

THE NATIONAL VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, held in early October in Tallahassee, Florida were attended by Vets Stanton Truxillo, Mike McCutcheon, and by Master Billy Richards. In the 25mi Time Trial, a newcomer from Hawaii blew the doors off the rest of the Vets, posting an incredible 0:55:29.5, which, by the way, is half a minute faster than our Senior State record set this year by Brian Roberts (0:56:09). The Best placing by an NOBC rider (the envelope please) was a fantastic 12th by Stan Truxillo with a 0:59:05.5. Billy Richards showed his stuff in the Masters event by placing a super 11th with a 1:04:24.2. Not bad performances for a couple of old men! (Not bad for lots of seniors I know either!) In the Road event, Stan continued his enviable performance by placing 14th, just missing the crucial break which contained the first three finishers. Billy Richards finished credibly in the road event, albeit off the back. OK guys, if you can just cut four lousy MINUTES off those time trial times....

NATIONAL TIME TRIAL RECORDS were set recently by Louisiana cyclists in a record attempt sponsored by the Baton Rouge Bicycle Racing Club. Brian Apsey went to considerable effort to have the course on HWY 55 between LaPlace and Pass Manchac surveyed and certified. Meanwhile, Brian Roberts shamed a number of local cyclists into taking the USCF officials certification exam, which brought the La. total up to eight certified officials. (Contact Sally Draper to take this brief exam) Brian was shooting for records in the 75, 100, 125, and 150 mile time trials, but the 95 degree heat and increasing wind forced him to end his attempt at 125 miles. Nonetheless, Brian set new National records for 75 miles (3:09:18), 100 miles (4:16:42), and 125 miles (5:38:37) before nearly collapsing at the 125 mile turn-around. Brian's first two 25 mile times were 1:02 s, and his 100 mile record represents four 1:04 time trials back-to-back. Quite impressive. Brian rides for Skunk River Cyclists in his home state of Iowa, and has been very active in local events this year. Equally impressive was the performance of NOBC Veteran Denis Carroll, who broke the old Senior 100 mile record on his way to setting national Veteran records for 50, 75, and 100 miles. Denis rode a 2:08:12 50 miles, a 3:19:43 75 miles, and a 4:34:48 100 mile Time Trial. Linda Tischer of Mississippi established Veteran Womens records of 2:38:29, 4:06:09, and 5:33:23 for 50, 75, and 100 miles respectively. Everyone present was impressed with such fine performances in what will undoubtedly become an annual event.