

UP & DOWN NEWSLETTER

DIESELBIKES

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THE BUZZ

June 14th is just around the corner and we are still adding sponsors to this event. Since last month, a number of venues and contest have been added along with Kona and Specialize Bicycles joining as sponsors. The number of XC, all-mountain, freeride and DH DEMO bikes available will be vast. Tons of local and regional sponsors are lined up including local manufacture Sinister Bikes. Mark this date on your calendar and come on down to one of the largest New England DEMO events.

In addition to riding DEMO bikes and comparing certain performance characteristics, there will be group trail rides, skill clinics, and rider exhibition shows for all to participate. This is going to be a fun family orientated event that will have live music, food and drink. Bring your family, bring your friends and make sure you bring your bike for one of the best events held in Lynn Woods.

Information you need to know!

Event Time: Begins at 9:30am and runs until 5:00pm.

Event Admission: \$5.00 - Includes 1 Raffle Ticket

Live Music: Following bands will be playing

- Status Whoa
- Keating
- Qwill
- Scott Void Radio
- Guest Hip Hop acts

Food & Drink: Food menu as follows (menu subject to change without notice)

- Hamburgers & Cheese Burgers
- Hotdogs & Sausages
- Popcorn & Cookies
- Soda, Water & Assorted sport drinks

Mountain Bike Clinics: Preformed by event sponsors (subject to change without notice)

- Technical Climbing Clinic
- Endurance Training Clinic
- Women's Bike Setup Clinic
- General Bike Maintenance Clinic

Mountain Bike Contest: Preformed by event sponsors (subject to change without notice)

- Mountain Bike Limbo Contest

CASH EVENT ONLY!

DIESELBIKES PRESENTS
D-DEMO DAY

AT LYNN WOODS
GREAT WOODS ROAD ENTRANCE
78 GREAT WOODS RD
LYNN, MA 01904

SATURDAY
JUNE 14TH, 2008
9:30AM TO 5:00PM
ADMISSION \$5

FEATURING:
ACE WHEELWORKS
BACK BAY BICYCLES
CYCLE LOFT
DHD PROMOTIONS
INTERNATIONAL BICYCLE CENTER
JAKE'S BICYCLES
JRA CYCLES
KHS BIKES
LUNACHIX
METRO ROCK
MILFORD BICYCLES
MOUNTAIN UMI
PAPA WHEELIES
RYE AIRFIELD
SALEM CYCLES
SEASIDE CYCLES
SINISTER BIKES
SKI MARKET BOSTON
WESTERN CYCLES

WHAT IS THE D-DAY EVENT?
THIS EVENT WILL BE A HOST FOR LOCAL BIKE SHOPS, AND MANUFACTURER REPS TO PROVIDE AND SHOWCASE DEMO BIKES FOR YOU TO TEST RIDE IN LYNN WOODS.

COME RIDE THE BEST BIKES AT THE BEST PLACE TO RIDE!

★ AVAILABILITY OF DEMO BIKES IS ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS ★
★ YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD WITH PROPER PHOTO I.D. TO DEMO RIDE A BIKE ★
★ UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ★
PLEASE VISIT WWW.DIESELBIKES.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Event Waiver Forms: All attendees are required to sign event waiver forms prior to entering into this event. Under 18 must be signed/ accompanied by a parent with proper photo ID.

USE OF DEMO BIKES: Each sponsor will have requirements for proper photo ID and completing waiver forms before riding any demo bike. Riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent with proper photo ID. Availability of demo bike is on a first come first serve basis.



Trail Threads

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

May was yet another busy month for Dieselbikes in Lynn Woods. The weekly Tuesday night rides are ongoing, we continued working on the newly cut trail started backing in April and completed yet another trail day this past weekend. We are also in our final prep for D-Day on June 14th. Busy is the best word to describe this past month, but we are still finding time to ride on the trails we love.

Just about all the volunteer groups involved with Lynn Woods have been putting in 110% making this place better for all user groups. If you have traveled up OX Pasture Road this past month, you may have noticed the section of fire road after the hill climb is in the mist of getting a face-lift. This section has always been muddy and was the location of a few small wooden bridges that have seen better days. The GE volunteer trail crew has been out working this area making it more sustainable for all park users. There is a plan on the table to fix sections Ox Pasture Road leading from the Ballfield to the Wolf Pits. This plan is on hold for the moment, but efforts such as GE's contributions will keep the road in a more friendly and useable condition for now.

There are a few other changes happening through out Lynn Woods. The Ballfield parking lots has seen the opening of a newly built concession stand that offers restrooms and food prep area for events and baseball games. Dieselbikes has obtained our park permit for D-Day and will have the ability to this new facility. To our knowledge this facility is not open to the public but only during ball games and permitted events that take place in this area. This concession stand is a key improvement to the Ballfield parking area and will allow more extensive mountain bike events in the coming years.

On the South Side, the Friends of Lynn Woods have been work to generate money to repair and restore the aging Stone Tower. Many who ride in Lynn may have passed by the Stone Tower and/or see it from a hillside. It is an impressive structure standing 48ft tall and has seen its share of vandalism of the years. Fund raising efforts are on going and the ultimate goal is to reopen the tower on a limited bases to park users / visitors. Please visit the Friends of Lynn Woods for more information about supporting the Stone Tower.

Tompson St. Reservation / Bruce & Tom's: Gloucester, MA

The trail network is looking great in this location. Dieselbikes has stepped up or efforts and will be riding Tompson Street more often to assist with efforts on making this riding location even better. Our first combined trail day with [NSNEMBA](#) & [Sinister Bikes](#) was held last month and the resulting trail build shows. You can read more about this trail day under the Pick & Shovel section of this newsletter. We will be working with Greenbelt, NSNEMBA & Sinister Bikes to develop a second trail day effort in the fall months. With the summer heat on its way, it becomes difficult to draw volunteers for labor-intensive workdays. There will be some sweet stuff occurring in the future. We will do our best to keep the local community posted regarding any changes for this riding spot.

As always, please remember that B&T's trail network spans land owned by Essex County Greenbelt and a number of private landowners. Currently mountain biking as allowed year round on Greenbelt managed property called Tompson Street Reservation. We ask that you use some common sense when riding there. Stick to the main trail that you know and do not cut new lines/braids. There will be new efforts to make the network better and this will take some time to accomplish with proper land manager approval. So again just use common sense when riding.



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Local Organizations**



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www.ecga.org



www.nemba.org



Trail Work Days

2008 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Schedule

Great News at Lynn Dieselbikes has completed the first half of our 2008 Trail Maintenance Series for the locations we support. We want to thank all the volunteers that supported us in Lynn Woods and Tompson Street Reservation trail efforts. We will be taking a break for the summer and begin the second half of the series on September 14 with an opening trail day at Lynn Woods. We will keep you posted if any changes occur.

Below is a list of approved trail days and locations Dieselbikes is involved with. The listing below includes a brief description of trail work to be completed. Please visit Dieselbikes (or the links provided below) for more detail information pertaining to each work event. As always, we look forward to any and all riders who can volunteer for these upcoming trail days. Without your help we will not be able to complete any trail work.

Saturday April 26 – Bow Ridge Trail work (COMPLETED)

This project encompasses cutting the final trail section to connect the top of Bow Ridge Trail to the new El Sweeny Trail cut back in 2007. This Trail will serve as part of the parameter Trail system around Lynn Woods. This project encompasses cutting the final trail section to connect the top of Bow Ridge Trail to the new El Sweeny Trail cut back in 2007. This Trail will serve as part of the parameter Trail system around Lynn Woods.

[Click here for post trail work write up with photos](#)

Saturday May 31 – Ridge Run Trail work (COMPLETED)

This project encompasses re-routing and rock armoring a section of Ridge Run Trail leading from trail markers E5-4 to E5-3. This trail work will make this section more appealing and offer an alternative route down from the Ballfield Trail Network.

[Click here for post trail write up with photos](#)

Sunday September 14 – Overlook Trail work

This project encompasses re-routing and rock armoring a section of trail that leads from the newly installed bridges last year at marker D4-6 up to Overlook Crag. This will greatly reduce soil erosion and create a more stable trail thread.

[Click here for more information](#)

Sunday October 12 – Ballfield area trail work

This project encompasses re-routing and rock armoring a section of trail that splits into two different paths leading up to the beginning of the Ballfield Trail. One of these trail sections was completed last year and this year we will complete the other remaining section.

[Click here for more information](#)

2008 Tompson St Reservation / B&T's Trail Work

Sunday May 14th 2008—RT133 Trail (COMPLETED)

On Sunday May 04, 2008, Essex Country Greenbelt in conjunction with NSNEMBA, Dieselbikes and Sinister Bikes will be holding our first Trail Maintenance day for Tompson St. Reservation. Sunday will be a continuation of a trail reroute on Essex County Greenbelt Association's Tompson St. Reservation, continuing the work done last year on National Trails Day.

[Click here for post trail write up with photos](#)

September – October:

We plan on holding a second (possible 3rd) trail work day in conjunction with NSNEMBA & Sinister Bikes. We will keep you posted once dates and work details are set and approved with Greenbelt land managers.





Shovels & Pick Report

Tompson Street Res. (Aka: Bruce & Tom's): Gloucester, MA

Regardless of the heavy rain, the first 2008 Tompson Street Reservation trail project was complete with great success. This trail project was a combined effort by Dieselbikes, NSNEMBA and Sinister Bikes with approval by Essex County Greenbelt Land Managers. The general scope of this project was to re-route an existing trail to more stable ground and add some "fun" natural technical features.

The trail work was challenging to say the least with periods of heavy rain through out the day. Handling tools and moving heavy rocks can pose some serious risk for injury, but with many veteran trail builders on hand, no problems occurred and the trail was built with first class results.

This new trail section was rather a fun build with the exception of the persistent rain and it was great to work with a bunch of new faces. The trail features a number of natural technical challenges including a 15-foot log ride, rock gardens and a rock chute that is sure to keep you behind the seat. Tons of rock armoring, bench cutting and love went into this trail for all to enjoy. As usually, we ask that you get on your bike and hit this trail when you can to help begin packing the trail thread.

Reports have been coming in this past month regarding the condition of this new trail and we must say everyone is enjoying it. Dieselbikes wants to extend our personal thanks to everyone that teamed up to bear the weather and complete the task at hand. Again, this was a combined effort with NSNEMBA and Sinister Bikes and we at Dieselbikes look forward working with these organizations again in future trail builds and/or maintenance projects.



Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

This was yet another successful trail day in Lynn Woods despite the possible threat of inclement weather conditions. A team of 5 volunteers were out Saturday working on re-routing some sections of the Ridge Run Trail located just off OX Pasture Road as enter the North side of the park. The original trail that existed for a number of decades became washed out and turned into a stream for water run off from the upper hillside. About 6 to 8 years ago a large section of the trail was moved and rerouted to more stable ground avoiding the valley where the original was located. During the last 5 years or so, sections of the newly re-routed Ridge Run Trail have been eroding due to the nature of the terrain. We were tasked by Park Management to move with best effort these eroding sections of trail and make the trail more appealing to park users. After 6 hours of labor-intensive work, we believe this task was accomplished with overall minimum impact to the existing trail.

This is just the first project of many to follow in repairing Ridge Run Trail. The new re-routed section has a number of natural technical challenges that are fun and flowy. The trail in general is bi-directional and will offer a leg-burning climb for those wanting to challenge themselves to such obstacles. In the opposite directions, the trail will offer a fun flowy technical descent that is quite long for Lynn Woods and will surely make you want to climb back up just to flow down the hill again. As usually the trail thread is soft and we will be out making adjustments as the trail becomes compacted by park recreational groups. A few features such as berms and additional rock armoring will be added in the coming months. For now, get out their, ride and have fun!





Dieselbikes in the Boston Sunday Globe: The story behind the story



On Sunday May 11th, we at Dieselbikes were given the opportunity to be interviewed by Ethan Gilsdorf, a reporter for the Boston Globe. At first we thought this interview would take place at a local drinking spot over a few beers and last only an hour. After speaking with Ethan by phone we found out that he also rides mountain bikes and wanted to head out on a group ride with us to see what the club was all about. With a beautiful day at hand, Ethan and about 10 riders embarked on our group ride through the north side of Lynn Woods. We were not sure what kind of terrain Ethan wanted to ride, nor how long the ride should last, but he suggested for us to do whatever we had planned. Well, we did just that!

We brought Ethan to such locations as Bow Ridge, Chicken Soup and Balance Boulder showing him some of the best stuff Lynn has to offer. We rode from location to location making frequent stops to session natural rock features and egg each other on how lousy our riding skills are. During these sessioning efforts Ethan took the time to chat with other riders in the group regarding their individual mountain bike experiences. Questions about bike setup, riding styles and why do you mountain bike were topics of conversation. During the beginning of the ride, Ethan would hang in the back of the pack and just watch as we made fools of ourselves. But as we pressed on, we found Ethan keeping himself in the middle of the group and attempting to ride through technical lines that he himself never thought he would complete.

This was the first time Ethan ever rode in Lynn Woods and he was having a blast! The technical terrain was challenging for Ethan but it was also a motivator. Ethan explained he has ridden in many places, but the trails in Lynn were unique in their own respect. Pedaling through many hill climbs and weaving through rock gardens, Ethan was doing great for a first time Lynn Rider. After a couple of hours in the woods, we decided to let Ethan try out some of the other bikes. Ethan pedaled a full on DH bike with 7 inches of travel and then tried a lighter all-mountain rig. After bouncing through the trails on these bikes, Ethan commented that equipment makes a big difference, giving you more confidence and makes the riding more fun!

After 4 hours of biking, we floated back to the parking lot to relax and recap the riding experience. The group ride was like all our rides, FUN! Ethan mentioned that he felt a little intimidated during the beginning of the ride since everyone was dressed up with armor and many wore full-face helmets. But as the ride progressed, the camaraderie between everyone was great, fun and relaxing. The ride ended and Ethan explained that the news article would be appearing in the Sunday Boston's Globe on May 18th. We were stoked to have this opportunity and gain further publicity for the club. You can read a scanned copy of this news article by [clicking on this link](#), or by visiting our website (www.dieselbikes.com). Thanks to all who attended this ride and big thanks to Ethan for keeping it real!



Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt

Dieselbikes is pleased to announce the release of our first ever Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt! This shirt is solely dedicated to generate monies for the Lynn Woods Ranger Fund. The purchase price of this shirt is \$20 and the funds collected will go to directly to the Ranger in support of the park. Our goal is to collect a total of \$300.00 before June 14th and present the collected funds to the Park Ranger.

We are in the final push to generate the desired goal of \$300.00 before the D-Day Event. To date we have collected \$220.00 and are just \$80.00 off the mark of our goal. If you were thinking of purchasing a Trail Advocate shirt to support Lynn Woods, please [click on this link](#) or visit Dieselbikes.com and click on the link for Biker Gear located at the top right corner of the homepage.

All purchases are treated as a donation and the funds collected will be presented to the Lynn Woods Park Ranger at the D-Day Event on June 14. This is the prefer opportunity for individuals who can not volunteer labor hours for trail work in Lynn Woods, but would like to help our in some capacity. Every dollar counts in supporting and maintaining our beloved trails.

This shirt is a 50/50 blend of ultra cotton with polyester and has our designed Trail Advocate Stamp located on the front left chest, plus a full print of the 2008 Trail Series Work Dates on the back. Shirts are Tan color with black print both front and back. Available sizes are X-Large, Large and Medium.



Short Sleeve T-Shirt
Color-Tan
100% Ultra Cotton
Donation—\$20.00
[Click here to purchase!](#)

Available Sizes
Medium
Large
X-Large



T-shirt Back with Lynn Woods
Trail Work Schedule!



T-shirt Front with Lynn Woods
Trail Advocate Stamp!

2008 Active Apparel is Here!

Dieselbikes is happy to announce the release of some new active mountain bike apparel for 2008. These products will be available for sale at the D-Day Event on June 14th and will then be available on the website the following week until the end of the year. New T-shirts with new graphics and our standard vintage shirt will be available for purchase. Dieselbikes does not offer club membership, but our mountain bike apparel is the prefer way to show your support of our club and efforts throughout New England. We look forward surpassing our sales generated last year and expanding our product line to offer more goodies for kids and women riders in the future.

As always, a portion of your purchase goes to support the club as well our trail and event efforts. We are committed to expanding mountain biking throughout New England and your support helps us accomplish this effort. Grab a shirt and help spread the word!



2008 EVENTS LIST



We are gearing up for another great year of mountain bike events. Dieselbikes has received approval for both of our Lynn Woods events and our premiere "Bash at Attitash". This is going to be a busy season and we are in full planning stages to make these events fun for all riders and their families.

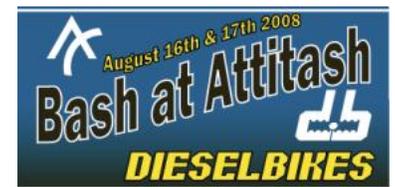
D-Day "The Second Drop" (Lynn Woods, MA) Saturday June 14, 2008 – 9:30am-5:00pm

D-Day "The Second Drop" will be a continuation of our past 2007 D-Day Event. This event will provide the mountain bike community a one-day experience to DEMO ride a ton of mountain bikes from various manufactures in Lynn Woods. This event is for all riding levels and many different bikes will be available for YOU to test ride on singletrack. This will be a large social event for the community, so mark your calendar bring your bike, friends and family members. Everyone is welcomed!



"Bash at Attitash" Mountain Bike Festival (Bartlett, NH) Saturday Aug 16, 2008 & Sunday Aug 17, 2008

This is great news! Attitash Management has approved our premiere event titled "Bash at Attitash". This is a weekend event spanning over two full days of mountain bike fun. "Bash at Attitash" will be similar event to D-Day, however will be geared more towards the downhill/freeride junkie. This will be another large social event for the community, so mark your calendar and get ready for a festival packed with fun for the whole family. We will keep you posted via the website and monthly newsletter. More information will be posted in the coming months on our website and through press releases.



The "Spookbikecular" Halloween Festival (Lynn Woods, MA) Saturday October 25, 2008 – 9:30am-5:00pm

The "Spookbikecular" Halloween Festival is a one-day event that will have something for everyone. Group rides; costume contest and other family geared venues will provide a fun time for all who attend. We are in the beginning phases for this event, so more information will be posted in the coming months. This will be another large social event for the community, so mark your calendar and get ready for a spooky event!



Visit Dieselbikes event page for more information regarding these great mountain bike events by [clicking on this link!](#)



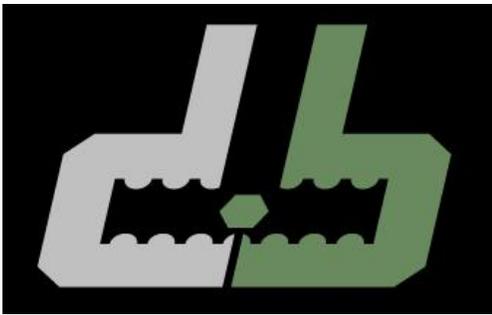
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***“New England Mountain Bike
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Who We Are:

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 personality. 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 2008 group rides will begin on April 19th with our 3rd 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

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.

