

UP & DOWN NEWSLETTER

DIESELBIKES

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2008 D-Day Post Report

The 2nd annual D-Day Mountain Bike Event was another complete success! On Saturday June 14th, Dieselbikes was proud to promote and host a single DEMO mountain bike day event in Lynn Woods (Lynn, MA) titled "D-Day The Second Drop". This year we were happy to have warm sunny weather that helped with the festivities and made the event much more enjoyable for all. The event went off without any major hitches, however we did have a few schedule modifications based upon some last minute changes.

This year was host to 18 vendors and 4 manufactures showcasing 2008 and 2007 DEMO bikes for event attendees to ride. With over 65+ DEMO bikes available to test ride, event attendees did not have a limited selection of bikes to choose from. There were a number of lightweight XC models to full suspension all mountain and downhill rigs available. We were limited on a few different DEMO bikes such as 29ers and a number of Downhill rigs were not allowed in the woods, but in general we believe everyone was happy with the bikes that were available.

In addition to DEMO bikes, a number of sponsors offered riding and maintenance clinics to assist attendees in making the most of their DEMO ride. Set up of a DEMO bike to a specific rider is a difficult venture to accomplish, since the set up is limited to the bikes current build kit, but all the sponsors made their best efforts to assist any request they received. Sponsors were also available to answer technical questions regarding specific bike designs, comparison of models and availability for inquiring minds.

One highlight of this year's event was the addition of some women specific venues sponsored by The Boston LunaChix and Specialized Bicycles. The LunaChix and Specialized were a perfect combination to run this venue and they got the job done! The LunaChix were in full force with [Jimena Florit](#) (4 x NORBA Champion XC and Short Track, Pan-American Gold medalist) leading women group rides, technical riding clinics and helping out with bike set up. With the LunaChix in the drive seat, Specialized Bicycles was providing the wheel power offering a number of women specific DEMO mountain bikes. These women specific bikes are designed with geometry for women by women and are helping attract more females into the sport of mountain biking. Both of these sponsors were busy throughout the day and we received great reviews for their efforts.

There were a number of group rides held during this year's event ranging from short 15 minute DEMO rides to 90-minute tours of Lynn Woods. Although we had more ride leaders and additional sponsors holding their own group rides, we did fall short this year with pre-ride announcement/scheduling, but plan on addressing this matter during our next event. Regardless of this small technicality, everyone who went out on group rides during the event came back with a BIG smile! Some attendees rode Lynn Woods for the first time and a number hit the new trails that have been built over the last two years. From beginner to expert technical rides, our ride leaders had it covered and they were enjoying every minute out on the trails.

- [Click here for the complete write-up and event photos](#)





Trail Threads

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

The hot summer months are here and we are going to take a break from trail work in Lynn Woods until mid September. The trail system on the north side of Lynn Woods is looking great. Much of the wider singletrack trails are beginning to naturally tighten up and it appears whoever was cutting trail braids has stopped. There are a few areas on Overlook and the Diesel Trail that need some TLC and we will address this with Park Management on our own.

If you have been riding over by the far north side of Lynn Woods near the Naked Fish and former Big Dog locations, you may have noticed a ton of construction occurring. We believe (but not confirmed) this is a large single-family housing development that is bordering trails on Lynnfield Water Department property. This development is not far from the old playground trail area and skulls rock. Much (if not all) of this property under development is private and does maintain a bordering distance from conservation land in Lynn Woods. Like always and as seen with the Bow Ridge development, we are going to see an increase of angry neighbors and kids partying in the near future.

We plan on speaking with Lynn Woods' park management regarding this development. We do not believe any further development will occur that may encroach closer onto Lynn Woods property, but there has been a push by the City of Lynnfield in the past to conduct a land swap with sections of Lynn Woods (on Lynnfield property) for development reasons. You can read a past article written by Park Management back in 2006 that outlines this land swap with a map identifying each plot of land involved.

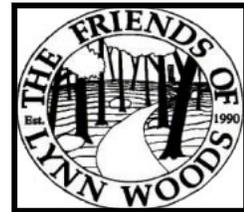
If you have been riding under the power lines this past month, you may have seen the electric company running new lines and replacing other components as they finish their power line upgrades. It is pretty cool to watch because they are using helicopters to shuttle workers around having them jump from the chopper to the top of the power lines. They should be in the area for the rest of the summer working seven days a week to finish this project. If you are out riding by route one, just be aware of this work and respect the power company employees since some of our bike trails are technically on their property.

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

There has not been any news to report regarding this great riding location. 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 is allowed year round on Greenbelt managed property called Thompson 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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Trail Work Days

2008 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Schedule

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 Thompson 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 detailed 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 is complete— [Click here for post trail work write up with photos](#)

Saturday May 31 – Ridge Run Trail work (COMPLETED)

This project is complete— [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)

This project is complete— [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.

Dieselbikes Trail Funds Disbursement!

We are happy to announce that trail funds collected from our Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt and the D-Day Event totaled \$400.00. This amount has been submitted to the Friends of Lynn Woods in care of the Park Ranger Fund and will be used to help maintain the trail system. This is an early disbursement and we hope to be able to provide an additional disbursement towards the end of the year after our next mountain bike event. We want to say thanks to all that purchased a Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt and purchased raffle tickets during the D-Day event. Every dollar collected for Lynn Woods helps and we appreciate your support!





Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt

We are happy to announce the success of our first ever Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Work Shirt! We designed this shirt and dedicated it to generating monies solely for the Lynn Woods Ranger Fund. Our goal was to collect a total of \$300 by June 14th so that this money can be presented to the Park Ranger. Well, we came close to this goal and raised \$220 for Lynn Woods. We still have some of these shirts left and plan on selling them until our last trail day in October. Once again, monies collected from these remaining shirts will be pooled for a second trail funds disbursement for Lynn Woods.

The purchase price of this shirt is \$20 and the funds collected are treated as a donation and will be disbursed to the Lynn Woods Park Ranger at the end of October. This is an opportunity for individuals who can not volunteer labor hours for trail work in Lynn Woods, but would like to help in some capacity. Every dollar counts in supporting and maintaining our beloved trails.

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



T-shirt Front with Lynn Woods Trail Advocate Stamp!



T-shirt Back with Lynn Woods Trail Work Schedule!



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

Available Sizes
Medium
Large
X-Large

2008 Active Apparel is Here!

Dieselbikes is happy to announce the release of some new active mountain bike apparel for 2008. These products made their debut during the D-Day Event and a number of shirts were sold. New T-shirts with new graphics and our standard vintage shirt are currently available for purchase on our website.

Dieselbikes does not offer club membership, but our mountain bike apparel is the preferred way to show your support for our club's efforts to support Lynn Woods and other local trail networks. 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!





Product Review: 2008 Marzocchi 66RC3

If you are in the market for a new front fork, we may have the right fork for you. Dieselbikes crew member Paul "Crashpad" went out and purchased a 2008 Marzocchi 66 RC3 and put the fork through a beat down. If you know how Paul "Crashpad" rides, then you know he goes through bike parts as fast as we can drink a case of Sam Summer! Below is a short product review of this fork with just the facts and no long winded dragged out blab, blab, blab...well you get the point.

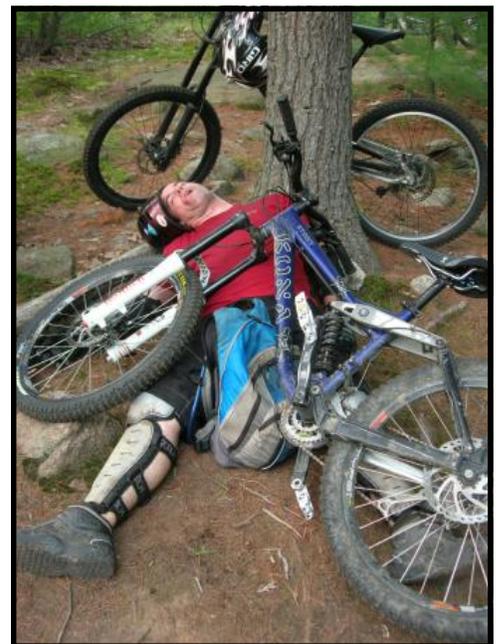
I purchased the Marzocchi 66RC3 on the advise of some other local riders. Installed on my 2007 Kona Stinky I have been ridding this fork for almost two months and feel its time to share my opinion. The fork has been ridden on a number of local trails such as Lynn Woods, Middlesex Fells, Gloucester and other North Shore locations. I also hit some downhill locations as Highland Mountain Bike Park, Bromont (Canada), and even did a Montreal urban ride!

Out of the box using the stock spring and factory settings, the fork really shines in the freeride arena! Easy to reach rebound and mechanical pre-compression knobs on top of stanchions allow for fast adjustments. The fork has 7" of travel that is fully usable and smooth throughout the stroke. As usually (at least with me) the fork did need a short period of time to break. After a few rides I only required adjustment of the rebound dampening to remove top out feeling. Super responsive and moderately powerful for medium drops, though it does bottom out on large steep rollers but we are trying the air preload chamber for the first time. This fork is a single crown and its weight isn't so bad given that it has a mechanical spring. Surprisingly the fork really climbs well for having 7" of travel.

Urban riding 30+ miles on a Stinky is not recommended but the fork was great. I just had to crank the mechanical pre-compression up to the max and got rid of most of the pedal bob in the front while still preserving ability to hit walls, stairs and other stunts you can find in the city. Full on DH riding does push the fork to it's limits, but this could be the rider as well...lol. Riding the World Cup trail at Bromont (Canada) definitely put the fork through its paces, but it has been one of the better forks I have ridden on such terrain. For XC and light FR/technical XC duties at the Fells, the fork was superb! It was like the front wheel stayed glued to the trail. Responsive through rocky stuff at Bromont and taking most drops in stride the fork handled everything this 200+lbs rider dished out.

At \$900 retail, the fork is expensive but compared to other forks in this class like the Fox 36 VAN RC2, the price is not that bad. Better ride obviously than the older 150MM Drop Off series dual crown with no adjustments that comes standard with the Kona Stinky. If you're like me, and air forks just don't seem to work for you, the Marzocchi 66 RC3 is good choice especially if you don't want the encumbrance of a dual crown fork. At 7" of solid travel, all FR duties are mastered and most DH as well, the 66 is a well rounded fork that delivers what Marzocchi claims. Most importantly, the white lowers mean you can really pimp it out your ride with those new white rims that all the cool kids are riding!

If you have any questions and/or comments about this review, just drop us and e-mail, we will do our best to give you an answer.





2008 EVENTS LIST



We are sad to announce that the "Bash at Attitash" Mountain Bike Festival has been cancelled by Dieselbikes due to a number of reasons revolving around sponsor participation and the state of the economy. We were hopeful to pull off this first time event at Attitash, but with rising transportation costs, we have decided to cancel and look forward to holding this event possibly next year.

On a more positive note, our 2008 D-Day Mountain Bike Event was a complete success and we are moving forward in planning for our second Lynn Woods event. The "Spookbikecular" Halloween Festival". For more information regarding these events, please visit the following link to our website.

Up Coming Event!

**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!](#)



Past Event

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

[Click here](#) to check out a complete post D-Day "The Second Drop" report with event photo!



DB Road Trips for July

Below is a list of mountain bike hot spots we will be visiting this month to film for our 2008 local mountain bike movie. Feel free to join up and ride with us!

- July 12th—[Sunday River Ski Resort](#). Newry, ME
- July 13th—[Mount Attitash](#). Bartlett, NH
- July 19th—[Mount Snow Resort](#). West Dover, VT
- July 25th ~ 27th—[Diablo Freeride Park](#). Vernon, NJ



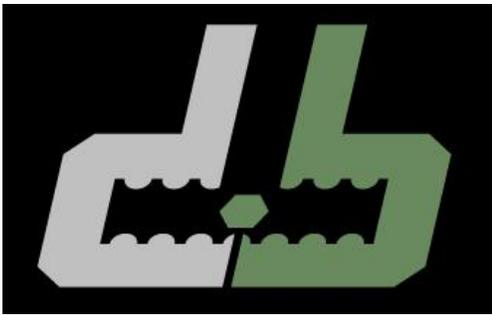
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Who We Are:

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.

