

BERT PERRIGO

Founder Member, Chairman 1971 – 1973 and President 1984 – 1985



Bert was born 1903 in Birmingham.

Bert Perrigo's father was a baker but instead of joining the family bakery Bert got a job driving vans for Bordesley Engineering, a local motorcycle company. While there, Bert persuaded them to enter him in the London to Edinburgh 24-hour trial, which he won, securing the first of many gold medals

Bert's first wife was killed in Isle of Man air crash. He married his second wife Cherie who also worked for BSA.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1921	Joined Connaught as a solo and sidecar Trials rider
1926	Joined BSA's Competitions Department. Won Silver medal in Victory Trial
1929	Won the inaugural British Experts Solo Class after qualifying on a sidecar
1931	Competed in I.S.D.T. and won a Gold Medal at Merano in Italy Won Colmore Cup
1932	Appointed BSA Competition Manager
1933 - 36	Contested MCC Trials using an aluminium bodied BSA three-wheeler
1937	Appointed BSA sales representative for the West Country Won the Colmore Cup and the Victory Trials riding a BSA B25 Empire Star
1938	Suffered a mystery illness and posted to South Africa to recuperate Returned to manage BSA's successful Maudes Trophy attempt In the late thirties acted as Government liaison on re-armament
1946	Rode in his last Trade supported Trial(Colmore Cup)
1952	Led (and won) BSA's Maudes Trophy challenge using three BSA Stars on a Trans-European trek.
1953	Appointed Ariel Sales Manager
1956	Returned to BSA as Chief Development Engineer with overall Competitions responsibility

Bert Perrigo Retired in 1968 & died 22nd February 1985 aged 81 years