



**C R C of A**  
**“RAL E I G H BOYS” REUNION**  
**July 3, 4, 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Fitchburg/ Longsjø Classic**  
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**In 1973 Raleigh Bicycles was the first sponsor to fund and support the most prolific US cycling team of the modern era.**

**This 14-man team containing seven Olympians, four Hall of Famer's and National team members, competed and won major cycling events throughout the US, Canada and Mexico during the early 1970's.**

**“With Lance Armstrong and Bobby Julich enjoying podium finishes in International races on both sides of the Atlantic, we all have Raleigh's Sponsorship of the Century Road Club of America's team to thank. In the early 1970's Raleigh began supplying state-of-the-art bikes to top riders including John Howard, John Allis, and Dave Chauner who played a critical role in ratcheting up the speed of American races from 25mph to 28 mph. In 1973, Raleigh took a bold step by inviting a four-rider Raleigh/CRCofA team, Howard, Allis, Bill Humphreys and Stan Swaim to compete in the week long Tour of Ireland.**

**Raleigh backed the team solidly. Howard won a stage and finished third overall, Allis finished fifth, while Humphreys and Swaim held their own. They became pioneer riders who started the rise of modern American road racing”**

**Peter Nye, author Hearts of Lions**

**Fourteen guys, now scattered all over the country, living a variety of Life styles and careers, who have not seen each other in over 10 years, are returning to the tradition of Fitchburg to relive their “Glory Days.”**