



UP & DOWN NEWSLETTER

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The BUZZ

Dieselbikes presents:

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN MOUNTAIN BIKE FESTIVAL!!!

The Spooktacular Halloween Mountain Bike Festival is just 8 weeks away and we at Dieselbikes are gearing up for this family fun event. What is the Spooktacular Halloween Event? This is a mountain bike social event that allows attendees to participate in a number of different related venues hosted by Dieselbikes and event sponsors. Our goal is to introduce the highlights of the Lynn Woods trail system and provide interactive games that are fun and family orientated. This event will also provide attendees with the potential to ride DEMO bikes, have access to technical information about bike maintenance, local/regional trail maintenance activities/programs along with riding clinics performed by local riders. Sponsoring manufactures, factory reps and local bike shops will be able to showcase their products and/or services one-on-one with attending event participants.

This is a one-day event for mountain bikers of all levels that will include family orientated activities. Event attendees will be able to participate in group rides, biking games and a costume contest. Group rides will be lead by Dieselbikes members and or event sponsors. Event games will be geared to involved sponsors and attendee participation in a competitive contest for prizes. Secondary events such as skill clinics, demo rides, balance beam playground and exhibition shows will be held on and around the main event field. Our plan is to gear this event for all levels of riders and have venues for family members.

Here is the 411:

Date: Saturday October 25th (In the event of sever rain/stormed, make up day is Sunday Oct. 26th).

Location: Lynn Woods Great Woods Entrance.

Event Time: Begins at 9:30am and runs until 4:00pm.

Event Admission: \$5.00 - Includes 1 Raffle Ticket and Event Insurance.

Food & Drink: Food will be provided by Dieselbikes

- **Mountain Uni-Cycle Competition!**
- **MTB Clinics and Contest throughout the event!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

CASH Event: Dieselbikes and/or event sponsors will not have the ability to accept credit cards or debit cards at this time. We can accept CASH and Personal Checks as a method of payment. We apologize for any inconveniency this may cause.

Event Wavier Forms: All attendees are required to sign event wavier 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.

Dieselbikes Group Rides: Group rides will happen throughout the event. Ride leaders and riding levels will be posted during the event.



*Current Event
Sponsors*





Trail Threads

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

It has been another wonderful month in Lynn Woods with no problems reported regarding mountain biking. There has been an increase of rider-ship this past month and we are receiving positive feedback from park management. Having more individuals using Lynn Woods for recreational purposes regardless they are mountain bikers, hikers or dog walkers is better than ruffraff, destructive partying and fires.

This month will be the continuation of Dieselbikes 2008 Trail Maintenance Series. On Sunday September 14th, Dieselbikes will be conducting work on an eroded section of Overlook Trail. This project is phase 2 of the Overlook trail overhaul and our goal is to make this trail more appealing to all park users. The target work area is a complete wash out and park management agreed to move a 250foot section of trail to more stable ground. Click this web link for more information regarding this trail work.

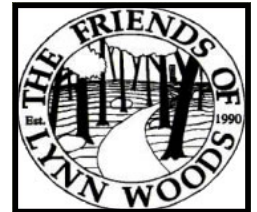
Below is a listing of some recreational activities The Friends of Lynn Woods will be involved with in the coming months.

On going fundraiser – Support The Stone Tower Project. [Click here to view more information.](#)

Saturday October 18th, 11am – 3pm

Dungeon Rock Day - Lynn Woods Reservation Lynn, MA (Penny Brook Parking Lot)

Join the Friends of Lynn Woods as they celebrate the Pirate's tale of Dungeon Rock in Lynn Woods. This event is fun for the whole family with and local volunteers dressed in pirate costumes acting out the pirate's tale. Come on down for the fun, Dieselbikes will be helping out in the acting department! [Click on this link to view the Dungeon Rock Day Flyer](#) published by Lynn Woods Park Management.



www.flw.org

Lynnfield 40B Housing Development: Lynnfield, MA

Another housing develop under construction. Is this call progress? Is this destruction of open space or just better utilization of land? Either case can be argued until your blue in the face. The fact remains a new large-scale development has just popped up near our beloved Lynn Woods. Similar to the Bow Ridge development occurring in 2003, this Lynnfield property will provide housing for a number of occupants and bring it's share of problems for us to handle.

We heard about the City of Lynnfield trying to develop a section of property land-locked by Lynn Woods under a proposed Land Swap Agreement with the City of Lynn back in 2005. You can read about this proposed Land Swap by clicking this link. That proposal was denied by the City of Lynn flushing the request down the toilet.



We all believed this would be the last push by Lynnfield to develop land that threatened the trails of Lynn Woods. Six months ago we got a whiff regarding a new development breaking ground near Lynn Woods. We were worried this development was occurring on the proposed land swap property, but after calling the City of Lynn we were assured it was not. We then called over to the City of Lynnfield building department and were told a development would be constructed on property adjacent to Route 1 North. Not much information on exactly where it was, but at least it is not in the middle of Lynn Woods. Three months ago, trees were cleared and boulders were blasted to make way for a new residential development in a location known as Lynnfield Commons. Again, this is not the same property that was under discussion during the proposed land swap, but it is close enough to the Skulls Trail to get a birds eye view of what soon will be more traffic and problems we will need to deal with...

- [Click on this link for the complete story and more information regarding Chapter 40B Housing.](#)



Trail Threads (continues)

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

Last month members from Dieselbikes and NSNEMBA had a productive meeting with Essex County Greenbelt land managers. A fairly extensive trail walk and discussion regarding the current status of Tompson Street's trail system was the main focus. We are happy to say that Greenbelt is extremely friendly to mountain biking and are looking forward to make Tompson Street better for all non-motorized recreational users. There is still much work to be completed but we are moving forward with a second trail workday scheduled to occur on October 4th.

A comprehensive (draft) trail management proposal was submitted to ECG land managers identifying key components related to recreational trail usage. Dieselbikes is taking a similar approach with ECG as with the City of Lynn to enhance this already great riding spot. With assistance from Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA we feel Tompson Street will become the premiere riding location on the North Shore thus increasing rider ship and reducing ruffraff, destructive partying and motorized traffic.

As always, please remember that Tompson Street and B&T's trail networks 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 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 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.

Below is a listing of some recreational activities ECG will be hosting in the coming months. Visit www.ecga.org for more info.

*Saturday September 27, Noon-4
Greenbelt's Fall Festival at Cox Reservation – Essex, MA*

Join Greenbelt for a day of traditional family fun! Enjoy hayrides, cider pressing, pumpkin decorating, chowder tasting, pony rides, face painting and more! Location: 82 Eastern Avenue, Essex, MA.

*Sunday November 16
Greenbelt's Mountain Bike Ride at Willowdale Meadow – Topsfield, MA*

Mountain bike rides lead by NSNEMBA. Come on down and join us as we explore a new section of conserved land located within the beautiful Willowdale State Forest. The ride will be appropriate for beginner & intermediate bikers. Helmets are required; please bring water and a snack.

Location: Willowdale State Forest – Topsfield, MA

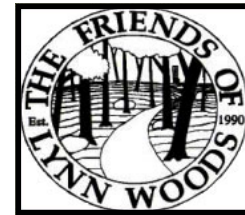
Directions: From Route 1, take the exit for Ipswich Road in Topsfield, heading east. Drive 1.75 miles (if you reach Gravelly Brook Road you have gone too far) parking is on the left.



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www.nemba.org

Trail Work Days

2008 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Schedule

Trail work will resume this month starting with a big project in Lynn Woods. We truly want to thank the volunteer base that has supported our trail efforts and look forward to this continued support.

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—Joint Venture Trail (COMPLETED)

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

Saturday October 4th, 2008:

We will be completing a re-route of an eroded section of trail that is out on the blue trail loop. Additional trail work information will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. This trail workday has been approved by Greenbelt land managers and will be in conjunction with NSNEMBA & Sinister Bikes.





Product Review — Try All Mountain Uni Rims

Can a trials rim be used for aggressive freeriding? Better yet, can a mountain unicycle rim be used for such a similar beat down? In my search for a somewhat bulletproof mountain bike rim, I just may have found the best-kept secret by mistake. If you know me and know how I ride my bike, you will know that I have no finesse when it comes to riding mountain bikes. I am just as bad as Paul "Crashpad" going through components like a case of beer. With that said, my search for the ultimate rim to handle my abuse has gone on for years...but my search may have just ended.

MAG 30s, Doublewides even Mavic Deemaxs (just to name a few) are mountain bike rims I retired in a season's timeframe. These are all great rims and I would not hesitate to purchase them again because I know a ton of riders that use them with no issues. Most likely these rims were retired to the graveyard because of my poor riding skills and not the quality of the rim. In either case I have accepted the fact that I just may need to purchase new rims each season. For 2008, I figured I would try something different and go with a rim that had BLING! Searching the Internet I came across gold anodized rims for a mountain unicycle manufactured by Try All Products. I already had a gold theme for my Goatbike and figured these rims would match perfect.

Well, I shelled out the cash for shipping, handling, import charges and associated taxes to get these rims from Europe to my front door. When it was all set and done, one rim cost me about \$125.00 with our lousy exchange rate. I could have purchased a complete wheel for this price, but I said, "what the hell...at least my bike will look good even after I crash!" I had the rims laced to my gold anodized Hadley hubs with black spokes by JRA Cycles back in April. Once I rolled out with these rims my crew gave me crap on how ghetto my bike looked with these drilled out gold spinners, but all were intrigued how long these rims would really last.

Little about this Try All Rim. These rims are 36 hole 47mm wide (1.85") with a 14mm edge doubled walled weighting in at 675grams (rim only). I am not one for weight savings, but fully built with a Hadley hub, 2.7 Intense EX DH Tire and DH tube (or Gazz 3.0 tire 1935g) a single wheel weights in at just under 9.5lbs. These rims have 34-drilled holes through the double wall allowing you to see the rim tap and tube typical of a trials wheel set. These rims are listed for use on a Mountain Unicycle but can be used for bicycles. The extra wide rim allows the tire's sidewall to stand squarer in relation to the thread as it would on a conventional rim. This permits me to run air pressure as low as 10psi but I typical have kept it around 15-18psi even for downhill. The extra wide rim also helps greatly reduce pinch and/or snake bit flats because the tube is not pinched between the tire thread and rim when you flat the tire on a jump or speed through rock gardens.

The first test ride on these rims was in Lynn Woods on April 19 (opening day). I was extremely pleased with the wheel performance. Even with the wide tire stance and low air pressure, the bike rolled over the trail with much less resistance than having the same tire mounted on a different rim. I attribute this difference due to a stiffer sidewall since the rim is wider allowing a squarer stance. This would be similar to running your tires with 30 to 40psi making the sidewalls stiffer as not to compress during pedaling. But what is one ride...it's meaningless. I will admit I did not think the rims would last, so I purchased a back up rim from a distributor in Canada just incase. After riding multiple times at Sunday River, Attitash, Diablo Freeride, Highland and a host of local riding spots; dropping, hucking and crashing into trees, these rims held up. My poor and sloppy riding style did not compromise the integrity of these rims. Of course, I do check my spokes once per week to ensure everything is tight, cuz if you do not, bad things happen and I learned the hard way...that is another story.

- [Click on this link for the complete product review.](#)





2008 EVENTS LIST



We are less than 8 weeks away from our Spooktacular Mountain Bike Festival. October will bring our first ever Halloween event and we are looking forward to see the cast of characters that will be attending this event. Get ready for a fun time and make sure to have

Up Coming Event!

**The "Spookbikecular" Halloween Festival (Lynn Woods, MA)
Saturday October 25, 2008 – 9:30am-4:00pm**

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!



Help Support Dieselbikes!

Just as a number of other local groups, we strive to make our trails better and sustainable for future generations. Regardless of our efforts, we cannot do it alone. We depend on help from the local community to assist us in any capacity. Whether this is volunteering for a trail day, event or purchasing our active apparel, every dollar and work hour counts.

Dieselbikes does not offer club membership, but our mountain bike apparel and movies is the perfect way to show your support for our club's efforts to support Lynn Woods, Tompson Street and other local trail networks. As always, a portion of your purchase goes to support the club as well our trail maintenance and event efforts. We are committed to expanding mountain biking throughout New England and your support helps us accomplish this effort. Grab a shirt today and help spread the word!





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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.

