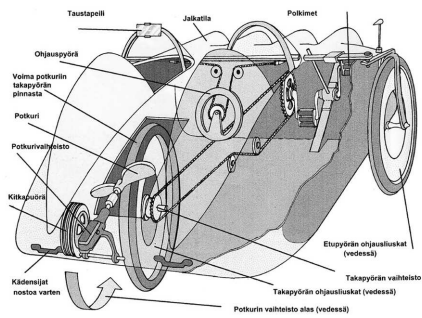
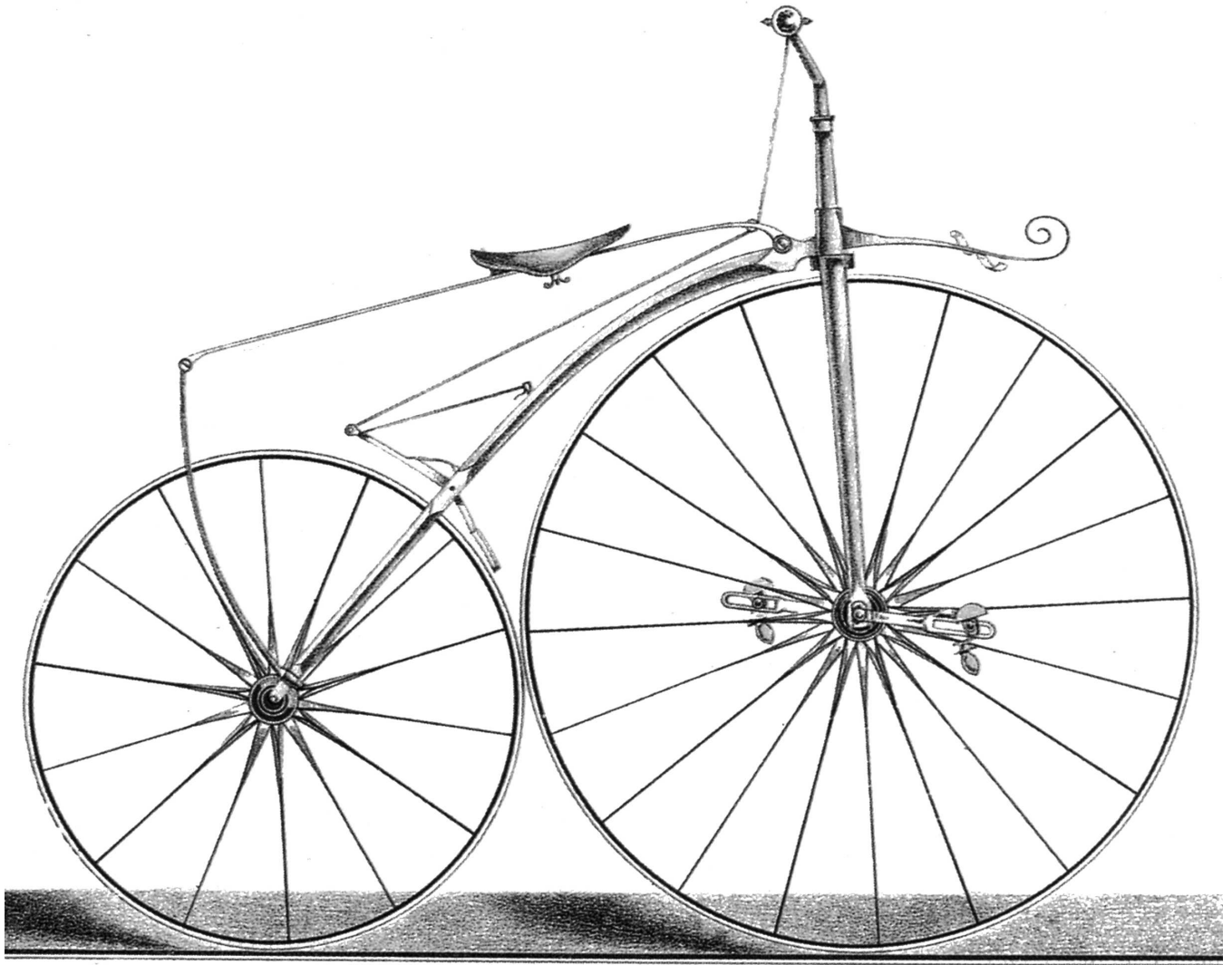


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FOREWORD

The Cycle Touring & Countryside Trust (CT&CT) is pleased to sponsor the publication of these *Proceedings*. The 18th International Cycle History Conference (ICHC) held in Tampere, Finland, once again demonstrated the growth of interest in research into cycling and its history in an expanding number of countries. The ICHC represents an important part of the cycling world and a link between the enthusiast and academia seldom found elsewhere. When problems arose concerning the production of its *Proceedings*, the trustees of the CT&CT felt strongly that they should act to secure their future publication.

The CT&CT is a charity which was formed in 1976 by the Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC) for the benefit of cyclists. Its objectives are quite broad, but the heritage-related areas and the cultural contribution made by cycling has been the central focus of the Trust's work in recent years.

The National Cycle Archive (NCA), established in 1990, is one of the major achievements of the Trust. This is housed at Warwick University and contains the historical records of the leading cycling organisations in the United Kingdom, such as the CTC and British Cycling, along with collections of papers and ephemeral material. To find out more about the Trust, please contact our website at <http://nationalcyclearchive.co.uk>.

Other historical work undertaken by the Trust has been the re-printing of some of the rarer books from the early days of cycling in the 1860s and 1870s, along with Ted Williams' *Bibliography of Cycling Books*, which is a valuable work of reference for cycling historians.

It is also a little-known fact that the CT&CT underwrote the publication of the first set of *Proceedings*, for the Glasgow Conference in 1990. Rob van der Plas' offer to take on the production of future *Proceedings* in 1994, after he had published the Boston Conference *Proceedings*, was supported by the Trust. Since then, in Rob's hands, the *Proceedings* have been produced to a high standard, which the trustees of the CT&CT intend to secure into the future.

Dr. Andrew Millward
Secretary CT&CT (UK Registered Charity No. 272792)



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The 2007 International Cycling History Conference, the 18th in the series, was held August 1 through 4 in the Finish city of Tampere. Hosted at the Vapriikki museum complex, the conference and additional program were superbly organized by Mikko Kylliäinen and Markku Lahtinen and their team of devoted volunteers and museum staff, who kept things running like clockwork.

This being our first venture out into a country not generally known around the world as a hotbed of cycling history, it was gratifying for all of us to see how history is made, and researched, almost everywhere, and how different venues help expand the understanding of an object's historical significance in various cultures.

Of particular interest to many of us was the way the Finns had managed to keep the once-industrial city of Tampere vibrant by filling many of the old factory buildings and their sites with new life, while maintaining their historical relevance.

The publication of these Proceedings, like those of the 16th Conference, are being underwritten by the Cycle Touring and Countryside Trust of Great Britain, and as publisher and editors, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the Trust's generosity, which we hope will help assure the survival of these Conference Proceedings in the long term.

Rob van der Plas
Nicholas Oddy
Nick Clayton

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