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## Eco-Challenge: Adventure of a Lifetime

BY SABRINA JOHNSON

Hiking, canoeing and biking sound fairly normal. Add the adventure of traveling through the jungle, poisonous snakes lurking amidst the bushes, and you get Eco-Challenge 2000 in Sabah, Malaysia on Aug. 21. Sound fun? That's exactly what it sounds like to Marc Peck, captain of Team Cascade.

Created by Mark Burnett in 1992, Eco-Challenge is a prime adventure race. It takes place in a new, distant part of the world each year.

Peck's love of sports began long before Eco-Challenge was created. He grew up on Whidbey Island and attended Oak Harbor High School. He played basketball and tennis and was named 1985 Male Athlete of the Year. His talents earned him a tennis scholarship that allowed him to attend Washington State University where he majored in exercise science and sports management.

"That's where I saw how world-class athletes push themselves," Peck said. "I wanted to get to that level one day."

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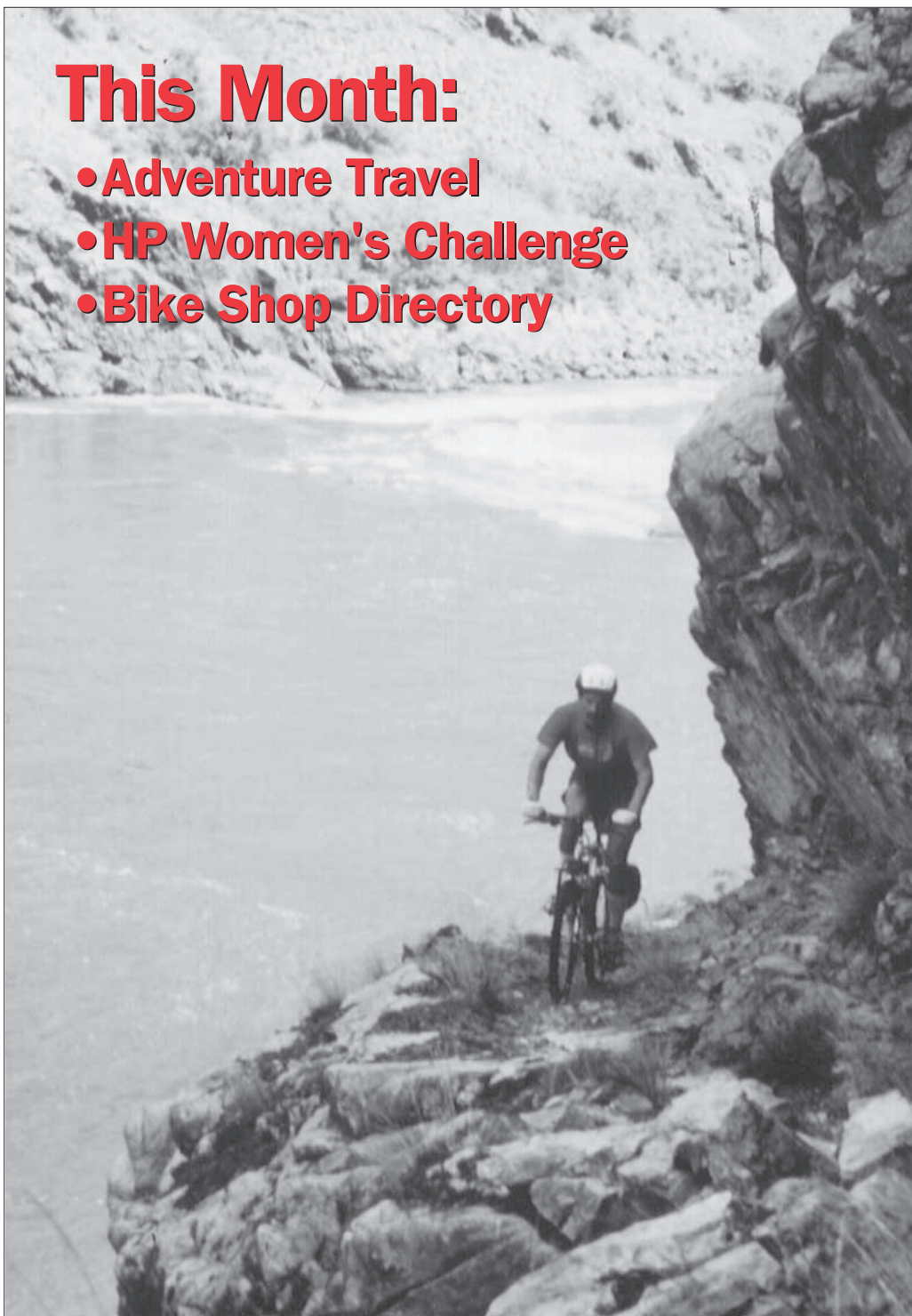
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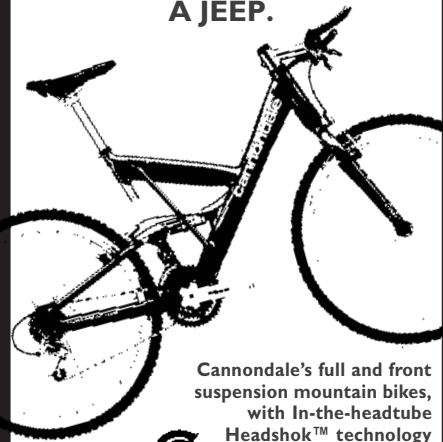


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## OPINION

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Just read the June issue - here's some info for Scott Matsuda about Browning Automatic Transmission.

Browning Research is based out of Bainbridge Island. It's a family-owned business that specializes in Bicycle components. Headed up by Bruce, ex-wife Gloria and sons Mark, David and Paul.

My wife Shan and I were involved with testing a new computer-controlled automatic transmission for Project '96 (the high-tech part of USCF for the 1996 Olympics. Since I raced the National circuit in the mid-late '80's, Roger Young (then USCF Head Coach) asked if I would help out with testing some components for the kilo. I did a decent kilo in my time, but wasn't good enough to win Nationals (1:10 was PR - before aero bars, but with a funny bike using 24" front wheel, rear disk and bullhorns).

During 1995 and 1996 the Browning's were working on a 3 speed transmission to be used for the 1 Kilometer time trial. This was different than their previous attempts in that gear changes were from the rear sprockets instead of the crank. The Browning transmission did NOT have a derailleur, but used a swinging sector on the cogs. Think of how a train switches tracks - the track moves in-

stead of the train jumping tracks.

For the Kilometer time trial, a rider must start from a dead stop and then get the bike up to speed as fast as possible. The Browning transmission used gears that traditional track riders would NOT ever consider. It's been awhile, but I think it was a 22, then 17, then final gear selected by rider. The chainwheel and final gear were the same as what a rider would normally ride the Kilo in. The top kilo riders at the time were using 48/14, but we wanted to leave this up to rider for final gears. This was the input that Shan and I had. The rider would stay in the 22 for only about 2 or 3 pedal strokes, then the 17 for a couple more and kick into final gear. Shifting was controlled by a small computer mounted under the seat. There were a couple ways of setting the shifts, one via handheld HP and the other via a "smart" chip in which you would set the shifts with a toggle switch and it would remember next time you rode. The best thing was that your legs did NOT load up with lactic acid and you could go faster.

There were a few other local businesses that helped out in this effort. Racermate in Seattle helped redesign their CompuTrainer so we could have repeatable tests. Dan Wynn

built 2 race frames with special mounts for the transmission. Stu from Alki Bikes help with getting sponsorship from HED Wheels and getting the bikes equipped.

I showed the Browning Transmission at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. At this time, I was retired from racing for about 8 years. I matched the times of the current National Champion (and soon to be Olympic Silver Medalist) using the transmission. Shan raced this locally (didn't get great response from other riders) and on the National Circuit up to the 1996 US Olympic Festival where the bike was ultimately banned for use at the Olympics. This was due to 2 things - advanced technology and a free-wheel. During 1997, the UCI put a new rule into the bicycle section that bicycles used on the track must have a fixed gear.

Here's some contact numbers for the Browning's

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Dear Editor,

This is in response to the recent "Letter to the Editor" from Damon B. (May 2000) regarding Erik Moen's "Hands Up!" article (March 2000).

Erik Moen's "Hands Up" article was clear, informative and helpful. I, for one, am grateful for his professional insights and cycling expertise and look forward to his regular and substantive contributions to your publication. In my opinion, we should all be thanking him.

I disagree with Damon's observations about the article, found his comments patronizing, and certainly don't need or want him as my spokesperson. It appears that Damon underestimates the intelligence of "most of your readers".

The credibility of your publication suffers when you fail to adequately screen out patronizing, self serving and/or offensive material. In my opinion Damon's letter falls in this category.

Sincerely,  
A. Davidson Wood



Dear Editor,

The little article about triple chainrings for road bikes was nice and informative but there is a better way on many bikes. It is currently fashionable among bike manufacturers to put triple chainrings on a short-chainstay racing bike which gives the rider a lot of closely spaced gears featuring a ridiculous, almost unusable high gear and a nice low one.

What makes more sense for the gearing most recreational riders really need is a wide range double ring, even using a mountain bike crank minus the small chainring, and a wide range freehub cassette. If converting

a Shimano equipped bike, all Shimano road controls except the older 8-speed Dura-Ace models will operate mountain bike rear derailleurs. A road crank with 39 and 49 tooth chainrings combines nicely with a 12 to 34 tooth mountain bike cassette, as would a mountain bike crank with 32 and 42 rings for loaded riding. Triple rings have always been a mechanically untidy solution especially nowadays with too many gears and too-short chainstays, and the same ends can be accomplished more simply.

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## "Eco-Challenge" from page 1

Peck's adventurous spirit led him to New Zealand where he traveled over 6,500 miles on bike.

"That's where I saw adrenaline junkies doing some pretty crazy stuff," Peck recalled. "So I did the tourist thing. I went bungie jumping and jumped out of airplanes."

During his time in New Zealand he encountered people competing in a race that included kayaking, biking, hiking and horse back riding. The race caught Peck's attention, and he knew it was something he wanted to do.

He came home and began working again, but said the race was always in the back of his head.

Peck's interest increased when he saw the Eco-Challenge 1996 in British Columbia. He sent a letter asking what he had to do to qualify. He discovered that racers who qualify have huge resumes, detailing past experiences. They are world-class athletes with previous adventure races under their belts.

"I kind of shied away from it," he said. "I told myself I'd start out small and do some two-day races. It's one of those things where you wait a day and the next thing you know a year has gone by."

In 1998 Peck used his frequent flier miles to go to Morocco to watch Eco-Challenge 1998. He spent his time observing the race and making connections.

Last August Peck received a letter from Eco-Challenge Productions. They wanted to get new faces involved, so for Eco-Challenge 2000 they changed the requirements. Instead of resume-based selection, racers would be chosen on a first come, first serve basis.

"An entry e-mail had to be sent by 10," he said. "So I did everything and the next day I got an e-mail saying there were 600 applicants and only 35 spots for U.S. teams."

Eco Challenge Productions skimmed down the group to the 102 applicants who sent their e-mail at exactly 10.

"They picked names out of a hat and Team Cascade was one of them," Peck recalled with a tinge of excitement. "I sat down and said, 'OK, I have to start training for this.'"

But before he could really begin training Peck had to find a team.

He wanted all of his teammates to be from the Pacific Northwest. He found his first teammate on a race finder Web site. The new teammate knew Sarah Bruce, a student at the University of Washington, who was also interested in the race. The first member dropped out, but Webber stayed.

"Another person from San Diego called and said she wanted to do it," Peck said. "We did a race together in Arizona and she found out it wasn't her cup of tea so she dropped out. So it was just Sarah and myself."

Team Cascade seemed to be plagued by dropouts, but soon they found the final two team members, Victor Chang and Dan Winder. Each team member adds a unique-

ness to the team.

Born in England, Bruce traveled to the United States with her parents when she was one. She grew up outside of Seattle and is currently working on her BS in Mechanical Engineering.

"Sarah is an avid mountain biker so she's the strong point of the mountain biking sections," Peck said. "She's also outdoorsy. She climbs Mt. Rainer. She has the knack of knowing how to push her body."

Bruce is qualified in Explorer Search and Rescue, has completed Open Water SCUBA certification and has raced sailboats on the Puget Sound.

Chang lives in Flagstaff, AZ and works at a local community mental health center as a child and family therapist. He has climbed rock and ice throughout much of the U.S. and abroad. He has been a participant and instructor during multi-day expeditions in



**Marc Peck Shows off his new Eco-Challenge bike**

the Sierras, the Appalachian Mountains, Big Bend National Park in Texas, Lewis and Clark National Forest in Montana and abroad on mountaineering trips in Mexico and Argentina.

Winder was born and raised in southern California. After two years in the Navy, he moved to Kingman, AZ. He works for the city fire department as a fire fighter and paramedic.

"He's certified as a white water technician and he's done road marathons and things like that," Peck said. "He's really motivating and positive."

Since the teams conception each member has had to train in order to get ready for the race. Peck has been training with long, all-day activities.

"You can do the one-hour workout, but that's not going to do anything," Peck explained. "So you just lighten up the weights and go for 2 hours and keep mentally focused. I go on long bike rides to get used to sitting down for that long."

Long, endurance activities will help get the team ready for the race, but a lot of the preparation is mental. In Sabah they will have to get used to little sleep and extreme conditions.

The climate in Sabah will be about 90 degrees with 90 to 100 percent humidity. The team will also have to deal with daily down pours.

Although the team has an idea of what to train for, hiking, biking, climbing and canoeing, they won't know the exact route of the race until 24 hours before it begins.

"Usually there is a set route," Peck said. "If you have a good navigator then they'll take the easiest route. The leading team will usually get ahead and go their own way and then the other teams follow a little bit. There are always the teams who think they know a short cut and those are usually the ones that get lost."

The race is about 300 miles and must be completed within 10 days.

"You have to be prepared for night travel all the time. They tell you not to navigate at night in the jungle. I'm going with that one," Peck says laughing.

"There is a lot of guessing," he continued, "but when it comes to safety they tell you what you need and what they recommend. In the jungle anything can happen because it's really hard to navigate the jungle."

Sleep is an issues each team will have to deal with.

"We've talked and said sleeps not a priority, but it's very important," Peck said. "Sarah and I figured out after 18 hours of constantly moving that we finally hit the wall where we need to take a break."

Teams that go for three days non-stop may get ahead of everyone else, but as soon as they begin to get tired it's very hard to get back up. The teams that go for a day and sleep for four hours and go for a day and sleep for four hours eventually catch up to the other teams, Peck explained.

Team Cascade has a lot of hard work in front of them. Not all of the teams finish, and they will have to be careful of injury if they hope to make it to the finish line.

"Safety is our main goal," Peck said. "If we have safety and have fun and respect each other then we'll finish. It's a once in a lifetime experience."

After this race, Eco-Challenge Productions will return to selecting racers based on their resumes.

"There are world-class athletes who won't have the chance to do it," Peck said. "If we do really well it shows that anybody can do the race. There are a lot of world-class athletes that can't work together. You get teams that are so individualized they can't deal with the team situation."

Aside from training, Team Cascade has had to prepare in another way, finding sponsors. Peck said it costs over \$30,000 to get to Sabah. Their sponsors include Ziegler-Lam Cycling, Prolithic Sports, Columbia Athletic Clubs, The Whidbey Island Dive Center and Bubbles Below. Anyone interested in adding their name to the list of sponsors can send tax-deductible donations to: Team Cascade, Wells Fargo, Edmonds Office, 9727 Edmonds Way, Edmonds, WA 98020. The team's Web site is [www.teamcascade.com](http://www.teamcascade.com).



## Sabah, Malaysia 2000

Aug. 21, 2000 approximately 80 teams from around the world will compete in Sabah, Malaysia. These teams include past winners from the last five Eco-Challenges that have taken place in Utah, British Columbia, Australia, Morocco and Argentina.

Sabah has incredibly varied terrain that covers jungle mountains to coastal lowlands, swamps, inland rivers and the unvisited interior of the jungle.

Eco-Challenge Sabah, Malaysia will redefine adventure racing, testing the endurance of even the strongest competitor. From diving in pristine waters to surviving the tropical rainforest, competitors will paddle through jungle rivers, scale densely forested hills and navigate lowlands and deep caves. They will stumble upon cascading waterfalls, indigenous tribes, exotic flora and wild animals. Each team will travel 300 miles for 10 days and nights. Teamwork and mental strength will help these teams make it to the finish line.

## TEAM BIOS

### Sarah Bruce, Racer

Born in England, Sarah Bruce came to the United States with her parents when she was one year old. Bruce grew up outside of Seattle, Wash. and is currently working on her BS in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington. She discovered adventure racing while participating in the Hi Tec Adventure race with a friend. Bruce has found many ways in which to test herself, including, mountain biking, mountaineering, climbing and sailing. Sarah is qualified in Explorer Search and Rescue, has completed Open Water SCUBA certification and has raced sailboats on the Puget Sound.

### Victor Chang Racer, Child & Family Therapist

Victor Chang lives in Flagstaff, AZ and is finishing his Master's degree in Community Counseling at Northern Arizona University. He said adventure for him is, "going to the heart of the unknown." His first taste of adventure travel came 10 years ago when he was introduced to rock climbing. He fulfills his need for adventure with mountain biking, rock climbing, running, whitewater rafting, snorkeling, traveling, hiking and backpacking. Chang worked as a rock climbing guide and instructor, trip leader and ropes course facilitator for the YMCA and many other organizations.

### Dan Winder Racer, Firefighter, Paramedic

Dan Winder was born and raised in southern California where he was exposed to team sports, local mountain hiking, skiing and the southern California beach life. During his two-year enlistment in the Navy, Winder excelled at ocean navigation and being a search and rescue swimmer. After the Navy, he moved to Kingman, AZ where he worked for the city fire department as a firefighter/paramedic. Winder has Dan has stayed active by mountain biking, running, hiking, skiing and climbing.

### Roger Scharnhorst Support

Roger Scharnhorst joins Team Cascade as a support crewmember. Teams depend on a good support crew to keep them going during those long days with very little or no sleep. Scharnhorst's experience in training and developing world class athletes at very competitive levels makes him invaluable to Team Cascade. Roger's background in sport training and nutrition is also very beneficial to the team in preparing for and competing in the Eco-Challenge.

Roger now lives in Phoenix, AZ where he is employed at Athlete's Performance Institute.

## Remember Steel? Hairy Gary does.

BY MORGAN COLEMAN

Spokane machinist and expert climber, Gary Selner is slowly joining the ranks as one of the Northwest's premier frame builders. His commitment to old-world craftsmanship and the latest innovative techniques in frame design are hallmark to every frame that bears his company's eye-catching logo.

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"The smaller markets, that's our niche," says Selner, who focuses on riders who want bikes they can't find anywhere but at his shop, a converted basement located in his

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Another quality that separates a Hairy Gary from the standard fare of frame manufacturing is its steel tubing. Steel - sound familiar? Keeping a rider's preferences in mind, Selner offers the finest tubes available per rider's request. His seamless lines are evident on every frame, whether it be tig-welded, fillet brazed, or lugged.

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## Whistler Successful in Bid for Mountain Biking World Cup

WHISTLER, B.C. (Canada)—With the announcement that Whistler was successful in its bid to host the mountain biking World Cup for 2001 and 2002, Team Management turned its attention to final preparations for the second annual Whistler Summer Session, July 7 - 16, 2000.

The Whistler Summer Session and its anchor event, the Whistler International Classic, played a pivotal role in securing the World Cup event.

Contenders for Canada's Olympic team who have confirmed their entry in this year's Summer Session include current Canadian cross-country champion Eric Tourville and Roland Green, currently ranked 21st in the world. They will be joined by former Olympian Andreas Hestler.

Summer Session 2000 is anticipated to attract several of the top-ranked athletes who will scout the Whistler venue preparing for the 2001 World Cup.

The cross-country action kicks off July 14 with the Village Fat Tire Criterium,

when the walkways of Whistler Village are closed for an evening of action and excitement. The Dirt Criterium and Time Trial will take place on July 15 with the overall winner declared at completion of the Cross Country on July 16.

One of the unique aspects of the Whistler International Classic is recreational riders can compete on the same course as the pros. Future World Cup champions can learn the gears by taking part in the popular kids camps and races held each weekend.

Summer Session also features events that appeal to mountain bikers who like going downhill, fast, with the Gravity Tour to be held July 8 and 9. The Gravity Tour includes the Roach Biker Cross, a Dual Slalom, Downhill and Chainless Downhill.

Summer Session registration forms are available at bike shops throughout the province or by contacting the Event Hotline at: (604) 938-7593. Competitors can also register online at the Summer Session web site: [www.summersession.com](http://www.summersession.com)



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# Wilson Triumphs in Premier Womens's Cycling Race

**Hard-fought Battle at the HP LaserJet Women's Challenge Previews Olympic Competition**

In an incredible battle until the very end, Australian Anna Wilson (Saturn) clinched her second championship title of the HP LaserJet Women's Challenge. She held on to her narrow lead of 27-seconds over rival Diana Ziliute (Lithuania/France) in the 55.2-mile final stage of the 11-day, 630-mile race.

Wilson came from a minute and a half behind Ziliute in the high-speed, figure eight criterium course through downtown Boise. In the same stage, Sarah Ulmer moved into third place overall, one second ahead of cycling legend Jeannie Longo.

Diana fought 'til the very last, said a thrilled Wilson. We came to Idaho with a hope that we could win, but I don't think we really expected to. This is unbelievable.

The last time Wilson took home the coveted Women's Challenge champion jersey was in 1996, the last Olympic year. When asked about her chances against her professional foe, Ziliute, in the Sydney Olympic Games this September Wilson replied, "Ziliute has shown that she's the

woman to watch, but I'm feeling really good after this win. I'm not making any promises, but I'm excited to race in my home country."

Coming in to the race Wilson was ranked second behind Ziliute in the international rankings of the professional women's cycling circuit.

At the 17-mile mark of the Middleton to Boise Road Race presented by HP printing e-services, Ziliute and Longo, the cyclist with the most wins in history, broke away on the only hill climb of the stage. Assisted by her Saturn teammates, Wilson managed to reel in Ziliute ten miles later. From that point on, the HP Lithuania/France team launched a flurry of attacks moving teammate Jolanta Polikeviciute into a breakaway group of six riders. Saturn riders sat on the pack allowing the breakaway group of cyclists without leadership contention to take the stage win thereby protecting their teammate's championship title.

The Women's Challenge race started in

## HP Women's Challenge Results

### Top 10 Overall Results

Place	Rider	Country	Time	Down	Team
1	Anna Wilson	Australia	27:01:38	0:00:00	Saturn
2	Diana Ziliute	Lithuania	27:02:05	0:00:27	HP Lithuania/France
3	Sarah Ulmer	New Zealand	27:04:53	0:03:15	Elita
4	Jeannie Longo	France	27:04:54	0:03:16	Office Depot
5	Ceris Gilfillan	Great Britain	27:05:53	0:04:15	British National
6	Clara Hughes	Canada	27:06:25	0:04:47	Saturn
7	Karen Kurreck	The United States	27:08:30	0:06:52	US National
8	Juanita Feldhahn	Australia	27:08:44	0:07:06	Jayco Australia
9	Lara Ruthven	The United States	27:09:25	0:07:47	US National
10	Judith Arndt	Germany	27:11:15	0:09:37	German National

### Top 3 Teams Overall

Place	Team	Time	Time Down
1	Saturn	81:07:45	0:00:00
2	HP Lithuania/France	81:22:52	0:15:07
3	German National	81:24:08	0:16:23

1984, the same year women's cycling was introduced as an Olympic event. For complete results visit

[www.hplwc.com](http://www.hplwc.com). ESPN2 has scheduled a one-hour recap to air internationally on Aug. 5 and again Aug. 10th.

The Bicycle Paper is always looking to publish your race, ride and events results, summaries, stories, and photos. Please send any contributions to the Editor.

## FILMMAKER TO SCREEN AND DISCUSS CRITICAL MASS FILM

Bellingham, Washington. Noted filmmaker Ted White will screen his new 50-minute documentary *We Are Traffic!*, chronicling the history and development of the Critical Mass bicycle movement at the League of American Bicyclists Cascades to the Coast Rally in Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 18-21. The film examines the Critical Mass movement from its beginnings in San Francisco in 1992 to its spread to over 100 cities in 14 countries across the globe.

Provocative and action-packed, the documentary presents a side of Critical

Mass seldom seen in mainstream media. The film celebrates grassroots politics and free expression, and also presents vibrant examples of guerilla art created and displayed in public places.

Ted White, the film's creator, has been an award-winning San Francisco film and video maker for more than 15 years. For the last several years he has focused on making documentaries which promote transportation alternatives with an emphasis on bicycles. For more information about the film, go to [www.tedwhitegreenlight.com](http://www.tedwhitegreenlight.com).



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# CALENDAR

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All events are listed chronologically within their respective sections: **Events** (clinics, expositions, lectures, etc), **Offroad Racing** (competition featuring single-track, cyclocross and other off-road riding), **Offroad Touring** (rides and spectator events featuring single-track and other off-road riding) **Rides & Tours** (often 15 to 200 mile rides on roads for any type of bicycle), **Series Races** (competition repeated on three or more weekends), **Single Races** (bicycle competition), **Track Races** (competition in the velodrome) and **Multisport** (events that include bicycling as a part of the competition).

If you are an event promoter or organizer and your event is not listed, please write, call, fax or e-mail information to us and we will gladly list it. Please send your event information in the same style and format as seen here. Further, any changes should be handled the same way.

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## Events

- Jul 7-9: Whistler Summer Session - Gravity Tour.** Whistler, BC. Downhill, Dual Slalom, Chainless Downhill, Biker Cross, Road Race, Road Critterium, In-line Skating Team Management, Box 457, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B0. 604-938-1194, cbonin@pacificcoast.net, www.summersession.com
- Jul 7-16: Whistler Summer Session - International Classic.** Whistler, BC. Downhill, Dual Slalom, Chainless Downhill, Biker Cross, Road Race, Road Critterium, Dirt Critterium, Fat Tire Critterium, Technical Time Trial, Cross country, BMX dirt jumping competition, In-line skating, Kayaking, Wakeboarding, Trail Running Claire Bonin Team Management, Inc., P.O. Box 457, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B0. 604-938-1194, teamevents@direct.ca, www.summersession.com
- Jul 21-23: 21st Annual Tour de White Rock.** Event features Hill Climb (6 p.m. start time), Critterium (2:30 p.m. Men's 60km, 40m Women's 30km) and Road Race (7/11 8 a.m. Men's 130k, 8:05 a.m. Women's 82km), \$10, 000 Cash Prize. To register phone 604-541-2161, Angela Belsham, 604-541-2161, recreation@city.whiterock.bc.ca, http://www.vancouver.net/whiterock
- Jul 28-30: Great Northwest National.** Site - TBA.
- Jul 29-30: 2nd Annual Trail maintenance series.** Wenatchee Ranger District, WA. International Mountain Biking Association/Single Track Mind Cycling Club of Washington Trail maintenance series. These are two day work parties were you work one day, ride the other or work both. They are sponsored by IMBA, STMCC, New Belgium Brewery, Rainier Cycle, Tacoma Cycle and Spoke and Sprocket Cycle shop. Camping is free, and if you work two days you get a free Forest Service, Forest Use Pass. Michael Curley, 253-566-0359, itsadjustable@junco.com.
- Aug 5-6: 2nd Annual Trail maintenance series.** Cowitz Valley Ranger District, WA. International Mountain Biking Association/Single Track Mind Cycling Club of Washington Trail maintenance series. These are two-day work parties where you work one day, ride the other or work both. They are sponsored by IMBA, STMCC, New Belgium Brewery, Rainier Cycle, Tacoma Cycle, and Spoke and Sprocket Cycle shop. Camping is free and if you work two days you get a free Forest Service, Forest Use Pass. Michael Curley, 253-566-0359, itsadjustable@junco.com.
- Aug 17: Introduction to Cyclocross.** Seattle, Washington. Dan Norton, former Masters National Cyclocross Champion, will discuss topics such as cyclocross basics, equipment and how to get started. Space is limited to 25 people. Admission is free. Jeremy McKinley, Gregg's Greenlake Cycle, 7007 Woodlawn Ave NE, Seattle, WA, 98115. 206-523-1822
- Aug 18-21: Cascades to the Coast Rally.** Bellingham, WA. At Western Washington University: Road rides from 15-100 miles and mountain biking (novice to expert), educational workshops, presentations, vendors and ice cream social. Hosted by Mt. Baker & Skagit Bicycle Clubs Maureen Becker, League of American Bicyclists, 1612 K Street NW Suite 401, Washington D.C., 20006. 202-822-1333, bikeleague@bikeleague.org, www.bikeleague.org
- Aug 19-20: ALS Ride for Life Bicycle Event.** Skagit Valley, WA. A ride to "show off" the most beautiful part of the Evergreen State, and at the same time, raise money to cure the so-far incurable ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Each rider pays a \$30 registration fee and receives a minimum of \$250 in pledges. Camping, some meals, entertainment and more. Contact for more info. 206-241-8476, alsac@wizards.com, www.IncrediblePeople.com/ALSride4Life.htm
- Aug 26-27: 2nd Annual Trail maintenance series.** Quince Ranger District, WA. International Mountain Biking Association/Single Track Mind Cycling Club of Washington Trail maintenance series. These are two-day work parties where you work one day, ride the other or work both. They are sponsored by IMBA, STMCC, New Belgium Brewery, Rainier Cycle, Tacoma Cycle, and Spoke and Sprocket Cycle shop. Camping is free and if you work two days you get a free Forest Service, Forest Use Pass. Michael Curley, 253-566-0359, itsadjustable@junco.com.

## Mountain

- Jul 1-2: Squamish Test of Metal.** Squamish, BC. Trails and cross country. Cliff Miller, PO Box 793, Garibaldi Highlands, BC, V0N 1T0. 604-898-3519, cmiller@mountain-inter.net
- Jul 1-2: BC Cup.** Rossland, BC. Cross country, downhill and dual slalom. Terry Miller, Rossland Mountain Resort, Box 1385, Rossland, BC, V0C 2Y0. 250-362-7384, timiller@netidea.com
- Jul 2: The Squilchucker, WIM #5.** Squilchuck State Park, Wenatchee, WA. Cross-country and kid's races for all ages and ability levels. Gino Lisecki, Round and Round Productions, 418 E. Pacific, Ste 6, Spokane, WA, 99202. 509-455-7657, cisco@roundandround.com, www.roundandround.com
- Jul 2: Oakridge.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 8-9: Joyride 2000.** Whistler, BC. Technical Freeriding Patrick Kaye, k1208, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B0. 604-905-8385, p.kaye@GTE.net.
- Jul 9: Santiam Pedalfest.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 14-16: Whistler Summer Session - International Classic.** Whistler, BC. Fat tire criterium, time trials, dirt criterium, cross-country, downhill, dual slalom, chainless downhill, biker x, trials, BMX, road race, road criterium and road ITT. Claire Bonin, Team Management, Inc., P.O. Box 457, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B0. 604-938-1194, teamevents@direct.ca, www.summersession.com
- Jul 15-16: BC Cup: Bear Mountain Challenge.** Mission, BC. Cross country and downhill. Cory Adsit, 2247 Olympic Pl., Abbotsford, BC, V2S 7R5. 250-770-1084, tacara@vip.net
- Jul 22-23: Shogun Creek Fat Tire Festival.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 28: Double Dog Downhill & Dual Slalom.** Silver Star, BC. Robin Baycroft, Box 3002, Silver Star, BC, V1B 3M1. 250-542-0224, events@junction.net
- Jul 28-30: BC Summer Games.** Victoria, BC. BC Summer Society, 200-990 Fort St., Victoria, BC, V8V 3K2. 250-387-1375
- Jul 29-30: Jim Treviso Memorial.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Aug 3-6: NORBA Nationals.** Crystal Mountain, WA. 1800 athletes competing in cross-country, downhill, dual slalom and short track events. Fun rides and kid's races too! Gino Lisecki, Round and Round Productions, 418 E. Pacific, Ste 6, Spokane, WA, 99202. 509-455-7657, cisco@roundandround.com, www.roundandround.com
- Aug 5-6: Canada Cup #4.** Sunpeaks, BC. Downhill and dual slalom. Henry Pejrl, 297 1st Ave., Kamloops, BC, V2J 3J3. 250-826-2783, hopejrl@direct.ca
- Aug 12-13: Canada Cup #5 (Finals).** Silver Star, BC. Robin Baycroft, Box 3002, Silver Star, BC, V1B 3M1. 250-542-0224, events@junction.net
- Aug 13: Euphoria Ridge.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Aug 19-20: Canada Cup DH #5 (Finals).** Sunpeaks, BC. Henry Pejrl, 297 1st Ave., Kamloops, BC, V2J 3J3. 250-826-2783, hopejrl@direct.ca
- Aug 19-Sep 6: Tour de BC - Stage Race.** Cranbrook - Vancouver, BC. Alan Clapp, 1290 Cartwright St., Vancouver, BC, V6H 3M5. 604-683-1361, joem@direct.ca
- Aug 20: Return of the Jedi.** Grants Pass, OR. 2000 Oregon Off-Road Series cross-country. Toprated course finishes on five

- miles of twisting singletrack ("The Jedi Trail") at Sam Brown Campground. 28 miles for experts, 21 miles for beginners. Mark Lansing, Mark Lansing Law Office, 242 NW E. St., Grants Pass, OR, 97526. 541-471-9239, brewbike@cdsnet.net
- Aug 26-27: Schweitzer Dirt and Rock Tour, WIM #4.** Schweitzer Mt. Resort, Sandpoint, ID. Cross-country and downhill racing for all ages and ability levels. Gino Lisecki, Round and Round Productions, 418 E. Pacific, Ste 6, Spokane, WA, 99202. 509-455-7657, cisco@roundandround.com, www.roundandround.com
- Aug 26-27: Cottage Grove Fat Tire Festival.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Aug 26: Mima Madness.** Capitol Forest, Olympia, WA. 12 hour mountain bike race on challenging single/double track trails through the Capitol Forest. If you are not familiar with Capitol Forest single track then you are in for a treat. 1, 2, 3 and 4 person teams and fully supported transition area with refreshments and entertainment for after the race. \$35entry fee (\$45 if postmarked after 8/1/00). Eric Kackley, 11639 Waddell Creek Road SW, Olympia, WA, 98512. 360-704-3315, thepeak@cco.net
- Jul 13: Krieb's Cycle Time Trial #3.** Vancouver, BC. Paul Blanchette, Krieb's Cycle Club, 1104 E. 23rd Ave., Vancouver, BC, V5V 1Y7.
- Jul 15: Snohomish Kila Ha Ya Days Road Race.** Snohomish, WA. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Jul 15: Mt. Tabor Critterium.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 15-16: Provincial Hill Climbing Championships.** Cypress/Seymour, Kelvin Kum, partONE International Ventures Cycling Club, 1814 Hillcrest Ave., Victoria, BC, V8N 5R8. 250-472-2286, kelvin@bc.sympatico.ca
- Jul 16: Saturn of Bellevue Critterium at Darby Days.** Redmond, WA. Mark Gran, Mead Management Group, 80 Vine Street, Suite 308, Seattle, WA, 98121. 206-448-5868, events@mnginc.com
- Jul 16: District Road Race.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 17: Monday Night Masters & Women PIR Series.** Portland, OR. Flat, smooth closed course. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m. \$11 registration. Jim Anderson, 503-975-8229, sparky@teleport.com, www.obra.org
- Jul 18: Weider Road Race Series.** Kent, WA. Tuesday night road race series at SIR. Sponsored by Weider. Every Tuesday Night (except 7/25 & 8/1)@ 7 p.m. Groups: Cat 1, 2, 3; Cat 4, 5; Masters 35+. Tracy Jolly, 267 E. Newton #A, Seattle, WA, 98102. 206-322-0072, tjolly@seattlemortgage.com, www.obra.org
- Jul 18: 150km World Tuesday Night Championships.** Victoria, BC. Ted Ritter, Escape Velocity Cycling Club, 2964 West Eighth Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6K 1C1. 604-733-6947 www.escapevelocity.bc.ca
- Jul 20-23: Cascade Cycling Classic.** Bend, OR. Category A Stage Race Susan Bonnacker, Sunnyside Sports, 930 NW Newport Ave., Bend, OR, 97701. 541-382-8018, www.sunnysidesports.com
- Jul 20: Seward Park Cycling Series.** Seattle, WA. Critterium every Thursday night. \$8 per night. .8 mile loop inside Seward Park with one 120 degree turn and 100 yard hill. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Jul 22: The D-Line Dash.** Capitol Forest, Olympia, WA. Eric Kackley, 11639 Waddell Creek Road SW, Olympia, WA, 98512. (360) 704-3315, thepeak@cco.net
- Jul 24: Monday Night Masters & Women PIR Series.** Portland, OR. Flat, smooth closed course. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m. \$11 registration. Jim Anderson, 503-975-8229, sparky@teleport.com, www.obra.org
- Jul 25: Adidas World Tuesday Night Championships.** Victoria, BC. Ted Ritter, Escape Velocity Cycling Club, 2964 West Eighth Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6K 1C1. 604-733-6947 www.escapevelocity.bc.ca
- Jul 25: Seward Park Cycling Series.** Seattle, WA. Critterium every Thursday night. \$8 per night. .8 mile loop inside Seward Park with one 120 degree turn and 100 yard hill. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Jul 26: HMC Twilight Critterium.** Bainbridge Island, WA. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Jul 30: Oregon Time Trial Championships.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 31: Monday Night Masters & Women PIR Series.** Portland, OR. Flat, smooth closed course. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m. \$11 registration. Jim Anderson, 503-975-8229, sparky@teleport.com, www.obra.org
- Aug 1: Adidas World Tuesday Night Championships.** Victoria, BC. Ted Ritter, Escape Velocity Cycling Club, 2964 West Eighth Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6K 1C1. 604-733-6947 www.escapevelocity.bc.ca
- Aug 3: Seward Park Cycling Series.** Seattle, WA. Critterium every Thursday night. \$8 per night. .8 mile loop inside Seward Park with one 120 degree turn and 100 yard hill. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Aug 7: Monday Night Masters & Women PIR Series.** Portland, OR. Flat, smooth closed course. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m. \$11 registration. Jim Anderson, 503-975-8229, sparky@teleport.com, www.obra.org
- Aug 8: Weider Road Race Series.** Kent, WA. Tuesday night road race series at SIR. Sponsored by Weider. Every Tuesday Night (except 7/25 & 8/1)@ 7 p.m. Groups: Cat 1, 2, 3; Cat 4, 5; Masters 35+. Tracy Jolly, 267 E. Newton #A, Seattle, WA, 98102. 206-322-0072, tjolly@seattlemortgage.com, www.obra.org
- Aug 8: Adidas World Tuesday Night Championships.** Victoria, BC. Ted Ritter, Escape Velocity Cycling Club, 2964 West Eighth Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6K 1C1. 604-733-6947 www.escapevelocity.bc.ca
- Aug 10: Seward Park Cycling Series.** Seattle, WA. Critterium every Thursday night. \$8 per night. .8 mile loop inside Seward Park with one 120 degree turn and 100 yard hill. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Aug 12: Volunteer Park Summer Classic.** Seattle, WA. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Aug 12: Star Chase.** Grants Pass, OR. 20-mile road race for riders of all ages and abilities. Mark Lansing, Mark Lansing Law Office, 242 NW E. St., Grants Pass, OR, 97526. 541-471-9239
- Aug 12: Crawford Festival.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Aug 12-13: Fairfield/Wheelers Summer Classic.** Victoria, BC.

## Mountain Bike Touring

- Jul 8-9: 5th Annual Sea to Sky Mountain Bike Trail Ride.** British Columbia. Ride the newly developed 150km mountain bike trail from Devine to Squamish with an overnight at Whistler resort. 500 riders expected. This event will sell out! Robbin McKinney, R.E.M. Event Management, Inc., 1-1816 McNeill Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6J 1A4. 604-SEA-2SKY or 604-730-1247, info@great-explorations.com, www.great-explorations.com
- Aug 13-27: 5th Annual Kettle Valley Trail Cycle Tour.** British Columbia. Nelson to Hope. Choose from 3, 6, 9, 12 or 15 day stages as we cycle 700km within the interior of British Columbia through some of the most spectacular scenery in North America. Bicycle Magazine calls this trail "one of the top 50 rides on our planet." Robbin McKinney, Great Expectations, 1-1816 McNeill Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6J 1A4. 604-730-1247, info@great-explorations.com, www.great-explorations.com
- Aug 13: TRYBR.** Tenino, WA. Begins at city park, 7 a.m. \$17 Bill Hine, Capitol Bicycling Club, 360-923-0244

## Road Racing

- Jul 1: Sequim Stage Race- State Championships.** Sequim, WA. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Jul 2: Fort Vancouver Critterium.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 3: Monday Night Masters & Women PIR Series.** Portland, OR. Flat, smooth closed course. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m. \$11 registration. Jim Anderson, 503-975-8229, sparky@teleport.com, www.obra.org
- Jul 4: 25th Annual Joe Matava Memorial Classic Critterium and WA State Jr. Championship Critterium.** Burien, WA. Promoters: WheelSport Cycling Team, Flat, 6-corner course. All categories. Free kid's race. Dave Bachman, 23333 106th Ave. SE, Kent, WA, 98031-3353. 253-852-4946, dbachman@libertycontrols.com
- Jul 4: Weider Road Race Series.** Kent, WA. Tuesday night road race series at SIR. Sponsored by Weider. Every Tuesday Night (except 7/25 & 8/1)@ 7 p.m. Groups: Cat 1, 2, 3; Cat 4, 5; Masters 35+. Tracy Jolly, 267 E. Newton #A, Seattle, WA, 98102. 206-322-0072, tjolly@seattlemortgage.com, www.obra.org
- Jul 4: Adidas World Tuesday Night Championships.** Victoria, BC. Ted Ritter, Escape Velocity Cycling Club, 2964 West Eighth Ave., Vancouver, BC, V6K 1C1. 604-733-6947 www.escapevelocity.bc.ca
- Jul 6: Seward Park Cycling Series.** Seattle, WA. Critterium every Thursday night. \$8 per night. .8 mile loop inside Seward Park with one 120 degree turn and 100 yard hill. David Douglas, Event Promoter, 4207 S.W. Hill Street, Seattle, WA, 98116. 206-932-5921, pazzo@accessone.com, www.pazzovelo.com
- Jul 6: Krieb's Cycle Time Trial #2.** Vancouver, BC. Paul Blanchette, Krieb's Cycle Club, 1104 E. 23rd Ave., Vancouver, BC, V5V 1Y7.
- Jul 8: S-2S.** Washington. Ultramarathon cycling event crosses WA west to east. 9th annual. 285 miles, 12, 000 ft. elevation, mostly on Hwy. 2. Pre-register at Bike Expo. 425-739-8610 RedmondCyclingClub.org
- Jul 9: Cascade Cream Puff.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 9: Vancouver Race.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obrateleport.com, www.obra.org/
- Jul 10: Monday Night Masters & Women PIR Series.** Portland, OR. Flat, smooth closed course. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m. \$11 registration. Jim Anderson, 503-975-8229, sparky@teleport.com, www.obra.org
- Jul 11: Weider Road Race Series.** Kent, WA. Tuesday night road race series at SIR. Sponsored by Weider. Every Tuesday Night (except 7/25 & 8/1)@ 7 p.m. Groups: Cat 1, 2, 3; Cat 4, 5; Masters 35+. Tracy Jolly, 267 E. Newton #A, Seattle, WA, 98102. 206-322-0072, tjolly@seattlemortgage.com, www.obra.org
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- Jul 13: Seward Park Cycling Series.** Seattle, WA. Critterium every





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**May 17-Sep 27: Wednesday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Wednesday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association & Lake Washington Velo. \$12 for Cat 4, Women, Junior and Master racers. Spectators are welcome (free). Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424, ethan@pipeline.com, www.marymoor.velodrome.org

**May 19-Sep 8: Friday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Friday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association. \$12 for Cat 1/2/3 and Women. Spectators are welcome: \$3 (\$10 for family), except 6/30 9/1 Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424



## Track

**Jul 4: Tuesday Night Track Training.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Marymoor Velodrome Association and Puget Sound Cycling Club. Training is free with waiver. Must have taken an MVA track class or have at least a Cat 4 USCF track license. Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

**Jul 5: Wednesday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Wednesday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association and Lake Washington Velo. \$12 for Cat 4, Women, Junior and Master racers. Spectators are welcome (free). Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424, ethan@pipeline.com, www.marymoor.velodrome.org

**Jul 6: Alpenrose Weekly Series.** Portland, OR. Candi Murray, OBRA, 503-661-5874, cmurray@teleport.com or obra@teleport.com, www.obra.org/

**Jul 7: Friday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Friday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association. \$12 for Cat 1/2/3 and Women. Spectators are welcome: \$3 (\$10 for family), except 6/30 and 9/1 Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

**Jul 8: USCF Regional Track Qualifier.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Time trial qualifying rounds for national championships. Rain date is 7/9. Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

**Jul 11: Tuesday Night Track Training.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Marymoor Velodrome Association and Puget Sound Cycling Club. Training is free with waiver. Must have taken an MVA track class or have at least a Cat 4 USCF track license. Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

**Jul 12: Wednesday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Wednesday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association and Lake Washington Velo. \$12 for Cat 4, Women, Junior and Master racers. Spectators are welcome (free). Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424, ethan@pipeline.com, www.marymoor.velodrome.org

**Jul 13: Alpenrose Weekly Series.** Portland, OR. Candi Murray, OBRA, 503-661-5874, cmurray@teleport.com or obra@teleport.com, www.obra.org/

**Jul 14: Friday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Friday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association. \$12 for Cat 1/2/3 and Women. Spectators are welcome: \$3 (\$10 for family), except 6/30 9/1 Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

**Jul 18: Tuesday Night Track Training.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Marymoor Velodrome Association and Puget Sound Cycling Club. Training is free with waiver. Must have taken an MVA track class or have at least a Cat 4 USCF track license. Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

**Jul 19: Wednesday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Wednesday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association & Lake Washington Velo. \$12 for Cat 4, Women, Junior and Master racers. Spectators are welcome (free). Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424, ethan@pipeline.com, www.marymoor.velodrome.org

**Jul 20: Alpenrose Weekly Series.** Portland, OR. Candi Murray, OBRA, 503-661-5874, cmurray@teleport.com or obra@teleport.com, www.obra.org/

**Jul 21: Friday Night Racing.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Races every Friday by the Marymoor Velodrome Association. \$12 for Cat 1/2/3 and Women. Spectators are welcome: \$3 (\$10 for family), except 6/30 and 9/1 Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

**Jul 22-23: State Track Race.** Oregon. Candi Murray, OBRA, cmurray@teleport.com or obra@teleport.com, www.obra.org/

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**Aug 13: Track Time Trial State Championships.** Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA. Various individual and team time trial championships for Washington state. Spectators are free. Rain date is August 20. Ethan Meginnes, Marymoor Velodrome Association, 206-675-1424

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# Might be Minnesota

BY MAYNARD HERSHON

You hear the word "commodity" describing certain consumer items, cars, maybe, cameras or stereo gear. When a product becomes a commodity, brand names lose importance. Consumers just want a VCR or whatever it is. The label? Immaterial.

I resist thinking of bicycles as commodities, but evidently many people do think of them that way, even high-end bicycles.

I had just placed my post-ride ice water, coffee and giant peanut butter cookie on a shaded table outside Bidwell Perk. I was not yet seated. A guy stepped up and pointed at my muted orange LeMond, leaning, lovely, against a low, vine-covered stone wall.

Is that bike steel, he asked. Yes, I said briefly, not as yet having enjoyed a sip of anything hot or cold, or a nibble of cookie.

He said something about steel being real, about Italian steel classics. My mouth by then full of cookie, I said I thought the Italians were building bikes outta just about everything now, steel, carbon fiber, aluminum and combinations thereof. Everything but peanut butter.

Is your bike French, he asked. I said it was made in distant Wisconsin and named after Greg LeMond, a well-known ex-bike racer.

At that point, he revealed to me just why he'd asked me about my bike. He wanted to tell me about his bike, a bike he did not yet possess. It's arriving tomorrow, he said, hyperventilating with excitement.

"It's titanium and all Dura-Ace. I bought it off the 'net. You go to the Web site," he

said, "and there's a picture of a bike. You click on a part and a window opens. You choose among maybe 10 options for each one. It tells you the weight of each option and if it costs extra."

Who made the frame, I asked. Is it a Litespeed?

No, he said, and told me the name of the company, a name I hadn't heard. It's in the Midwest, he said.

Where in the Midwest, I asked. He shook his head a moment, eventually telling me he thought it might be Minnesota. Somewhere back there.

I thought: Gosh, it hardly matters if you buy the bike online and it's shipped to you. You only have to be able to find your mouse. And if you have no firsthand knowledge of the maker, you won't care where he is.

He said magazines had tested the bike and raved. He was all a-tremble about it. I asked him if it were being shipped to his home.

"Oh, yeah," he said. "And it comes completely assembled. You only have to straighten the bars, tighten the stem bolt, put in the front wheel and it's done. Comes ready to ride, in a larger-than-normal box.

"And light! Take off the handlebar tape, and it'd be under 17 pounds."

He told me about one or two of his component choices, which included new Shimano wheels, the ones where the spokes cross over and anchor in the opposite sides of the rim.

And he told me what he'd paid for the bike, though I hadn't asked. It was not a lot, what he'd paid. I have an idea how much a Dura-Ace group costs, and those wheels, plus all the other stuff you have to buy.

That's really reasonable, I said. The frame is made in China, he said.

By China, I figured he meant Mainland China, not Taiwan. People who mean Tai-

wan, say Taiwan. So he had a new bike coming, and the frame was made in China. Wow. China.

Do I sound naive? I know bicycles are made everywhere, especially places where labor costs are low. I do not believe that good bicycles MUST be made in nations where cycling is long established, nations like France, Belgium and Italy.

We used to think certain builders in those bike-crazy countries understood how a racing bicycle worked, REALLY understood, and thus built superior bikes. If I ever thought that, I don't now.

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Is a Chinese titanium bike going to ride like a Merlin or Litespeed? If the frame is the same size and the top tube and stays the same length, all the angles the same... all that stuff - will it ride the same?

Are there secrets Merlin knows and Colnago knows? Or are their products easily duplicated by guys and women in China who have never seen a bike race, never seen one of their products used by a great rider?

Frame maker Bruce Gordon, the famed Black Prince of Petaluma, used to say making bicycles was no different than making lawn furniture. Bikes are merely assemblies of tubes, just like chaise lounges.

Maybe they are. I still can't shake that



image: Ernesto Colnago, his head and shoulders sticking up out of the sunroof of a team car at the Tour of Italy.

Nor can I forget the photo of Faliero Masi in a blue, knee-length shopcoat, squinting out from under the awning of his little factory under the Vigorelli velodrome in Milan.

I can't forget David Mayer-Oakes telling me how much he loved his Gios, Bob Muzzy raving about his Bruce Gordon, Geoff Drake gushing about his Erickson and Mike McCarthy talking about his Merlin "retirement bike," the bike he'd ride when people stopped paying him to ride other bikes.

Maybe racing road bikes are as simple to make as lawn chairs. Maybe anyone with a drawing, a tubset and a torch can build a great bike. Call me sentimental. I don't want a Chinese one.

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