



Trail Threads

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

It has been another quite month in Lynn Woods and even with all the rain we have had, the majority of trails are looking great. There are a few spots of rain battered trail erosion but nothing that is of major concern. Remember, we will be re-starting our annual trail projects in September, so get your shovels and picks ready because we have two large projects left to finish.

We do not have anything further to report regarding the land development occurring on the North Side of Lynn Woods in Lynnfield. Construction is fast and since last month, framing for a number of buildings have gone up taking away from the beautiful landscape. The construction will not come any closer to the well know area called "The Playground" in Lynnfield, but riding those trails and seeing such large buildings so close is a sad site.

The power company is still working on the power lines and will be finishing up in a few months. If you are riding on Shark's Tooth Trail near Route 1, you probably notice that someone has clear cut a number of trees. This section was cleared by the power company to keep tree limbs from contacting the smaller power line wires running parallel to Route 1 north. We have been out cleaning up some of the mess left on the trail during our Tuesday rides, so this section is getting back into shape, but it is still a little beat up from all the work.



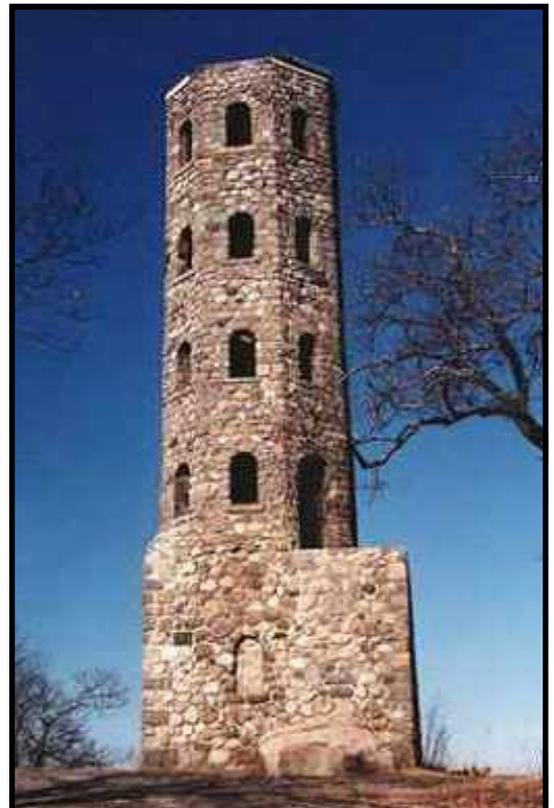
Stone Tower Renovation Fund Receives \$50,000 Grant: Lynn, MA

After years of discussion and fund raising, it appears the Stone Tower Renovation project will be underway in the coming months. For many who ride Lynn Woods; specifically the South Side, know the condition of the aging Stone Tower. This monument and staple of Lynn Woods; built in 1936, standing 48ft tall has seen its share of forest fires, neglect and vandalism. Now with the help of private donors and State assistance, this structure will soon be reopen for the public's enjoyment.

The City of Lynn received a fifty thousand dollar grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to help with the renovation of the Stone Tower. The State requires that the project go out to bid by the end of August 2008 and that \$100,000 worth of renovations be completed by the end of June 2009. Once the renovation is complete the Stone Tower will be open to the public on the same schedule as Dungeon Rock.

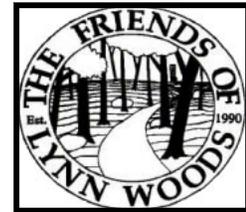
The total cost of the repairs has been estimated to be between \$225,000 and \$250,000. A private donor has pledged \$125,000 that brings the total available funds to \$175,000 leaving the fund roughly seventy five thousand short of the target goal.

The Friends of Lynn Woods are accepting tax-deductible donations for this project. One hundred percent of the money collected will be use to fund the renovations. If you are interested in supporting this project, send your donations to the Friends of Lynn Woods, PO Box 8216 Lynn, MA 01904. Please make your check payable to Friends of Lynn Woods and specify "Stone Tower Fund" on the memo line of your personal check. We all thank you for your support.





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

There has not been any bad news to report regarding this riding location and that is a good thing! For those who ride this location on a frequent basis, you may have noticed some trail changes occurring. Much of this is because of private land matters, but this is all working out in favor for the trail network.

This coming month Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA will be meeting with Essex County Greenbelt land managers. This meeting will be a continuation of our past discussion regarding future projects and focus on the development of a trail network plan encompassing all authorized recreational users for Tompson St. Res.

As always, please remember that TSR and B&T's trail networks 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 (TSR) and adjacent private property. 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.

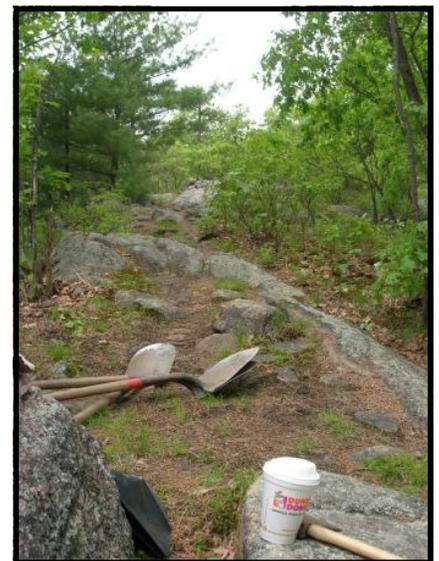
If you come across a change in the trail that you think is new and/or illegal, please do not change anything. Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes and or NSNEMBA have plenty of members that ride/involved with this location and will resolve such matters to reduce any potential conflict. There will be new efforts 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.

Support Your Local Trail

We at Dieselbikes want to stress the importance of supporting your local trail network. Many of us take for granted the trails we ride and the impact as a user group we have on those trails. Regardless you ride locally, or travel to ride other places, the fact remains mountain bike trails do not take care of themselves. Many individuals, groups of people and official organizations throughout New England handle issues, problems and repairs for our trail networks caused by YOU the single rider.

In today's society, supporting your local trail has become more important then ever. With declining State park budgets, land development contracts and a increased perception of our recreational sports destroying the woods, we as a bike community must band together to support and maintain our beloved trails.

We ask all riders in the community to step up and support your local trail network. This is a rather an easy task to accomplish in two simple ways. First, volunteer for as many local and regional trail days. Second, if you cannot volunteer, donate money to such bike organizations that help maintain our trails. It is that simple! Without your support, our bike trails will





2008 US Mountain Bike Nationals - Mt. Snow, VT



Few of us at Dieselbikes decided to take a trip to the US Nationals held out at Mount Snow in Vermont. This was the first year we attended this event as a spectator after hearing a number of rave reviews regarding this annual event. We decided to attend only one day of this multi-day event with the goal to shoot as much film for our up coming mountain bike movie. The level of talent showcased at this event was amazing. From downhill, XC and dual slalom racing to observed trails, this event had something for every mountain biker.

The National Observed Trails competition was an unparalleled display of balance and control of a bicycle. The field was small with only 4 riders, but the challenges set forth by the 6 demanding courses were intense. Each course was layout within a relatively small area allowing spectators to view just about every second of the action. Utilizing many natural and non-natural features, each course became progressively difficult to negotiate. The judge for this event was none other then pro trials rider Jeff Lenosky. Jeff kept a watch full eye on the competitors as they navigated their way through each course within the 2-minute time limit. Every rider's performance was like watching a ballerina defying physics as they hopped and jumped through obstacles that most people would have a hard time walking. If you have never been to a trials competition, we would recommend attending one just to see what can be accomplished on a bicycle.

We took a break from the trails comp moving our way over to the expert and pro cross-country course. This course was naturally difficult with two large hill climbs and fast loose gravel downhill sections separated with a number of twist and turns. Watching many riders burn their legs during the hill climb sections made us appreciate that we prefer life service downhill. Club member Nathaniel Williams was in attendance the day before our visit racing in the 15-16 Sport XC class finishing 5th. Nathaniel has been racing for a number of years and is currently sponsored by Maxxis Tire and Bikeman.com leaving this 15-year-old kid with tons of opportunity in the near future. Its great to see a local rider rip it up in a National's race...great job Nate; our hats off to you!



It was getting close for the National's expert class downhill races to begin, so we trekked our way up the mountain race course to watch the action first hand. Apparently this year, the expert/pro course was not routed through the notorious yard sale section that draws a number of spectators to watch the havoc unfold. This year the race course was routed through a number of different sections then previous years. We heard from a number of riders the course this year was rather easy from a technical perspective, however much faster with a gradually decent. In either case, the course had its share of technical sections and bicycle carnage. During the race, we worked our way down the course filming different riders negotiating sections of trail. The riders were fast, wiping past trees and through rock gardens, however every so often we would see a rider pedaling with a flat tire. It is typical to see one or two racers with flats, but during this race, we counted over 12 riders trying to make their way down the course with flat tires. Many spectators were calling this the flat tire race since the overall time and ranking for many riders were hampered by this handicap.

There were more local riders present representing the Boston Area. Max Syron, Ryan Syron and Danny Mears all members of the United Freeride Team sponsored by Sinister Bikes were present ripping up the downhill course. Max Syron took home Gold in the Junior Sport class, Danny Mears took home Silver in the Junior Beginner class and Ray Syron followed up with Silver in the Junior Open. Just as Nathaniel, we are proud to know these young riders and happy to see more local kids getting into racing. Keep an eye on all these guys, who knows, they just may be the next big New England stars!

[- Click here for the rest of this story.](#)





Sunday River & Attitash Road Trip

Day 1: Sunday River - Newry, ME

Departed from Lynn, MA at 6:15am. It took about 3hrs to get to Sunday River. Not a bad drive; in daylight, good weather and mostly highway cruising speed. When Sunday River MTB was in it's heyday, I was mountain biking, but my bike and I were more XC oriented. Plus, downhill at that time had a reputation of breaking collarbones from mistiming waterbars. Well, me, my bike and the trails have changed since then. I used to do considerable woods skiing and boarding at The River, so I was curious to see where the MTB trails were located. Turns out, they are in an area we didn't ski or board much. The most time I would spend there was a couple of ego boosting mogul runs down 3D, which was nice because you could do lunch at the mid mountain lodge and not have to endure a cold/wet chair ride.



My favorite official trail has to be Grease Monkey. When you get off the lift you go hard right. It starts with a little drop/roll in off the snowmaking pipe. Then you get a nice stretch of exposed rock where you can playfully throw some hipsters and pops at high speed. For the most part, you can let it rip, no brakes. Then you head into the woods where there are a couple of nice drops. The first is man-made 3-4 footer early in the trail and the second is a natural rock drop similar in size. But both are smooth and work well with the trail flow. There's also plenty of nice little berms that let you make the tight turns with some speed. The trail is long, but you'll enjoy the flow so much there's not much incentive to stop more than once or twice in the fun/flowy trail. Grease Monkey is a good trail for a wide range of people. Nothing is mandatory and you can take it at any speed.

The most encouraging aspect of the SR scene is that Boyne, the new owners, endorse MTB and the people who build and maintain the trails are passionate about their place. Try to hook up with one, like Steve. They'll show you a good time and you can express your appreciation for all hard work they do so you can have fun. Oh and \$27 for a day's worth of fun can't be beat. (www.sundayriver.com)

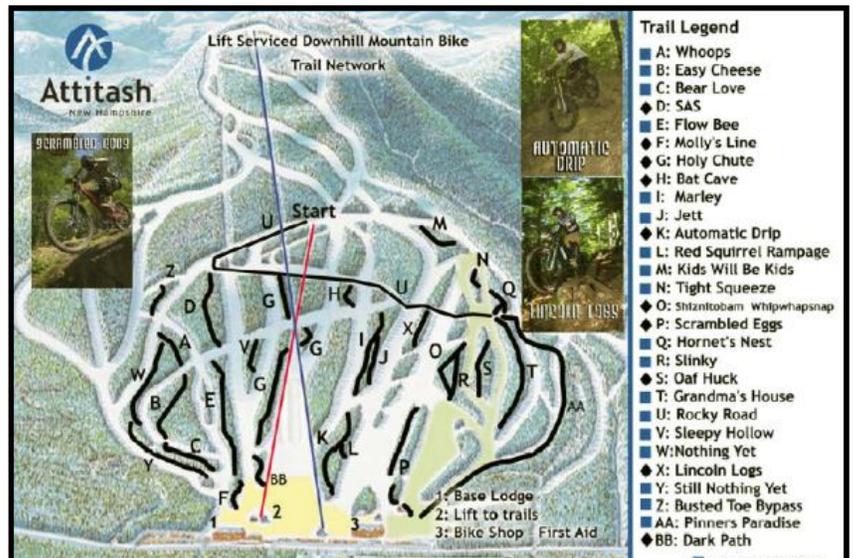
Day 2: Mount Attitash - Bartlett, NH

We stayed the night locally, so most of us still had a hangover fog to burn off during the first couple of runs. My mistake was going too far to the right of the chair and doing Pinner, which cuts in and out of the ski trail, rather than doing the full run of Grandama's House. A great string is to do Kids Will be Kids to Tight Squeeze to Grandma's and then traversing back towards the lift for a couple of nice quick, tight berms which leads to a rock up to a drop and then the big ledge drop which now has a couple of berms below and a final lil' kicker. By the end of the day, I had things dialed in so the run was pretty much in autopilot.

Another great run that can't be missed is Holy Chute, although this is an advanced run that not everyone is going to enjoy. There's plenty of steeps, drops, berms and chutes.

Unfortunately, Attitash does not seem to share the passion for MTB that SR has. Logistically, they have the water park and the alpine slide, so they need to satisfy multiple groups at once and the tone can get a bit militaristic at times. More importantly, a number on trails seem to be neglected and need work. We saw no one working on them, unlike SR, and word was they had no interest in flipping a couple season passes to kids willing to supply cheap and passionate labor. Too bad. It's a good mountain that could be better and I wonder what will happen to the trails I now like.

Story by: Pete "Slab" Slabysz





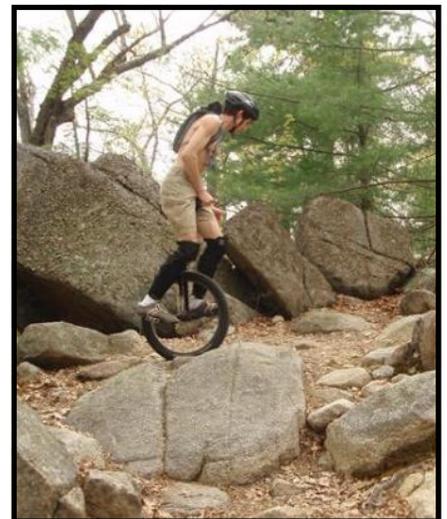
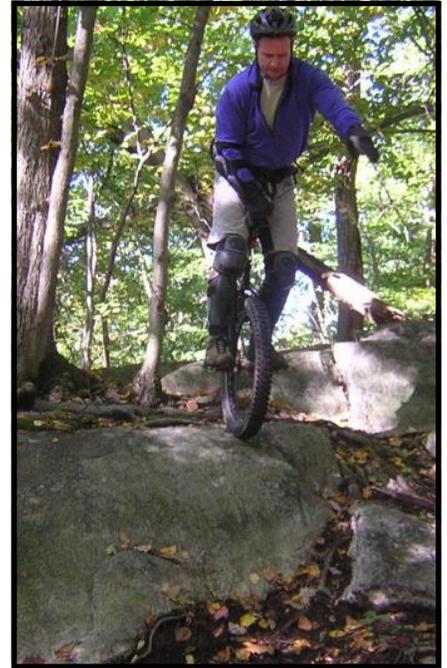
Mountain Uni-Cycles Are Here!

You may have seen them riding around more frequently this summer! Crazy mountain bikers that have gone mad and turned their two wheels in for one. If it wasn't hard enough to ride a mountain bike through the woods jumping tree stumps and rock ledges, these rides are doing it on a Uni-Cycle! Mountain uni is a relative new sport but has been around for at least a decade as a grassroots sport and continues to grow each year. What is mountain uni you may ask? Well it is simple. You have a burly unicycle frame with a mix of downhill, trials and/or BMX components. Then you take this single wheel machine into the woods and freeride. Yes...we said freeride!

Jeff Putnam founder of MountainUni.com has started a New England business teaching, promoting and expanding the sport of mountain unicycling. Jeff has been riding with Dieselbikes for a number of years and has been featured in some of our past movies. Jeff has ridden many local trails like Lynn Woods, B&T's, Fells Reservation and was the first mountain uni-cyclist to ride Highland Mountain in New Hampshire. Jeff has also attended our last two annual D-Day events providing training/practice rides for individuals who are interested in this sport.

With his business in full swing, Jeff has reached a number of local riders and begun forming his own group uni-cycling rides. These guys are a trip to watch and it is amazing the level of control and balance displayed. Some mountain bikers find it difficult to track stand for just a few seconds, well these guys are track standing just about the whole ride as they negotiate and conquer trail obstacles. Dieselbikes plans on featuring this unicycle crew in our upcoming mountain bike movie. Whether it's one wheel or two, the camaraderie and passion for the sport is what matters.

If you are out on the trails ride and come across these guys, feel free to stop, watch and say hello. Jeff and his crew are a friendly group always out having a great time riding. If you are interested in learning more about mountain unicycles and want to give this sport a try, feel free to contact Jeff Putnam any time. Jeff has programs geared for non-unicyclist who want to learn how to ride and/or individuals who have been riding unicycles for years and want to take them off-road into the woods. Jeff can help you with body position, component select and physical/mental preparation. Visit www.mountainuni.com for more information regarding their services and tell them Dieselbikes sent you!





Trail Work Days

2008 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Schedule

Dieselbikes We are only one month away from re-starting trail work for the locations we support. We truly thank the volunteer base that has supported our trail efforts and look forward to this continued support to finish up the season.

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 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](#)

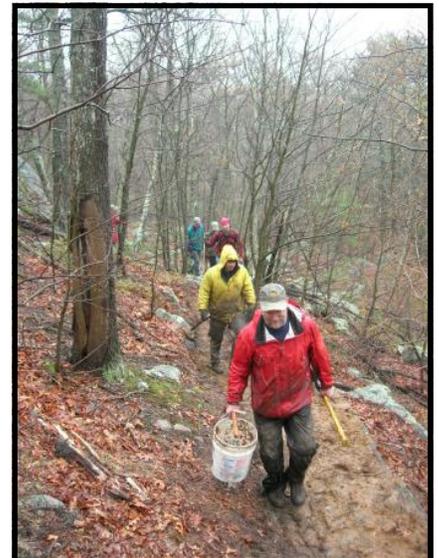
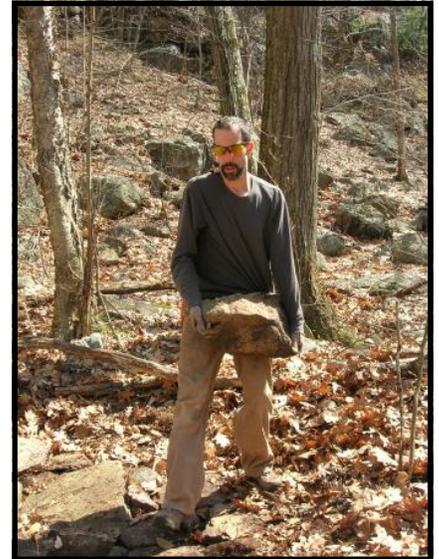
2008 Tompson St Reservation / B&T's Trail Work

Sunday May 14th 2008—RT133 Trail (COMPLETED)

This project is complete— [Click here for post trail write up with photos](#)

Saturday October 4th, 2008:

All support organizations will be meeting in August to finalize the upcoming trail project. We should have trail work details available in next month's newsletter. This trail workday will be in conjunction with NSNEMBA & Sinister Bikes. We will keep you posted once work details are set and approved with Greenbelt land managers.





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!





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 August

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!

- August 16th - [Sunday River Ski Resort](#). Newry, ME
- August 17th - [Mount Attitash](#). Bartlett, NH
- August 9th - [Highland Mountain](#). Northfield, NH
- August 30th - [Highland Mountain](#). Northfield, NH



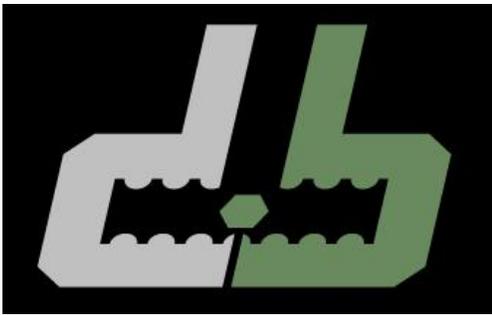
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Who We Are:

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.

