-

don riders overhauled them in the final six races to win by 60 points to 47.

Monday's match was a win for South-East Londoners by 67-41.

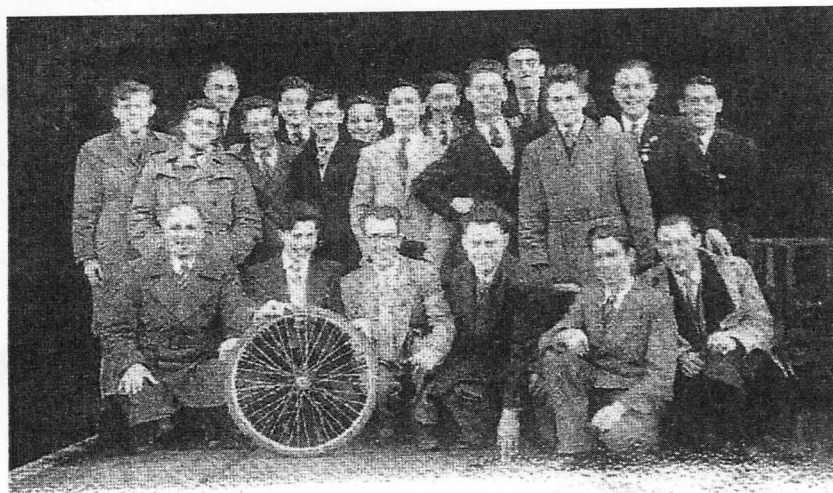
On Sunday the match was watched by the Mayor and Mayoress of Camberwell (Alderman A. F. and Councillor Mrs Crossman).

Individual Scorers Saturday: S. London: Braddon (14), Vinter (1), Palmer (10), Goody (9). Newcastle: Hodgson, Cooper, Moody and Temp 7 each.

Sunday.—S.E. London: Brand (maximum), Braddon (12), Palm (11). Newcastle: Bird (12), Dobs (10), Moody (9).

Monday.—S.E. London: Palmer (1), Braddon (12), Luck (12), Brand (1 fell away, when the South-East Lon-

Winter (9).



Newcastle riders, officials and supporters at London Euston Station prior to the Test Matches

VCSRA M/ship Directory Additions and Amendments. March 24th 2015.

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Regretfully the following Members have been lapsed from the VCSRA due to non-payment of their 2014 Membership Subscriptions.

John Abberley, Terry Astley, Paul Brinkhoff, Brian Clarke, Ian Clarke, Marcus Fischer, David Foster, Derek Garnett, Brian Girling, Roy Gosling, Glen Grange, Kenneth Greenhaugh, Mark Griffiths, Ron Gutteridge, Dennis Hall (NZ), Chris Harrison, Dave Hemsley, Ray Hunt, Mike Lawrence, Kevin Marson, Ian McKinlay, Tony Mullinder, Steven Mullinder, Dave Murphy, Noel O'Brien, Raymond Oliver, Dave Palfreyman, Dave Parsons, Richard Pawson, Jackie Pinkerton, Stuart Raven, Tony Sands, Kevin Smith, Mark Spaulding, Paul Thomas, Patrick Wenn, Phillip Widdas, Mark Winwood, Graham Wright, Peter Young.

Please amend your VCSRA M/ship Directory (2014 Issue 1 Edition, Blue Cover) accordingly.

Malcolm Belchambers.
Hon. M/ship Secretary, VCSRA.

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REMINDER.

The Membership Subscription for 2015 is due on the 1st April.
Thanks to everyone who has already renewed.

Re The Colindale Newspaper Library from Paul Robinson.

I have just received the latest copy of "The Track Record" what a great magazine, I really do look forward to every issue, and in answer to your notes "Colindale Newspaper Library" I have just looked up my records and files of Cycle Speedway, and to my surprise it is about ten years ago that I paid the Library a visit, I had previously visited the Brent Archives at the Cricklewood Library (they like Colindale have reallocated) and searched through the old local Newspapers, The Willesden Citizen and the Willesden Chronicle, I had vague memories of reading reports in these two Newspapers in 1948 and 1949, at this time I was riding for The "Willesden Comets," we were in The Wembley and District League I found articles and match reports starting in June 1948 through to October 1949 in the Willesden Citizen after that everything went dead with the odd photo or reports of Cycle Speedway and Speedway from Wembley Stadium in The Willesden Chronicle, there were no more match reports from 1950 onwards, I left the Comets in late 1950 and got called up in 1951 I think National Service took its toll on Cycle Speedway teams, I did at one time have a photo of myself in the team, it was a test match between Willesden and Wembley fortunately I was riding for Willesden and we came out the winners, over the years the photo went missing but at Colindale I found it in the Willesden Chronicle, it cost me £25 to get it printed, I later found out I could have printed it out myself for about 10p, I printed out all the match reports I had found. You would have thought that all Wembley Newspapers would carry reports of Speedway from the great Wembley Stadium. I hope you and all those responsible for the magazine keep up the good work.

From Tony Mann

In reply to John Whiting's article on the former National Team Championship (Page 11, Issue 1 2015), his information is absolutely correct. However, there is a mistake re the included Blackley team photograph. It was not 1968 as stated, but actually 1978. I am certain that three of the riders depicted were not riding in 1968, namely Steve Davidson, Les Bowden & Paul Hulme. The full line up shown is L/R:

Back row, John Watchman, Steve Davidson, Derek Garnett (Team manager) Les Bowden and Dennis Tarr.

Front row, John Whiting, Paul Hulme, Kevin Greenhaigh & Steve Flynn (later known as Steve Crook)



Steve Davidson and Les Bowden started riding for Blackley as new recruits in Heaton Park, whilst myself and Mike Hack were running the club in 1973 or 74. Paul Hulme joined Blackley after racing for several years for Denton Pirates.

* I hope this may be of interest,

Yours in Sport Tony Mann Chorlton Aces from 1950, Stretford Hammers, Longsight Pegasus, Carrswood Hunters (Ten Years) and finally Chesham Comets (Now Bury) since 1974. 65 years in Cycle Speedway.

JOHN WHITING.

John sadly passed away on March 6th, after a long battle with cancer.

John started out at Blackley at the end of the 1965 season, after a slow start he started to win things. In 1968 he took third place in the National Final at Hungerford, he became the 1st Blackley rider to win the Manchester senior final, in 1970 he won the Midland Youth & took his first win in the National Team Championship. Many more trophies were to follow, many 4th and the London Vets. John raced for Manchester, Lancashire & England. He also raced in Holland, Poland & Australia.

John had a forceful style of riding which got him in trouble some times. When the Blackley club folded John joined Bury where he had more time in the sport as rider/secretary. He was also a well known Ref & Official.

There were so many old faces at his funeral, with riders from Scotland, Sheffield, Manchester, Stoke, Leicester, Coventry, East Anglia, Arch rivals Wednesfield & Blackley including all his 1970 team mates:-

K. Greenhalgh, S Berry, M Berry, D Wilson, J Watchman, S Broadfield & G Gleave John will be missed by all. He lost his long time fiancé Marion 4 yrs ago also to cancer. Our thoughts are with his daughters Michelle & Tina & their families, his sister Shirley & Brother Terry. The funeral took place at St. Johns church Whittle - le - Woods.

Also a large representation from the police force that he worked with in later years. were present.

Graham Gleave.



John Whiting at the Bury Round of the 2010 Eurovets.

Photo from Dave Wilson.

VCSRA SPRING GOLF DAY 28th MAY 2015

It is intended to hold the Spring Golf Day on Thursday 28th May 2015 at Darenth Valley Golf Course, Station Rd, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7SA.

The format will be meet at 11.00am for Bacon Rolls & Coffee. The first tee time will be 12.04pm. Following this there will be a two course meal and coffee.

The Club has four Buggies, please let me know who would want one, the cost if I remember correctly is £25.00.

It would be nice if we could get a good number of Players, so if you have any friends that play, then please ask them if they would like to come, I am sure they will enjoy the day.

If there are any members that don't play golf, but would like to come for the meal, which is normally about 5.00pm that would be really nice, you can also chat with old friends over the meal and drink.

The cost for the day is £38.50 which is only a pound more than the cost of the last three years. The cost of the evening meal is £18.00.

If there is anyone who would like to come for the day, have the Bacon Roll & Coffee, then walk round with the players, are more than welcome, just add £5.50 to the evening meal price.

Hopefully the President will be able to come to present the prizes.

Should you require further details, then ring Len Adams on 01440 785474, or email lenatadams@hotmail.com.

Please send your cheques made payable to VCSRA, to Len Adams, The Rowans, 1 Colne Springs, Ridgewell, Halstead, Essex, CO9 4RX.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the day.

Len Adams

VCSRA CD's

The Track Record 1996 – 2015 A Digital/pdf CD of all past issues of our magazine will be available for 25th May dispatch. If you would like a copy post your order & cheque for £5.00 to:-

Colin Booth, 29 Broad Oaks, Wickford, Essex SS12 9BQ.

Note. Copies of '50 Years of Cycle Speedway' and 'Ted Gee's Pictures' are still available at £5.00 each.

Editors Notes.

I should really have delayed the January issue by a few weeks, with it coming so soon after Christmas and New Year, it was always going to be a struggle to get in finished in the time. As it was several articles came in, which could have been included. Some articles that should have been include in this issue have had to be held over. Les Gustafson, kindly took the article from Robert Stanton and summarised it and typed it out, Tony Emmott sent an article by Graham Payne from the Meccano Magazine, both of these should have been included in this issue. Since then, I have nearly enough articles to complete the next issue:-

David Pipes sent an article from The Third Eagle Sports Annual, a 3 page article with photos on the Walthamstow Wolves, some photos and newspaper cuttings from Willie Parkes, an article with photos from Dave Butcher and an article and photos from Roy Delaney. Thanks to everyone who sent contributions and apologies to anyone that I have not mentioned, I can start on the next issue now!

Where? & When?



Wembley All Stars L/R.

Ted Winning, Brain Carter, Alex Fraser, Roger Dewhurst & Bill Gadsby (on Bike.)

First I thought that this must have been 1956, when Vic Merner took the team out of the league and we spent the year traveling the country riding challenge matches. I had an old ford 10 cwt van and took most of the riders and all of the bikes to the matches. 1956, was the year of "Suez" and petrol rationing, but Vic applied for and got extra coupons for our travels.

Then I realised that Roger did not start riding until 1957 and only rode for Wembley for a short while. When Langley Lions withdrew from the League, I asked if Bushey could take their place, and when we were accepted, had no difficulty in persuading Roger to join me.

