

## SPEAKING OF SPOKES

## Laid Back in New Orleans

## By Dave Ward <br> Publisher

A couple of weeks before my wife, Karma, and I left for a weekend in New Orleans, I came across an article in the Deseret News about bicycle touring in the Big Easy. That led me to contact "Laid Back Tours" about arranging a bike tour during our visit. On our arrival on Friday, we made our way to their place of business to finalize our plans.

Laid Back Tours is owned and run by Musa Eubanks and his wife, Veda Manuel, out of their bike shop, Laid Back Bikes. That is somewhat of a misnomer, as what they specialize in are recumbents. When you walk in their shop, even though there are some uprights, there is no mistaking that recumbents are the rule here.

Musa and Veda are two of the friendliest people you could hope to meet. We chatted easily for awhile, and then asked them for recommendations as to how to spend our short weekend. We quickly realized that, in addition to being friendly, Veda and Musa are a virtual fount of information. By the time we left, more than an hour later, we had our agenda planned and had more infor mation than we could possibly hope to remember or use.

We had scheduled our tour with Musa for Sunday morning. On Saturday, in addition to the other touristy things we did, we spent part of our time visiting Laura Plantation and eating dinner at Jacque-imo's,

both recommended by Musa and Veda. These turned out to be the best part of our Saturday, and highlights of our trip.

On Sunday, we arrived at the bike shop for our four-hour tour shortly after 10 a.m., expecting to be finished by 2 p.m. But, while "laid back" certainly has reference to their recumbent preference, it also describes Musa and Veda's relaxed approach. I talked Karma into doing the recumbent thing, and by the time we were set up, had finished jabbering, and had found Musa and Veda's dog, it was after 11:30.

Musa was a great guide. We had been on a couple of guided tours by this time, and had also read up on the history of New Orleans. Still, during our tour, Musa entertained us with detailed and unique aspects of New Orleans history, life and culture. Our other tours, while good, were prepared and rehearsed presentations. Our time with Musa was like sitting on a friend's back porch while he spent hours waxing on in a comfortable, intimate manner about the history, culture and good times of his home. The only difference was that we were sitting on recum-
bents with New Orleans as Musa's back porch.
First Musa showed us around the neighborhood, pointing out the different styles of home and sharing some of their history with us. He showed us the "shotgun" and "double shotgun" style homes, and explained why they were thus described. He took us past the disputedly longest standing home in New Orleans, and explained why that claim was disputed. He also told us why we would not stop in front of the home.

Next, Musa took us to the St. Louis No. 3 Cemetery. Like a man weaving a good yarn, Musa told how most tombs have in excess of 20 to 30 persons buried in them, climaxing his story with how that is accomplished. He also knew, and shared with us, the origin of the expression, "He got shafted" which, as you might guess, has something to do with how the high tomb occupancy is accomplished. Musa explained how the tombs are owned, and how it is decided who will be buried where. He knows all that detail. I could, of course, pass all that information on in this article, but my editor told me to keep it short. You will just have to take a tour with Musa... The point is, he knows all this, and it is a delight to be his audience.
From the cemetery, we went out to Lake Pontchartrain. On the way, he pointed out the levees that keep New Orleans from being flooded,

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## Little Cottonw ood Canyon Trail



Tricia goes mach-speed down the Little Cottonwood Canyon Trail . . . Not! Photo by Gregg Bromka

## By Gregg Bromka

Little Cottonwood Canyon Trail is a fun, quick, hardy ride that is both scenic and historic. Although you're just a stone's throw from the canyon's highway, the forest's earthy bouquet, the air's stillness, and the creek's monotonic churning provide a riparian buffer between you and the intrusions of urbanism. During the pioneer era, Little Cottonwood Canyon offered its natural riches to hard rock miners, stone cutters, timber mills, and settlers. Many of their diggings and doings can still be seen along the trail today.

Before you head out, take a
stroll along the Temple Quarry Nature Trail (bikes are not allowed on the paved path), and read the plaques describing the local history. During the mid1800s, Mormon pioneers quarried the Little Cottonwood Stock (quartz monzanite) to build the Salt Lake Temple. Look for chisel marks on the huge boulders. If you scan the canyon's craggy slopes with binoculars, you might spot mountain goats scurrying about. Also, the rock's frictional surfaces and steadfast cracks are a rock climber's delight. There's a lot of bouldering to be had along the trail, so pack along your climbing shoes

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to mix it up a bit. The trail follows both the flume line of the Murray Hydroelectric Power System, built in the 1920s, and the old railroad that serviced Alta during its mining boom days in the late 1800s.

## Details

Now, hop on your bike and pedal east on the gravel path alongside the paved walkway. Go around a steel gate, cross the paved access road for Wasatch Resorts (private property, stay on route), and continue on a wide gravel road. Go around another gate on the left/north side of the hydroelectric plant. Pass through a third gate, and then cross a small bridge to Little Cottonwood Creek's south bank. The trail is now doubletrack. On your right, you'll pass an old pavilion that has fallen prey to vandals; then the trail steepens and you'll have to power up a steep, bouldery section (tech $3+$ ). Stay right at a junction (the left fork crosses a footbridge over the creek and exits to the highway at the power plant). The trail smoothes briefly, varies between singletrack and doubletrack, and passes many streamside picnic spots.

Cross a hefty footbridge over
the creek, swing around a steel gate, and come to a junction at about 2.8 miles from the trailhead. Left leads up to Little Cottonwood Canyon Road at a road- side turnout signed "Little Cottonwood Trail." If you stay straight, you can continue climbing for another half-mile (tech 4) until the trail peters out near a pair of stone ruins across the creek. Return the way you came, or duck out to the highway for a speedy glide to the trailhead.

The Salt Lake Ranger District is analyzing the possibility of extending the trail to connect with the White Pine Canyon trailhead and then to existing trails at Snowbird and Alta. How sweet would it be to be able to ride all the way to Alta entirely on dirt?

Location: Mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon Length/Type: 6.5 miles/Out-and-back
Tread: Doubletrack and a touch of singletrack
Physical Difficulty: Moderate (short, steep, rough climbs interrupt the overall moderate grade)
(packed dirt \& loose sand with some rocky sections)
Elevation Gain: 1,140 feet Dogs: No, watershed

## Trailhead Access:

From I-215, take Exit 6 (6200 South, Ski Areas.) Travel east on 6200 South then south on Wasatch Boulevard and UT 210 . Follow signs for Alta and Snowbird to Little Cottonwood Canyon. Turn right at the canyon's flashing billboard, and park at the Temple Quarry Nature Trail.

## Did You Know?

It took 40 years to cut and hand-carve the granite blocks, transport them by horse and wagon from Little Cottonwood Canyon, and erect the L.D.S. Salt Lake Temple.

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## BIKE ADVOCACY <br> Enhancements <br> Funding Restored

By Charles Pekow

Don't expect any changes in federal support for bicycling immediately. Both authorizing and appropriations legislation covering Transportation Enhancements (TE), the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and most other federal funding to states for bicycle trail construction, safety programs, etc. expired at the end of September. But an overwhelmed and divisive Congress failed to complete action on new law or spending, so it temporarily extended both, keeping everything about the same as before. The House doused the fire
that threatened to burn down TE, though. It voted for the Petri/Olver amendment to restore the $10 \%$ of Highway Trust Fund money set aside for it in the FY 04 appropriations bill for the Department of Transportation. The House Appropriations Committee had earlier voted to end the TE earmark and allow states to use all the money for motor transportation projects (See the September issue).

The House then passed the bill with restored funding. The Senate Appropriations Committee also approved a bill to keep TE funding at about $\$ 600$ million. But since

Congress didn't finalize a bill by the start of FY 04 (Oct. 1), it passed a one-month extension bill funding the programs at last year's levels.

Meanwhile, the
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; the authorizing
legislation for TE, RTP, etc.; also officially ran out of gas Sept. 30 and Congress hasn't even seriously begun the arduous process of writing a new law and it probably won't until next year. Therefore, Congress passed the Transportation Extension Act of 2003. The bill keeps the programs alive at last year's levels through February (presuming continued appropriations). Congress will then have to consider long-term permanent reauthorization at the same time it debates the budget for FY 05. So it will have to consider the transportation bill with hundreds of billions of dollars at the same time it grapples with the federal
budget strained by a ballooning deficit, tax cuts, rebuilding Iraq and ever-expanding homeland security issues.

But since transportation project money comes from fuel taxes earmarked for it, transportation programs face less pressure for budget cuts than they otherwise would. The question remains, however, whether Congress will feel in the mood to increase gas taxes to increase spending.

Keep an eye on state transportation officials in the short term, though. The five-month reauthorization allows a new type of transportation: states can transport money among transportation programs - as long as they pay it back eventually. So theoretically a state can decline to fund new TE or RTP projects until March. "We don't think a lot of them will do that" however, says Martha Roskowski, executive director of America

Bikes, the lobby formed to fight for bicycling in TEA-21 reauthorization. States could also transfer money from other pots to bicycling projects, but the legislation allows them to use other money for them anyway, so the cycling community gains nothing from the flexibility,

## Roskowski says.

Meanwhile, the future of the two-person America Bikes Washington office remains murky. The bicycle industry-supported Bikes Belong campaign provides most of the cash and only committed funding through 2003. The legislative process, however, will go on well into 2004. "We're in discussions with Bikes Belong about continuing funding. I don't think they've made a final decision but they acknowledged this is important. We're fairly comfortable they'll continue this effort into 2004," Roskowski says.

Letter to the Editor

## Critical Mass and Police 'Protection'

That Supervehicle rolling through the streets of Salt Lake every last Friday of each month composed of a diverse assortment of wheels and their peddlers, friendly yet assertive, chanting "We're not blocking traffic, we are traffic!" and extending their arms while gliding to the right or left at intersections, to the surprise and frustration of many motorists is Critical Mass. Critical Mass encourages people of all cadences to join in a celebration of public space. It is an opportunity to increase the visibility of cyclists in the city, asserting en mass the legality of bicycles on the roads. It is a street demonstration let spontaneously through the city as cyclists carry on casual conversation and enjoy the slow paced united revolution- pun intended. Throughout the rushhour ride the mass often draws solo cyclists, and never fails to lure the police officers on motorcycles. They follow closely and hypervigilantly to detect any minor obstruction of traffic laws. Typically cyclists pay no attention to the officers while continuing to enjoy the ride. On the few last rides however, I have been offended by their domineering presence. For instance, when we take left turns some riders will stay in the inter-
section waiting as the rest pass through. This is referred to as "corking" and like a railway crossing arm it is a protective measure of the group to prevent hostile drivers from breaking up the cyclists. At the last mass two cyclists were cited for corking the road, yet throughout the rest of the ride the officers hypercritically corked all of our left turns for us. They even blocked an entire four-lane street downtown, and while making a spectacle with their flashing lights and sirens, escorted us to the other side of the street. While at first glance this treatment may seem courteous, even friendly, I perceive it to be highly paternalis tic and quite coercive. Critical Mass is a self-sustaining and autonomous group of cyclists, and when the police compose a completely arbitrary almost theatrical production to "protect" us it is nothing less than offensive. The ride is cyclists' legitimate demonstration of their public rights and responsibilities on the road, not a show of police power- at the very least they could ride bikes.
-Susan Cummings
Salt Lake City, UT

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## Salt Lake City Bike Collective Turns Kids into Bike Mechanics

## Summer Program

On August 14th, the Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective finished teaching its first earn-abike course. Called Bicycle Bonanza, this class taught 9 summer students in the YouthCity program how to take apart and reassemble a bicycle. In the end, the children kept the bike they fixed up. The kids, the YouthCity employees, and the Bicycle Collective volunteers all had an unfathomable amount of fun during the course. Janet Wolf, the YouthCity director, said "That bicycle class was beyond our dreams." (quote from Deseret News, 8/16/03)

## Fall Program

On September 17th, the Bicycle Collective started its second earn-a-bike class, spreading bicycle skills and fun to a whole new group of children. The classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, 4--5:30 at the Central City Building, on the corner of 300 East and 600 South. They hope this class will be even more successful than the last. To make this class successful, the Bicycle Collective would like more volunteers to help teach the kids. If you like helping kids, have turned a wrench before in your life, and want to help, then please contact: the Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective-- info@slcbikecollec tive.org Jesse Ratzkin-- 5324712 or ratzkin@math.utah.edu Not only is volunteering for this class a worthwhile endeavor, it's also one you can enjoy.

## Collective Seeks Bike Donations

The Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective is accepting donations of bicycles, bicycle parts, and tools. If you are unable to sell your bike, your donation is taxdeductible. The collective refurbishes used bicycles and donates them to various community projects. Please call 328-BIKE or visit www.slcbikecollective.org for more information.

## Critical Massquerade <br> October 31st

The October Critical Mass will be extra fun since most riders will be dressed in costumes. Adorn yourself, your bike, or both and join the Critical Massquerade at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ on Friday, October 31, on the north side of the Gallivan Center. For more info check www.slccriticalmass.org.

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Why They Voted the Way They DidStatements from Utah's Congressmen

We asked Utah's congressmen why they voted the way they did on the Petri/Olver Amendment to restore funding for bicycle/pedestrian enhancements. These are their statements.

Rep. Rob Bishop, (R), Ogden, District 1. Vote: No.
"Before coming here, I was convinced Washington didn't know better than Utahns how to run our state. I'm even more convinced of that now. The Petri/Olver amendment was based on one issue: should the federal government mandate to states and localities how to spend transportation dollars? My "No" vote was not based on the merits of transportation enhancement activities, such as bicycling, which certainly need funding. It was based on my firm belief, confirmed after 16 years serving in the state legislature, that decisions like these are best made at the local level. The Petri/Olver amendment did not increase, adjust, or restore funding. It simply mandated to the states how to spend 10 percent of the money they were already getting. I'm confident that leaders at the local level know best how to allocate resources, and when decisions are left up to them, they will make choices that are in the best interest of all Utahns, including Utah's cycling community.

The goal of this amendment was to bypass all state and local leaders. By so doing, there will never be champions for cycling or any other enhancement activity in state or local governments. The mandated 10 percent funding level thus becomes a ceiling, not a floor, with no desire on the part of local leaders to buy into the program and ever increase it. It is counterproductive in the long-term and could potentially harm cycling more later than it seems to be helping now."

Rep. Jim Matheson, (D), Salt Lake City, District 2. Vote: Yes.
"I was very concerned when the Appropriations Committee change current law in the Transportation and Treasury bill--eliminating the requirement that states use some of their federal funding for transportation enhancement projects. I know how important this funding is in states like Utah, for trails and bike paths. I spoke with the leading Democrat on the subcommittee and asked that enhancements continue to be funded in the bill. When the bill came to the House floor, I voted for the Petri amendment, which passed the House by an overwhelming, bipartisan margin. This amendment restores funding for the program, which I believe is good for Utahns."

Rep. Chris Cannon, (R), Provo, District 3. Vote: No.
"One of our main concerns in Congress is ensuring a safe transportation system for Americans' travel. In recent years Utah has benefited greatly from federal funding and now enjoys faster, smoother and safer roads. However, there are still many roads in Utah and across the country that Congress needs to help make better using very stretched funds. While I enjoy the outdoors and the many bicycle paths throughout our beautiful state, I believe that funding must first go to ensure safety on our roads rather than recreational paths such as bicycle trails. In the future I hope that our fiscal situation will allow me to feel comfortable allocating more funds for such paths."

## MTB Adventure Continued from page 7

probably close to shop closing time. After consulting the map our plan was executed: Aaron make like fixed gear and head west, Jason hammer east and fetch vehicle (don't break camp), meet somewhere on road, and pray for happy ending. Huge thanks to Brian at Cedar Cycle in Cedar City for being at the shop long after closing hours and getting us fixed up. We reinhabited our forest camp just west of the concrete developed, clearcut Navajo Lake campgrounds, tied our bikes to the stall, and spent an hour getting our fire started.

The next morning we heard some crazy, wailing sounds while climbing back up to the rim. At the top we rode into hundreds (thousands?) of herding sheep. The imposing stench and flying sheep dung from our tires didn't slow us down though. The stretch east is pure, unadulterated, funloving singletrack with views of Zion on the horizon. We enjoyed the sunset short of Strawberry Point and descended the dirt road in the dark. None of these roads are signed so some keen topo-map reading expertise came in handy. It was less handy having to trudge up the road for miles on end back to Navajo Lake.

Next to Blowhard Mountain we go. After passing the big ball alien landing site by the trailhead and dropping some burly descents, we stopped for the view of Cedar Breaks National Monument and Ashdown Gorge Wilderness. The stretch below the red ridge features some steep, tight switchbacks - a couple of which I walked (I know hard to believe), but Aaron cleaned 'em all, flaunting his extremism. We found a trailhead to the wilderness area and willingly parked our bikes to hike up a short section. At the bottom of the trail, I started up the road while Aaron practiced his hitchhiking skills. The play-byplay announcements on the walkie-talkie were not encouraging: "No cars...not a one", "Denied...denied again", "Whoa! Almost got runned over!" All the better, the post-sunset color over Zion National Park, the unsuspecting deer herds, and riding in the dark on a road with no traffic made the endless climb enjoyable.

We headed to Brian Head while I relished my new nickname Shuttle - and found another great primitive campsite up some forest road.

With all honest intention, we set out to get a taste of Brian Head and finish by early afternoon to get home by suppertime. Now some people, so I hear, actually buy lift tickets instead of climbing this mountain, but we're far too extreme to do that kind of thing (plus they only run on weekends and it was Thursday). At the top, we tidied up the lift area a bit, did a little birdwatching, and started our descent. Somewhere high up on the Dark Hollow trail we were greeted by a "trail closed" sign but we still investigated the logging operation that was blocking our path. Turns out they were battling a beetle infestation. The alternative trail was awesome - Paradise Canyon has sweet singletrack through the thickest Aspen stands I've ever seen, a little steep loose dirt, and a parallel alpine stream. Ah, paradise.

Now at the beginning of this final ride we scoured the car for any and all edible items, which consisted of about twelve nuts, an orange, and a can of tuna. Not enough. There were no scout leaders dishing out food at the very developed but deserted scout camp. Luckily, we found some wild raspberries and grubs (for protein). Drained and fatigued from a week's worth of epic riding, we humbly walked and pushed our bikes uphill to reach the road by dusk and return to SLC by 2 a.m.

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## Route 211

## THE TOUGHEST HILL YET

## By Greg Overton

Cycling and cancer have been connected in our minds and hearts for over six years now, since the shocking news that America's brightest racing star, Lance Armstrong, had been diagnosed with testicular cancer; threatening not only his future as a bike racer, but indeed his future, period. Now Armstrong is an inspiration for us all, and living proof that this terrible disease does often times lose the war it wages on the human body and spirit.

Earlier this summer, cancer came to wage its war on one of my oldest and dearest friends. Regular readers of Route 211 may recall a feature in these pages last year on Glenn Volmer. Glenn is another such inspiration who lives to ride his bikes, usually to the lung-robbing end of America's highest paved road, Mount Evans, Colorado. The road ends at 14,284 feet, at the hockey rink-sized tip of this massive mountain that rises fifty miles west of Denver. For years, Glenn has measured his riding season by his number of trips to this summit, among countless others. He tracks his rides in vertical feet gained instead of miles, usually going over 250,000 per

year.
Not this year. After experiencing a "nuisance" pain in his body that stayed for a few days, Glenn mentioned the pain to his doctor during his yearly physical exam. Three days later he was undergoing major surgery related to advanced prostate cancer. Both of his testicles were removed to stop the rapid spreading of the cancer via the testosterone produced by his body. He was to begin a barrage of chemotherapy and radiation in hopes that he may live the full fifty to sixty days that the doctors were predicting. He was not going to reach his sixtieth birthday, they told him. His birthday is in September, and he would surely not see the end of June. He was told to get his affairs in order. A business-like way of being told to say a lifetime's worth of goodbyes in two
months.
Glenn's cancer was detected in his bone marrow, his spinal chord and his brain and skull. It was found in his vital internal organs as well. Who could argue with his doctors when all this evidence was presented? Glenn told me about his drive home after hearing the prognosis, to Evergreen, about thirty miles from Denver. He made the drive alone, and said it was the longest trip he had ever taken, "what's the point?" he thought to himself. And he mentioned how he felt that all of the commuters rushing home to the mountains from Denver seemed to be spinning their wheels motionless and in a pointless race to nowhere. I couldn't argue with him. I couldn't say anything actually.

Glenn Volmer had ridden his bike or his skis nearly every day for the twenty odd years that I had known him. Before that he was a marathon runner and avid motocrosser. At twenty years older than my racing contemporaries and me, he could still climb with category one and two racers on any hill, and especially on Mount Evans. He has never used drugs or tobacco, never had more than an occasional drink, and then only if the Mexican food was hot enough to call for

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it. He had not eaten red meat in over ten years, and basically led a stress-free life. Why would cancer wage such a complete war on this body?

After his surgery, upon being educated about the chemical war that was about to be waged on the cancer, and on the effect these chemicals were going to have on his body, Glenn said "thanks but no thanks." He told his doctors that he saw no reason to put his body through it, if the best case scenario was to die within a couple of months anyway. The doctors were a bit dismayed, but seemed to understand. They probably thought he was crazy, but didn't portray that notion to him. They reiterated that he should "make the proper plans and arrangements." He knew what that meant. Another long drive up the hill.

Glenn began to educate himself on the human body and spirit, and the effects of cancer's war on them both. He learned through solitary and comprehen sive study what the natural effects of the disease were to his body, and conceived a natural plan for recovery, or at least for the short term goal of reaching his birthday in September, some three months away. And more than two months longer than he had been given to live. He was taking short bike rides within a month after the surgery. His energy and strength seemed to be slowly returning as June became July. He sent an email in early July saying, "not bad com-
puter skills for a dead man." His humor was returning as well.

July became August and Glenn resumed working. And kept riding. He was beginning to climb some of the snarly hills that surround Evergreen. He began to talk to the cancer inside his body, and encouraging the natural treatments he was taking to chase it into a full retreat, gaining victory in this war. Or at least in each day's battle. He takes what looks like a full two hands-full of supplements each day, along with several liquid supplements. He seems to be constantly revving his blender with concoctions of specific fruits and vegetables to nourish and arm his body for the fight. He began to feel "normal, almost"

On a sunny Saturday in early September, many of Glenn's friends gathered at the chilly and wind beaten summit of Mount Evans to celebrate his birthday, followed by a party with cake and ice cream at the Echo Lake Lodge 14 miles down the 28 mile climb. Glenn was there and in good spirits, if a little tired. You see, not only had he made it to his sixtieth birthday, and his party here at 10,000 feet. Glenn Volmer had ridden his bike to the summit of that mountain on his birthday! "Not bad for a dead guy."

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## COACH'S CORNER

## 2004 Is J ust Around the Corner

By Bill Hamis
For many of us the racing season is over and the weather is about to move in, soon we will be hanging up the bikes and breaking out the skis and snowboards. But this time of transition affords us the opportunity to take care of some needed business. Here are 10 tips to a better, faster, stronger next season

- Take sometime off the bike. Give your body and mind a chance to repair and recharge. Two weeks completely off the bike is the absolute minimum for the die hard racer but, four weeks completely off is more like it and will do you wonders. Take a vacation and reconnect with your family and friends.
- Do some cross-training. While taking some time away from the bike go for a jog, hike up Mount Olympus, go swimming, kick the ball around with your kids, go to the skate park and do some hand plants in the half-pipe. Stay active, have fun, but stay away for the bike
- Go to the doctor and get a complete check up. Make sure you've got no ailment that will keep you off the bike in 2004. If you do have an ailment maybe a few legal prescription drugs can clear it up in time. Keep in mind that "slow" is not an ailment.
- Go the chiropractor. I don't know about you but I crashed a few times this year and 11 months hunched over the bars has my back twisted like a pretzel. Go get straightened out.
- Go to the dentist. Dealing with tooth problems in the middle of next season will set you back and mess up all your plans for a podium spot in the Tour.
- Take up yoga or Pilates. Stretch and strengthen your well-used muscles and also the ones you didn't use. Take time to focus on building a strong core and lower back. Breath out....and relax.
- Evaluate your season. Decide what you want to do with your cycling next year and set some hard, yet attainable goals. Maybe you want to win the Masters Nationals, which will be here, in our hometown next year or maybe you just want to finish your first ever century ride. Whatever the goals, with the help of a qualified coach or on your own, make a plan to reach them. A wise man once said, "you can't hit a target you can't see"
- Watch what you eat. Big Jan Ullrich got big in the off season from too many Weiss beers and cream puffs. If you keep the same eating habits that you have in the middle of the season you will blow up into a big balloon and then have to spend all winter losing the weight so you can start next season in some semblance of fitness. Moderation is the key. Same foods, just not so much.
- Sell your old bike on E-bay, but buy a new one from your local bike shop and help keep them in business through the cold winter months. There is lots of cool new bike stuff coming out for next year and nothing beats dropping a few bucks on a shiny new steed to keep you motivated.
- When all else fails and you just can't hang it up, break out the cross bike and head on out to the races. Two things will happen after your first cross race. You'll either hang up the bike the following day after a thorough beating or you'll fall in love with it like I have and spend another few months at full throttle and worry about next year, later.

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## MOUNTAIN BIKE ADVENTURE

# A Week of Extreme Birdwatching by Mountain Bike in Southwest Utah 

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Audubon field guides and binoculars are not standard items on a mountain bike ride, but there are those of us out there testing the sports limits and pushing the envelope on what is humanly possible. Professional bike birder Aaron Teasdale and myself recent ly spent a week savoring singletrack in wild Utah. This exploratory expedition in the Dixie
National Forest spanned the Cedar City and Bryce Canyon areas. We were proud to represent a minority form of recreation amongst the prominent ATV and hunting activities, and I have recorded the adventure here, based on $100 \%$ facts, all mostly true.

When Major John Wesley Powell surveyed the current Escalante Grand Staircase terrain, the $10,188^{\prime}$ finger pointing south from the Table Cliff Plateau was a good spot to do it. We shot north from Bryce Canyon past Pine Lake to camp at the trailhead to Powell Point and noted how elevation makes things colder. Now in the morning we two-wheelers were in four-wheeler territory, and what pure dumb luck it was to have bright orange mountain bike shorts - safe style for the fall season. I stuffed the stove and mugs in my Camelback and we rode the few miles of double- and singletrack to the immense overlook. We spent a relaxing morning brewing tea, Bristlecone bouldering, and taking turns dropping hundred footers off Powell Point.

The next morning, after sufficient partaking of our staple breakfast, Guayaki yerba mate and organic oatmeal, we headed up the Thunder Mountain trail in Red Canyon. This super-fun, superscenic, $100 \%$ singletrack ride just wouldn't stop getting better. The mostly moderate terrain winds through Bryce Canyon-esque hoodoos. Have you ever shot a section so enjoyable you turned around to climb it and re-enjoy? I


Jason enjoying the singletrack.
Day 1, Powell Point, north of Bryce Canyon NP Day 2, Thunder Mountain trail, Red Canyon, Highway 12 Day 3, Casto Canyon, Red Canyon
Day 4, Virgin River Rim Trail, from Navajo Lake, Highway 14 Day 5, Virgin River Rim Trail
Day 6, Blowhard Mountain, north of Highway 14
Day 7, Paradise Canyon/Dark Hollow, Brian Head Ski Resort
did that all day. I could tell you the total trip count and elevation gained according to my altimeter watch, but you wouldn't believe me, plus I don't remember. Aaron and I decided to not print anything about this dream trail so we could maybe have it to ourselves the next time also. Now we had all intention of roughing it and eating our camp food that night. But there we were the second night in a row - the Doghouse Cafe. This spot at Bryce Junction has a great vibe, good sandwiches, local drafts, pool, and darts.

After camping under a starry sky somewhere past the Casto Canyon trailhead up some forest road, my friend Aaron, who epitomizes the "extreme" style, spent the morning recovering from the previous day's sun exposure. August is a great time to go out in the high desert and get really hot. We opted to explore Casto Canyon on foot for an irie afternoon amidst "manned sentinels and
hooded monks." It's no wonder why Butch Cassidy and his crew sought cover in this colorful maze. On the list for when I return will be a loop up Casto, down the Cassidy trail, and around on Thunder Mountain.

Next trail on our scope was the Virgin River Rim trail, south of and paralleling Highway 14. The original plan of a multi-day mountain bike tour with BOB trailer and backpack was scrapped last minute. The stretch west from Navajo Lake is in Aspen-strewn forest and, excluding the ample evidence of illegal ATV encroachment, was an impressive mix of climbs and descents. About four miles down the trail (snap!) a huge stick wedged itself into Aaron's back tire, breaking the rear derailleur and a few spokes. It was actually a small log. But no time to cry in our beer - it was

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Yorgason, Smith, Evans Top Record Lotoja Field


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Collage by Courtesy RustyHealeyPhotography.com Right: Jeremy Smith on his way to victory. Photo: Dave Ward

## By Dave Bem

When 2003 LoToJa Classic winners Jeremy Smith of New Moon Media and Nicole Evans (unattached) rolled past the start line before dawn on Sept. 13, neither one expected to be category champions of the nation's longest, single-day road race by nightfall.
"I felt a lot of pressure going in," said Smith, 30, who took third in last year's Pro I-II race. "At the start, I had some doubts. The Guru's team was overly stacked against us. It just didn't look promising."

Evans, 25, who is only in her second year of racing, and won last year's citizen's women event, looked at her competition and made a choice that perhaps helped her for the day.
"When I got to the start line, my goal was to stay with Robin (McGee, last year's women's winner), said Evans. " ... I just didn't know the competition, and didn't know what was going to happen. But it was in the back of my head (to go for the win)."
And then there's the story of James Yorgason of Ogden One Cycling Team. As the Masters 3544 rider crossed the start line, his design for the day was to assist teammate Mark Schaefer to victory, and to post a fast time.

But with over 8,000 miles in his legs and feeling "good" with 40 miles to go, Yorgason not only won his category, but rode the fastest overall time of the day at $8: 15: 08$. Smith's winning time in

the Pro I-II race was four minutes slower.
"To win was just incredible," said Yorgason, who is 44 years old and has seven LoToJa's to his credit. "After I crossed the finish line, my wife came over and I just broke down and cried.'
With 849 riders at the start line in front of Sunrise Cyclery, the $21^{\text {st }}$ edition of the LoToJa Classic promised to be full of courage, emotion -and cold feet. Although skies were clear, a dry cold front blew through the night before. The day also promised to be 184 miles long instead of the traditional 203. For the second consecutive year the finish was staged at Swan Valley, Idaho instead of Jackson Hole Ski Resort. Hazardous road conditions in Snake River Canyon, caused by heavy road construction, prompted Race Director Brent Chambers to make the move.

The temperature was just above freezing as the Pro I-II's left Logan at 6:30 a.m., but a stiff northwest wind made it even cold-
er. Despite the cold, Smith got right to work. His goal was to either quickly create a break, or to become part of one, and to have it hold as long as possible.

Before the peloton had left Logan's city limits, Smith was in a group of six riders with a $100-$ yard gap. It was obvious to him the peloton was letting them go, and he chose not to waste the opportunity. After getting a quick wheel change at 20 miles, Smith and the group entered Preston with four minutes on the pack.

On the climb to Treasureton Summit, Smith and Sandy Perrin (Team Guru) held back to keep the group together, which mostly consisted of Cat III's. Over the top, the group reformed and kept the pack away through the first feed zone at Grace. Also by Grace, Smith's group was down to five riders.

With Soda Springs only a few miles ahead, Smith turned around

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Damon Kirchmeier in his qualifying run at the Bromont World Masters Mountain Biking Championships. He went on to take the Silver Medal in the 35-39 age group. He was the only Utahn to compete this year. Photo: Eldor Gemst


Action at the Flyin' Brian 2 Downhill, Brian Head, September 1, 2003 Photo: Joaquim Hailer

## Downhill Legend Book Reading

Marla Streb, downhill legend, will read and sign her book, Downhill: The Life Story of a Gravity Goddess. An inspiring memoir from a world-class athlete whose life took off after she started going downhill. At the
age of 36 , Streb continues to compete and win against women ten years younger at the highest levels of her sport -- downhill mountain biking. The reading will take place on Friday, November 7th at 6:00pm, at Sam Weller's Zion Bookstore, 254 S. State, Salt Lake City, (801) 328-2586.


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and saw approximately 40 riders in full pursuit. He, Perrin and the others eased back, waiting to be absorbed. But then Bryson Perry (Guru's) and Jason Travis (Jans) bridged and reanimated the group just as they entered Soda Springs

With more horsepower, Smith and the group had nearly four minutes on the peloton by the China Hat Feed Zone. That power was further increased when Utah State Time Trial Champion Jesse Westergard (Guru's) bridged as well.

However, what Smith feared at the start line had become reality. Although the break appeared to be successful, he was outnumbered by Guru riders. The group climbed Tin Cup Pass without attacks, and Travis won King of the Mountain.

The group stayed together on the descent to Freedom, riding what Smith described as a "crazyfast pace." Turning north onto Highway 89 , the riders hit the full brunt of a cold headwind. With the last feed zone at Etna behind them, the group rolled into Alpine Junction and prepared for the final push along Palisades Reservoir into Swan Valley.
On the day's last climb and with the Palisades Dam in view, Smith and Westergard attacked and got a 100 -yard gap on the group. Their effort proved successful, but they were soon caught by Perry and Perrin.
"Three of them - one of me, it couldn't get much worse," said Smith about those final miles to Swan Valley. "In my head I just said to myself, 'Don't get fourth place. Whatever you do, don't get fourth place!"

But his heart had even higher aspirations. In the final meters Smith brilliantly and powerfully covered three quick and consecutive attacks from Westergard, Perry and then Perrin. With 50 meters to go, he blew around Perrins and crossed the line alone


When you ride fo r 9 hours, the feed is crucial. Photo: Rusty Healey. Courtesy RustyHealeyPhotography.com
for his first Cat. 2 victory. His winning time was $8: 19: 08$, followed by Perrins at 8:19:11 and Perry at $8: 19: 20$.

Smith noted that the headwind played a factor in the race, and slowed the overall time.

According to Evans, the headwind was a big factor in her winning time of $8: 44: 21$. As evidence, she said her winning citizen ride last year was done in 8:31.

At the start line, Evans said she really didn't know what to expect out of the day. In addition to deciding to stay with Robin McGee, she figured she "had nothing to lose, and would just go for it."

Her relaxed attitude paid off But at the finish line, she couldn't "go for it" as she would have liked due to congestion of riders during the final meters. When the licensed women arrived in Swan Valley, they were with a large group of Cat. IV and Cat. V men riders. It was a pack sprint.

Margaret Douglas and Darcie Murphy won second and third place, respectively, with the same time as Evans. Murphy also won the Queen of the Mountain prize at Treasureton and Tin Cup.
"This year I felt a lot better out there," said Evans. "I made sure that I was hydrated, and I ate every 20 minutes. That really helped."

For Jim Yorgason, what helped him win the licensed men's 35-44 category, and post the fastest overall time of 8:15:08, was a decision he made a year ago: To join a local club and consistently race
throughout 2003.
Shortly after Preston, he, teammate Mark Schaeffer and David Sharp (Ninth \& Ninth), found themselves several hundred yards ahead of the 35-44 pack which had slowed for a nature break.

The three maintained their pace and Yorgason expected the pack to quickly catch them. Near the summit of Treasureton, the pack did get close-but that was the last time for the day. On the descent, Yorgason, Schaeffer and Sharp worked together and created a gap of several minutes.

Their speed and efficiency were so ideal, that they caught and passed the Pro, I-II peloton at Niter, and by Soda Springs, surprised the six-man, Pro, I-II breakaway. A few miles later, the Pro III's pedaled away, but the three veterans were only a few minutes behind the rest of the race.

With 20 miles to go, Yorgason said that he was feeling strong. It was about that time Schaeffer advised him to launch an attack against Sharp and go for the win.
"At about six kilometers out, I picked up the pace," said Yorgason. "It wasn't very fierce (the attack). I rolled in for the solo win. It's the most incredible feeling to solo in."

Of the 849 riders who started the 2003 LoToJa, only 111 were DNF's. The youngest riders to compete were 10 years old (relay team participants), and the oldest was Tom Dyson at 73 years.

The last group of riders crossed the finish line at 9:48 p.m.

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October 25 - Hidden Springs CX 3854 \#1, Boise, ID, (208) 3363854

October 26 - Utah Cyclocross Series Race \#5, Wheeler Farm, (801) 359-6161

November 1 - Utah Cyclocross Series Race \#6, This is the Place State Park, (801) 359-6161
November 1 - Hidden Springs CX Series \#2, Boise, ID, (208) 3363854
November 8 - Utah Cyclocross Series Race \#7, Riverdale (call for info), (801) 359-6161
November 8 - Hidden Springs CX Series \#3, Boise, ID, (208) 3363854
November 9 - Utah Cyclocross Series Race \#8, Wheeler Farm, (801) 359-6161

November 15 - Utah Cyclocross Series Race \#9, This is the Place State Park, (801) 359-6161
November 22 - Utah Cyclocross Series Race \#10, Wheeler Farm, (801) 359-6161


General Info
Intermountain Cup information (Utah) (801) 942-3498.
Wild Rockies Unplugged Series information (Idaho), (208) 3423910.

USA Cycling, Mountain Region,(UT,AZ,NM,CO,WY,SD, Rogene Killen, (970) 587-4447.

## Utah MTB Races

October 13-14 - Huntsman World Senior Games. Must be 50 years or older. Three events: hill climb downhill, and cross country. 800 562-1268 or hwsg@infowest.com
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## 97 Road Racing

## General Info

Utah Road Racing - USCF, Utah Cycling Association - Dirk Cowley, (801) 944-8488
USA Cycling, Mountain Region Road Racing (UT,AZNM,CO WY,SD), Rogene Killen, (970) 587 4447.

## Utah Road Races

TBA - UCA and Cycling Utah Rider Meeting and Awards Ceremony, Time and Place TBA, (801) 944-8488

IBA - UCA Promoter's Meeting Time and Place TBA, (801) 944 8488
October 11 - City Creek Bike Sprint, 10 am, $51 / 2$ mile climb up City Creek Canyon in Salt Lake ity, road or mountain bike UCA Points Series Event, (801) 583-6281


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Mondays - Park City Social Ride, 6 pm , easy pace, meet at cole Sport, Park City, (435) 649-5663

## Mondays - August - October

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By Chris Humbert

So about a year ago, it was announced that the World Road Championships would be coming to practically my old backyard, Hamilton Ontario. It was a nobrainer that I would attend, and hopefully rendezvous with some old cycling buddies while I was there. A few months ago, I finally tracked down my old friend Mike Roach, who I started racing with as a junior more than a few years ago. I hadn't seen him since I stayed with him while racing an NRC race in Augusta Georgia nine years ago.
Mike and his med school buddy (also a bike racer) Steve Sherman met me at the Buffalo airport the night before the Elite Men's Time Trial and we drove into downtown, where we had to stop for a good slice of pizza. We then got caught up and finally went to sleep close to midnight... Thursday morning we drove up to Hamilton, land of Tim Horton's and Labatts, and caught the men's Time Trial, convincingly won by Brit David Millar. The highlight of the day, besides running into Utah's very own Mark Yap, his huge wig of black curly hair, and his wife Crystal, was meeting the devil. Yes, we met THE Devil as he walked into the Hasty Market to buy a Twinkie or two (paint that image in your mind!). I'm not talking about Beelzebub, the Diablo, the Evil One Lucifer or Satan, We met THE Devil, the one who appears at every race of significance anywhere in the World (you've seen him on TV). Nice guy... sponsored by LUK, manufacturer of full-service torque converters and clutch systems (?!?). What I found while watching
this race and the following "main events", the Women's and Men's Road Races, was that going to the World Championships was not magical because you were able to watch the race unfold before you. It was special because you became part of an incredible event, much like the Olympics. This World Championship in my eyes was bigger than the Olympics, because it did not compete with ten other venues and events going on at the same time. The crowds were huge (estimates put them at 105,000 for the men's road race, I'd estimate more like 150,000 . If I didn't know I was only 45 minutes from the home of the Bills and chicken wings, I'd swear I was in Europe... we were surrounded by French, Italian, Russian, German, SwissGerman, Latvian, Polish, Swedish, Scottish brogue, British accents, Flemish, Spanish. We saw flags and fans from all over the world.

Highlights included...Going to the Press Conference courtesy of my being a journalist for Cycling Utah, after the Men's Road Race, where I had Igor Astarloa sign my media credentials. Meeting Peter Van Petegem's mom as we watched the medal ceremony. Hugging my old friend, a very lean Tina Mayolo-Pic before her race and wishing her "good luck and have fun", to which she replied "I'm SO nervous!. Talking to a former teammate, John Lieswyn, before his race, as he fiddled with his bike. He told me that someone had just yelled to him, "This isn’t Superweek, John!" He seemed very confident, calm and ready to work for the team, with his comment being, "If the rain starts, it'll change our whole plan to con-
serve energy early". I wonder if the outcome of the race would've changed had the early raindrops kept up all day long?

As the men's race started, so did the rain, and as you all know by now, chaos ensued... crashes, broken bikes, bloodied riders. Tim Johnson told me after the race his thoughts after he crashed 10 km into a 260 km event and raced single file into the dirty and windblown Start/Finish: "After I crashed the first lap, I thought, how the **** am I going to race another $61 / 2$ hours like THIS?!?" He managed for about another 5 hours.

All in all, I, and the many, many friends I ran into from all over the country, had an absolutely amazing time. We ran countless miles, watching the races from the Beckett Street climb, the Claremont Access climb (with Jumbotron), the Start/Finish area (with two Jumbotrons), the feed zone tents, and the roads between. Downed a few fine Canadian beers in the Italian Hess Village, a block from the Start/Finish and site of one of the best criteriums I've ever raced. We met The Devil, shook hands with the new World Champion, patted Paolo Bettini on the back after his disappointing race, screamed for the Americans, the Swiss, and everyone else we recognized, ate fine Italian parmesan and olives in their 10,000 s.f. promotional area. If you ever have the chance to attend the World's, do it... I have a feeling ten years from now, we'll still be paraphrasing Michelle from American Pie: "and this one time at band camp/Worlds

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Aaron Phillips winning the Tour des Suds. Photo: Jason Dunaway

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149 RD-CAROLYN JENSEN $30: 50.9$
264 RD-BECKY BURNETT 32:34.4
378 RD-MARY O'CONNER 36:27.9
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New Orleans - continued from page 2
and explained why some experts predict that New Orleans will be flooded by Lake Pontchartrain sometime within the next 100 years, leaving over 100,000 people dead. That is a rather dour topic for a tour, but Musa told it in a matter-of-fact manner and with understanding as to how that might happen and why people nevertheless choose to stay

At Lake Pontchartrain, Musa shared how Mardi Gras actually lasts for several weeks, with numerous organizations sponsoring different parades over that period. Contrary to what the limited media exposure portrays, Mardi Gras is very much a family and community affair, and Musa shared with us how the locals prepare for and celebrate this holiday period.

Through all this, it was evident that Musa, a Boston native, is very much enamored with, indeed is in love with, his adopted home and community. I was amazed by hi breadth of knowledge and detail, and his understanding of the emotional and spiritual connection that
locals have with New Orleans. We finally arrived back at the bike shop about $3: 30$, over five hours after we had first arrived. It would have been later, except that we reminded Musa that we had a plane to catch. Musa was having such a good time leading us around and sharing his city with us, that he had lost track of time. That was amusing, in light of his earlier explanation of how Veda likes to visit, and that he has explained to her that when people finally leave the store, and open their car doors, hat means they want to leave. But that is how Musa and Veda are, friendly and outgoing, good storytellers with a natural desire to visit and share. By the time we said our final farewells, and indeed e had gone to our car and opened the door, we felt like we were leav ing old friends behind. A handshake with Veda would have felt awkward, so I instead gave her a hug as we said good-bye.

Laid Back Tours is located at 625 Hagen Street, next to the St. Charles Bayou. Musa and Veda can be reached at (504) 488-8991 or through
www.laidbacktours.com

## Rider of the Year continued from page 16

and commutes to work 20 miles roundtrip in all weather conditions What's interesting about her commute? These facts illuminate her good humor and perseverance: autumn brings puncturing goatheads, which can result in 3 or 4 flat tires a week; "big ass" (her words) Cadillacs invariably honk her because her small stature and resulting small bike might take up too much room on the road, forcing doid "big ass" vehicles to slow
down; she's "only been hit by a car down; she s only been hit
"But the aspect of Janae and her egular commuting that impresses me most is that her recreational pursuits include almost exclusively biking...Now that's indomitable pirit and love for two-wheel travel." We choose Janae Wallace as or Commuter of the Year. Thanks for all your support this year! See you in the spring!

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# cycling utah Rider of the Year Aw ards! 

## By Dave Iltis

Editor
Hey, you can't argue with a World Championship, especially the second one in a career. Dirk Cowley (Rocky Mountain Cycling Club) won the World Stage Race Championship against a field of fast Europeans plus, he had 15 victories locally on his way to winning the Masters 45+ UCA series including the Masters 45+ State Time Trial Championship as well as the Sugarhouse Criterium 45+ race. Add that to his role as head of the UCA, owner of online registration company Sportsbaseonline.com, promoter of the RMR Criterium series and the Salt Air Time Trial series, and event management for numerous other local races. Where does he find the time? We'd like to know his secret. Since he has put in so much work with such positive results both on and off the bike, we recognize Dirk Cowley as Cycling Utah's Overall Rider of the Year.

## Kathy Sherwin

(Sobe/Cannondale) won 5
Intermountain Cup Races and the overall title, plus she competed in all 5 NORBA NCS races and finished 34th overall. She's our pick for Female Mountain Bike Rider of the Year.

Carl Swenson (RLX/Ralph Lauren) won all three of the Intermountain Cup Series races that he entered. Not only that, but he finished 5th overall in the NORBA National Championship Series in the Pro Men's category. We choose Carl as our Male Mountain Bike Rider of the Year.

Bart Gillespie (Biogen) won all but one of the 2002 Utah Cyclocross Series events that he entered and placed in the top ten in three UCI races. He's our choice for Male Cyclocross Rider of the Year for the second year in a row.

Cynthia Loddings won six races on her way to the Utah Cyclocross Series Title. She's our pick for female Cyclocross Rider of the Year.

On the road side, Bill Harris has another fantastic and very consistent year. He took the silver medal in the Masters National Championship


Dirk Cowley 'Crossing
Criterium. He won the RMR Crit Series, the Salt Air Time Trial Series, and the Overall Weekday Race Series as well finishing high in the UCA Series. Racing close to 100 times this year, he chalked up 23 victories. Bill is our Male Road 23 victories. Bill
Racer of the Year.

There is a saying that if you just show up in life, things happen. Cynthia Martin (Porcupine/Bicycle Center) did just that in the UCA Series. She won three races and was consistent and persistent on her way to winning the overall. She is our Female Road Rider of the Year.

Bonneville Bicycle Touring Club has close to 400 members who have ridden close to 68,000 miles on club rides alone. They organized six major rides this year including the popular tour the ULCER, and they had close to 300 club rides this year lead by numerous club members. We recognize BBTC as our Touring Club of the Year.

The Color Country Cycling Club does it all in Southern Utah. This year on the mountain side, they held four trail days, adopted the Prospector Trail, supported an IMBA mountain bike patrol, provided support at two ICS races, the Brian Head Epic, and the Utah Summer Games, they worked with the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve on trail access, and helped map and mark 27 miles of trails in the Three Peaks Recreation Area. We recognize them as our Mountain Bike
Club of the Year
The Logan Race
Club/Guru's/Healthy Choice Race Team won the UCA team competi-
tion for the second year in a row as well helping Allan Butler to the individual title and placing Crystal Yap third in the Women's category. Plus, they organize the very popular, very well run Cache Classic. They also finished 4th in the ICS series They are our Road Team of the Year.

Hilary Wright (Young Riders) should get her chance to compete at World's next season. This season, she earned it by winning the NORBA National Championship at Durango by destroying the field. She didn't get to compete because she was too young! For this feat, we award her with our Performance of the Year.

Damon Kirchmeier had a great year going fast. He was 4th in the 35-39 NORBA NCS Downhill Series, he won two races locally in the Utah Downhill Series 30-39 group, and to top it off, he won the silver medal in the 35-39 Category in the downhill at the Masters Mountain Bike World Championships in Bromont, Canada. He is our pick for
Downhiller of the Year.
What biking event raised over $\$ 550,000$ for charity and had 1500 participants? Utah's Best Dam MS 150 Bike Tour. While riding the 150 mile 2-day tour in Cache Valley, riders raised an average of \$350 each for research projects and programs to support those affected by multiple sclerosis. The MS 150 is our Event of the Year.

We received this nomination for Commuter of the Year through the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office. We don't know who submitted it, but we liked it. "Janae Wallace's beater car has sat in her driveway with a flat tire for as long as I've known her. Other than driving a state vehicle for field work that takes her around the state as a geologist, she can be seen traveling on an old, converted mountain bike, since 1985; between her position at USGS, intermittent teaching at Salt Lake Community College, and stocking up on foodstuffs at a local grocer, she manages to ride nearly everywhere she goes,

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ROAD RACING

## Nationals Coming to Park City in 2004

By Dave Iltis
In 2004, two National Championship road cycling events will be coming to Park City and Deer Valley. From August 12-22, The Park City Cycling Festival Presented by USA Cycling will be held in Park City, Deer Valley, and Antelope Island and will feature the Masters National Championships (age 30 years and older) from August 12-17 and the Junior (racing age 18 and under) and Espoir (racing age 19-22) from August 18-22. The event will be sponsored by the Park City Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau and is sanctioned by USA Cycling. Gerard Bisceglia, CEO of USA Cycling said that, "We will be bringing together large numbers of riders so that juniors can be in the presence of icons and adults can meet and mentor juniors." He added that this development will help broaden the base of cycling.

Promoters Jeff Frost of Blue Wolf Productions and Tom Spiegel and Pat Follett of Team Big Bear will be heading up the Festival. Frost describes himself and the other promoters as the "blue collar guys of cycling." Bisceglia said that, "We are thrilled to be working with Frosty and Spiegel because of their years of professional commitment to the sport. USA Cycling is moving away from event management and going towards contracting with professional event management companies."

Several Utah individuals will be involved in the organizing as well including Cindy Yorgason and Mark Schaefer for the time trial and Dirk Cowley of Sportsbaseonline.com for registration and help with results. The X-Men Cycling Club, Ogden One Cycling Club, Jan's Cycling Club, and the Utah Cycling Association will all have affiliated roles as will the retail shops Cole Sport and Jan's of Park City.

The National Cycling Festival will draw large numbers of national caliber road cyclists to Utah in August. This of course means money for the local economy and prestige for Utah's cycling community. Eric Moore, USA Cycling's nity. Eric Moore, USA Cycling's

## USAC's point of view on the

 cycling festival, "We are trying to be cost effective. We are trying to bring membership together to create a bigger buzz for cycling in the United States." Much of it is also about putting "heads in beds," Moore noted. They are expecting upwards of 2800 cyclists to come for the road festival. Bill Malone, head of the Park City Chamber, said that, "Road biking is a popular sport here and we think that the demographics of road biking participants fit very well with Park City. We are excited to host the events and have been working in the summer to boost overnight visitation." He added, "Maybe we'll get to see the next Lance Armstrong."For each age group, the road race title, criterium title, and time trial title will be decided.
According to Frost, the road race will be an out-and-back/loop course that will start in Deer Valley and go towards Heber City and the Francis-Kamas-Oakley area before returning back to Deer Valley. Each race will have a rolling enclosure rather than have a rolling enclosure rather than
shut down the roads entirely. The road race course route can be altered to provide a challenging race distance for each age group, featuring everything from a 10 km circuit in Deer Valley for the younger Junior categories, to a series of loops totaling over 200 km for the Espoir competitors. The criterium will take place at the base of Deer Valley Resort and will be centered at the Snowpark Lodge.

The time trial will be held on Antelope Island on the same course that was used in the Utah State Time Trial Championships this year. The 34 km out-and-back on the Fielding Garr Ranch Road on the East side of the island will be a fully closed course, according to Frost. The course, according to Frost. The
juniors and some master's categories will ride 10-20 km.

In the state time trial and an earlier time trial, a 32.5 km out and back course was used for most categories while a 16 km course was used for the juniors and masters. The fastest posted times on the 32.5 km course were $42: 47$ by Gardie Jackson in the Pro/1/2 category and 49:52 by Jen Ward in the women's 1-3 category.
"We are extremely excited about this," said Frost when asked about being awarded the promotion of the festival. "We know are strengths and limitations." Blue Wolf and Team Big Bear submitted bids on the festival to USA Cycling following a request by USAC for proposals in January of 2003. The two promotion companies put together a bid that was accepted. A letter of intent has been signed. USA Cycling maintains ownership of the events and will assist the local organizers with sponsorship sales.

The Festival should have a threeyear stay in Park City with Elite Nationals (the best amateurs in the country) potentially being added to the party in 2005 and 2006. Senior (now Elite) Nationals were last held here in 1991 and 1989. Rishi Grewal won the road race in Deer Valley in 1989 while Lance Armstrong won in 1991 by destroying the field on a grueling Jeremy Ranch circuit course. This writer was also a competitor in those championships. Masters Nationals were last held in Park City in the mid-1980's where former-local fast guy Steve Johnson won one of his many national titles.

