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# JOHN HATHAWAY

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28,000 MILES

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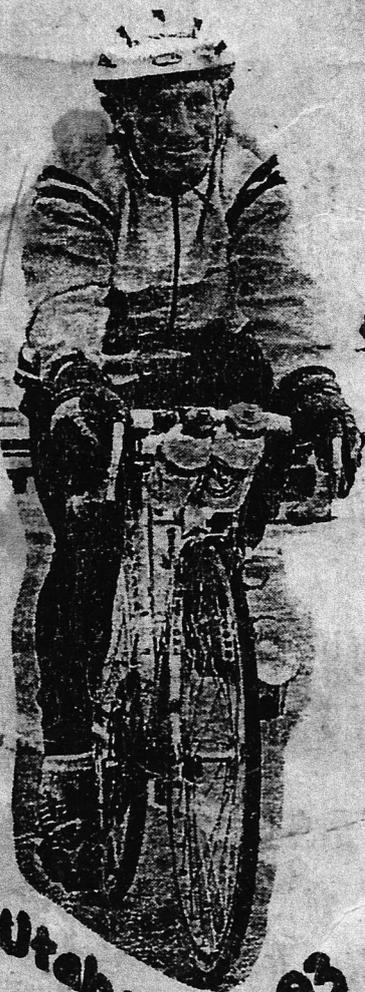
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*John Hathaway*  
12 APRIL 1993

ENROUTE  
MINNEAPOLIS  
20,000 MILES  
34 STATES - 76 WKS.



DATE	PLACE	STATE	TOTAL MILES	✓	NEW	NIGHTS		
28 Oct	ROME	NEW YORK	110	✓		2	LARRY EHLINGER	THOUSAND ISLANDS BRIDGE - PA OLD CANAL RUINS - BLACK RIVER TR
2 Nov	Blairstown	NEW JERSEY	360	✓		1	JACK BROHAL	BIG CLIMBS ALONG DELAWARE R
3 "	Norton	"	"	✓		1	LILI NATHAN & JACK	CAPE MAY
8 "	Chincoteage	Virginia	640	✓		3	JIM DEENEY & BALTIMORE B.C.	3 DAYS WITH BALTIMORE BICYCLE CLUB ON ASSATEAGUE IS
15 "	RALEIGH	N. Carolina	970	✓		4	GILBERT ANDERSON JOAN CAVALLO	CHESAPEAKE BAY
24	CHARLESTON (Goose Creek)	S "	1310	✓		6	LARRY & TEDDI WHITSELL	Charleston - Waterfront Park MARION FOSTER NAT. FOREST OCALA NAT. FOREST - PRAIRIE OKEANOKEE SWAMP
5 DEC	ST. AUGUSTINE	Florida	1780	✓		1	TOM & MARYANN THALDORF	PRAIRIE - CITRUS GROVES GULF COAST
21 "	Homosassa	"	2590	✓		1		
1992								
7 JAN	TALLAHASSEE	"	3220	✓		2	DAN & LYS BURDEN TALAHASSEE C.C.	OLD SPANISH TRAIL (HWY 90)
9 "	PENSACOLA	"	3450	✓		1	BARBARA SMITH Barbara & Carol Anne	WHITE SANDS
24 "	NEW ORLEANS	Louisiana	3690	✓		5	CRESCENT CITY CC.	RT-90 - MOBILE TUNNEL, FRENCH QUARTER, MISSISSIPPI
29	Poncha Taula	"	3810	✓		1	UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH	LAKE PONCHERTRAIN - PAN ALTA
31	Church Point	"	3970	✓		1		BAYOUS, MISSISSIPPI FERRY
9 FEB	SAN ANTONIO	Texas	4420	✓		1	Rebecca Neff	OIL FIELD, TRAIL RIDERS SAN ANTONIO SCENIC TOUR CRUISE
12 "	CORPUS CHRISTIE	"	4590	✓		2	Daniel Pape	RANCH COUNTRY ENJOYABLE SIZE CITY
15 "	LAREDO	"	4750	✓		3	Arther Ochoa.	RANCH COUNTRY
20 "	Carrizo Springs	"	4880	✓		1	Jay Myers	
21 "	Bracketville	"	4970	✓		1	Charlie Ward	
22 "	DEL RIO	"	5000	✓		1	LT. ALAN KINNISON	RESERVOIR, PECOS RIVER BROKEN SPOKE - IRRIGATED DESERT
7 Mar	TUCSON	Arizona	5760	✓		4	JOE & CHARLOTTE SHIELDS	MOUNTAINOUS VALLEY TO COAST
18 "	MISSION VIEJO	California	6320	✓		6	John & Irene BURWOOD	UP & DOWN COASTAL ROUTE CAMPSITES AVE of GIANTS WITH LADY RIDER
2 APR	Halfmoon Bay (Prince John)	"	6820	✓		4	STANLEY & NANCY RUTTER	16 HRS of RAIN (OREGON COAST)
16 "	Bandon	"	7360	✓		2	BANDON YOUTH HOSTEL	COAST TO ASTORIA - HODD CANY SARNICH PENINSULA
27 APR to 29 May	VANCOUVER	CANADA	5 WEEKS					CHOCANUT DRIVE, PENSACOLA BECKING TRAIN TO BOISE - RIVER PARKWAY
15 JUN	BOISE	Idaho	8,000	✓		1	HARRY STANS BURY	SNAKE RIVER VALLEY ICED SPRINGS - PAUL LAKE CITY
2 "	"	"	"	✓		1	STEVE & BARBARA CHATTIN	TRAILER RAMPAGE FROM OGDEN
3 "	Buley	"	8120	✓		1	THE MOSS FAMILY	HIG COUNTRY PLAINS
9 "	LARAMIE	Wyoming	8470	✓		1	KEN & MARY GRANT	OKLAHOMA PAN HANDLE
20 "	DODGE CITY	Kansas	8960	✓		1	LARRY UTHE COUNTRY WESTERN BAND	THE EZARKS
27 "	OKLAHOMA CITY	Oklahoma	9230	✓		2	JOHN & LINDA WRIGHT & Peter	ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY
1 JULY	SPRINGDALE	Arkansas	9490	✓		1	BILLY & JUANITA HARP	TOUGH CLIMBS MISSISSIPPI DELTA LANDS
3 "	Petit Jean Campsite	"	9640	✓		2		A DISASTER STELEN PASSPORT MONEY
5 "	LITTLE ROCK	"	9700	✓		1	WALTER & TERRI PAULSON	BY FAM
8 "	Hughes	"	9830	✓		1	CHIEF of POLICE	TRAVEL
17 JULY - 2 SEPT	PENSACOLA	Florida	10440				7 WEEK STAY	HWY 90
4 SEPT	TALLAHASSEE	"	10650	✓		17	DAN & LYS BURDEN	
27 "	McDonough	Georgia	10900	✓		11	LARRY STANFORD	TOUR Many Miles of Topp Branch

DATE	PLACE	STATE	TOTAL MILEAGE					
11 Oct	OLD CHURCH	VIRGINIA	11760	✓	1	Don PABST & FAMILY.	WINDING ROUTE THRO PLANTATIONS, ROLLING.	
12	Stafford		11830	✓	1	DAN & THERESA REED.		
13	WASHINGTON D.C	D.C.	11880	✓	3	JOSH LEHMAN	MT VERNON - WASHINGTON BIKER HWY - TOUGH CLIMBS	
16	BALTIMORE	MARYLAND	11920	✓	1	DAVID SCHOTT. MET AT LAW OFFICE	MAIN RD - RTE 1. NEW SADDLE AT COLLEGE PARK	
17	MT PLEASANT	DELAWARE	11960	✓	3	JIM DEENEY - B.B.C.	MONKTON BIKETRAIL GETTYSBURG - BATTLEFIELD 50	
21	LANCASTER	PENNSYLVANIA	12010	✓	1	WILLIAM HOFFMAN LAW HOSPITALITY HOME	AMISH COUNTRY	
22	ALLENTOWN	"	12190	✓	1	DEBBIE NELSON LAWYER	AMISH COUNTRY & RODALE PRESS	
23	MONOCAY	"	12240	✓	1	LARRY CLAUSER	AMISH COUNTRY	
24	LANCASTER	"	12290	✓	1	WILLIAM HOFFMAN LAW H.H.	AMISH COUNTRY	
25	MT PLEASANT	DELAWARE	12300	✓	3	JIM DEENEY B.B.F.	FLAT LAND. OF DELAWARE.	
2 Nov	Nth Mountain (w/ of Lexington)	VIRGINIA	12770	✓	1	TERRY & SANDY TEMPIN	ALLAGENHY MTNS.	
7	MALDEN	W. VIRGINIA	13,000	✓	1	JAMES & KAREN THIBEAULT		
12	ELIZABETHTOWN	KENTUCKY	13 330	✓	3	CHARLES & CLAIRE MYERS. LAWYER & UMCF Official.	Dangerous winds CVW put on dinner.	
15	RADCLIFF	"	13,330	✓	3	MAJOR RON & TRUDY McCANDLESS Central Valley Wheelers	Bike traded & new equip	
20	HENDERSONVILLE	TENNESSEE	13 520	✓	2	MRS MRS WILLIAM COOK w Ron & TRUDY McCANDLESS	STRONG WINDS.	
25	GIDEON.	MISSOURI	13800	✓	2	DAVID GOINGS & FAMILY	FLAT TERRAIN THANKS GIVING DINNER	
30	AVA	"	14,000	✓	1	WELDON SANDERS	HILLIEST ROUTE IN 50YS 2 MPH W LOAD - OZARKS	
1 Dec	SPRINGFIELD	"	14060	✓	1	DAVID & MARGIA WRIGHT. MGR - AAB CYCLES.	COLD WIND LONG CLIMBS.	
6	CLAREMORE	OKLAHOMA	14330	✓	1		COLD & SNOW COVERED LANDSCAPE.	
3	SPRINGDALE	ARKANSAS	14200	✓	2	BILLY & JANITA HARP.		
8	OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA	14490	✓	13	JOHN & LINDA WRIGHT & PETER.	HILLY ROUTE	
23	ARDMORE	"	14530		1	SALVATION ARMY TRANSIT HOSTE	Beautiful scenic Hwy around lakes	
31	AUSTIN	TEXAS	15100	✓	3	ROY STAHL		
1993	Gail	"	15580	✓	2	RICHARD LAVERY & FAMILY	CHANGE ROUTE DUE TO / on 11/24	
12 JAN	Goldsmith	"	15700	✓	2	ABE & NELDA SCOTT	WENTEN FLAT 2 VRY ROUGH SHOULD CLIMB CAR ROCK, W/ FORICY RDS TO TRAW OUT	
18	San Patricio	NEW MEXICO	16060	✓	1	JOSE ANGEL & ELADIA ALMAYNER	BAD SMELL OF OIL FIELDS SAN BLANCO & CARBAD COVERES	
19	RUIDOSO	"	16090	✓	3	GALEN & CHRISTINE FARRINGTON	"	
22	Carrizozo	"	16130	✓	1	PATTERSON	VIA CAPITAN'S SMOKEY TREE MUSEUM	
24	Lamy (Santa Fe)	"	16280	✓	4	MARY ANN BRADY	VERY FLAT CENTRAL PLAIN BUT SOME CLIMBS. DEBBIE'S VIDEO. GT TIME	
1 FEB	Holbrook	ARIZONA	16620	✓	1	LYLE JOHNSTON & FAMILY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	FREEWAY ALL WAY - CBCD NIGHTS	
6	TUCSON	"	16900	✓	10	JOE & CHARLOTTE SHIELD	SNOW FLAKE, SHOW LOW SALT RIVER CANYON - COPPER MINES AREA	
16	TEMPE (PHENIX)	"	17120	✓	4	JIM GREGORY	DEFECTS CAUSED BY BRIDGES BEING OUT.	
23	Cordes Lake	"	17310	✓	1	CHRIS & VICKI CAMP BELL	SCOTTS DOME TRAIL TO CASH GRAND - SENIOR OLYMPICS.	
24	Munds Park	"	17370	✓	1	JIM BARNES	FROM MOUNTAIN SNOWSTORM ALL ATTEMPTION - 2000 FT of CLIMBING	
28	KINGMAN	"	17690	✓	2	MICHAEL KITCHEN & FAMILY	LONG CLIMB & PRESENTS.	
5 MAR	ST GEORGE	UTAH	17990	✓	1	DOCTOR KEIT B. McDONALD & family	I-80 FROM LAS VEGAS VIRGIN RIVER CANYON	
9	SALT LAKE CITY	"	18310	✓	3	CARL & MILLIE EHRMAN	COLD & OVERCAST SKY. HD WIND 1500 FT CLIMB SALT LAKE RATED	
12	Roy (OGDEN)	"	18360	✓	2	AL & HELEN DE COSTE		
14	EVANSTON	WYOMING	18440	✓	1	PASTOR ALAN & TRISH EGLETON	NASC 3100 & 2000 SNOW EVENING DEVILS CHASM	

DATE	PLACE	STATE	MILEAGE	STUDY STOPS	NIGHTS	NAME	
19 Mar	Pine Bluff	Wyoming	18820	✓	1	MARK BAKER & FAMILY	
23 "	Smith Centre	Kansas	19180	✓	1	JIM & SARAH GOOBEY & FAMILY	NW 730 - SLOW ROLLING OR FLAT VERY HILLY TO KANSAS EXCEPT IN PLAINS
26 "	OMAHA	NEBRASKA	19440	✓	2	PAUL & MARTHA HILL	HILLY - FLAT - THEN HILLY OMAHA HILLY. RIDE WITH CWB -
29 "	Arta	Iowa	19560	✓	1	REV RODGER MERKINNEY	ROUGH ROAD SURFACEY - HILLY COLD RAINY
30 "	W. DES MOINES	"	19620	✓	1	ERNE & PAT FISHER	HILLY - RTE 6 - OUT. NW of LINCOLN LOSE WAY TO IAMES
5 APR	MINNEAPOLIS	Minnesota	19930	✓	12	MARK & PHYLLIS BROWN	SUNNY PLEASANT FARMLAND EXTEND PASSPORT & APPLY NEW CIT. CARD
19 "	ANTIGO	WISCONSIN	20160	✓	2	REV. SKIP HAYZ & FAMILY	DAY OF COLD WET SNOW
21 "	GREEN BAY	"	20250	✓	1	DALE & CAROL PEARSON	LECTURE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN FLAT TERRAIN - COUNTY J ROAD
22 "	MARINETTE	"	20310	✓	1	PAUL & LAURIE LATA	NOT INTERESTING THEO IND. RESERVE FOREST - PLEASANT RIDING
23 "	ESCANABA	MICHIGAN	20380	✓	1	KEN & ROSE MYLLYA	LECTURE SCH CHILDREN - LEAVE WITH DALE TO FOREST RTR
25 "	ST IGNACE	"	20520	✓	1	CHURCH	GLAD WITH ANDERSON CATCHES ME A BGE RIDE 20 ML
26 "	ALANSON	"	20570	✓	1	REV. BILL NEWMAN	CROSS MACKINACK BRIDGE IN PICKET TRY PASTY FOR LUNCH, USE COUNTY ST A PLEASANT TRAFFIC - LESS ROUTE
29	FREMONT	"	20760	✓	2	REV BILL NEWMAN	MACKINACK BRIDGE BY GCYR PLP COUNTY ROADS - COAST
30	ROCKPORT (CANNONSBURG)	"	20950	✓	2	JOCHEN & Nancy DITTRICH	
1 May	PORTAGE		20950	✓	1	JOHN - KATAY BURNS	
4	GOSHON	INDIANA	21040	✓	2	DR ALAN & VALERIE BIERLEIN	
5	FORT WAYNE	"	21100	✓	3	CHARLES & MARIANN BASH	
7	COLUMBUS	"	21330	✓	1		WITH FORTWAYNE RIDERS FOR THE 200 ML JOSRV-33rd WOOD BURN WINTER
10	KILLBUCK	"	21400	✓	1	BROOKS & KATHLEEN HARRIS PLUS IAMA KIMBILL (REVEREND)	
11	MANCHESTER	"	21480		1	JOE & MARZIE TAYNSSELL	
15	ELDRED	"	21740	✓	2	DENNIS A FRAME & REBECCA & DEVIN	
17	CORNING	NEW YORK	21830	✓	1	SHARON DAVIS (Weymouth) CORNING POLICE	
19	ROME	"	21980	✓	6	LARRY ENLINGER SCOTT & NANCY	
31	RUMFORD	MAINE	22540	✓	1	MARGARET McNEAL & POLICE	
3 JUNE	CALAISE	"	22750	✓	1	2ND BAPTIST CHURCH	
7 "	WELLS	"	23050	✓	1	RICHARD & SUSAN LEGERE	
8 "	BEVERLY	MASSACHUSETTS	23120	✓	5	JOSH LEHMAN & PAM.	
13 "	STOW	"	2317	✓	1	THOMAS PURCHER & FAMILY	
14 "	PLYMOUTH (KINGSTON)	"	23240	✓	1	BRAD & KAREN COOK	
16 "	COVENTRY	CONN.	23400	✓	1	JOE & ROSE FOWLER	1 ML, 2 ML, 3 ML HILLS ALL DAY. CROSS BRIDGES BY PICK-UP
17 "	CANTON	"	23430	✓	1	DOUG SCHICK SUE FRECHETTE	MORE THE SAME TO CORNWALL BRIDGE THE PLEASANT R.V. ROAD FATHER DAY. HYDROELECTRIC STEEP CLIMB SERVA RAIN IN EVENING OUT OF ABLUTE
20 "	BLAIRSTOW	New Jersey	23620	✓	2		



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**LOCAL**

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## *Passport Theft Sends Cyclist Through S.L.*

By Jack Fenton  
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

If John Hathaway's passport had not been stolen in Florida, he might not have been in Salt Lake City this week.

The journey to get a replacement led the 68-year-old Vancouver, British Columbia, resident to change the route of his latest bicycle tour, a 27,000-mile odyssey started in upstate New York in October, 1991.

If all goes as scheduled, the one-man tour will end at his Canadian home next October.

By then, the man who retains a British accent 40 years after leaving the isles, figures he will have cycled more than 370,000 miles over 50 years.

Mr. Hathaway said the challenge is prompting him to record a mileage total roughly equal to circling the Earth's equator 15 times.

"I've seen the whole world from the seat of a bicycle," he said.

To learn about people, Mr. Hathaway said he parks the bike at a house or farm and asks permission to pitch his tent.

In Salt Lake City, Mr. Hathaway is staying with Carl Ehrman, whose home is listed by the Legion of American Wheelmen as a hospitality house.

"I've seen the country. I've met the people," he said. The totals: Mr. Hathaway has met 150 people and made 150 friends.

Mr. Hathaway scoffs at the dangers of bicycle travel. "An accident can happen any-



Rick Egan/The Salt Lake Tribune

Canadian cyclist John Hathaway checks out Emigration Canyon road as possible departure point from Salt Lake Valley.

where," he said, relating the story of a friend who swapped his bike for a go-cart after being hit by a car. "He was killed in a carting accident."

He's been in accidents, too, Mr. Hathaway said.

He broke a hip in 1972. And, a 1987 collision in Argentina

broke his back, compressed two disks and forced him to give up his job — making machine-shop drawings for engineers.

The passport?

"That's another story," he said. But Mr. Hathaway will get a new one in Minneapolis when the trip continues.

# Cyclist With Mettle For Pedals Rolls Up 50 Years Of Touring

DEC 31 1992

By CRISTINA WHITNEY

A Canadian cyclist on the southern leg of a two-year American tour swung through Temple on Tuesday on his way to Austin.

John Hathaway, 67, of Vancouver, British Columbia, said he's spent almost 50 years racking up some 370,000 miles on his bike, although his long-distance journeys probably will wrap up in 1993.

"I'll get back to Vancouver and I probably won't do any big rides again," Hathaway said. "I've done enough. If I never do it again, I won't miss it."

By the time he peddled into town, Hathaway was into the 30th of the 48 contiguous states. He started his journey on Oct. 27, 1991, near Watertown, N.Y., and expects to finish between August and October 1993, depending on the weather.

Hathaway said he started riding his bike for the physical challenge, but added, "along the way I've gotten into the interest of meeting people and seeing countries."

In the course of traveling through 52 nations ranging from France and Japan to Australia and South Africa, Hathaway has found that "every country has a beauty of its own." Each also has its own menaces, he said, citing kangaroos in Australia.

lia, elephants in Africa and dogs in Texas as potential problems.

"Dogs get to be a nuisance sometimes, especially in Texas," he explained. "The danger is that they can run along and make you swerve into traffic. That is what these dog owners don't realize."

Never having owned a car is hardly a problem for the native of Coventry, England, who searches for well-paved roads with scenic paths.

"You go slow enough to see things and hear things which you cannot possibly do in a car," he said. "Walking is probably even better but with walking you don't cover that many miles."

Hathaway said he spends about \$20 a day in his nomadic lifestyle, which includes nights spent in churches and shelters, with strangers who lend him a bed in their homes or — when there's not another alternative — jail.

"Christmas night I stayed in a cell in Kaufman (Texas)," he said. "There wasn't a place to stay, period."

So far, Hathaway has stayed with 120 families.

"That's what people do, they take me in," he

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Photo by Michael Fernandez

John Hathaway Leaves Temple

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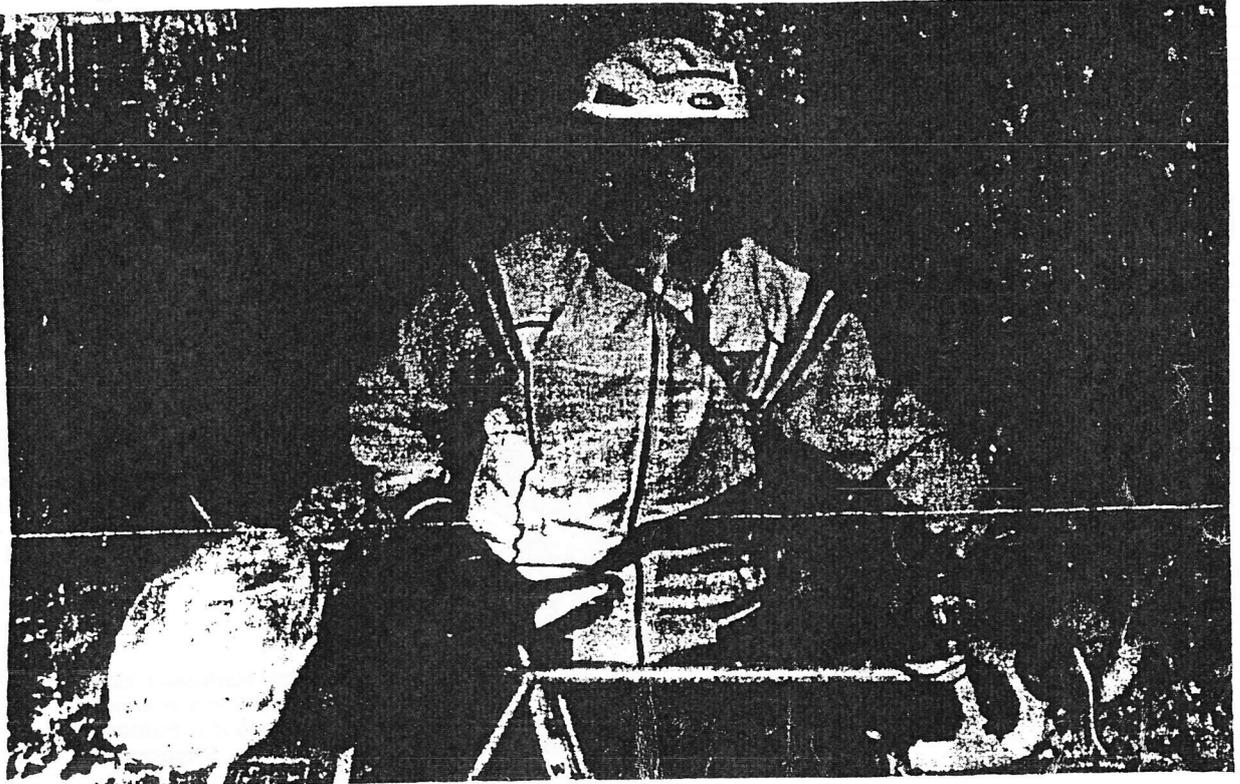
said. "People I meet are so good to me." DEC 31 1992

Hathaway said he thinks part of that good will comes from people who wish they were on the other side of the handlebars. "I think some people are a little bit envious that I've been able to do all this," he said.

Still, Hathaway admitted he'd trade it all for a family with whom he could share stories from his travels. His wife died in 1971.

"There's all this," he said, "and I'm not passing it down to a grandchild."

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**CYCLIST REVISITS HIGHLANDS**—John Hathaway, 67, of Vancouver, Canada, native of Great Britain, passed through the Alleghany Highlands recently for the second time in his 49 years of cycling tours. He arrived in Covington via Route 60 from Lexington last Tuesday

and headed toward Charleston before continuing his journey toward Oklahoma City, Okla. He paused for a quick snack at the James Burke House Eatery on Riverside Avenue before departing the Highlands once again. (Laura Massie Photo)

## British Native Tours Area On Bicycle

BY LAURA MASSIE  
Staff Writer

British native John Hathaway rises from a camp, motel or, if he's lucky a warm bed in a new friend's home, everyday to take to the roads on his cross country tour on his Witcum bicycle at the age of 67. He has weathered all sorts of conditions and experienced a wide variety of terrains in his nearly 50 years of cycling tours. Last Tuesday marked the second time Hathaway has passed through the Alleghany Highlands on one of his scores of tours. The first time occurred 37 years ago. He noted that Route 60, which was the main transportation route at that time, did not present any traffic prob-

lems for him during his 100 mile-a-day cycling stints.

He rides an average of 60 miles per day now and manages this on no special diets or rigid schedule and prefers to ride alone for the most part. His desire for solitude on the road is linked to his belief that he can meet more people if traveling alone.

He's not vying for the Tour Du-pont title or trying to beat any professional records set, but merely enjoying the scenery and people he meets along the way. He survives on a pension fund from his former career as a detail draftsman for an engineering firm and lives off the money in his pockets and welcomes the kind-

ness of strangers he befriends along the way. He has passed through 28 states and set the trans-Canadian record in 1957.

On his recent tour, which began from Pensacola, Florida, Hathaway has traveled 1,277 miles in 53 weeks and plans to be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by the end of November.

When asked to recount the dangers of the road, Hathaway noted that he was once clipped by a truck on a South American trip. He has also been diagnosed with a heart valve problem during a physical check-up and advised to take it easy but Hathaway keeps peddling away.

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El Reno, Oklahoma (USPS No. 170-780)

## Canadian cyclist makes stop in El Reno on his way to who knows where

By ED HOWARD  
"There's more good in the world than bad."  
That's the view of bicyclist John Hathaway. He should know. He's seen enough of it. About 400,000 miles of it, to be specific.  
That's approximately how far the 67-year-old resident of Vancouver, British Columbia, said he has traveled by bike over the past half-century. Through dozens of countries, over all of the planet's six inhabited continents. And this week his travels brought him to El Reno where, as of

ten happens to him, he enjoyed the kindness of strangers-turned-friends.  
The globe-girdling cyclist, whose exploits have been listed in the Guinness Book of World Records, is currently in the middle of his latest adventure: a 27,000-mile trek aimed at taking him through all of the 48 lower states, as well as northern Mexico and much of Canada, over a period of 18 months.  
"This is No.24," he said of Oklahoma's place on the 48-state itinerary. He started late last year in Canada, traveling



Bicyclist and world-traveler John Hathaway chats with El Reno resident Melba Driggers before resuming his cross country bike journey Wednesday. Hathaway spent Tuesday night as a guest of Mrs. Driggers and her husband Sam. (Tribune Photo)

down the Delaware through the eastern to Florida, then west to Texas and California then up the Pacific back to Canada.  
After a brief stop in his hometown resumed his journey month. Making up miles a day, he went down through Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma. He spent a night in Laverne day night in Seiling arrived Tuesday evening in El Reno.  
The 60-pound Hathaway carries back of his bike a small tent, in which sometimes spend night. But only times. And the reason why the tent gets little use is because the traveler keeps

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ing people like Sam and Melba Driggers.  
On Tuesday evening Driggers was talking with friends outside an auto dealership adjacent to his home at 1929 E. 66, when the cyclist approached to make both inquiries and a little conversation.  
"He just rode up on his bike, and started talking with us," Driggers recalled. "After we talked with him for a few minutes, he asked if he could pitch his tent under some trees on the property." Impressed by this unusual visitor and intrigued by his British accent, Driggers told him it would be safer to use the back yard of his house.  
By the time Hathaway had finished pitching his tent, Driggers and his wife had decided to take the amiable stranger under their roof for the night. He was treated to dinner and, on Wednesday morning, a hearty breakfast before he resumed his journey.  
Receiving such hospitality is an old story for Hathaway.  
"I'm always meeting people like that," he said of his hosts. It would be possible to conduct his travels with

stops only at campgrounds or hostels. But such an approach is not to his liking.  
"You're not learning anything, not meeting anybody," he explained.  
English by birth, Canadian by choice, Hathaway is a retired mechanical draftsman who has lived on a disability pension for the past 30 years. For him, bicycling is more than just a hobby; though he has a driver's license, he has never owned a car.  
It was in 1942 that the 17-year-old Hathaway took his first long-distance trip by bike, from his war-ravaged original hometown of Coventry, England, to his aunt's home in Wales. The following year he joined the Coventry Meteor Cycling Club and continued his hobby, even while serving a stint in the Royal Marines towards the war's end.  
A whole new world of cycling opportunities opened up for Hathaway when he moved from Britain to Canada in 1952. Over the next few years he cycled across Canada and the U.S., setting a trans-Canada record in 1957. His biking activities took a back seat for several years after he married in 1958.

Following his wife's death in 1971, Hathaway resumed cycling in a major way. In 1972 he set another national record for long-distance riding. Then, two years later, he sold his home in Vancouver and set out on what remains his greatest feat: a 100-week, 50,000-mile odyssey around the world. This global trek took him to 52 countries, though — to his regret — both the Soviet Union and People's Republic of China were closed to such travelers.  
In 1986, a decade after completing his round-the-world trip, Hathaway embarked on an even more ambitious project: a 62,000-mile journey across the planet's greatest mountain ranges, starting with the American Rockies and including the Sierra Madre of Mexico, the Andes of South America, the Atlas Mountains of North Africa and the Himalayas.  
But this grandest adventure was cut short painfully, after just 10,000 miles, when Hathaway was hit by a truck in Argentina. He suffered severe spinal injuries. Though he now walks with a noticeable stoop, he says he has made a full re-

covery.  
The accident in Argentina was the worst misfortune to befall the cyclist during his world travels. He has had a couple of other collisions — including one with a cow — but overall his trips have been remarkably free of major problems. He can cite only a few instances of altercations with the many people he has met. There was an escape from a would-be robber in India. There was another incident in Thailand in which some men he thought were giving him a helpful boost up a hill were actually robbing his backpack. But Hathaway seems to have few if any regrets.  
Continuing eastward along Route 66 on Wednesday, Hathaway was headed for Tulsa and Little Rock, Ark., and eventually for Pensacola, Fla., where he hopes to have a reunion with a lady friend he met earlier in his current trip.  
As he prepared to depart El Reno, he was asked by a friend of his hosts what sort of gas mileage he got.  
"Not gas mileage," he replied with a wink. "Coffee mileage."

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MAJOR  
TOURS  
2000ML+  
IN  
50 YEARS.

1953  
1. TRANS CANADA  
CYCLE CAMPING  
TOUR.  
4,880 MILES - 3 MONTHS

1955  
2. TRANS U.S.A TOUR  
BIKE TOUR  
7,780 MILES  
3 MONTHS.

1957  
3. TRANS CANADA  
RECORD  
24 DAY 13 HR 5 MIN  
4,000 ML

**Where are they now? by PAUL PATTON**

**JOHN HATHAWAY**  
Cycling



Former cross-Canada champion, Hathaway, a native of Coventry, England, set a record, since broken, for cycling across Canada in 1964. It took him 24 days 13 hours 5 minutes, though he travelled alone and had to carry his own camping gear with him. "I had to cover 1,000 miles of that on gravel roads," he recalled recently. "The Trans-Canada highway didn't go all the way." In 1974, after his wife of 13 years died of diabetes, he organized his dream trip around the world. In a space of two months, he sold his house, stored his furniture, and although already 50 years of age, left Vancouver in November, cycling through the United States, to Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. He flew to South Africa and continued through India, Pakistan and Thailand, where he was robbed twice. "At least I got my address book back," he said. He travelled through Malaysia, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, but was refused entry into China. The Soviet Union also refused to let him enter the country but he went through Poland to the East German border, where he was stopped again. Then he travelled through the Scandinavian countries to England. His bike was stolen outside a clothing store at Salford, England: "I just went in for a minute to buy a pair of shorts." The bike was found the next day, abandoned behind a tavern, after the thief called the police. Hathaway toured the British Isles, flew to New York, rode up the East

Coast to Nova Scotia, then headed home again to Vancouver. He covered 50,600 miles in 99 1/2 weeks at a cost of only \$15,000 and earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records. A second world trip was less successful, however. "In February, 1977, I was hit by a truck in Argentina," he said. "I suffered two compressed vertebrae and injured my hip. They had to put me in a body cast, and I finally flew home." He still holds the record for cycling from Calgary to Vancouver (650 miles in 51 hours 1 minute in 1972) and is back now cycling three or four days every week. He estimates he has travelled 500,000 miles on a bicycle. In 1983, the retired draughts player, on two small pensions in Vancouver, and still has a lawsuit pending against the driver of the truck in Argentina

1972-74  
4. WORLD TOUR ATTEMPT.  
5,000 ML IN 100 WKS AT AGE 50.  
RESULT:  
50,600 MILES IN 99 1/2 WKS  
THROUGH  
52 COUNTRIES - 6 CONTINENTS  
STILL IN  
GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORD

1977  
5. VANCOUVER - WOODSTOCK, ON  
GUEST of C.C.A. - 1<sup>ST</sup> NAT. RALLY  
2,600 MILES IN 25 DAYS

1986-87  
6. WORLD TOUR ATTEMPT  
100,000 KM IN 3 YR.  
ABORTED IN BUENOS AIRES  
DUE TO BROKEN BACK.  
VANCOUVER TO SAN LUIS  
CANADA ARGENTINA  
10,000 MILES IN 6 MONTHS

1991-1992  
7. TRANS 48 STATES  
CYCLE CAMPING TOUR.  
24,000 MILES  
(NEW GOAL)  
48,000 KM - 24 MONTHS - 48 STATES

GLOBE & MAIL  
JUNE 3RD '88

370,000 MILES  
IN  
50 YRS  
1943 - '93

OVERCOME HEALTH & ACCIDENT INJURIES

- 1950 - SEVERE CHEST PAIN.
- 1959 - BURN OUT. (NO CYCLING ALLOWED)
- 1962. VIRAL PNEUMONIA CAUSED MALFUNCTIONING HEART  
ABOUT ONCE A YEAR. 4 WEEKS AT HOME ON VALIUM  
EACH YEAR FOR 5 YEARS.
- 1967 - GOOD NEWS - "NOTHING ORGANICALLY WRONG WITH ME"  
FROM MY DOCTOR.
- 1972. BROKEN HIP - (SECURED WITH 3 PINS, STILL IN, NO PROBLEM) — CALGARY-VANCOUVER RECORD
- 1983. BROKEN CLAVICLE - (HEALED NO PROBLEM) — PARIS-BREST-PARIS.  
3750 MILES IN 71h 55m.
- 1985 REMOVAL OF KIDNEY STONE BY OPERATION — '86 WORLD TOUR # II STARTED
- 1987 BROKEN BACK (2 COMPRESSED VERTIBRAE) - NO PROBLEM
- 1990. DIAGNOSED TO HAVE ONE HEART VALVE MALFUNCTIONING. Touring Europe & England  
then Tour 48 STA
- 1957 1971 HAPPILY MARRIED & SADLY WIDOWED (7 YRS NO CYCLING)

ENDURANCE RIDING

BY HAROLD BRIDGE

# HATHAWAY- AROUND THE WORLD MILE- EATER



AGE 32

For more than 30 years Johnny Hathaway has been one of the world's great mileeaters. An incorrigible cyclist whose restless wanderings have taken him several times around the world and once brought him the Trans-Canada record.

Something of a legend in his native Midlands and his adopted Canada, he is now approaching senior citizen status and is still seeking fresh challenges.

He was a clubman with the Coventry Meteor from 1943, and frequently featured in the time trial results until the Royal Navy and then the Marines were released from Hathaway in early 1947 and he picked up his cycling life with hardly a falter, competing in "massed start" races and in pursuits on Coventry's Butts track. It is said that he was not allowed to ride in bunched races on the track, and anyone who has witnessed his unique rolling style will appreciate the wisdom of that decision.

By 1952 his personal bests were pretty good: 1-0-46, 2-7-45, 4-30-16 and 228 miles.

The 2-7 won the 1950 Ericsson Wheelers "50", the 4-30 was in the Bath Road Club "100" and the 228 miles was good enough for third place in the Coventry Cycling Clubs' Alliance 12-hour. Who knows, if he had ridden in a straight line he might have beaten the hour.

His reason for emigrating? To get away from bike racing - some hopes.

His boat docked at Montreal and he cycle-camped via Ottawa and Kingston to Toronto where he holed up for the winter.

On 23, 1953 saw Hathaway heading west from Toronto across Canada to Vancouver on the west coast.

Bill Allen, once with the Viking team, offered to send him replacements for any parts that might cause trouble. In Saskatoon near Airlite hub split, they sent him a heel - in do-it-yourself kit. Fortunately he found a bike shop able to build the wheel.

His long ride ended on August 4 in Vancouver, the city which in 1954 was due to host the Empire Games.



BACK HOME WITH BROKEN BACK - SUFFERED IN ARGENTINA SOUTH AMERICA - FEB '57 - AGE 62

Hathaway had hopes of making the Canadian team, but the boom and slump economy that had always been a feature of west coast life, sent him away to Ocean Falls where he earned his living as a draughtsman.

However, he did get a chance to ride a 150-lapper on the newly-built China Creek Commonwealth Games track before leaving.

In 1955 Hathaway was still trying to decide where he finally wanted to settle, and planned to return to England.

The easy way would be to travel by air, but we are talking cyclist here. He headed off south, he wanted to see Disneyland and the Grand Canyon. He saw lots more as well, Denver, New Orleans, Smoky Mountains, Blue Ridge Parkway, Washington and New York before getting to Montreal after 88 days and 8,000 miles.

Hathaway arrived in London in time to meet his club in town for the BAR concert, he got his old job back and improved his "100" by getting fourth place in the Hounslow and District Wheelers "100" with a 4-29-36. In the Coventry CCA "12" of 1956 he improved to 233 miles. This prepared him for the Mersey "24" where in he finished his one and only all-day event with 414 miles.

But, despite falling into the old routine so easily he decided Vancouver was the place for him and he made plans to return in 1957.

Like most of us John found the financial drain of such a life style a bit of a bother, consequently the journey back had to be planned for economy. The less time one is on the road, the less money one has to spend.

From that train of thought came the idea of attacking Fred Anderson's 1947 trans-Canada record of 30 days. During the last few months of 1956 John organised the attempt from Coventry. He was delayed a while when news arrived from Malaysia that his brother had been killed there, and arrived in Quebec City on May 15.

The only part of the course he did not know was that east of Quebec so he rode to Halifax from there to familiarise himself, albeit in reverse.

He set out on May 27 from Halifax into two days of rain. In the Ottawa Valley the sun peeled all the skin off his arms. In northern Ontario he almost froze to death and the prairies were hot.

His longest day was 189 miles and that included two hours of sheltering from a prairie thunderstorm.

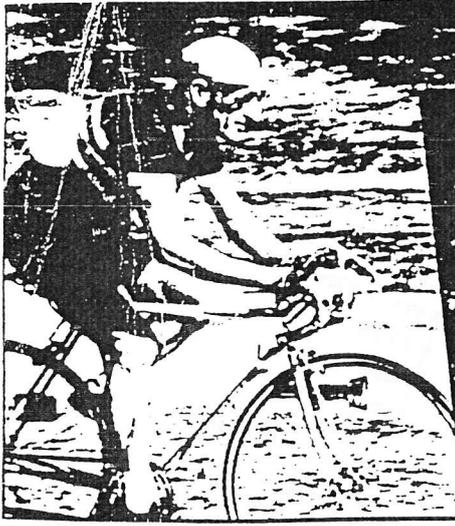
Once into BC, he discovered what bad roads were. He was pleased with himself after managing 182 miles on the last day into Vancouver to finish in 24 days 13 hours. It was a record that was to stand for 20 years. Of the 3,950 miles about 800 were gravel roads. The Trans-Canada Highway was still in the planning stages and the ride was a demonstration of doggedness.

In 1957 he married Margaret, and continued to ride for a couple of years but quit in 1957 feeling burnt out.

But, before he quit he rode an incredible event again. In 1953 there was a three-stage race from Penticton in the Okanagan Valley to Vancouver, a distance of 300 miles. In 1957 it was run as a one-stage event.

They started at night and froze in the mountains. Of the 20 who started they finished and John was the second of those who finished.

In 1967, Canada's Centenary year, John pumped up his tyres and started riding



A group of P-B-P riders in 1979 (l-to-r) Wayne Phillips, Hathaway, Gerry Pareja and Dan McGuire AGE 54



Hathaway rides from Calgary to Vancouver - 600 miles - in 51 hours in August 1972 AGE 47

again. He bought a Jack Taylor tandem and did some touring around the Fraser Valley.

In 1971 he suffered a broken hip from a fall on a badly maintained level crossing. He was soon to be seen riding with a walking stick strapped to his top tube and his recovery was completed quite quickly.

Margaret, a diabetic, died in April and John filled the gap in his life with a lot more miles. He set up a provincial record by riding from Dawson Creek, Mile "O" on the Alaska Highway, to Vancouver in 69 hours for the 750 m

was followed by a 51-hour record ride from Calgary to Vancouver (600 miles) in 1972. The previous Calgary record was set by the same Calgarian who set the Trans-Canada, Fred Anderson.

About this time John was one of the founder members of the Vancouver Touring Club that set up quite a series of rides and other events to promote cycling as a non-competitive pastime.

While John enjoyed the company of ordinary mortals, he was getting fidgety and in 1974, virtually on the spur of the moment, he decided to ride round the world and by some means get into the Guinness Book of Records.

With a target of 50,000 miles in 100 weeks, he left in November 1974 and returned home in October 1976 having achieved his goal.

Adventures included having his wallet stolen in Malaysia when someone reached out from a truck and lifted the wallet out of his hip pocket. In the next town he saw the truck left unattended, looked inside and found his wallet.

When he got off the Trans-Siberia railway in Moscow he soon found that free use of a bicycle was not officially approved and he did not ride again until he arrived in West Germany.

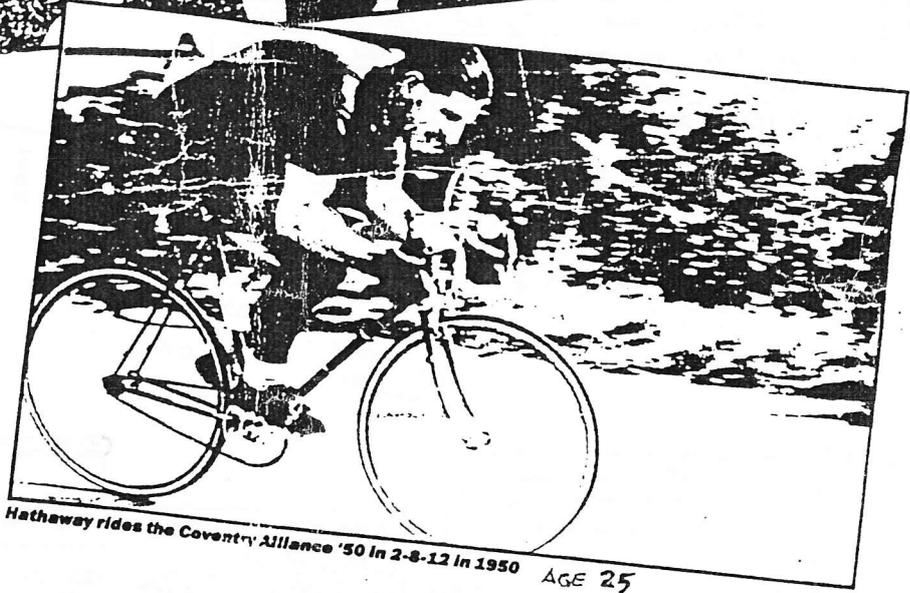
During a convoluted ride through Europe he met cycling journalist "Jock" Wadley and another Trans-Canada rider, Harry Hill.

John also joined in his first Paris-Brest-Paris in 1976. That year it was under Audax rules and he found the going quite tough, though it took 86 hours.

in Canada in 1977 the first Canadian Bicycle Rally was held in Woodstock, Ontario and John was the guest of honour.

He also made two tours in California, with two different women.

After a tour of the Maritimes in 1978 he became involved in the vanguard of randonneuring on the west coast. In 1979 four riders



Hathaway rides the Coventry Alliance '50 in 2-8-12 in 1950 AGE 25

set out to qualify for Paris-Brest-Paris, John, Gerry Pareja, Dan McGuire, and the man who took the Trans-Canada record inside 20 days, Wayne Phillips.

Hathaway's Audax experience in 1976 had provided much of the impetus for this activity. They all finished P-B-P, John in about 77 hours.

He returned for the 1983 P-B-P when he improved to inside 72 hours.

Out of work again in 1985, he started to look for something to fill in the time until OAP status in January, 1990, and decided on another world tour.

This one was to take in all the high ground - he was going to collect mountain passes like other people collect stamps.

Setting out from Vancouver's Expo '86 on August 31, 1986, he went east until he hit the continental divide then headed south. On January 12 he rode out of Lima, Peru, to tackle the world's highest motor road, the

Anticone Pass which climbs 15,889 feet in 84 miles.

Conveniently placed at the 10,000 feet level is a hotel where he stayed the night and next day, his 62nd birthday, rode the final 15 miles to the summit.

He survived that and had almost completed the crossing of the South American continent when, about 500 miles west of Buenos Aires, he was hit by a truck.

The accident compacted a few vertebrae and he was in hospital for several weeks. Hospital care is free in Argentina, but relatives are expected to help look after patients. John has fond memories of the Argentinian family who took him under their wing in San Luis.

These days John does not move about as freely as he would like, but being an incorrigible cyclist he is planning to do a Randonneur series this year. It is not easy to stop after 400,000 miles.



# JOHN HATHAWAY'S WORLD'S GREATEST MARATHON BICYCLE RIDE

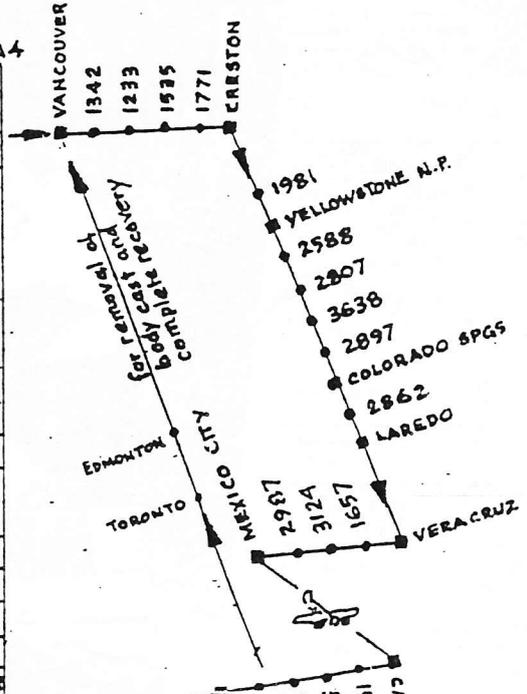
## ROUND THE WORLD 'HIGH-ALTITUDE' MARATHON BIKE TOUR

### 1986-1989 - 100,000 Kilometres (62,140 miles)

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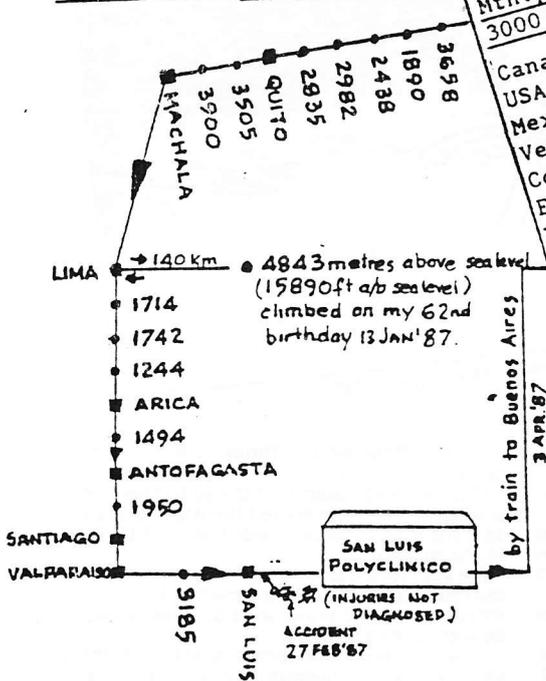
JOHN W. HATHAWAY  
2760 EAST 44 AVE; VANCOUVER,  
British Columbia, CANADA, V5R 3A4

ARRIVAL DATE 1986	ROUTE	DEPARTURE DATE 1986	KMS	TOTAL -KMS
	VANCOUVER CANADA	31 AUG		
23 SEP	SANTA FE U.S.A.	26 SEP	3,500	3,500
3 OCT	LAREDO "	7 OCT	4,700	4,700
14 OCT	VERACRUZ MEXICO	17 OCT	1,100	5,800
21 OCT	MEXICO CITY "	26 OCT	650	6450
	by air Mexico City to Caracas Venezuela.			
27 OCT	CARACAS VENEZUELA	31 OCT	50	6500
12 Nov	BOGOTA COLUMBIA	15 Nov	1500	8000
26 Nov	QUITO ECUADOR	29 Nov	1200	9200
12 DEC	LIMA PERU		1600	10800
1987		1987		
	LIMA "	11 JAN		
13 JAN	LIMA "	22 JAN	400	11200
15 FEB	SANTIAGO CHILE	20 FEB	3600	14800
26 FEB	SAN LUIS ARGENTINA	2 APR	800	15600
	(Hit by truck and hospitalized in San Luis.)			
3 APR	BUENOS AIRES "	20 APR	by air to VANCOUVER	



Height shown in metres % sea level

Mtn. passes over 3000 ft above sea level



Country	Mtn. passes over 3000 ft above sea level
Canada	6
USA	3
Mexico	5
Venezuela	7
Columbia	3
Ecuador	4
Peru	3
Chile	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

for 288,000 feet

**SOME OF THE MEMORIES.**

Replacement of 6 speed blocks chain in Santa Fe after 3,500 Kms.

120 riding days chased by wild dogs in the Peruvian desert.

35 Mtn passes above 1,000 metres above sea level

Appearance in Jean Note T.V. Commercial-Mexico City

The terrifying descent in Venezuela.

My hotel fell causing buckled front wheel & stripped headlamps.

Beginning and ending the 24 mtn passes of the Andes.

Museums

The Canadian Embassy in Lima and Buenos Aires without whose help I would still be there

Being hit by truck from behind and living to tell the tale - Puento de Aves Mexico.

The dangerous climb to Puento de Aves Mexico.

Climbing from sea level to 4,843 m over 1400 m in 4 days

Round the World 100,000 Kms - 1986-89 H/A BIC TOUR

(INJURY DIAGNOSED) Britanico Hospital

(INJURY NOT DIAGNOSED) SAN LUIS POLYCLINICO

ACCIDENT 27 FEB '87

by train to Buenos Aires 3 APR '87

H/A MOUNTAIN ROUTE  
VANCOUVER, Rocky Mts, Colorado Spgs, Sierra Madre, MEXICO CITY, Andes, RIO de JANEIRO, ATOS, PARIS, UK, Carpathians,  
INSTANBUL, Alps, Pyrenees, DAKAR, Valley of the Moon, KARACHI, Himalayas, TOKYO, Fujiama, BEIJING HONGKONG, Nickii Chain, TAIPE,  
BANGKOK, PERTH, Snowy, AUKLAND, 5th Alps, SYDNEY, Mt Dividing Range, HAWAII, SAN DIEGO, ORLANDO, MONTREAL, Rocky Mts, VANCOUVER



## OFF TO PEDAL THE PEAKS

By STEVE BERRY  
Staff Reporter

John Hathaway is off to make molehills out of mountains.

The 61-year-old "bicycle nut" leaves Sunday on his three-year "High Altitude Marathon" to ride his French-made 15-speed bike over the world's mountains.

"Partly I'm doing it because I'm out of work and when I get back I'll be able to draw my pension," the spry New Westminster resident said. "And partly I'm doing it to see if I still have the physical fitness to do

something like this at my age."

Hathaway is no stranger to two-wheeled travel. The mechanical draftsman is in the Guinness Book of Records for his 1974-1976 World Tour in which he covered 81,430 kilometres through 52 countries and six continents in 100 weeks.

And when he landed in Canada 30-years ago from his native Coventry, England, he hopped on his bike and rode out west.

"I've never owned a car and I've probably seen more of Canada than most Canadians," he said.

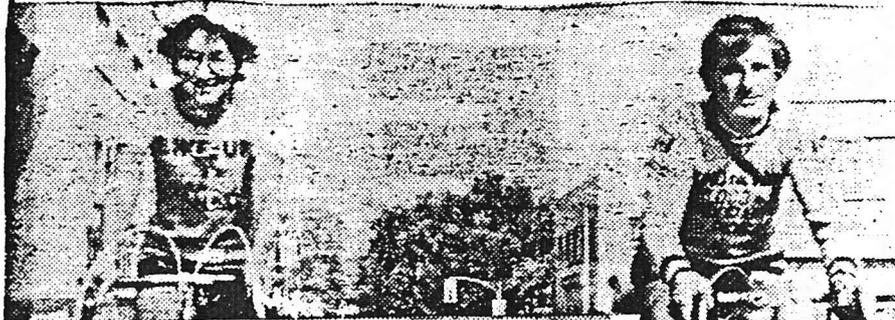
John Hathaway, 61: 'I'm out of work and when I get back I'll be able to draw my pension.'

Staff photo by Rick Loughran.

START - AUG '86

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ST. CATHARINES STANDARD, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1977



Karen Lewkowitz escorts Tom Hathaway around St. Catharines.

*Here we are partner! Love, Karen*

—Staff Photo

## Around world once and he's still going strong on that bike

By ANDY NEIMERS  
Standard Reporter

John Hathaway cycled through St. Catharines yesterday — too bad if you missed him.

That bit of information may be meaningless to most, but for ardent bicycle tourists it will create a flush of regret for not having met the man. He's the equivalent of the sailing world's Robin Knox-Johnson... men who in their fields have done most that's to be done.

Mr. Hathaway started cycling in his native Coventry at 11 and has not stopped since. He now calls Vancouver home, but that must be fairly seldom.

He still holds two Canadian records in cycling — from Halifax to Vancouver in 24 days, 13 hours and 5 minutes; and across the Rockies from Calgary to Vancouver in a non-stop 51 hours and 1 minute. The first will be hard to break since the Trans-Canada Highway route is now 300 miles shorter.

But the piece de resistance is his 50,000-mile world tour between November of 1974 and October of 1976.

He started in Vancouver, wheeled through the United States, various West Indian islands, South America, Africa from Capetown to Tanzania, then Malaysia, Indonesia, across Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Japan.

There were dozens on other countries in between. And he even took the Trans-Siberian Railway to Europe, cycled on to England and did Canada back to Vancouver.

He did all that two years ago when he was 50 years old and shows no sign of letting up. When he dropped into The Standard yesterday, Mr. Hathaway had just completed a bike of Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte. This was all on top of cycling from Vancouver in June to be part

in the First Canadian Bicycle Rally in Woodstock

"I'm an addict rider," admits Mr. Hathaway.

In fact, from past experience he says he only gets sick when he stops riding his bicycle. The inactivity gets on his nerves.

His next project? He'll keep on riding, but he admitted yesterday that he had just started writing a book.

Hathaway has now started working on a book.

In his first effort at writing he found out that he couldn't put his natural verbal wit on paper. But a Toronto woman has promised to transcribe his taped musings.

The book should be a real feast of information on touring. It will describe what equipment works and what doesn't.

Among other things, the author will stress that the most expensive equipment is not always worth the price.

For those interested Mr. Hathaway dropped some logistics. He rides a Raleigh Professional Mk. 2 which in his trim weighs 32 pounds. His camping gear weighs about the same.

For the 50,000 mile tour he stayed in hotels and used a lighter pack. His camera is an Olympus with a standard lens and the wheels he says are still the originals on his bike.

His roughest trip, he says, was a toss-up between a hot plain in India and two days in the dessert of Australia where he covered 200 miles. The easiest touring was in Germany or France where the highways are marked for cyclists and bicycling is a way of life.

One of the ironies of his life is that he has never been directly in the bicycle business. Until now, that is.

A Woodstock dealer has asked him to mind the store this summer or fall for six weeks while the owner goes — what else — bicycling

ST. CATHARINE  
ONTARIO  
JULY '77

JOHN HATHAWAY'S

# WORLD'S GREATEST MARATHON BICYCLE RID

ROUND THE WORLD HIGH-ALTITUDE MARATHON BIKE TOUR

1986-1989 - 100 000 Kilometres (62,140 miles)



John Hathaway, de 62 años, canadiense, pasó por Mendoza en su viaje de 100 mil kilómetros, en mil días, por caminos montañosos.

"LOS ANDES"

2 MARCH '87

MENDOZA

ARGENTINA

2 DAY LATER IN SAN LUIS  
CLIPPED BY TRUCK  
RESULT

4 WEEKS IN LOCAL HOSPITAL  
WITH UNDIAGNOSED BROKEN  
BACK (2 COMPRESSED VERTIBRAE  
& CRACKED TAIL BONE)

HIA MOUNTAIN ROUTE

VANCOUVER Alps MOUNTAIN PEAKS IN SIERRA NEVADA MEXICO CITY Andes LIMA Andes RIO de JANEIRO Alps PARIS UK, CORDELLIERE  
INSTANBUL Alps Pyrenees DANCE JONES OF THE MOON KARACHI HIMALAYAS TOKYO HONGKONG BEIJING HONGKONG NICKI CHOI  
BANGKOK PERTH SNOWY MOUNTAINS SYDNEY BRISBANE HONGKONG HAWAII SAN DIEGO ORLANDO MONTREAL ROCKY MOUNTAINS

## Con 62 años, la vuelta al mundo en bicicleta

Se llama John Hathaway, y ha pasado por Mendoza en un viaje alrededor del mundo que durará 1.000 días. De los casi tres años que le insumirá el paseo, apenas lleva seis meses de pedaleo, ya que salió de Vancouver, Canadá, el último día de agosto de 1986.

Hay otras cosas notables en el viaje del simpático John: el itinerario es, principalmente, por caminos de montaña. Y las ha subido todas, desde las Rocosas del oeste norteamericano hasta las de los Andes sudamericanos.

Es así que este giro —no es el primero suyo, ya que en 1975 llegó también a la Argentina en bicicleta—, ha sido llamado "Maratón en bicicleta a alta altura por todo el mundo". Así reza una leyenda en su maila de ciclista.

Más notable todavía es la edad de John. Tiene 62 años.

Es claro que, como se dice usualmente, "no los aparenta". Pero, al enterarnos que ya inició su sexta década y de que llegó a Mendoza desde Chile, le preguntamos cómo ascendió los "caracoles" de Juncal y Juncalillo hasta llegar a Las Cuevas. Nos imaginamos que había sido de a pie.

"Oh, no. Yo nunca caminé", respondió.

Dijo seguidamente: "tengo tres centrales y cinco piñones en mi bicicleta. En total son 15 velocidades. Me las conozco todas. Así es que para mí no es problema subir montañas..."

Su aparición en nuestras calles causó lógica curiosidad, y mucho de ella estuvo dirigida a su bicicleta. Particularmente porque no tiene nada de particular. Y es pesada, con 16 kilos, según dijo. En la ruta, sobre la rueda trasera coloca cuatro bolsas, en una de las cuales lleva la carpa en la que suele pernoctar.

Contó, ante una pregunta, que su presencia despertó la misma curiosidad en todo el mundo, según su experiencia por este viaje y el anterior. Los más hospitalarios son los japoneses, dijo. ¿En qué orden de hospitalidad ubicaría a los latinoamericanos entre las gentes del mundo? Dijo: "son gentiles, sí, pero no ayudan. Preguntan mucho, tratan con gentileza. Pero por ejemplo en toda sudamérica un solo camionero se ha parado a preguntarme si necesito algo."

Y eso que "he atravesado muchos desiertos". De la Argentina dice que faltan lugares para acampar, los que sí ha encontrado en Chile.

Cruzar la cordillera, con sus 62 años, no ha sido gran dificultad, salvo un viento en contra que encontró en Polvaredas. Compró una postal del lugar, aquí en Mendoza, y la envió a sus hermanos en Inglaterra. Les cuenta que apenas si podía avanzar.

Nacido en Inglaterra, a los 27 años emigró a Canadá, donde se estableció.

Casado, sin hijos, su trabajo como dibujante mecánico le permite ahorrar para estos viajes. Confía, sin embargo, que como duerme en carpas los gastos no son muchos. En algunas ciudades recurre a hoteles, cada cinco días. Desde Chile a Mendoza empleó cinco días, y pernoctó, por ejemplo en Puente del Inca ("junto a la hostería; armé la carpa junto a las de unos alpinistas"), y luego en Cacheuta.

De Mendoza viajó a La Paz en una sola jornada, y el tramo siguiente fue hasta San Luis. De allí seguía a Buenos Aires, y después Brasil y luego África y Europa, para llegar a Coventry, Inglaterra, donde vivió de joven y fue campeón de ciclismo, a encontrar a sus familiares. Elegirá siempre caminos de montaña, y seguirá después por Asia. Le pedimos que nos enviara una postal de su ciudad. "¡Oh, sí!", dijo. "Lo único que deberán tener en cuenta es que les puede llegar dentro de tres años, cuando pase por allá". Tendrá 65 años, por entonces, y más de 100.000 kilómetros en bicicleta, por varios continentes.



## Village visitor will peddle

# Around the world in 100 weeks

By PAT JARVIS

**PICKERING VIL-**  
**LAGE**—John Hathaway, 51, has never owned a car, but his bicycle has taken him more than 50,000 miles around the world.

Hathaway peddled through Pickering Village last Thursday morning on the way home to Vancouver. He has taken the long way, however, via the United States, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe and Canada. He expects that the scenic route will be finished after 100 weeks on the road.

Originally from England, but now settled in Vancouver when he's not off on a trip, Hathaway has had a lot of experience riding long distances. In 1957, he held the Trans-Canada cycling record—3,950 miles in 24 days and 13 hours.

He finds that the people he has met along the route have made the trip



photo by Pat Jarvis

**AROUND** the world in 100 weeks. John Hathaway took a short break in Pickering last week on his way home to Vancouver. His round-a-bout bicycle route took him through the U.S., South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe.

especially worthwhile. Often he is treated with free meals or a bed for the night. He travels light, with a sleeping bag but no tent and a minimum of equipment. Hathaway estimated that he travels an average of 100 miles a day when conditions are good.

Among the hazards he has encountered along the route were a rather severe storm in

California that kept blowing him off his bicycle, reckless kangaroos on the roads of Australia, temperatures of 105 degrees in India, and sleeping in wild animal reserves in Africa.

Hathaway, who stopped for a breather at the Pickering Coffee Shop but was trapped into staying a few minutes longer by local reporters, was an

engineering draftsman by trade before he left for this trip in November 1974. He doesn't know what he'll be doing on his return to Vancouver, this October and is afraid that he is "too old" to be hired by anyone.

PICKERING  
ONTARIO  
1976

# Around the world in . . .

By LYNN WATSON

The world, to most people, is a map, something you roll out flat, counting the miles to dreams of far away places. To John Hathaway the world is a road littered with memories.

What makes his world more memorable than most is the fact he's lived it, seen it, tasted it, felt it. All from the seat of a two-wheeler.

Sometime between today and Oct. 6 when he plans to ride up to Vancouver City Hall for a welcome-home ceremony, John Hathaway will surpass the goal of 50,000 bicycle miles he set for himself when he left that same city back on Nov. 10, 1974. He leaves Calgary this morning for the final leg of the jaunt which has taken him into 52 countries, and there is no doubt he'll make it.

John Hathaway might make your average 60-year-old Swede think he's out of shape.

Early in 1977 this man will be 52 years old.

But the miles roll away perhaps even easier now that the end is in sight. To John Hathaway this last little leg across the Rocky Mountains presents no special challenge. Back in August of 1972 he traveled the same 650-mile leg from here to there in two days, three hours, one minute, a record that still stands. When he's safely into Vancouver town, it'll be the third time he's traversed this nation on bicycle, four if you want to count an 8,000-mile circuit that coursed from Vancouver through the southern and eastern United States and then back up to Halifax, a journey he completed in 1955.

"I think it's less tiring now," he admitted Monday afternoon as he looked over the Raleigh bike that's been his mobile home for virtually



JOHN HATHAWAY NEARLY HOME

two years. "I've been gaining enthusiasm in the last three or four months when it began to look like I had a fighting chance."

That inspiration has resulted in an increased pace as he's gotten closer to the mountains. In Saskatchewan the other day he rode 172 miles during a single day, a trip which was the longest one-day sojourn of the endurance test.

"When I got to Europe I was 2,000-miles down (Based on a daily average) and two weeks short," he remembers. "I thought I would have a lot of leisure time in England (where he's originally from) but I didn't really have it because I decided to make up time."

It was in England, ironically, that Hathaway almost received a fatal blow to his trip. His bike was stolen.

"But I had just been on television and after the bike was stolen they showed it again," he recalls, smiling a little. "I guess it got too hot for him to unload."

There is also a measure of humor left in the man, something you might expect to be missing after the daily grind of pedalling around the world.

"The worst thing about having to get a new bike would have been breaking in a new leather saddle," he explains. "Breaking that in over the last 5,000-miles would have been a real killer."

You can't help getting the feeling it wouldn't have mat-

tered. By quick reckoning Hathaway figures he's cycled more than a quarter-million miles in the 35 years he's been a rider. And that's taking into account a break because of health problems between 1959 and 1967. He remembers it as a time when his chest pained, causing him to think he might indeed have suffered a minor heart attack back in 1950.

As suddenly as that came up, though, it went away. And after the death of his wife, Hathaway again took up serious cycling. In January of 1972 he took a spill, breaking his right hip to the extent it required three pins to provide the proper support.

To this day Hathaway believes that's the reason he's worn out his left shoe faster than the right during his more than 600 days on the road. "I guess I must press down harder with my left leg," he says.

It's been a relatively trouble-free trip. He's used 24 tires, 20 on the back wheel and respoked the back wheel three times ("it would only have been twice if somebody hadn't made a mistake that had to be corrected").

It's been a trip where the road led to new places, new friends ("I believe I'll correspond with a half-dozen people for the rest of my life"), new experiences. It's been a trip with no specific goal other than to finish.

"I didn't plan a world record, although if I had known all the facts and figures I might have strained a little harder in the far east," says Hathaway. "But there was no previous record that I had read about."

What does stand as the listed world record in the Guinness Book of World Records is a 13,000-mile journey in 143 days by Ray Reece between June 14 and Nov. 5, 1971. He was 41-years-old.

"If I had pro-rated that I think I probably would have to go 62,000 miles," says Hathaway. But it might only be the Guinness people who will quibble about the significance of this trip.

"I set myself a goal," he says, not regretting the fact he hadn't looked up the record. "I determined to go to every continent I could and to go around the most land mass even if it meant taking the train across Russia. I couldn't live with myself if I ended up not doing it."

CALGARY

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SASKATOON - CANADA - SEPT 76

## Cyclist on last segment of 51,000-mile world tour

John Hathaway sat quietly in lobby of the hotel, his arms folded across his chest and eyes fixed on the television in front of him.

He's a small man — about five foot, two inches — and normally he would not be noticed.

Except for the lime green tracksuit which he later explained is his "uniform."

"It's helped me a lot . . . this uniform. Opened a lot of doors for me. All over the world people notice it and help me."

Hathaway, 51, had two of the uniforms made up — one red and one green — before he left Vancouver on his bicycle trip around the world.

That was 22 months ago. And now — six continents, 52 countries, 24 tires, four sprockets, \$15,000, and 49,260 miles later — Hathaway is on the last leg of his journey.

He arrived in Saskatoon Saturday after about five days of riding around Saskatchewan to log more miles on his Raleigh 10-speed.

His goal is 51,000 miles in 100 weeks

and he feels confident he can pedal the remaining miles before Nov. 10, his two-year anniversary.

Asked why, Hathaway shrugs and says: "I guess it was the challenge. It's something I've always wanted to do and I was in the position."

A widower, Hathaway, a mechanical draftsman by trade, lost his job in Vancouver two years ago and decided on the marathon trip.

No novice to the sport, Hathaway began at age 18 as a racing cyclist in England and later participated in cross-country cycling jaunts in the 1950s and early 1970s.

Hathaway paid his own food and lodging costs on the trip, although he was offered many meals and accommodation by people along the way.

Most of the goodwill came from commercial establishments, he said. Hotels and restaurants would offer him free food and rooms and sometimes some money to help him on the road.

Those are the good memories — the people he met.

Some other memories, however, are not so nice. Like the time in California when the wind was so strong it blew him off his bike, twice. Or the time in Thailand when thieves stole his papers and he had to chase them and managed to get them back. It was not that much fun in India either, because of the heat.

In all, however, Hathaway says he was lucky. The few times his bicycle did break down, it occurred near major cities where parts were available. During the entire trip he was only sick in bed once.

Hathaway said he averaged about 70 to 100 miles a day and usually spent 12 hours on the road.

He recorded his best time a few days ago when he covered the 174 miles between Regina and Mel'fort in 13 hours.

Hathaway is not sure what he will do for a living when he gets back to Vancouver. He would like a job to do with cycling, and vaguely mentions trying to get a job promoting Raleigh bicycles.

—LOWRIE

# He's going around world in 100 weeks-

# on a bicycle

Stephen F. Crimmin  
Globe Correspondent

On Nov. 24, 1974 John Hathaway started pedalling his 10-speed Raleigh Professional south from his home in Vancouver, and yesterday — 634 days, 45,550 miles, 52 countries and six continents later — he coasted into Boston on the last leg of a 50,000-mile, around the world bicycle endurance ride.

"I decided to do this as a physical challenge that will be a world's record (50,000 miles in 100 weeks) when it's finished," said the 51-year-old Hathaway. "This trip really is the culmination of 35 years of riding experience."

Today, Hathaway will leave Boston and continue on the final 5000 miles of his sejour. After stops in Bar Harbor, Yarmouth, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Calgary, he hopes to arrive in Vancouver by early October.

This is not the first time Hathaway, a life-long amateur cyclist, has taken a 10-speed tour of America. "Twenty-one years ago I did 8000 miles in 88 days from Vancouver to Los Angeles to the Grand Canyon to New Orleans to Washington, D.C. to New York and up through Montreal," he said.

He has also completed two bicycle trips across Canada from Halifax to Vancouver, and holds a record for making the 4000-mile trip in 24 days. "It's a Canadian record, but it's also the longest place-to-place record in the world," he said.

After leaving Vancouver in 1974, Hathaway traveled down the western coast of the United States, through Mexico, Central and South America to Buenos Aires.

From Buenos Aires, he flew to Cape Town, South Africa, worked his way up the southern tip of Africa to Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, flew to Bombay, pedalled across the plains of India to Katmandu in Nepal, and then flew to Bangkok.

"I wanted to do 124 miles a day," Hathaway said, "but every fifth day has become a rest day. I now try to maintain 100 miles a day."

From Bangkok, he stopped in Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands and the Phillipines, before arriving in Taipei, Taiwan, where he discovered the highest road — 10,700 feet high, and about 35-miles long — a cyclist can travel over.

"It took me two days to travel it and, at one point, it took about seven hours to do 30 kilometers or about 18 miles," he said.

From Taiwan, Hathaway flew to Tokyo where he tried to get permit papers to go from Moscow to Warsaw. His request was denied, and he spent 16 days in Tokyo waiting for his Russian visa to arrive.

"I tried to ride my bike after I got to Moscow," Hathaway said, "but I rode about three streets and the policeman put up a big hand and I knew what he meant. In Tokyo and Russia there were about 30 days when I didn't use my bike at all."

After taking a train from Moscow to Warsaw, Hathaway rode through Eastern Europe to England, where he suffered another slight delay. "All my equipment was stolen in Salford, England, about a month ago, but I got the bike back with no damage," he said.

After crossing the Pyrenees into Spain, Hathaway said he had two blowouts within a half-hour of each other, but he carries his own spare tires.

"I've changed about 24 tires on this trip which is a bad recommendation for bicycle tire manufacturers, but in all I've been lucky; I've only had three days of sickness and three accidents (once, he ran into a car in Nepal) in 634 days," he said.

He has had few serious problems with policemen anywhere else. "My clothes have been the passport to success on this trip anywhere I've had to deal with police officials," he said.



After pedaling for 634 days and 45,550 miles, John Hathaway of Vancouver reaches Boston on his marathon trip. (Steve Geovanis photo)

BOSTON  
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# 50,000 milles en 100 semaines

John Hathaway en était à ses 46,550 milles en bicyclette lors de son passage à Edmundston, mardi dernier, le 17 août.

Né en Angleterre, M. Hathaway est toutefois citoyen canadien à part entière depuis son arrivée au pays dans les années '50. Parti de Vancouver où il demeure, John Hathaway s'est lancé dans son projet d'un parcours de 50,000 milles autour du monde en moins de 100 semaines, en novembre 1974, soit plus de 92 semaines et quelques jours passés.

Sans bénéficier d'aucune aide financière de la part de commanditaires, M. Hathaway, un veuf de 50 ans et dessinateur professionnel de métier, nous confiait qu'il lui en coûtait pas moins de \$15 quotidiennement.

Lors de son passage au Wandlyn Motel d'Edmundston, où le personnel a été assez bienveillant pour nous permettre de le rencontrer pendant son cours séjours de moins d'une heure dans la capitale de la République, le grand cycliste nous a confié qu'il s'était déjà arrêté au Madawaska il y a 16 ans alors qu'il effectuait la traversée du Canada en bicyclette à l'occasion de l'épreuve "Transcanadienne de cyclisme de 1957", qu'il avait réussi à l'époque en moins de 25 jours (24 jours et 13 heures). Il avait à cette occasion parcouru les routes canadiennes de



Halifax à Vancouver.

Johnny Hathaway, toujours en quête de son 50ième mille milles à bicyclette nous a confié qu'il ne se souvient que de quelques circonstances vraiment désavantageuses lors de son passage dans chacun des cinq continents terrestres alors qu'il fut dérobé de sa bicyclette et de

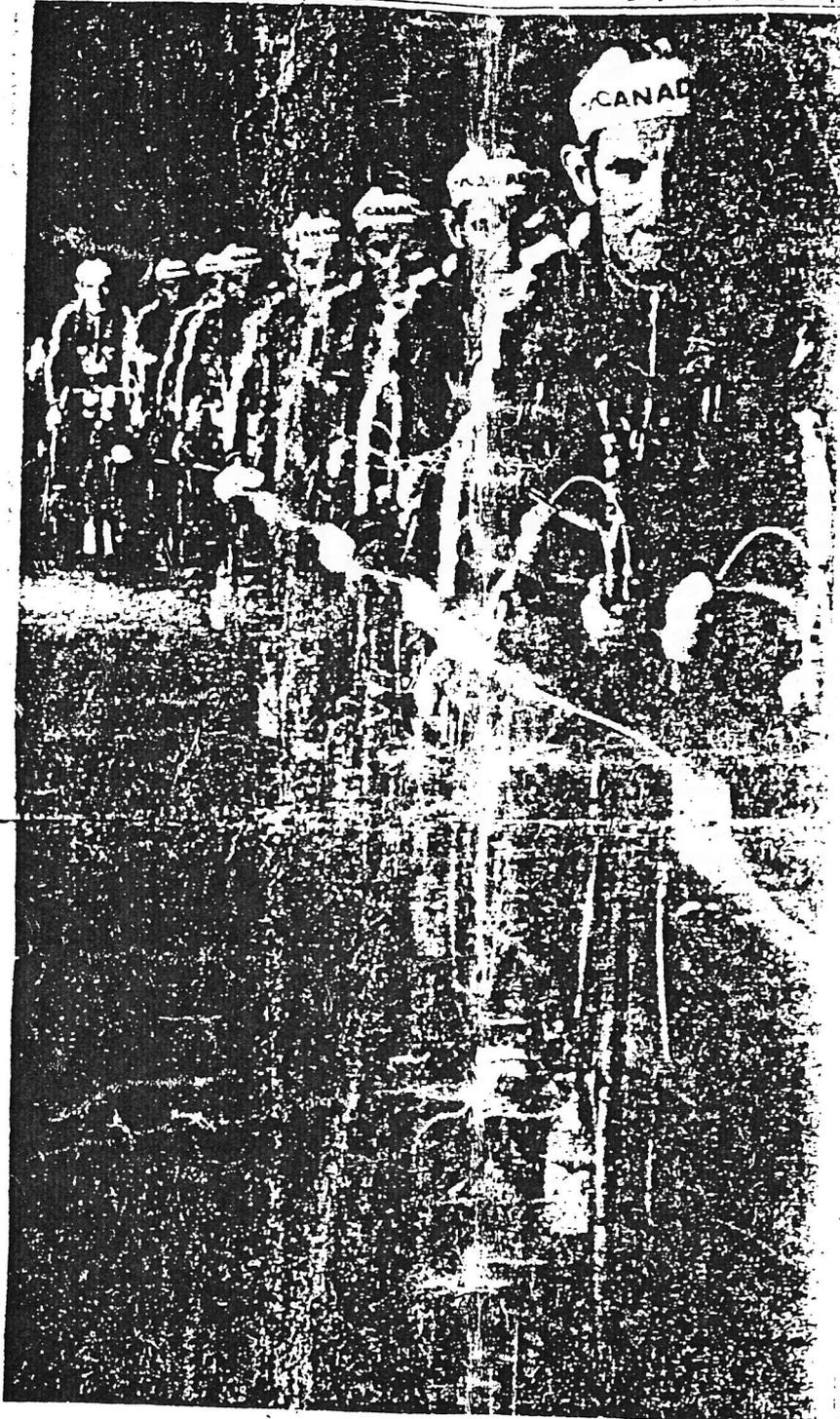
son bagage en une occasion en Angleterre et impliqué dans deux accidents de la route.

Le grand cycliste, sûrement rendu dans la région d'Ottawa alors que nous publions ces quelques lignes, est toujours en quête de son exploit de 50,000 milles sur bicyclette en moins de 100 semaines.

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### **Pedal-Pushing, Global Style**

Johnny H. Hatnawa, who plans to pedal from Vancouver, B.C., across six continents for a projected 50,000 miles, is pictured in this stop-action photo as he arrived at the eastside home of fellow-cyclist James Pickering, a bicycle merchant. After an evening meal of pizza and a night's rest, Hatnawa planned to leave the city at 8 a.m. today for Nogales and many points beyond. (Star Photo by Craig Wellman).

# Cross-Country Cyclist Arrives In Nelson Day Ahead of Schedule

A "man with a mission" arrived in Nelson Monday evening. He's John Hathaway, originally from Coventry, England, resident of Canada since 1952. His mission is to cross Canada by bicycle in 27 days, three days faster than the record. When he arrived here, Hathaway had travelled 3474 miles in 21 days, one day ahead of schedule, and was hoping to see Vancouver on Friday afternoon.

Hathaway said he was tired Monday after having pedalled from Cranbrook to Kootenay Bay on "half a dozen sandwiches and two bananas." He did this because he wanted to make sure of catching the Main Lake ferry. Original schedule called for sleeping Monday night at Balfour, but he decided to push on to Nelson. "Tomorrow's the heaviest day of the lot," he said, explaining he hoped

to reach Greenwood on Tuesday night, travelling via Salmo, Trail, and the Cascades.

**130 MILES A DAY**  
Cycling 11 to 14 hours a day, Hathaway claims a "reasonable" daily average of 130 miles. Highest daily mileage is 147, shortest daily mileage 119 miles. Hathaway's English bicycle, purchased in Vancouver, has 10 speeds, but hills and mountains have been steep enough to use the three lowest speeds yet. However, said Hathaway, Tuesday will be the "testing time."

Hathaway's start May 27 from Halifax was recorded on television newscasts. Only two so far are four flat tires and one rear tire which had to be changed. Except for the Cranbrook to Kootenay Bay ride Monday, he has not been too tired when he stopped nightly at tourist accommodations. People he met along the way are "friendly," Hathaway said.

On the first week out, there was rain for three days. The second week, in Ontario, was "very cold" and last week rain and thunderstorms coming across the Prairies, but Hathaway said weather "doesn't slow me," since he aims to get back to Vancouver, "which I like."

**CYCLISTS MEET**  
When he was boarding the ferry Monday at Kootenay Bay, Hathaway met a Seattle man who was cycling to Banff for his holidays. The two did not have long to talk. This is not Hathaway's first cycle trip. In 1953, he also cycled across Canada, but did not go as far as Nelson, and saw more of the country that time. In 1955, he cycled 8000 miles across the United States. Both trips were made in three months.

When he arrives at the Vancouver Post Office, Hathaway will have covered 3996 miles this time. He described his trip as a "challenge against nature, or man against the elements." He did some bicycling in England, but the country isn't big enough, for a tour the size of the one he is now finishing.

A mechanical draughtsman, Hathaway has worked in Ontario and B.C. His family still lives in England.

NELSON - British Columbia  
JUNE 1957

PICKED UP IN HOTEL MT. BAKER, CRANBROOK

## JOHN HATHAWAY CROSSES COUNTRY—THE HARD WAY

# Which way to post office? It's just 3,950 miles west

By NEIL MacDONALD  
Some people paint pictures; others putter in the garden; still a few—like John Hathaway—attempt to ride across a continent in 27 days. To a sedentary bus rider, the quickest and easiest distance between Halifax, N.S., and Vancouver, B.C., is not on the seat of a bicycle unless perhaps it has a motor.

TO JOHN HATHAWAY, a native of Coventry, England, speed and ease of travel is not

paramount. Motors don't count. For the record is all important; Fred Anderson's record, to be exact. Seamus Anderson, a Canadian and another fiend for punishment, pedalled from coast to coast in more than 27 days. Anderson, unlike Hathaway, went the wrong way. He travelled from Vancouver to Sydney, N.S. This was definitely the wrong way. Everyone from Hungary these days is shouting "Go west, young man."

HATHAWAY LEFT Halifax May 27. He plans to ride up to the front steps of the Vancouver Post Office some time on June

22. The new post office may be impressive, John, but after all—3,950 miles.

So far, John is slightly behind schedule. He wheeled into Winnipeg at 4:50 p.m., June 18, a day behind. But he mentioned that freezing winds and rain bothered him the first two days out of Quebec.

Now that we know why Hathaway cycles thisaway, let's wish him luck.

ACTUALLY, JOHN is no stranger to continental cycle touring or the rather inhibited track racing either.

In 1953, he rode 5,000 miles across Canada.

After the games he travelled 7,770 miles per bicycle across the U.S.A. in 87 days.

Finally he returned to England. But the call of the dusty road has summoned John again. Surely, the petrol rationing in England can't be that bad?

SO IF SOME DAY you see a young Englishman pedalling frantically down Main Street asking the way to the post office, be nice to him, pat him on the back. He may want to mail a letter back home...

And remember these cross-country cyclists are a rare breed—they have guts.

# At Geraldton on Bicycle Attacks Canadian Record

GERALDTON  
NORTHERN  
ONTARIO  
JUNE 1957

By BILL BENE  
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**HEAVY RAIN**  
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## RACING ACROSS CANADA!

Trans-continental cyclist Johny Hathaway of Coventry, England, signs the Geraldton Town register and is congratulated by Mayor Benjamin Pressman on arrival there. Holding the register for the "fagged" Hathaway is town clerk Len Clifford, who hails from County Cork, Eire.

Hathaway has covered about 1,750 miles since leaving Halifax 11 days ago. He expects to reach Vancouver in 16 days, thus trimming three days from the existing 39 day west to east record. Also shown is Hathaway leaving Nipigon on Friday.

Pedals 7,750 Miles on \$400

# Coast-to-Coast Trip Easy, Says English Bicyclist

By DON MARSHALL

Seeing America from coast-to-coast, including a large part of Canada on \$400 is easy—especially from a bicycle seat, according to England's Johnny Hathaway.

Johnny, a 30-year-old mechanical draftsman from Coventry, is resting briefly in Jersey City before taking off for Montreal on the final leg of his 7,750 mile jaunt.

THE VISITING Britisher has pedalled through most major U. S. cities and the only mishap he ran into was to be bitten by a dog in Mount Rainier, Wash. Hathaway boarded his bicycle in Vancouver, British Columbia, last Aug. 1 and hasn't stopped traveling yet.

From Canada he pedalled down the U. S. West Coast and up through the Grand Canyon in Arizona, down through the southernmost states and up the East Coast to New York.

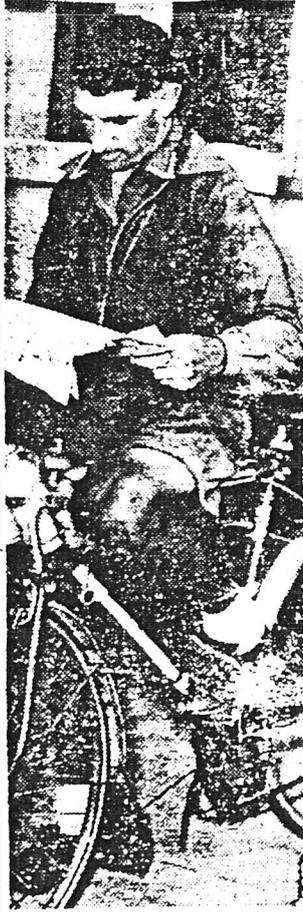
JOHNNY ARRIVED in Jersey City Tuesday night and is spending a few days as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Barishew of 25 Bentley Ave. Johnny and the Barishews met on Aug. 27 at the only eating place on a lonely desert road in lower California.

The doctor invited Hathaway to be his guest when the visitor reached this part of the country. Johnny, determined to tour the United States and Canada by bike, arrived in Vancouver in 1953 and worked two years in a paper mill to save up the money for the trip.

WITH \$425 in his kick on Aug. 1, Johnny started out from Vancouver on his 12-week trip.

Hathaway, who travels in shorts, carries a sleeping bag in which he has slept outdoors on pleasant nights. At other times he has stopped in hotels, motels to rest cabins and in private homes where he was invited to be the guest of some local resident.

Johnny is a bike riding champion back in his home town of Coventry.



JOHNNY HATHAWAY

OF ALL the cities he visited Johnny liked Denver, Colo., best. Thinks that's where'd he'd like to settle, if he ever wanted to live in the U. S.

Hathaway's average mileage on the trip has been about 125 miles per day. The most he ever covered in a single jaunt was 344 miles in two days along the Redwood Highway in California. His hardest trip was a 72-mile leg in Arizona which took him eight hours across bad roads and desert.

His 10-gear bike has stood up "splendidly" under the steady traveling, he says. Only one tire wore out. He also had 12 flats.

JERSEY CITY

OTTAWA 1955

## Un marin anglais pédale 13,000 milles en 3 ans

Un ancien marin britannique, maintenant âgé de 30 ans, est arrivé hier soir à Ottawa après avoir effectué une distance de 13,000 milles, à bicyclette, sur un plan. C'est son deuxième voyage du même genre, le premier au Canada, il y a deux ans, et ce dernier, de Vancouver, en Colombie-Britannique, à Montréal, en passant par Los Angeles, Port-Arthur, Texas, Denver, Augusta, Georgie, et Washington, et maintenant il se prépare à retourner au pays, à Coventry, Angleterre, ayant accompli en trois ans une distance de près de 13,000 milles.

Il s'agit de Johnny Hathaway, un mécanicien. Il nous a révélé que le but principal de son voyage était de devenir un jour conférencier dans son pays. Hathaway a souvent l'idée de vaincre les obstacles de la nature, prenant souvent des routes les moins fréquentées parce que plus accidentées.

Si quelqu'un désirait refaire le voyage réussi par Hathaway, il devrait savoir qu'il lui faudra trois mois pour aller de Vancouver à Montréal par les Etats-Unis et qu'il devra faire en moyenne 117 milles par jour et s'attendre à dépenser environ \$4 par jour.

Hathaway est célibataire. Il a devancé son itinéraire, devant arriver à Montréal le 31 octobre, après avoir enduré peu d'épreuves si ce n'est que la fatigue, une morsure de chien et quelques pannes.

Au cours de son voyage, il a pris des photographies en couleurs, a écrit chaque jour son journal. L'hospitalité des villes américaines du sud l'a fort impressionné, mais il estime beaucoup également, ses amis du Canada qui l'ont accueilli partout avec plaisir. Sa vélo pèse à peine 25 livres et son bagage ne comprend qu'un peu d'habit de rechange, un sac à couchage et une bouteille à eau.

Hathaway, qui est le champion cycliste de sa ville, ne fume pas et boit très peu. Il déteste particulièrement la vodka qui, dit-il,

ne semble goûter à rien qui vaille. Il finance ses voyages à ses propres frais, dépensant l'argent qu'il a gagné durant son séjour à Vancouver dans un moulin à papier. Il couche souvent à la belle étoile, dans son sac de couchage ou dans une pension modique.

Le teint basané et l'accent anglais, Hathaway est un aimable ambassadeur de son pays. En causeur, il ne manque pas de souligner avec franchise ce qui l'a impressionné, ce qui l'a déçu. C'est avec une naïveté acquise qu'il nous révèle que la barrière entre le Canadien-français et le Britannique n'existe plus. Il nous avoue ouvertement qu'il aime mieux le Canada que les Etats-Unis où il trouve les gens plus mercenaires. Il a été déçu en voyant que les Indiens natis des Etats-Unis étaient devenus aussi commerçants que le reste des Américains, trompant sans plus le touriste en lui vendant des "souvenirs" fabriqués au Japon pour les leurs.

En dépit de ses 117 milles quotidiens, parfois 125, Hathaway n'a jamais été indisposé par la maladie et durant son dernier voyage de plus de 7,000 milles, il ne perdit que quatre livres. De passage chez un ami à Ottawa, il se rendra ensuite à Toronto voir son beau-frère et s'embarquera pour son pays, vers la fin de la première semaine de novembre.

Hathaway eut l'occasion de rencontrer plusieurs personnes parlant français, dans presque toutes les villes du sud des Etats-Unis, à San Francisco, à Los Angeles, à Santa Fe et particulièrement en Nouvelle-Orléans. Il eut l'occasion aux Etats-Unis de démentir certaines gens qui croyaient que le Canada était encore une colonie britannique.

Hathaway compte revenir au Canada dans quelques années afin de visiter certaines autres régions inexplorées au cours de son séjour qui vient de prendre fin.



**4,000 MILES AHEAD**—After five and one-half days of pedalling, John Clathaway, British long distance cyclist, arrived in Halifax from Quebec to complete arrangements for his planned 4,000 mile, bicycle jaunt from Halifax to Vancouver. He is shown above during a workout on Citadel Hill.

## Cyclist Seeks Record; Special Gears For Hills

British long distance cyclist, John Clathaway, will leave Halifax early Monday morning on a 4,000 mile jaunt to Vancouver. A draftsman by trade he plans to take up his old job on his arrival in Vancouver. He expects the trip to take him 27 days and if his calculations are right he will beat the present record of 30 days from Vancouver to Sydney. On the first day out of Halifax he plans to cover a distance of 100 miles to Amherst. At the end

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# U.S.A. 'Working Holiday' on Cycle

## TOUR OF 7,770 MILES

**B**ACK to Coventry last night, after an absence of three years, came Johnny Hathaway, the "Trans-U.S.A. Bike Rider."

He gained this title from the American postal service during a 7,770 miles tour of that country.

This coast-to-coast journey did not take the 30 years old draughtsman three years to complete, for in fact, he covered his tour of 20 states of the U.S.A. in three months, averaging more than 120 miles per day.

### CROSSED CANADA

When he left this country in 1952 it was for an extended "working holiday" on the other side of the Atlantic.

Soon after his departure, news reached Coventry that he had arrived in Canada and proposed to cycle across the dominion from Montreal to Vancouver, and in 1953 he completed the 5,300 miles trip without trouble.

After taking various jobs and competing in a number of Canadian races, he decided to return to this country, after a visit to the United States, and on August 1 of this year he crossed the 49th Parallel and set off down the Pacific Coast.

### VISIT TO CALIFORNIA

In the following weeks he pedalled to such places as Crater Lake, Boulder Dam, the Painted Desert, a Cherokee Indian reserve in Tennessee, the White House and the United Nations Assembly building in New York.

Towards the end of August he had reached California, having clocked well over 2,000 miles. After visiting Hollywood and the gambling town of Las Vegas, he went east to the Grand Canyon. Santa



Fé and over the Rockies to Denver and then on to Dallas, Texas.

After 65 days (including 23 rest days) he had covered 5,945 miles, to reach Asheville 100 days ahead of schedule. New Orleans to Asheville, a distance of 1,005 miles, had been covered in eight days.

### HEARD UN. DEBATE

Across the Allegheny Mountains, to Williamsburg on the East coast and thence up through Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia to New York cycle and Coventry man.

While in New York, he heard the United Nations Political Committee during a debate on the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

He arrived in Britain last Friday and on Saturday visited the Cycle and Motor Cycle Show in London, meeting many of his old friends from the Coventry Meteor Cycling Club there.

### COVENTRY WELCOME

At the station last night he was met by another group of friends and was officially welcomed back by Mr. W. Shakespeare, president of the Meteor Cycling Club and other local club representatives, for before leaving this country he was four times champion of the Coventry Cycling Alliance and was one of the best known time trial men in the Midlands.

Describing the trip, Johnny said: "Everything has been wonderful. I have made many friends in both Canada and the States and have never for a minute regretted going."

"But it is good to be back, and now I am home I will be around for a while, visiting my friends here. I may even get in training for the new season."

### TO GIVE LECTURE

Johnny, who lives with his parents at 58, Foster Road, Radford, is likely to be busy for several weeks, for a number of Coventry clubs hope to get him to lecture on his tour, on which he took many photographs.

He has already agreed to talk to members of the Coventry Road Club at their headquarters in Baginton Village Hall next Thursday and the Road Club have said they will throw the meeting open to all local enthusiasts.

Mr. William Shakespeare, president of the Coventry Meteor C.C., and other local club officials, welcoming back Johnny Hathaway at Coventry Station last night.

## Across the Rockies on a Bicycle

### MIDLAND DIARY

In recognition of his feat in negotiating the Rocky Mountains on a bicycle, Mr. John W. Hathaway, of Foster Road, Coventry, occupied the seat of honour at the luncheon of the Pedal Club in London yesterday. Claimed to be the first cyclist to tackle the Rockies successfully, Mr. Hathaway climbed 11,900ft. at 8 m.p.h. "overtaking motorists on the way" and then freewheeled for 60 miles on the other side.

Altogether he cycled 8,000 miles in 87 days and, as he puts it, "crossed the American continent—much to the amusement of the American people."

During the whole circuit he had only three punctures.

COVENTRY  
1955

# 3 Years on a Bicycle Logged 12,988 Miles

COVENTRY  
ENGLAND  
NOV. 55

By BOB HAYES

For a man who left England three years ago to "get away from bike riding," Johnny Hathaway hasn't been too successful.

Yesterday the 30-year-old native of Coventry cycled into Montreal—the starting point of a trans-Canada-US tour that began at 4:30 p.m. on August 23, 1952. Since then he has logged a total of 12,988 miles aboard his lightweight racing bike.

The trip, which took him across the country along an all-Canadian route to Vancouver and through Los Angeles, Denver, New Orleans, Washington to here, wasn't without its "ups and downs" or its bike-load of unusual experiences.

## Barely Outweighed Equipment

The 143-pound (he lost three more on his tour) amateur biker completed the round-trip loaded down with a cooking stove, food, sleeping bag, utensils, two thermos bottles, spare clothing, and his indispensable camera equipment. A total of 90 pounds, including the bike.

Not satisfied with just pedalling his way to Vancouver, Hathaway competed in a three-day, 255-mile bicycle race there and rode off with second place—less than 30 seconds behind the winner. The shy Englishman, who held his hometown racing championship from 1947-50, had estimated the race would be run off in 11 hours and 50 minutes. The official winner's time was 11 hours and 56 minutes.

## Harder Head

One distressing experience cost him a tooth and gave a Vancouver mother quite a scare.

"I was driving across an intersection on the green light when a woman carrying a baby crossed my path. I put on the brakes, but my head and the baby's collided and there was my tooth in the middle of the street."

The marathon rider admits he "cheated" on 125 miles of his 5,218-mile cross-Canada trip. A wheel on his racer collapsed on a "narrow mud track" near Blue River, B.C., and he lowered himself to hitch-hiking into Kamloops.

"That was absolutely the worst stretch of road I'd come across," he explained. "Along the way I saw a car, stripped of its tires, that had been abandoned in the foot-deep mire."

One disappointment was the Canadian weather, which he claims consisted of 33 rainy days out of the 100 that it took him to cover the distance.

Hathaway left Montreal with \$54 in the pockets of his corduroy shorts, partly financed his trip with personal appearances at department stores across the coun-

try. He received \$20 for each of these stop-overs.

He spent eight months in Toronto with his trip only 420 miles underway back in 1952, working as a draftsman. But he pedalled more than 3,000 miles on his visits to tourist attractions in the Queen City district.

Most of his nights were spent in a sleeping bag or in a tent, but during rainy weather he got sleeping accommodation in a farmer's home, barn or garage. "On the whole everyone was friendly and helpful after I explained what I was doing."

In all, the US trip totalled 7,770 miles from Los Angeles to Montreal and took him 87 riding days. Cost for the round trip was \$750.

What next for the weather-beaten traveller? He's leaving for England next month — by boat, of course. Then a round of lectures with the aid of 250 color slides "to show English people what a wonderful country this is."



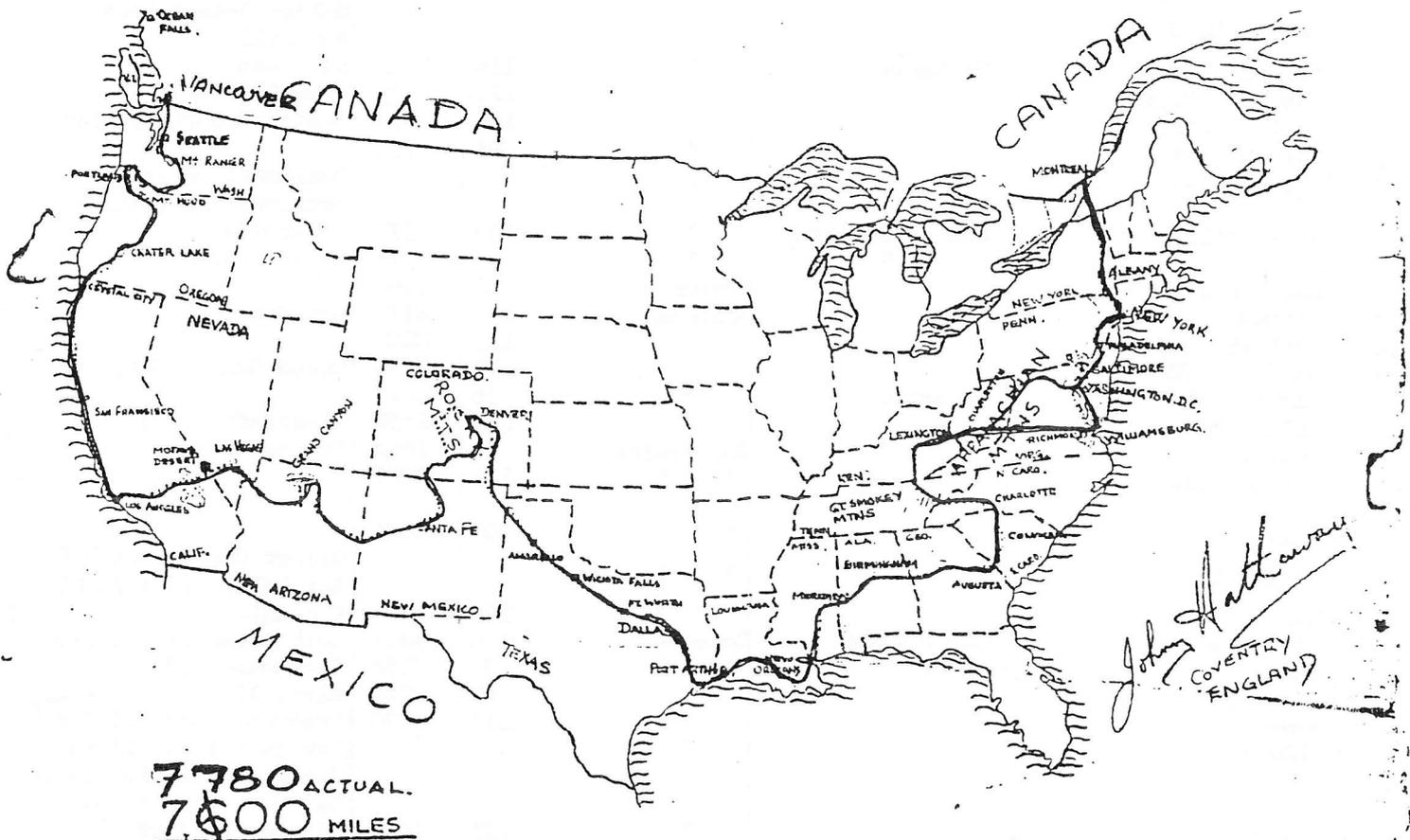
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Cyclist "home" again after 12,988 miles

# TRANS - U.S.A. - TOUR

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DATE OF ARRIVAL	DESTINATION	COUNTY	STATE	DAILY MILEAGE	ACCUMULATIVE MILEAGE	POINTS OF INTEREST & ROUTE
July 18th to July 31st	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.					
1	Everett	Sno Homish	Washington	115	-	Elaine Customs, U.S.A.
2	Bramclaw	King	"	94	209	Seattle, Tacoma
3	Yakima	Yakima	"	111	320	Mt. Ranier Nat. Park
4	Hood River	Hood River	Oregon	101	421	Satus Pass 3,149
5	Portland	"	"	84	505	Columbia River & Camas
6	* PORTLAND					
7	Madras	Jefferson	"	119	624	Mt. Hood Barrow Pass 4150
8	Chemult	Klamath	"	109	733	
9	Medford	Jackson	"	108	841	Crater Lake Nat. Park 7,100

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11	Pepperwood	Humboldt	California	124	1083	Eureka
12	Ukiah	Mendocino	"	129	1212	Ave. of Giant Redwoods
13	San Francisco		"	118	1330	San Rosa
14) *	SAN FRANCISCO		"			Golden Gate Bridge
15)			"			Nob Hill
16	Salinas	Monterey	"	116	1446	San Jose
17	San Luis Obispo		"	127	1573	Paso Robles
18	Santa Barbara		"	106	1679	Santa Barbara Mission
19	Los Angeles		"	95	1774	
20) *	LOS ANGELES		"			Toastmasters Inter-
21)			"			national Convention
22	Victorville	San Bernardino	"	103	1877	Riverside
23	Baker	"	"	99	1976	Mojave Desert
24	Las Vegas		Nevada	92	2068	" "
25	Kingman		Arizona	103	2171	Boulder Dam
26	Ashfork		"	111	2282	
27) *	GRAND CANYON		"	77	2359	Grand Canyon Nat. Park
28	Cameron	Coconino	"	56	2415	
29	Holbrook		"	143	2558	Flagstaff 6,895
30	Gallup		New Mexico	96	2654	Painted Desert
31	Albuquerque		" "	135	2789	
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1	Santa Fe		" "	62	2851	
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4	Chama		" "	108	2959	Espanola
5	Del Norte	Rio Grande	Colorado	106	3065	Wolf Creek Pass 10,850
6	Salida		"	93	3158	Saguache 7,800
7	Leadville		"	61	3219	Elev. 10,200
8	Denver		"	111	3330	(Freemont Pass 11,318
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10	Pueblo		"	111	3441	Colorado Springs
11	Raton	Colfax	New Mexico	106	3547	1800 ft. climb in 14 miles
						Raton Pass 7,800
12	Dalhart	Dalham	Texas	133	3680	Clayton
13	Claude	Armstrong	"	114	3794	3,000 ft. elevations
			"			Amarillo
14	Vernon	Wilbarger	"	146	3940	Childress
15	Decatur	Wise	"	126	4066	Wichita Falls
16	Dallas		"	70	4136	Fort Worth
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19	Jacksonville	Cherokee	"	112	4248	Athens
20	Woodville	Tyler	"	108	4356	Rusk, Lufkin
21	Orange	Orange	"	93	4449	Beaumont, Port Arthur
22	Opalouzas		Louisiana	119	4568	Lake Charles, Kinder
23	Donaldsonville	Ascension	"	93	4661	Baton Rouge, Mississippi
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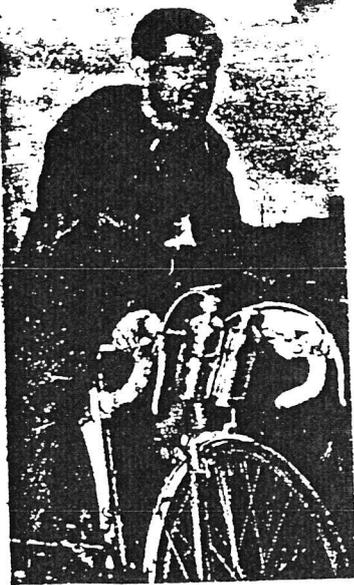
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Livingston	Sumter	Alabama	122	4990	Meridian
Birmingham		"	120	5110	Tuscaloosa
Villa Rica	Carroll	Georgia	123	5238	Anniston
Greensboro	Greene	"	123	5361	Atlanta, Madison
AIKEN	Aiken	S. Carolina	103	5464	Augusta
Chester		"	111	5575	Columbia
Forest City	Rutherford	N. Carolina	111	5686	Rockhill Charlotte
Ashville		"	53	5739	Lake Lure
ASHVILLE		"			
Maryville	Blount	Tennessee	127	5866	Gt. Smokey Mtns. Nat. Park
Corbin	Whitley	Kentucky	112	5978	Cherokee Indian Reserve
LEXINGTON		"	105	6083	Newfoundland gap 5,000'
Ashland	Boyd	"	131	6214	Mt. Vernon Richmond
Fayetteville	Fayette	W. Virginia	121	6335	Winchester Morehead
Clifton Forge	Alleghany	Virginia	104	6439	Charleston
Sprouses	Buckingham	"	101	6540	White Sulphur Springs
Williamsburg		"	115	6655	Alleghany Mountains
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Philadelphia		"	100	7144	River, Lincoln Memorial
New York		New York State	93	7237	ANNAPOLIS, Baltimore
NEW YORK		"			Harrisburg, Lebanon
Catskill	Green	"	127	7364	Lancaster
Pottersville	Warren	"	120	7484	Allentown, Easton
Champlain	Clinton	"	101	7585	Trenton, Princeton,
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JOHN HATHAWAY on his Raleigh Super  
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HATHAWAY, HATHAWAY—Two pretty Los Angeles  
girls, Miss Jackie Pierce, left, and Miss Josephine Le-  
vine, center, show Johnny Hathaway, British cyclist  
touring United States, right road to take on journey.  
Times photo

## NEW ORLEANS

THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1955

# Briton Cycling Across US Stops Here for 3-Day Visit

A tanned, 30-year-old resident of Coventry, England, who's bicycling his way across the United States, arrived in New Orleans Thursday for a three-day stay.

It is Johnny Hathaway, a mechanical draftsman who has logged his trip and taken photographs so he'll have a lot of material for lectures to outdoor organizations in his native country.

Hathaway, who holds his home country bicycle racing championship, arrived in Montreal, Canada, in 1953 and made a meandering 5200-mile trip across the Dominion to Vancouver.

There he went to work for a paper mill and saved up for a trip across the United States.

Less than two months ago he left Vancouver, traveled down the Pacific Coast to Los Angeles, Calif., then headed east across the country. So far, he's been in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and now Louisiana.

It's a memorable experience. He's had only four days of rain, but a lot of sunshine and

his nose peels about every five days. He hasn't been bothered by traffic and has seldom slept out of doors.

He's been favorably impressed by Southern hospitality and the city of Denver.

He expects to be in New York by the end of October and then there go to Montreal, his starting point, and then back to England. He came to New Orleans by way



—Photo by The Times-Picayune  
JOHNNY HATHAWAY

of the river road from Donaldsonville.

He said he had covered more than 4850 miles of his estimated 7800-mile journey and has averaged about 125 miles a day. His bike is a 10-speed gear and weighs 20 pounds.

On it he carries spare clothing, a sleeping bag and a water bottle.

NEW ORLEANS  
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SANTE FE NEW MEXICAN  
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## Ex-British Marine Bicycles Into Town

A 30-year-old former British Royal Marine arrived in Santa Fe late yesterday sporting what is probably the reddest nose ever to cross the city limits.

Johnny Hathaway's nose — and the rest of his face to lesser extent—fell victim to 30 days of wind and sunburn during a 3,006 mile bicycle pedaling job from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Despite the spectacular damage to his peeling nose, wear-

Anyone who thinks he can't should know that the brawny Englishman pedaled his cycle all the way from Gallup to Albuquerque Wednesday, against a strong headwind, experiencing two flat tires and a brush with New Mexico's traffic safety crackdown on the way.

"It was a long day," said Hathaway.

AND AGAIN  
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Across Canada by Bike

SASKATOON  
SASKATCHEWAN



John Hathaway views the swollen river

From Toronto to Vancouver by bike is no mean feat, but it is being done by a young (28) English chap from Coventry.

John Hathaway, an ex-champion cyclist, decided to leave the "economic dearthness" of England and seek better conditions in Vancouver. So began a 4,000-mile trip, across Canada, which today finds him in Saskatoon. This morning he visited the T. Eaton Company store here. Eaton's are paying part of his expenses.

Leaving Toronto seven weeks ago with \$56, he travelled more than 2,000 miles to reach Saskatoon. The main item of his equipment is a custom-built lightweight English racing bike. He also has a sleeping bag, primus stove, two thermos bottles, spare clothing and a camera. Total weight, including bike, 75 pounds.

Despite three flat tires (two occurred in Saskatchewan), rain and

flooded roads, he has averaged 74 miles a day for about \$15 a week.

"In Saskatchewan I found the worst roads but made the best mileage on them," he said. His longest day was on the road from Moose Jaw to Watrous. He travelled 116 miles that day.

Mr. Hathaway expressed surprise at finding a city which so resembled the English countryside he had left. "Saskatoon is one of the prettiest towns I've come across yet. It's hard to realize this is the prairie, when you come across a city like this."

By sleeping in his tent and youth hostel along the way, he estimates that his trans-Canada trip will cost him about \$240.

Biggest expense is his camera equipment. He will have about 400 color slides when he completes his trip.

A draftsman by trade, Mr. Hathaway will settle in Vancouver.

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VANCOUVER

*John Hathaway  
58 Foster Rd. Saskatoon  
He stayed at the Victoria Hotel*



## CITY CYCLISTS Lead Field In Marathon

HOPE — (CP) — Vancouver cyclists won top honors Friday in the first leg of a 289-mile race to Penticton.

Jim Davies led a group of nine riders who sprinted into Hope, 99 miles from Vancouver, at 48 miles per hour.

Two other Vancouver cyclists, Lorne Atkinson and Tony Bacchetta, placed second and third respectively. Twenty-five racers were entered in the event, sponsored by the British Empire Games cycling committee.

They travel over the Hope-Princeton Highway today on the second lap and continue on to Penticton from Princeton Sunday.

Seattle riders Bob Hartman and Gary Lund and English star John Hathaway set the pace over most of the route Friday but dropped behind on the closing stretch.

## Jim Davies Wins Cycle Marathon

PENTICTON — Jim Davies of Vancouver won the grueling Vancouver-to-Penticton bicycle race Sunday by a margin of only 30 seconds over John Hathaway of England.

Davies' time for the three-day, 289-mile marathon was 11 hours, 56 minutes, 18 seconds. Hathaway's time was 11:56:48.

Gary Lund of Seattle finished third, a scant 20 seconds back of Hathaway, and Tony Bacchetta was fourth.

Bacchetta, a youthful rider from Switzerland, won the final lap, Princeton to Penticton. He checked into Penticton at 1 a.m., 30 seconds ahead of Hathaway.

Hathaway, who recently completed a 4000-mile trans-Canada jaunt on his bike, failed to place in the first three Friday in the Vancouver-Hope leg, but came back strongly through the mountains Saturday to win the Hope-Princeton circuit.

Davies won the opening lap Friday.

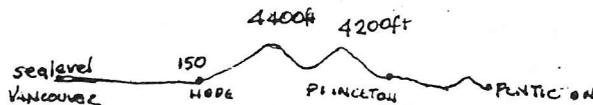
The race was sponsored by the cycling committee of the British Empire Games.

3 DAY STAGE RACE - SEPT 1953

VANCOUVER TO HOPE

HOPE TO PRINCETON (King of the mountains)

PRINCETON TO PENTICTON



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