

CYCLING BIOS

STEVEN TODD BAUER

June 12th 1959, St. Catharines, ON

As a young boy Steve loved to play hockey, but in the summer he and his friends would race around the village of Fenwick on their bicycles. Steve was sixteen years old when he was first introduced to the world of competitive cycling, as a member of the St. Catharines Cycling Club. Success was soon to arrive, as his natural athletic ability would carry him to his first victory in the 100 km road race at the Ontario Summer Games, his third bike race.

In 1977 Steve joined the National Cycling Team competing in Team Pursuit.

While still a junior, he rode with the men's team at the World Championships in Venezuela to help the team qualify a commendable 8th.

Having tasted elite competition, he became focused on training which was aimed at the championship events each year with the National Team. Steve became known as top contender in all North Americas' premier events, such as the Coors Classic. But it wasn't until 1984 that Steve became recognized as a world contender. At the summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles Steve won a silver medal, surprising the Europeans in their coveted sport. Steve immediately turned professional and left for Europe, the Mecca of cycling. For the following month of August he trained with his friend, the then current World Professional Champion Greg Lemond. In September, Steve won a bronze medal at the World Professional road race in Barcelona, (only his second professional race) a very special accomplishment unknown in the cycling world.

Throughout his 12 year professional career Steve has faced elating success, but also shattering disappointment and tragedy. In a sprint for the gold at the 88 world championship road race in Belgium Steve collided with Claude Criquillon and was disqualified. The ensuing criminal law suit took five years to exonerate

Steve. The following year in 1989 Steve won his first world cup race in the championship of Zurich. One week later at the world championship road race while "riding the best race of my life", Steve, racing with the small lead group had a flat tire 5 km before the sprint for the title!

However, the most difficult moment to accept was the death of Steve's team-mate Fabio Casartelli in a tragic crash during the 1995 Tour de France. Merely finishing the Tour after this tragedy, was an incredible accomplishment for Steve and all his Motorola team-mates.

In living through these tough experiences, Steve has learned to refocus on the positive and believe in going forward to meet the challenge again and again.

"If you believe in only what should have been, you will never feel good about who you are".

Announcing his retirement (Oct., 1996) Steve said "I am grateful to have been able to fulfill a career in professional sport. There are many World Championships and World Cups I should have had on my victory list but I am immensely proud of those close calls, because they were the best races I rode".

Steve has been awarded the Canadian Governor Generals' Meritorious Service Medal and received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at Brock University.

A modest individual, Steve is easily approached and happily shares his stories with all.

In April '97, Steve and Annick Gies, launched Steve Bauer Bike Tours Inc., based in Niagara, specializing in high quality bicycle tours/events for different fitness levels and interests. The company has now evolved and focuses on Luxury based "cycling enthusiast" trips internationally. Annual trips to the exciting cycling races of the professional calendar such as Tour de France or Italy are the theme of Steve Bauer Bike Tours.

CYCLING CAREER

1975 : Started racing in mid summer / St. Catharines Cycling Club, ON

1975 : Shortly after beginning to race, 1st at Ontario Summer Games Road Race

1976 : First full race season / Raced Canadian National Championship

1977 : Canadian National track team / raced on junior and men's team

1977-1984 : Canadian National Team member until turning professional

1984-1996 : Professional career (12 years)

Final race in London, ON - 1st in Road Stage and 1st overall

RACING TEAMS

1975- Present : Lifetime member of the St. Catharines Cycling Club

1978-1979 : sponsored by a local bike shop in Hamilton, ON

1980 : AMF RACING TEAM, USA

1981-1984 : GS MENGONI TEAM, NY

1985 : La Vie Claire (began pro career)

1986-1987 : Toshiba/ La Vie Claire, FRA

1988 : Weinmann / La Suisse

1989 : Helvetia / La Suisse

1990 : 7-11, USA

1991-1995 : Motorola, USA

1996 : Saturn, USA



Michael Barry and Steve, Giro d'Italia, 2005

TEAM MATES

Raced with the following champions and team-mates of high class or achievement

1985-1986 : Greg Lemond, Bernard Hinault, Andy Hampsten

1988-1989 : Pascal Richard

1990: Davis Phinney, Andy Hampsten

1992-1995 : Lance Armstrong, Fabio Casartelli, Phil Anderson, George Hincapie, Frankie Andreu, Axel Merkcx

DIRECTOR SPORTIVE

Raced under the directives of the following team directors

1985-1989 : Paul Kochli

1990-1995 : Jim Ochowicz

1996 : Tom Schuler / Rene Wenzel

RACING ACHIEVEMENTS

CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1978 : 1st National Criterium, Lachine, QC

1981 : 1st road race, Vancouver, BC

1982 : 1st road race and track points, Edmonton, AB

1983 : 1st road race, Thunder Bay, ON

1996: 1st Canadian Olympic Trials road race, St.Sauveur, QC

USA RACE SERIES

1980-1982 : Coors Classic Stage Victories, Colorado

1st at Estes Park, (2x) Boulder Park, Denver & Sacramento

2nd at North Boulder Park & Vail

3rd at Vail & Denver

1982 : 1ST overall, Lowenbrau Series, USA

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

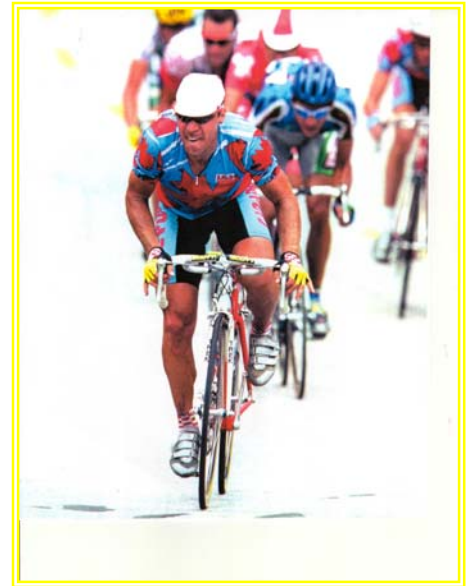
1982 : 2nd road race, 4th 10 mile track & 4th team pursuit, Brisbane, AUS

OLYMPIC GAMES

1980 : Canadian Olympic Team pursuit team : (boycott Moscow, USSR)

1984 : Silver medal road race, Los Angeles, USA

1996 : 41st (best Canadian) road race, Atlanta, USA



Olympic games, Atlanta, 1996

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1977 : 7th junior team pursuit / 13th Individual Pursuit ; Vienna, AUT

1977 : 8th men's team pursuit, San Cristobal, VEN

1980 : 13th points race, Besançon, FRA

1982 : 4th points race, Bruno, CZE

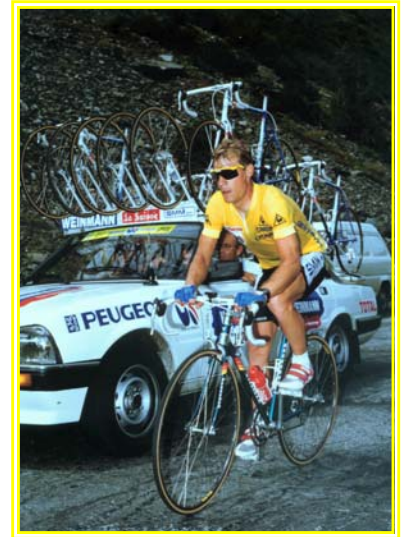
1984 : 3rd professional road race, Barcelona, ESP

1987 : 13th professional road race, Villach, AUT

1988 : 2nd professional road race, Ronse, BEL

1989 : 13th professional road race, Chambéry, FRA

2003 : Course designer, Hamilton, CAN



Tour de France 1988

TOUR DE FRANCE

1985 : 10th overall, wore White jersey for most of the entire race

1985 : 6th fastest in the individual time trials

1986 : 23rd overall

1988 : 4th overall and 1st stage one / 5 days in Yellow jersey

1989 : 15th overall

1990 : Led the Tour / Yellow jersey for 9 consecutive days ; 27th Overall

1985-1995 : 11 consecutive participations

Total : 14 days in Yellow jersey

GIRO D'ITALIA

1987 : 10th overall / 2nd Prologue Stage

CLASSICS and WORLD CUPS

1985 : 9th Milan San Remo, ITA

1985, 1986 & 1990 : 8th, 2nd & 6th Grand Prix Frankfurt / Henninger Turm, GER

1985 : 3rd Championship of Zurich, SUI

1986 : 2nd Championship of Zurich, SUI

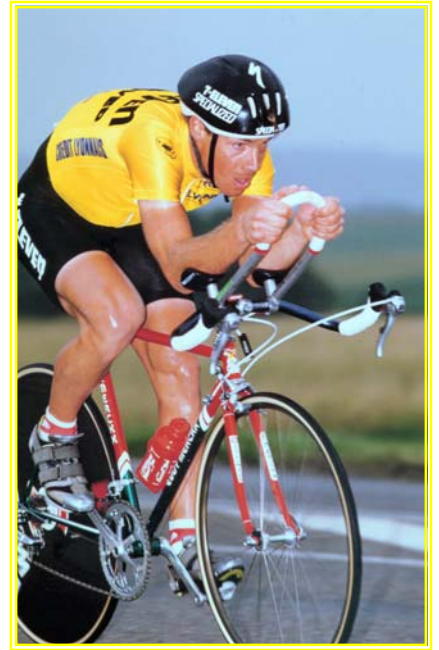
1986: 4th Tour of Flanders, BEL

1987 : 4th Tour of Flanders, BEL

1987 : 11th Milan San Remo, ITA

1988 : 6th Gent Wevelgem, BEL

1988 : 8th Paris Roubaix, FRA
 1989 : 10th Tour of Flanders, BEL
 1988-1989 : 6th & 3rd Amstel Gold Race, NED
 1989 : 4th Paris Roubaix, FRA
 1989 : 1st Championship of Zurich, SUI
 1990 : 2nd Paris Roubaix, FRA
 1990 : 6th Classica San Sebastian, ESP
 1990 : 9th Gent Wevelgem, BEL
 1991 : 4th Paris Roubaix, FRA
 1994 : 6th Paris Tours, FRA



Tour de France TT, 1990

INTERNATIONAL TOURS & RACES

1980 & 1983 : 1st Tour of Somerville New Jersey and set speed record, USA
 1985: 3rd Tour du Haut Var, FRA
 1986 : 2nd overall Tour of Ireland, IRL – 1 stage
 1987 : Criterium International, FRA – 1 stage
 1988 : 2nd overall Tour of Switzerland, SUI – 1 stage
 1988 : Etoile de Bésèges, FRA - 1 stage,
 1988 : 1st overall Tour de l'Oise, FRA
 1988 : Dauphiné Libéré, FRA – 1 stage
 1988 : 1st Trophea Pantalica, ITA
 1988 : 3rd Giro di Lazio, ITA
 1989 : 4th overall, Tour of Switzerland, SUI
 1988-1989 : 1st two times, Canadian Tire International Professional Sprint, CAN
 1992 : Vuelta Ciclista, Galega, ESP – 1 Stage
 1994 : 2nd overall, W. Virginia Classic, USA
 1994-1995 : Tour de Dupont, USA - 3 stage victories
 1995 : 1st Norwest Cup, USA
 1996 : Niedersachsen Rundfahrt, GER - 2 stages
 1996 : Rhenfeld Tour, GER - 2 stages

INTERNATIONAL GRAND PRIX

1985 : 1st, G.P. Aix en Provence, FRA (FIRST PROFESSIONAL VICTORY)

1986-1987 : 1st, Carlsberg Light G.P., CAN

1988 : 1st, G.P. d'Amériques, Montreal, CAN

1994 : 2nd Atlanta, USA

1994 : 8th, G.P. E3, Harelbeke, BEL

1995 : 1st, Deinze G.P., BEL

1996 : Thames Valley G.P., CAN – 1 stage

1996 : 1st, Roanoke Valley G.P., USA

NOTEABLE WORLD RANKINGS

1988 : 5th

1990 : 7th

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INTEREST

- Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame, Inducted April 2005
- Canadian Sports Hall of Fall, induction Ceremony November 2, 2005
- Honorary Doctorate of Laws, Brock University, Ontario 1994
- Awarded the Canadian Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal
- Recreational trail named "The Steve Bauer Trails" in Pelham Ontario
- Canadian National Film Board feature: "Steve Bauer Inside Out" 1993



Chin Picnic, Toronto, 2005