

The Legacy
Issue 7: The RW Trophy Collection
by Bill Cline

With tremendous gratitude to the Nevada Historical Society, and especially the Curator for the Museum Artifact Collection Ms. Sherlyn Hayes-Zorn. The Reno Wheelmen were granted access to the trophy collection and provided a photo studio to document the trophies held at the museum.

Not all trophies were photographed, but those below form as thorough a cataloging as could be accomplished. A full race schedule between 1900 and 1905 follows.

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Opponent: Capitol City Wheelmen (CCW), Sacramento
Race Date: July 4, 1900
Race Location: Sacramento, CA
Special Note: The FIRST Pacific Coast Championship trophy won by the RW
Photo Credit: Danny Knoll



Opponent: Capitol City Wheelmen (CCW), Sacramento
Race Date: July 4, 1901
Race Location: Carson City, NV
Special Note: The second and last time RW went against CCW
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Opponent: Garden City Wheelmen (GCW), San Jose, CA
Race Date: July 14, 1901
Race Location: Reno
Special Note: The first of four 50-mile championships won by the RW against GCW.
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Opponent: Carson City Wheelmen, Carson City, NV
Race Date: July 4, 1902
Race Location: Carson City
Special Note: The only championship challenge by Carson, won by RW
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Opponent: San Francisco Wheelmen (SFW), San Francisco
Race Date: July 13, 1902
Race Location: Reno
Special Note: The only RW championship contest against SFW
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Opponent: Garden City Wheelmen, San Jose, CA
Race Date: August 10, 1902
Race Location: Reno
Special Note: The second championship victory over GCW
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Opponent: Bay City Wheelmen (BCW), San Francisco

Race Date: September 7, 1902

Race Location: Reno

Special Note: The closest margin of RW victory of any 50-mile championship race—two wheel lengths due to the outstanding sprint of the RW's George Kornmayer at the line. His mother immediately fainted after the finish.

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Opponent: New Century Wheelmen (NCW), San Francisco

Race Date: June 28, 1903

Race Location: Reno

Special Note: The first NCW defeat at the hands of the Reno Wheelmen. Trophy on permanent display in the "Reno Section" of the Nevada Historical Society Museum.

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Opponent: Garden City Wheelmen (GCW), San Jose, CA

Race Date: July 12, 1903

Race Location: Reno

Special Note: The third championship contest won against the esteemed GCW.

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Opponent: Oakland Wheelmen, Oakland

Race Date: July 26, 1903

Race Location: Reno

Special Note: Oakland would try its luck three additional times in the 50-mile relay against the RW with no success.

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Opponent: New City Wheelmen, San Francisco

Race Date: June 19, 1904

Race Location: Reno

Special Note: It was after this race that the NCW wished the RW luck against the Oakland Acme Club, saying they had never been treated so well by any group of “club men” before. The RW had a very sporting and fair-play reputation. Three weeks later, the NCW's good wishes came true. (non-title contest)

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Opponent: Oakland Wheelmen, Oakland, CA

Race Date: July 4, 1904

Race Location: Carson City, NV

Special Note: Going into the race Oakland was the championship holder, but not afterwards.

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Opponent: New City Wheelmen, San Francisco

Race Date: June 25, 1905

Race Location: Reno

Special Note: Bay Area clubs tired of defeat at the hands of Reno. They challenged the RW under the NCW banner in a non-title contest to regain at least a sense of superiority, compiling a California all-star squad that included riders from SoCal as well. The RW still prevailed.

Photo Credit: Danny Knoll



Opponent: Garden City Wheelmen, San Jose, CA

Race Date: July 2, 1905

Race Location: Reno

Special Note: The RW's fourth and final championship secured at the expense of the Garden City Wheelmen.

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Opponent: Oakland Wheelmen, Oakland, CA
Race Date: July 23, 1905
Race Location: Reno
Special Note: The last championship trophy earned by the Reno Wheelmen. A couple of months later after some purely local contests, the RW racing team ceased competition.
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Reno Wheelmen President Spencer Ericksen and board member Bill Cline in front of the Nevada Historical Society with the July 2, 1905 Pacific Coast Championship trophy.



RW President Spencer Ericksen checking out his new ride at the Nevada Historical Society.

1900-1905 Reno Wheelmen 50-Mile Relay Race Schedule

Capital City Wheelmen	07/04/00
San Francisco Olympic Club	09/17/00
Capital City Wheelmen	07/04/01
Garden City Wheelmen	07/14/01
Carson City Wheelmen	07/04/02
SF Wheelmen	07/13/02
Garden City Wheelmen	08/10/02
Bay City Wheelmen	09/07/02
Garden City Wheelmen	09/21/02
New Century Wheelmen	06/28/03
Garden City Wheelmen	07/12/03
Oakland Wheelmen	07/26/03
Oakland Wheelmen	07/02/03
New Century Wheelmen	06/19/04
Oakland Wheelmen	07/04/04
Bay City Wheelmen	08/28/04
Garden City Wheelmen	07/17/04
Garden City Wheelmen	09/09/04
New Century Wheelmen	06/25/05
Garden City Wheelmen	07/02/05
Oakland Wheelmen	07/23/05

1896-1905 Reno Wheelmen Race Roster

Mr. Aguayo	Art Keddie	King Ryan
Mr. Barber	Rube Kelly	Harry Scheeline
Charlie Becker	Charlie Knox	Ed Shaver
Atha Carter	Cyril Knox	John Shaver
Mr. DuBois	Will Kornmayer	Martin Simas
Mr. Eaton	George Kornmayer	Manuel Simas
William Everett	Ed Lockman	Benton Sparks
George Farian	Alex "Clan" McKenzie	Ed Stanley
Sam Francovich	George Meffley	Bill Thompson
Barner Fraser	Claude Mershon	M. Thompson
James "Jap" Hart	Fred Morrill	Hal Updike
Will Hart	Eli Morrill	Pearl Upson
Ralph Hawcroft	Sam Mozingo	Fred White
Al Helmold	Charlie Nash	Will Wright
Mr. Hewlett	Alf "Ole" Peckham	N.E. Wilson
Granville Johnson	Jim Peckham	Burton Downing*
Joe Johnson	Art Peckham	

*tentative inclusion, see Issue 6