

Born November 15, 1918

1927 - Immigrated to Tupperville, Ontario (near Wallaceburg) Canada at age 9.  
Family worked in grain threshing for \$1 per day. Albert got 50¢ per day.

1931 – He got his first bicycle, a Royal Jenny, for \$5.

1934 – Trip back to Belgium in spring where he rode his first bike race.  
Upon return the family settled in Tillsonburg area.

1934 – Family moved to LaSalette Ontario (Delhi area) where they remained for 50 years until moving to Tillsonburg in 1984.

1936 – On weekends road bike to Chatham (120 miles) to race and returned on Sundays.

1936 – Started Delhi Criterium race that continued annually until mid-nineties at the Belgium Hall.

**1937 – After winning a number of important races here in Canada he was allowed to go to Europe to race as an amateur.**

He competed in 39 road races and one track race in Europe before his injury the next year. He had 4 wins with a number of top 10 placings.

1938 – September he was hit by a truck while returning from a training ride in Ghent Belgium velodrome.  
He was unconscious for 21 hours with both legs in a cast and told he may never race again.  
Returned to Canada.

1939 – Albert was asked to design and build his first velodrome in Delhi Ontario.

1939- Won Six-Day race partnered with Rene Cyr of Montreal.

1939 – Formation of Norfolk Cycling Club – held position of President numerous years and after name change to present name Silver Spokes Cycling Club

1940 - Won Six-Day race at Delhi velodrome partnered with Andy McConnell.

1940 – Raced in USA placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the prestigious Tour of Somerville New Jersey.

1940 - Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the USA Midwestern Championships in Columbus Ohio after having a flat tire.

**1940 - Named outstanding Canadian rider of 1940.**

**1940 - Awarded professional contract to ride Chicago Professional Six-Day in November partnered with John Crowder.**

1941 – Rode Buffalo Professional Six-Day in March partnered with Gerard Debaets of Belgium.

1941 – Rode Montreal Forum Professional Six-Day in October partnered with Gerard Debaets of Belgium.

1942 - Married Irene Dhulst.

1942- Rode Montreal Forum Professional Six-Day in September partnered with Gerard Debaets of Belgium

1942 – Racing curtailed with start of WW11.

1942 – First son born (Robert, Dec 8/42)

1947 – Albert designed and built the world’s first portable velodrome and held the first race in Simcoe Ontario.

1947/48 – Track built and two races held in Shawinigan Falls and one in Trois-Riviere Quebec

1942 – Second son born (Ronald, April 25/47)

1949 - Track installed in new Delhi Arena and numerous races, including six-day and 9 day derby’s, held in the following 6 years

1948 – 2005 - Built numerous velodromes across North America – see separate track listing

**1955, 56, 57 - Elected President of Canadian Wheelman’s Association (the national governing body for cycling). The name was later changed to Canadian Cycling Association.**

1957 - Built velodrome and promoted a professional 9-Day derby in Cleveland Ohio.

1958 - Built velodrome and promoted a 2nd professional 9-Day derby in Cleveland Ohio

**1972 – Chosen as the cycling representative for the 1976 Olympic Organizing Committee to travel to Munich for the 1972 games.**

**1974 – Built the Montreal velodrome for the 1974 World Championships**

1977?- Served as National Racing Board Chairman

1975 – Coach for Canadian team (Jocelyn Lovell and Andre Simard) at International Trinidad-Barbados race

**1976 – Built the velodrome for the 1976 Montreal Olympics**

**1978 - Rode bike from Windsor Canada to Florida – 60<sup>th</sup> birthday**

1979 – Changed name from Schelstraete to mothers maiden name Coulier..

1979 - Mont Ventoux – 10 Stage Brugge Belgium to Mont Ventoux France – 1568 km

1979 - Austria – Veterans World Cup – 7<sup>th</sup> place

1979 - Olympic Masters Championship – Belgium - 5<sup>th</sup> place (after spill)

- 1979 – America Cup (Open to 27 countries) – Gold medal - Sutton Quebec 1<sup>st</sup>
- 1980 – Olympic Masters Championship – Belgium - 6<sup>th</sup> place
- 1980 – Austria – Masters World Cup 8<sup>th</sup> place
- 1980 – America Cup – Sutton Quebec 2<sup>nd</sup> place (broke toe clip)
- 1981 – Detroit 24 hour race – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 325 mi. (523 km)
- 1982 – Austria – Masters World Cup 16<sup>th</sup> place
- 1982 – Detroit 24 hour race - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 380 mi (611 km)
- 1982 – World Masters Championship – LaRoche France –Hill Climb - 4<sup>th</sup>  
- Road Race- 1st
- 1984 - Mont Ventoux – 10 Stage Brugge Belgium to Mont Ventoux France – 1568 km (second time)
- 1985 - World Masters Games – Toronto – Bronze medal
- 1987 – Ontario Masters Cup – 50 mile race – Gold medal
- 1988 - World Senior Games – St George Utah – Gold medal
- 1989 - World Senior Games – St George Utah – Gold medal
- 1989 – Austria – Masters World Cup 8<sup>th</sup> place
- 1990 – Austria – Masters World Cup 16th place
- 1993 - World Senior Games – St George Utah – Gold medal
- 1993 - Casa Grande Arizona –25 mi open race for all ages – 1<sup>st</sup> place (127 riders)
- 1994 - World Senior Games – St George Utah – Gold medal
- 1995 - World Senior Games – St George Utah – Gold medal
- 1970's, 80's and 90's – Rode 210 mile TORSV (Tour of Sciota River Valley) in Ohio 21 times
- 1990's – Hand built and operated 2 'Monster bikes' for fundraising for charitable organizations.  
One was 15 bikes and the other was 7 bikes both of which could be ridden on the road or on special designed rollers with a timing clock for indoor competitions.

List of Velodrome's built

- 1939 - Delhi (Outdoor)
- 1947 - Simcoe (World's first portable velodrome) (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1947 - Shawinigan (Fall) (Builder and Promoter)
- 1948 - Shawinigan (Spring) – to Delhi stored (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1948 - Three Rivers Quebec (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1949 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1948 - Buffalo – October 5-11 Six-Day
- 1948 - Chicago – Oct 31 – Nov 6 Six-Day
- 1948 - New York – Nov 15-20 Six-Day
- 1949 - Cleveland – Jan 5-11 Six-Day
- 1949 - New York – Feb 28-March 6 Six-Day
- 1949 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1949 - (Fall) – Detroit (Amateur)
- 1950 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 19 - Chicago (Stolle track)
- 1951 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1952 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1952 - Chicago (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1953 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1953 - San Francisco (Builder) Pg 5 of 5
- 1953 - Glendale California (Builder and rider)

- 1953 - El Paso, Texas (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 19? - New York (Delhi track)
- 1954 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1955 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1956 - Delhi (Builder and Race Promoter)
- 1955 or 6 - Louisville, Kentucky
- 1956 - Chicago
- 1957 - Cleveland Ohio (Built track and was Race Promoter)
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- 1963 to 73 - Montreal – Paul Sauve ( 15 times)
- 1965 - Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens
- 1964/ 65/ 66 - Quebec City ( 3 times )
- 1967 - Pan American Games – Winnepeg (Outdoor)
- 1972 - Detroit, Michigan State Fairgrounds
- 1973 - Los Angeles
- 1973 - Vancouver BC – redesigned and rebuilt China Creek Velodrome
- 1974 - World Championship – Montreal – (Outdoor)
- 1976 - Olympics – Montreal – (Outdoor)
- 2005 - London Ontario - Forest City Velodrome