

# Grand Tour History: Individual Stats (1959-2007)

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We have compiled a database of all riders completing the Grand Tour in its first 49 years. This data is drawn from the finisher lists published in the Gooseneck over those years and is probably subject to many errors. However, these are correct to the best of our knowledge. With that caveat, we present the top finishers in a number of categories.

**Most Grand Tours Completed** (This includes all distances including the century) The current leader is **Ralph Boethling** at 30 with **Clem Bartolai** and **Dennis Miller** in hot pursuit at 26. Both Clem and Dennis are still riding the Tour, so they may take the lead in a few years. All those with more than 10 are listed below.

30	Boethling, Ralph	14	Smith, Dave
26	Bartolai, Clem	13	Bramwell, Chuck
26	Miller, Dennis	13	Dostalek, William
25	Ferren, Frank	13	Doty, Rod
25	Schwemler, Paul	13	Faulkner, William H
23	Cotter, Grant	13	Ganier, Kermit
23	Spielman, Herbert	13	Kopit, Paul
20	Mataga, Zeke	13	Schafer, Andy
19	Corbett, Henry	13	Woodhead, James
19	Dewey, Jeffery E.	12	Anderson, Howard
19	Evans, Dave	12	Bredt, Allen
18	Eberts, Mike	12	Griffice, Charles
17	Follett, David B.	12	Hoffman, Roland W.
17	Hallin, Jack	12	Katano, Lynn
17	Lau, Calvin S.	12	Lipp, Marty
17	Nielsen, Doug	12	McDonald, Charlotte
16	Boethling, Laverne	12	Nakai, David
16	Gray, Christopher	12	Trone, Michael G
16	Hanson, Ron	12	Winfrey, Jim
16	Robbins, John	11	Bartholic, Ken
15	Nielsen, Dennis	11	Bell, Jack
15	Nussmeier, Mark	11	Caragao, Roehl
15	Saavadra, Jorge	11	DeKriek, John
14	Domjanovich, Nancy	11	Ferren, Suzie
14	Feller, Lincoln	11	Hutt, Terry
14	Flannigan, Wally	11	Rapp, Brian
14	Irwin, Charles	11	Rash, Robert
14	Meichtry, Steve	11	Taylor, Thomas
14	Patton, Marc	11	Waki, Russell Fumio

**Weighted Completion Score.** The above list counts all Grand Tours equally, and doesn't reflect those who rode a lot of triples and quads, but not necessarily a lot of Grand Tours. So we came up with the "Weighted Completion Score" which gives one point for each century completed, 2 for each double, 3 or triples and 4 for quads. Those with a WCS over 33 are shown below. A lot of the same names are there, but it shakes up the order somewhat.

65	Boethling, Ralph	38	Corbett, Henry
59	Ferren, Frank	36	Eberts, Mike
52	Bartolai, Clem	35	Nielsen, Doug
52	Evans, Dave	35	Robbins, John
52	Miller, Dennis	34	Boethling, Laverne
50	Schwemler, Paul	34	Flannigan, Wally
48	Cotter, Grant	34	Hallin, Jack
48	Dewey, Jeffery E.	34	Hanson, Ron
46	Spielman, Herbert	34	Lau, Calvin S.
45	Woodhead, James	34	Wood, Wyatt
40	Mataga, Zeke		

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**Most Quadruples.** Now we separate completions by distance. Below are all riders who have done more than 1 Quad.

8	Woodhead, James	3	Hogan, Seana
5	Wood, Wyatt	2	Danner, Michael L.
4	Drake, Les	2	Hearst, Dennis
4	Von Tungeln Jr., Jim	2	Stark, Rick
3	Harju, Roy M.		

**Most Triples.** Those with more than 3 Triples are shown below:

14	Evans, Dave	5	Nakai, David
10	Ferren, Frank	5	Neal, Frank
8	Balz, Raymond	5	Patterson, Doug
8	Dewey, Jeffery E.	5	Schafer, Andy
7	Brown, Joe	5	Sellers, Carman
7	Sullivan, Timothy	5	Stark, Brian
6	Baer, Kevin	5	Walsh, Don
6	Flannigan, Wally	4	Alberg, Mike
6	Wood, Marvin	4	Banas, Don
5	Barrena, James L.	4	DeBreau, William
5	Boethling, Ralph	4	DeKriek, John
5	Cordero, Raul	4	Gomez, Arnold
5	Durham, Roger	4	Ignacio, Francis-Marlon
5	Hartley, Booth	4	Treese, Richard
5	Katano, Lynn	4	Wood, Roger
5	Leone, Michael	4	Wood, Wyatt

**Most Doubles.** Those with more than 10 Doubles are shown below:

26	Bartolai, Clem	13	Bramwell, Chuck
26	Miller, Dennis	13	Dostalek, William
25	Boethling, Ralph	13	Doty, Rod
25	Schwemler, Paul	13	Kopit, Paul
23	Spielman, Herbert	13	Robbins, John
21	Cotter, Grant	13	Smith, Dave
20	Mataga, Zeke	12	Anderson, Howard
19	Corbett, Henry	12	Bredt, Allen
18	Eberts, Mike	12	Feller, Lincoln
17	Hallin, Jack	12	Patton, Marc
16	Nielsen, Doug	12	Winfrey, Jim
15	Follett, David B.	11	Bartholic, Ken
15	Gray, Christopher	11	Faulkner, William H.
15	Lau, Calvin S.	11	Ganier, Kermit
15	Nielsen, Dennis	11	Griffice, Charles
15	Saavadra, Jorge	11	Irwin, Charles
14	Boethling, Laverne	11	Lipp, Marty
14	Ferren, Frank	11	Rapp, Brian
14	Hanson, Ron	11	Rash, Robert
14	Nussmeier, Mark	11	Taylor, Thomas

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**Most Centuries.** We haven't run the century very many years and the idea was that riders would move up to the double, so there aren't many high numbers in this category. Those with more than 2 Centuries are shown below:

7	Lake, Patrick	3	Clarke, Lora
6	Ross, Randy	3	Clarke, Philip
4	Domjanovich, Nancy	3	Condon, Brian
4	Ethridge, Jason	3	Elofson, Lisa
4	Lorelli, Ernest	3	Grant, James
4	Lorelli, John	3	Johnson, Daniel
4	Nishioka, Kenneth	3	Kralick, Chris
4	Severijn, Glenn	3	Kuiper, John
3	Arnold, Clarke	3	Lorelli, Chris
3	Bialack, Ed	3	Lorelli, David
3	Bissonnette, Stephanie	3	Mathes, Frank E.
3	Caledonia, Laurie	3	Saunders, Jean
3	Carrera, Rick	3	Torres, Daniel

**Longest Consecutive String of Completions.** It takes dedication, ability and a bit of luck to achieve a long string of consecutive completions. **Ralph Boethling** would no doubt have done his 30 in consecutive years but for the bad luck of an accident (non-cycling) which crushed his leg in the middle of his run. Those with consecutive strings over 10 are shown below:

22	Miller, Dennis	12	Ganier, Kermit
21	Ferren, Frank	12	Irwin, Charles
19	Bartolai, Clem	12	Kopit, Paul
18	Boethling, Ralph	12	Schwemler, Paul
18	Eberts, Mike	11	Boethling, Laverne
17	Hallin, Jack	11	Patton, Marc
16	Hanson, Ron	10	Balz, Raymond
16	Lau, Calvin S.	10	Dreyfus, Jack
16	Robbins, John	10	Flannigan, Wally
15	Dewey, Jeffery E.	10	Schafer, Nina
15	Spielman, Herbert	10	Scottini, Tony M.
14	Cotter, Grant	10	Von Tungeln Jr., Jim
14	Mataga, Zeke	10	Waki, Russell Fumio
12	Domjanovich, Nancy	10	Wong, Bob

**Longest Current String of Completions.** This list is of those riders who rode last year and whose current string of completions is therefore still running as long as they continue to ride each year. Those with current strings over 5 are listed:

22	Miller, Dennis	7	Bartolai, Clem
18	Eberts, Mike	7	Cordero, Raul
16	Hanson, Ron	7	Katano, Lynn
15	Dewey, Jeffery E.	7	Ostendorff, Eric
11	Patton, Marc	7	Waltmire, Cathe
9	Fante, Tom	7	Waltmire, Wick
9	Feller, Lincoln	6	Cammell, Russell
9	Hoffman, Roland W.	6	Dehanke, Mark
9	Nielsen, Dennis	6	Hutt, Terry
8	Brown, Joe	6	Lloyd, Robert
8	Parkes, Thomas B.	6	Long, John D.
8	Trone, Michael G.	6	Martinez, Mark
7	Baer, Kevin	6	Ross, Randy

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**Longest Gap Between Completions.** Most riders who ride more than once tend to cluster their years together. Once you skip more than 3 or 4 years, chances are you are not coming back. But a few riders returned to the Grand Tour after many years. One wonders what brought them back after so long a time. It would probably make an interesting story as to how some of these riders came back after 30 years and how the Grand Tour had changed for them in the interim. Below are listed those with more than a 17 year gap (the number of years they didn't ride between completions).

33	Gibson, William	21	Title, Norman
30	Hukle, Martin	20	Heise, Jim
30	Starr, Robert	19	Presley, Gregory
27	Cohen, Mitchell	19	Shelley, Lisa
24	Wirrer, Frank	19	Wright, Jim
23	Clark, Ken	18	Atwood, Marvin
23	Stewart, Richard	18	Contreras, Oscar
22	Brenner, Martin	18	Greene, Jerry J
21	Laird, Keith	18	Miller, Michael
21	Lawson, David	18	Thomas, John J.
21	Lipinsky, Dan		

**Grand Tour Grand Slam.** We took this idea from tennis. Completing the "Grand Slam" would be completing the Century, Double, Triple and Quadruple in separate years. Ideally, you would do them in that order, but the century is so new, that's not likely. In fact, no one has completed the Grand Slam. 17 riders have done the Century, Double and Triple and would only need the Quad, but let's face it – that's not so easy to add. But amazingly, 22 riders have done the Quad, Triple and Double and only need the Century to complete the Grand Slam. They are listed below:

Bates, Ron	Misquez Jr., Victor
Danner, Michael L.	Montano, Abedon
DeBreau, William	Patterson, Doug
Dewey, Jeffery E.	Patton, Marc
Drake, Les	Schaub, Gale
English, Scott	Stark, Rick
Finrock, Reed	Treese, Richard
Franz, Roger	Von Tungeln Jr., Jim
Harju, Roy M.	Weinberg, David W
Hickling, Duane G.	Wood, Wyatt
Meichtry, Steve	Woodhead, James

**Tandem Completions.** We never kept really good records of who rode tandems. We have it for some years, but not others, so we don't have any statistics for that. However, I did receive a note from **Grant Cotter**, pointing out that he and his wife **Lorraine** rode 8 consecutive Grand Tours on their tandem. That sounds like the record to me.

(That's all, folks!)