

## Victor victorious on scorching Terrible Two!

If you were told that Eric House shaved a healthy 25 minutes off his winning Terrible Two time of 1992 in this year's event, you might assume he won again. You might, but you'd be wrong. New kid on the block Victor Czech—a transplanted Brit now living in Santa Rosa—stalked House until the Geysers, dropped him on the first climb and never looked back, burning up the course in 12:15. House cruised in 28 minutes later, satisfied with his personal best and probably pleased to have taken 16 minutes off Czech on the final run in from Fort Ross.

Czech, who had set his sights on Jim Daniel's course record of 12:01, lost a little of his zip towards the end, perhaps finally feeling the effects of having only a 39-21 as his lowest gear on this hillier-than-thou ride.\* Still, his run was most impressive: fourth fastest ever, behind Daniel's magic carpet ride of 1989, Mark Cedeborg's 12:12 of '88, and Tom Allen's 12:14 of '84. Almost certainly, no one has ridden the TT faster on a day of such scorching heat. Last year, the mercury hit 106° at the midpoint in Cloverdale. When we estimated it must have been 10° hotter up on Skaggs Springs, some folks questioned our credibility. "No way it could be that hot," they said. This year, with Cloverdale officially reporting 108°, we took spot readings with a surface thermometer on the blacktop of Skaggs and recorded egg-frying temperatures from 135° to 150°. Any more questions?

Curiously, although the Geysers and Skaggs Springs were blistering, most people agreed that it felt a little less like an inferno than last year. A chill marine layer moved in off the sea as the afternoon wore on, and by dusk, it was getting downright nippy. This thermal relief may have accounted for the impressive number of finishers. 59 people had entered and 50 actually started. Of those, 41 completed the whole course, 37 before the 10:00 pm time limit. Two more finished after a King Ridge short-cut, and two more had mechanical issues with their tandem, returning to the start on their own. That means only four riders climbed into sag wagons, and one of them would have finished if darkness hadn't overtaken him. Never in the 18-year history of the TT have so few failed to finish.

Six women started and all of them finished, led home by Rita Bozzo, a transplanted Italian now living in Santa Rosa. Other notable finishers: Tom Davies, Jr, son of former TT top dog Tom Sr, preserving the family's honor by finishing a strong third; local boy and two time winner Scott Terriberry, coming out of retirement to show he's still got what it takes with a breezy fifth place finish, in spite of a bad back and little training; Jon Moore, 16 years old (son of SRCC member Doug Moore), and Ryan Case, 17 (son of TT veteran Stan Case), riding together all day to finish with a very respectable time and to become—as far as our sketchy records indicate—the two youngest riders to ever enter or complete the TT; Ken Bell and Sue Doss, becoming only the fourth tandem to complete this decidedly tandem-unfriendly course; Don Gray (with only one arm), becoming the first recumbent rider to complete the course.

Perhaps the biggest round of applause from the enthusiastic crowd of supporters at the finish was reserved for long-time club member Tom Helm, who put everything he had into his last drive to the finish, nipping in just three minutes ahead of the time limit to earn his "I Did It!" t-shirt. Last year, Tom gave up a certain finish to help a rider in trouble around Monte Rio, so this year's finish was karmic payback.

*\*Victor Czech did not have a clock on his bike. Midway up the Fort Ross climb, he was given incorrect information about the time by one of our sag drivers. This made him think the record was out of reach, so he backed off and cruised in.*

# Terrible Two - Official Finishers

1993

Victor Czech	12:15
Eric House	12:43
Tom Davies III	12:53
Richard Adolf	13:27
Scott Terriberry	13:32
Michael Cockrell	13:35
Chris Richards	13:48
Brett Hendrix	13:48
Roger Rehwald	13:50
Dan Shadoan	13:50
Dan Fallorina	14:04
Rita Bozzo	14:40
Steve Kromer	14:40
Jon Moore	14:42
Ryan Case	14:42
Bill Ripke	14:42
Lee Pfefferman	14:42
Dean Peckham	14:42
Tom Gandesberry	14:57
David Discher	14:57
Steve Marsh	15:10
Marv Rensink	15:12
Tom Long	15:14
Ken Bell & Sue Doss (T)	15:14
Sidney Flurher	15:30
Linda Bogdanoff	15:30
Warren Havens	15:44
Alex Zonoff	15:57
Larry Burdick	15:57
Bill Albers	15:57
Joe Gorin	16:07
Richard Burdick	16:07
Gerald Soto	16:07
Mojo Cosgrove	16:10
Mark Pretti	16:10
Tom Helm	16:27
Don Gray (R)	
Karren Koppenhaver	
Jim DeCaro	
Randall Kinsey	
Greg Sage	

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50 starters; 37 finishers (+5)