



AYR ROADS CYCLING  
CLUB  
*Newsletter*

*May 2005*

### 75 YEARS OF HISTORY ON DISPLAY

During the month of May, a display of the club's history is being held in Carnegie Library Ayr. The display was officially opened by South Ayrshire's Provost McKenzie who received from Bert Mason a photograph of Ayr Cycling Club, dated 1895. In return the Provost presented the club with a new trophy. Everyone should make the effort to see the display that Arnie Thomson and Bobby McLean set up. As well as the magnificent display of trophies there are medals won by early club members like Jimmy McKissock, Harry & Margaret Fairbairn to the more recent UCI medal of Vic's. Also on display is a brief history of the club with some great photo's.



### DAVID BELL MEMORIAL ROAD RACE

This year's David Bell race will use the course that proved so successful last year. Starting at 11:00am on **Sunday 12 June** at Straiton. The riders will complete two laps of the Straiton – Kirkmichael - Crosshill circuit before heading into the hills and the Nick O' Balloch climb. Volunteers are needed to help with the smooth running of the event, so if you want to see the action there's no better way than judging, marshalling or providing race support. Contact Vic ([01655 770661](tel:01655770661)) if you are available to help.

### OLD MEN & YOUNG LADIES!

The Sunday after the David Bell race the club is back at Straiton to promote a 45 mile road race for women and vets. Yes folks, old men chasing young women! Ian Robertson is organizing this event so once again contact Ian on 01292 263630 to offer your support on the **19<sup>th</sup> June**.

### CLUB RUNS TO ARRAN & COWAL

On Sunday **3<sup>rd</sup> July** the club run will be a trip round Arran. Leaving Ayr at 8:15 it will be a gentle pedal via Troon and onto Ardrossan to catch the 9:45 ferry. Once in Arran the weather and company will no doubt set the route and pace. The return ferry will be at 4:40pm.

The **Cowal peninsular** will be the destination on Sunday **7<sup>th</sup> August**. Leaving on the Western Ferries service at 9:30 from Gourock a full days pedaling is planned once we reach Dunoon.

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## **EVENING 10 MILE TIME TRAILS**

Once again all club members will have the chance to hone their time trialing skills on a Thursday evening throughout the summer. Starting at 7:00pm from the Corraith road, riders will be set off at minute intervals along the A78 Loans & Irvine bypass in the never ending quest to beat their personal best time.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

If you have not yet renewed your membership or are new to the club and would like to join, then please contact the club treasurer Alex McAllister, 7 Maberry Place Troon. KA10 7LA. Tel 01292 316336. Fees are only £15 for Seniors and £5 for Juniors

## **[WWW.AYR.ROADS.CYCLING.CLUB.ORG.UK](http://WWW.AYR.ROADS.CYCLING.CLUB.ORG.UK)**

Whilst it is nice to reflect on the last 75 years of the club if it is to continue to grow it needs to attract new members. A web-site is essential for the future of the club. If you have the ability to develop a club web site and the time to do so, then please contact a committee member.

## **75<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE.**

Past and present riders will join to celebrate the successes of the 2005 season and the clubs preceding 75 years at the North Beach Hotel, Prestwick on Friday 18 November. No doubt there will be many stories of great sprint finishes, epic club runs and hard fought victories told during the course of the evening, and you never know one or two might even be true. The proceedings will start at 7:30pm prompt with a meal, followed by the 2005 presentation before the band strikes up for those who can dance.

Tickets will be priced around £15 and will be available soon for purchase.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Neil and Joanne Campbell on the birth of their son Glen, on Good Friday. Both mother and child are well and father is still recovering. – only 2 more to make up a time trial team.!

## **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

During a Wallacehill Road Race at Straiton on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May the clubs leading road race rider Alex McAllister had a very heavy fall when a number of riders hit a seriously deep pot hole. Alex was taken to hospital with head, hands and back injuries. We wish him well with this recovery.

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