



# UP & DOWN NEWSLETTER

DIESELBIKES

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## TRAIL THREADS



### Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

The past month of November was great for mountain biking with rather warm temperatures. Topping it off was the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Lynn Woods Thanksgiving Day Ride. A number of riders attended this local event and Dieselbikes was happy to be a part of the festivities.

The Thanksgiving Day Ride is a gathering of mountain bikers held by Tina & Kevin who are local Lynn residents every year for the past 18 years. The gathering brings mountain bikers of all levels and riding styles out for a causal day of trekking through Lynn Woods. Once the ride is complete, everyone gathers together for some food and beverages in the Ballfield parking lot before leaving for their own Thanksgiving activities.

Behind the grill this year was Steve "The Doctor" who was cooking up some delicious bacon & egg sandwiches. Mumm...you cannot beat a good breakfast after a great bike ride. Furthermore there was coffee, hot chocolate and other beverages to wash down the hot food.

The weather worked out great this year. The beginning of the ride was rather foggy giving the ride a sort of a Halloween theme. After about an hour, the fog burned off and the sky cleared making it a perfect day for riding.

Again, this gathering of mountain bikers has been happening for the last 18 years. Each year many of the same faces make it and many new faces appear. This is a great social event where everyone just floats through the woods speaking about the past year of riding and making new friends.

Dieselbikes will definitely be attending this gathering next year and we hope you will to. Again, thank you Tina & Kevin, it would have just been another bike ride without the two of you leading the pack.

### Bruce & Tom's: Gloucester, MA

Some trail work was completed this past month in Bruce & Tom's. Dieselbikes was out and about replacing a technical trail feature along with a second group of dedicated mountain bikers doing their own work. Both groups conducted this work on private land and obtained permission by the land manager pending this trail work. Dieselbikes is happy to see other riders sharing the passion of maintaining these trails and working through the land manager.

The second group of trail workers replaced the first ladder bridge that is located on the private entrance to the B&T's trail network. The original bridge served many years of use but could not be repaired any further. Replacement with a new bridge was the best option and we want to say thank you to that crew for a job well done!

### Website Links:

[Dieselbikes Homepage](#)

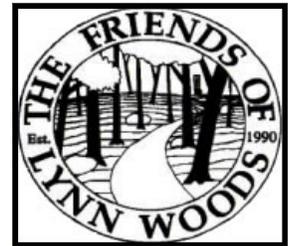
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Great Organizations



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[www.nemba.org](http://www.nemba.org)



New Bridge build by other  
local Mountain Bikers



## Shovels & Picks Report

### Bruce & Tom's: Gloucester, MA

We were able to complete one more trail day at B&T's this year before the weather became kind of cold and wet. This past month, a few members of the Dieselbikes crew went out and tore down one of the aging technical trail features (TTF) and re-build a new one in its place.

This trail work was completed on private land and we had the permission from the local land manager to conduct this removal/rebuild. Like our past trail work replacing the well-known teeter, we were not able to pre-build any of this structure before hand.

After taking into consideration the number of riders that will be using this TTF and the lovely New England Seasons, we decide to scrap the idea of building a pre-fab structure and just bring all the material out to the work site for a custom on site build.

Well, after lugging out a few hundred pounds of lumber, a generator, tools, food and a radio...because you need something to listen to other then your volunteers...we cut, drilled and nailed the structure together for all to enjoy.

Built from 5"x5" round stock pressure treated lumber (ACQ – environmentally friendly) and bolted together using 3/8" lags, this structure is built for many years of use. We topped it off with a 14" wide Cedar deck to reduce the slimy build-up you typically get when using pressure-treated woods as decking.

This was a backbreaking 2-day job, but we finished 100% of this trail work. I want to thank all that helped! Without your help, none of this trail work anywhere would have been completed. I look forward to see everyone again on other future trail builds and/or maintenance projects.



Bruce testing it out!



Tons of Tools!



Nailing in the last few pieces



## Year End Work Report

It has been another successful year with a number of "first" for our Mountain Bike Club. This past year we held our first ever mountain bike event and also provided our first monetary donation to a local park.

Looking back on 2007, we are happy to be a part of the local riding scene and proud to help out local land managers, bike shops and individual riders support their trails. Each year our involvement grows and we always look for new ventures to become involved with helping expand this wonderful sport.

### Lynn Woods -

Lynn Woods has been our primary focus for the past three years. This in part is because our club is based out of Lynn and the Woods is our backyard riding spot. In this time we have work with City Management to help resolve some ailing problems related to the trail network. Just as many other organizations in the past and other non-biking groups today, we all have work together making Lynn Woods a better place for all park users.

In short, our club alone was able to complete 368 labor hours of trail maintenance work in Lynn Woods with the help of volunteers such as your self. This is a substantial amount of trail work for one location and we will continue these efforts in 2008.

### Bruce & Tom's -

Bruce & Tom's is another location we are involved with. It has been slow going the past 2 years with trail work, but B&T's has more complexity to deal with. We have completed some trail work this year on private sections of land and worked with Greenbelt and NSNEMBA on a huge trail day this past June 2nd.

Our main focus for B&T's is to replace the aging man-made TTFs (located on private land) with new structures. We have completed two projects this year and the plans for the rest are completed. We are in the process of stocking piling the materials required to complete this task. We also plan on speaking with NSNEMBA to formulate some trail plans for the sections of land owned by Greenbelt.

We feel there is not enough trail work completed at B&T's per the number of users and will push to increase our efforts and involvement at this location for 2008. We do hope this coming year will be a big year for B&T's trail work.

### Fells Reservation -

The Fells Reservation is another location that is becoming an interest for Dieselbikes. We do receive a number of requests about getting involved and took our first steps speaking with the DCR Park Manager. Our efforts and involvement have not gone beyond this point.

The Fells is another complex location for mountain bike organizations to deal with. GBNEMBA has been involved from day one trying to make the Fells a premier riding spot for the local community. With a huge concentration of mountain bikers located within a 5 mile radius of the Fells, we commend them for their efforts in dealing with the complex issues of this location.

Dieselbikes will review our current ideas and goals concerning the Fells and decide how and if we will decide to become more involved with the Fells in 2008.





## THE BUZZ

### Wheels of Fury "The New Pecking Order"

We have spent hours and hours in the editing room trying to make this flick the best it can be. Personal jobs, computer problems and editing issues have slowed our release scheduled for this past October. We are way behind schedule but will strive to release our 2007 local amateur mountain bike movie for the Christmas rush.

So get ready...this movie is a little on the crazy side! Again it is a mix of local mountain bikers ripping up some of our favorite trails with the addition of a funny story line that is sure to make you laugh. Featuring music by Drunk's Don't Lie, The Welch Boys, James Nation, 16 Years of Grace, Say When, Canucks, AVERI and Shorty M40.

This year's movie contains a woven story line revolving around a secret plot and a super all-powerful magical CHICKEN! Packed with a few funny bonus sections this movie will have a run time of about 60 minutes.

Wheels of Fury "The New Pecking Order" is schedule for release by late December 2007. We have had a lot of inquires about holding a movie premier for this movie release. At this time, Dieselbikes does not have any premier date set, but we are defiantly looking into this possibility. Check out Dieselbikes.com from time to time as we will continually update our website with an exact release date and whether or not we may through a premier party.

- [View Movie Trailer](#)



### New Active Apparel!!!

We are happy to release our new winter pullover hoods with a weathered image of the club logo and name. Made from a 50/50 blend of cotton and polyester, these hoods keep you warm out on the trails but also feel much lighter then 100% cotton hoods.

These hoods are available in LARGE and X-LARGE sizes and will be our final issue of apparel for 2007. These hoods would make an ideal Christmas Gift for any friends and family members.

Check out this product and other apparel items on our [website](#) or [by clicking this link](#). Remember, monies collected go right back to the trails we support.



New Hooded Pull-Over  
\$30.00 each (Free Shipping)

### Help Dieselbikes Support Our Local Trails

We are a small group of dedicated mountain bikers who want to make our trails better for all disciplines of trail riding. Whether you cross-county bike, freeride and/or Muni, we believe there is a place for all on our trails. Regardless of our groups dedicated efforts, we can always use the support and volunteer help from the mountain biking community. Whether you purchase our active apparel, local movies and/or donate your time/money to our cause; your help is greatly appreciated.

With that said, we want to say thanks to all who have helped and supported our club this year. From our friends, to our sponsors, to "YOU" the silent majority, we at Dieselbikes thank you and look forward to any continuing support.

Check out Dieselbikes' complete line of [active Mountain Bikers Apparel](#) and help support our trail and sport promotion efforts.





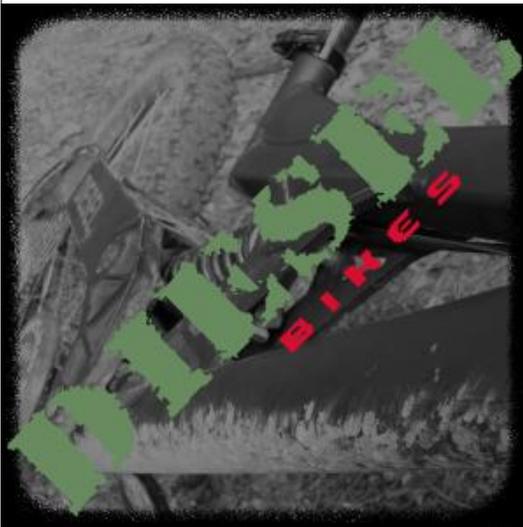
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### ***“New England Mountain Bike News and Trail Information”***



#### **Who We Are:**

We are just a group of riders who started this web-site to quietly get into the mountain bike industry. We do not expect anything big from this venture but to have fun doing what we love, RIDE OUR BIKES!!! Over this past year we have seen a huge following for Dieselbikes and plan on turn this hobby into a business to help support and expand New England mountain biking.

#### **Our Roots:**

The roots of Dieselbikes starts in the City of Lynn better know as the "City of Sin." Over the past years we have added riders to our team whom brings their own unique style of riding and personal-ity. Our local (unofficial) freeride park is none other than Lynn Woods. You will find us riding there 3 ~ 4 times a week during the biking season. Whether working our day and/or night jobs, we all find the time to make that blissful ride of downhill descends, jumps, hucks and friendly camaraderie that is only found when we RIDE OUR BIKES!!!

#### **Mission:**

Our mission is expand, promote and create a distinct portrait of mountain biking in and around New England. We believe that New England is one of the best places to mountain bike and feel by bringing all mountain bikers together, we will create a VIBE which will help expand this sport!

Whether posting pictures, videos, local trail maps and/or scheduling biking trips, we are starting small and keeping it simple. Someday our secondary goal is to build downhill/freeride bikes and or bike components for anyone who wants bulletproof products tested on FLAT DROPS here in New England.

## **Group Rides**

Our 2007 group rides will begin on April 15th with our 2nd Annual Lynn Woods Opening Day Ride.

Dieselbikes will begin posting weekday and weekend group rides on our web-site. You can view these dates as they become available at the following link below:

#### **DIESELBIKES GROUP RIDES**

If you would like to be placed on our group rides list, please feel free to contact us at the following e-mail address:

[dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com](mailto:dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com)

Our group rides have no set pace or rider level. We are just out riding our bikes and having fun. All rider styles and levels are welcome.

