

1962

Some notable achievements by the Club this year included the promotion of an open 50 miles time trial, a Southern R.R.A. record, a race in France, and the launch of a club magazine. Also, "Eighty Years Awheel", a record of the Club's first 80 years, was published.

The annual dinner was again held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, in January. Tom Bray, Medway R.C., and David Patten, Tunbridge Wells R.C., were guest speakers.

L. Chambers as time trials secretary, and Dennis Neeves as social secretary, were the two changes of officials which had been made. Membership remained at about the previous years level. Club-runs and other club activities had quite good support. There were some Y.H.A. tours, an invitation slide show, and a speed-judging contest which was won by John Jary. Geoff Skinner was "Best Clubman". Cecil Blank brought out the first issue of a club magazine, "1066", in October.

Early in the year the Club lost a very good member when Phyllis Coleman died at the age of 31 years.

The open "50" was held on 8th July, with 59 entrants, and won by Roy Manser, San Fairy Ann C.C., in 1h 58m 50s. Fastest of the Club was John Davies in 2h 8m 5s, and Edward Coussens made a national record of 2h 35m 17s for 69 years of age.

John Davies, who was experienced in road racing, encouraged other members to try that branch of the sport, and five competed in an invitation event near Paris at Easter. Among several other races contested was the Weybridge Club's 90 miles event in which prizes were won by Bob French (4th) and Lynn Chambers (6th).

Bob French won the East Sussex "Hardriders" 12 miles, and the Association's March "25" in 1h 5m 21s, leading a winning team on each occasion, with the support of Lynn and Martin Chambers. Bob, Lynn and Martin also won two 3-up team time trials - the K.C.A. 30 miles in 1h 16m 57s, and the Wigmore C.C.'s open "25" in 59m 9s. Jack Southerden was fastest in a Kent veterans' "25" in 1h 5m 40s, and he won the V.T.T.A. Kent Group's "B.A.R." competition.

John Davies, Maurice Carpenter and Jack Southerden road over 1,365 miles in two 12-hour time trials on consecutive Sundays in August. In East Sussex John Davies made a new club record of 234.939 miles, and in Kent the three members made a club team record of 692.02 miles.

1962 continued:

A Southern R.R.A. tandem-tricycle record for the London to Hastings and back was made by Maurice Carpenter and Michael Dunn in September. Their time of 5h 39m 45s for the 112 miles was over 40 minutes better than the standard which had been set despite very bad weather.

Club time trials:

10 miles junior championship	M. Chambers	24m 45s
15 " juniors	B. Coles	42m 15s
15 " " 2nd event	M. Chambers	41m 09s
25 " Opening trophy	R. French	1h 5m 03s
25 " Ron Eastes Mem. trophy	" "	1h 1m 40s
30 " "	L. Chambers	1h 19m 34s
50 " Croft trophy	J. Davies	2h 8m 05s
100 " Martin trophy	" "	4h 40m 03s
12 hours Bliss trophy	" "	234.939 miles
Rye-Hythe-Rye Hughes trophy	L. Chambers	1h 59m 15s
Hastings-Rye-Hastings	J. Davies	1h 5m 10s (record)
" " " juniors	M. Chambers	1h 6m 49s "
Hill climb 970 yds	" "	2m 55.2s
Evening events competition	R. French	
Christmas Day low gear "10"	J. Southerden	33m 52s
Junior "B.A.R."	M. Chambers	
Best All-rounder	J. Davies	22.024 m.p.h.

At the end of the year Edward Coussens claimed membership of the exclusive 300,000-mile Club after having cycled and recorded 325,000 miles since 1925.

