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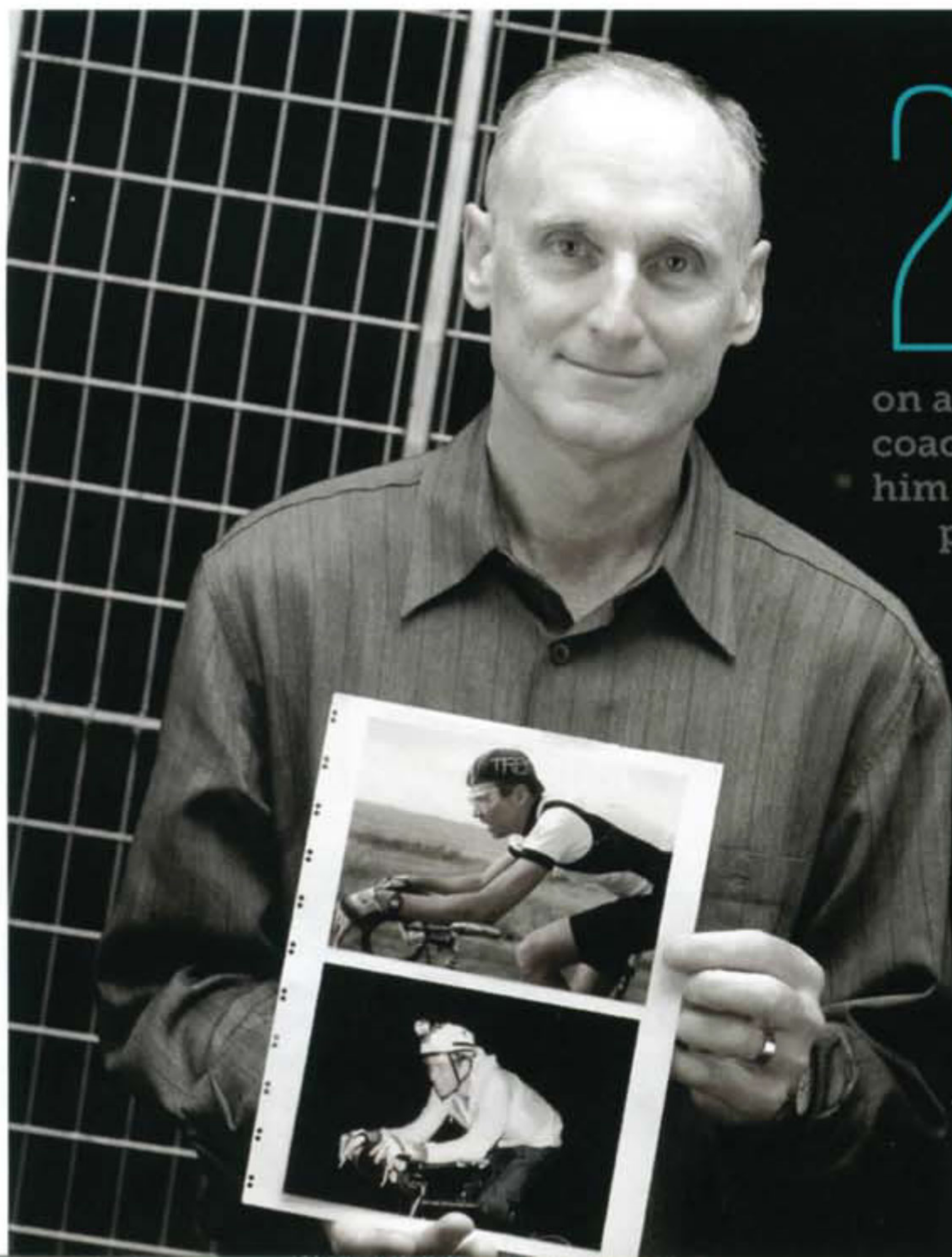
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RICHARD BRYNE

The first aerobars hit the scene at cross-country cycling event Race Across America in 1984. Fourth place finisher Jim Elliott rested on a contraption invented by athlete and coach, Richard Bryne. (You might know him better as the inventor of Speedplay pedals.) "It has been referred to as a 'lay-down apparatus,' but for all intents it was meant to get the upper body of 6'4" Jim Elliott out of the wind," wrote *Inside Triathlon* of the invention that would go on to transform the tri gearscape forever. "The first time I saw them was in '87 at the Desert Princess Duathlon," says Scott Tinley. "Brad Kearns had a pair. I told him, 'You have a sprinkler system on the front of your bike—that's ridiculous.' He just goes, 'You watch.'" **-EB**