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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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MUNI ARE ON THE TRAILS!

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THE BUZZ

Spring is here and we are kicking off the month of April with trail work, group rides and some big event announcements. With only 15 days left before the majority of City and State Parks open to mountain biking, we are in the final stages of preparation for making 2009 a banner year for the community. The season kicks off with a trail work day in the Salem Woods on Saturday April 4th followed by the 4th Annual Lynn Woods Opening Group Ride on Saturday April 18th. The next three months will be packed with more trail projects, bigger group rides and our 3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike Expo! Mark your calendars for Saturday June 13th and plan on joining us at this growing event.

This year we are pleased to announce that among our sponsors we will have 7-time National Trials Champion Mike Steidley performing his Trials Stunt Show, presented by Kenda Tire & Haro Bicycles, plus MountainUni.com returns kicking off the first 2009 Muni competition. More information about our event is on page 7 of this newsletter and on our website.

TRAIL THREADS

Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

April 15th is just around the corner and this means Lynn Woods will officially open for another great season of mountain biking fun. Once again we will be kicking off the biking season with our 4th Annual Lynn Woods Group Ride. Dieselbikes and fellow riders will meet at the Ballfield Parking lot located at 78 Great Woods Road. Meeting time is between 9:00-9:20am. We'll be hitting the trails at 9:30. The ride will cover some of the best trails including: Espresso, Sharks Tooth and the Figure 8 loop. This is always a great time and perfect for anyone who is unfamiliar with the trail network.

We have been out inspecting the trails getting ready for our first trail work day happening on Sunday April 26th. Even though we had a long, harsh winter, it appears the trails on the north side have held up well with no issues to report. In speaking with the Park Ranger last month, it seems this has been another successful year where the majority of mountain bikers have respected the closure period. Obviously with the snow gone and warmer weather here, there have been a number of bike tracks starting to appear; however they are mostly on Bow Ridge and towards the far north near Lynnfield.

Since the riding season is here, grab yourself a copy of our 2009 Lynn Woods Mountain Biker Map. This is not an official City of Lynn or Park's Department map, but a useful reference for identifying trail names and points of interest for mountain bikers. You can view or download this reference map from our website, or by [clicking this link](#).

Tompson St. Reservation (TSR) / Bruce & Tom's (B&T's): Gloucester, MA

We are happy to announce the first ever Tompson Street Reservation Trail Maintenance Series. It has taken a ton of work in the past few years to reach this point, but we are happy to have gained approval from the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) to move forward with this trail series.

The 2009 Tompson Trail Maintenance Series is presented by ECGA, Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes and NSNEMBA. We have four planned trail maintenance days occurring this season, all are geared to making Tompson Street. and portions known as Bruce & Tom's more sustainable for long-term mountain bike use. This is just the beginning of 20+ projects on the table all designed to increase the fun factor of the trail network while remaining within the conservation restrictions set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Get ready for an exciting season of trail work and riding at this great location.

Over the next few months we will work with ECGA to address trail names and network identification points. At this point there is no specific mountain bike trail map available; however ECGA has created and posted a trail map on their website that provides a great representation of the current trail network. You can view or download a copy of this map by clicking on this link.

Trail Network Disclaimer –

As always, please remember 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) but may not be allowed on 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 illegal, please do not change anything. Report it to [Dieselbikes](#), [Sinister Bikes](#) and or [NSNEMBA](#). We have plenty of members that ride this location and will resolve such matters to reduce any potential conflicts. There will be continuing efforts to make the network better and this will take some time to accomplish with proper land manager approval



ECGA.org

TRAIL THREADS [CONTINUE]

Salem Woods: Salem, MA

Just a few days away: the Friends of Salem Woods will be holding their first trail maintenance day in Salem Woods. Dieselbikes has committed a few of its members to help out and we are excited to work side by side with other advocacy groups.

The City of Salem in conjunction with the [Friends of Salem Woods](#) applied for and received a State Trail Improvements Grant totaling \$6,560. An estimated 30 trail work volunteers are needed on April 4, 2009, at 9:30 AM to begin Phase 1 of this trail rehabilitation project. This grant has been used to purchase materials to restore approximately 500 feet of existing trail by elevating the trail closer to its historic height and reduce the “mudding” from standing water.

Volunteers are needed for 4-5 hours, 16 years and older please, food will be provided. Friends of Salem Woods are coordinating the trail improvements. Construction will start on Saturday April 4th at 9:30 AM and volunteers are to meet at the entrance to Salem Woods. Rain date will be on Saturday April 11th, also at 9:30 AM. Please contact Mike Salerno (trail work coordinator) at 978-741-1933 if you are interested in volunteering.

LOCATION: Salem Greens Golf Coarse, next to Salem High School, on Wilson Rd, Salem

HELP SUPPORT DIESELBIKES!

As with a number of other local groups, Dieselbikes strives to improve our trails and make them sustainable for future generations of mountain bikers. We cannot do it alone though; we depend on help from the local community to assist us in any capacity. Please consider volunteering for a trail day, coming to an event, or purchasing our active apparel; every dollar and work hour counts!

Dieselbikes does not offer open club membership at this time, but you can support our efforts by picking up one of these FREE Dieselbikes Trail Advocate Stickers available at local participating bike shops. These stickers help promote our cause and help spread the word about our growing organization & its dedication to maintaining our trails. Visit any of these participating bike shops, grab yourself a sticker (while supplies last) and help spread the word!

[Western Cycles](#) - Danvers, MA

[JRA Cycles](#) – Medford, MA

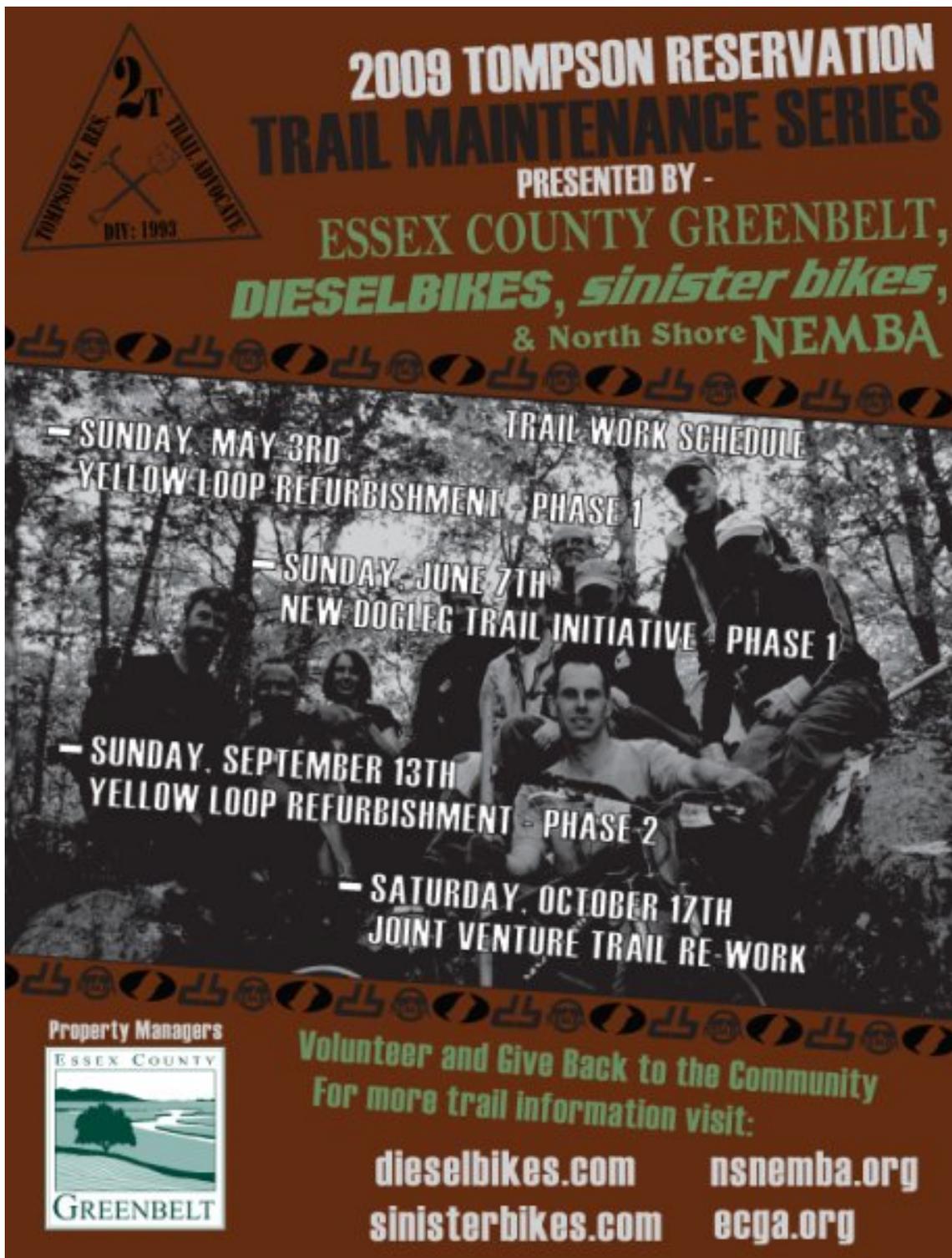
[Cycle Loft](#) – Burlington, MA

[Wheelworks](#) – Belmont, MA



PICK & SHOVEL REPORT

Tompson Reservation Trail Maintenance dates are set and the projects are ready to go. Be on the look out for the 2009 Trail Work Series poster at your local bike shop.



2009 TOMPSON RESERVATION TRAIL MAINTENANCE SERIES
 PRESENTED BY -
ESSEX COUNTY GREENBELT, DIESELBIKES, *sinister bikes*, & North Shore NEMBA

TRAIL WORK SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY, MAY 3RD
YELLOW LOOP REFURBISHMENT - PHASE 1
- SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
NEW DOGLEG TRAIL INITIATIVE - PHASE 1
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
YELLOW LOOP REFURBISHMENT - PHASE 2
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
JOINT VENTURE TRAIL RE-WORK

Property Managers
ESSEX COUNTY GREENBELT

Volunteer and Give Back to the Community
 For more trail information visit:

dieselbikes.com nsnemba.org
sinisterbikes.com ecga.org

IN THE NEWS

MUnis Kick off the Riding Season

Few weekends ago Dieselbikes tagged along with MountainUni.com for the first season's trail ride on mountain unicycles. Yup, we said it, unicycles! These are not your ordinary run of the mill unicycles; in fact they are very similar to mountain bikes, except have only one wheel.

Mountain Unicycles or MUni(s) for short are well built unicycles that use many components found on mountain and or BMX bikes. Wide rims, big tires and steel cranks - they are built to handle just about anything the rider can throw at it.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)

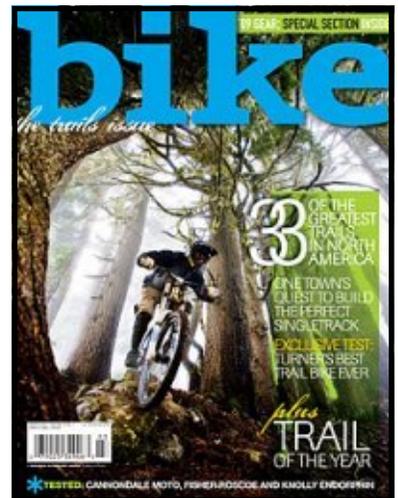


Lynn Woods "Best Technical Trail" - An Article by Bike Magazine

During last fall, a few members of Bike Magazine were out riding Lynn Woods; among other trails in New England for their recently published article, "33 of the Best Trail in America" found in the February Issue of Bike Magazine.

Well it appears Lynn Woods has grabbed the titled of Best Technical Trail by the editors at Bike Magazine. We are delighted Lynn grabbed this choice beating out some better known trails in the United States and Canada listed in their article.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)



City Endorses Bike Trails

AUGUSTA, ME

Mountain bikers could be rolling through the woods around Bond Brook by the start of summer, thanks to a council vote Thursday to endorse the creation of riding trails on about 260 acres of city-owned land. The problem is, ATV riders and snowmobilers are already there, illegally.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)



IN THE NEWS [CONTINUE]

The Most Terrifying Mountain Bike Trail on Earth

Last Dawn was breaking. The wheels of the bike crunched over the shale-covered surface of the path as the wind swirled beyond the overhanging ledge. Conditions were far from ideal: damp, misty and with more than the hangover of a storm in the air, they left little margin for error – an error that equated to a sheer 600 foot drop down to the waiting rocks and waves of the Atlantic. The riders had ventured out not knowing fully what to expect, but it was too late to turn back now.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)



SRAM Cycling Fund Will Help Launch IMBA Europe

The SRAM Cycling Fund has announced a \$40,000 contribution to the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) to launch the formation of IMBA Europe. SRAM's contribution will firmly establish a united Pan-European effort for mountain bike advocacy & sustainable trail development.

[Click here to read the complete article](#)



THE DB COMMUNITY

Dieselbikes is now entering its fifth year of operation and we are happy to be a part of the New England riding community. As we grow so do the number of riders with whom we are in contact. That said, we have decided to utilize the following online social network sites to better maintain communication with fellow riders while continuing to expanding our reach.

If you participate in any of these Internet communities, please feel free to become a “Friend” of Dieselbikes. This will allow us to stay in touch, hear your thoughts & suggestions & incorporate some of your great ideas into upcoming events, trail days, plans and everything else we do!

Also, thanks to the power of the internet, you don't have to be in New England to be a part of the Dieselbikes family!

DB - [Myspace Page](#)



DB - [Facebook Page](#)

DB - [YouTube Page](#)



DB - [BlogSpot Page](#)

DIESELBIKES EVENTS



We are working diligently to make 2009 a banner year for DB Events. This year we are proud to announce plans for two Lynn Woods events, expanded trail maintenance programs and the possibility of introducing a group ride series parks tour. We are working to bring our riding community closer together. Below is a list of our current schedule of events. Please feel free to view more information on our website by clicking the links below.

3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike EXPO [Lynn Woods, MA] Saturday, June 13th 9:30am ~ 4:00pm

The D-DAY Expo will showcase the latest products, technologies and services in the fast growing world of mountain biking! Our goal is to celebrate mountain biking in a fun and friendly outdoor atmosphere while generating funds to support trail maintenance programs in Lynn Woods.

Demo bikes, displays of the latest equipment, apparel and accessories will all be available. Speak directly to factory and local business representatives about their products and services, participate in contests, group rides and watch professional demonstrations over the course of the day. The D-DAY EXPO offers something for everyone, from children, to experienced riders to the curious. Come on down & bring your friends & family!

2nd Annual Spookbikecular Halloween Mountain Bike Festival [Lynn Woods, MA] Saturday, October 31st 9:30am ~ 4:00pm

The Spookbikecular Halloween Festival is a mountain bike social event that allows attendees to participate in a number of different, related activities hosted by Dieselbikes and event sponsors. We'll be introducing the highlights of the Lynn Woods trail system and providing fun, interactive games for everyone, even non-bikers! This is an end of the season celebration of Lynn Woods and a great chance to ride the trails with the regulars that know them.

Demo bikes, skills clinics and a bicycle-flea market are just some of the offerings for attendees to enjoy. This is a family oriented, fun event and is in its second year; more information will become available in Mid August.

2009 Lynn Woods Trail Maintenance Series

There are four large trail projects that have been approved by Park Management for 2009. We need your help to complete them. The dates are below. More information is available on the [website](#).

Project # 1: Sunday April, 26th
Project # 3: Saturday September 12th

Project # 2: Saturday May 16th
Project # 4: Sunday October 11th

2009 Tompson Street Trail Maintenance Series

There are four large trail projects that have been approved by the Essex County Greenbelt Association in 2009. We will need your help to complete them. The dates are below, more information is on our [website](#).

Project # 1: Sunday May, 03rd
Project # 3: Sunday September 13th

Project # 2: Sunday, June 7th
Project # 4: Saturday October 17th

NE MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

Listing our own events is an obvious section for the DB newsletter, but we believe there are plenty of other mountain bike events that occur throughout New England. We have created a short list events that will be taking place in April. You can find a continuation of this list on our website under the [Events Calendar](#).

Bike Night 2009 - Presented by MassBike. April 18th, 2009
For more information, please visit www.massbike.org

Fells Opening Day - Presented by Greater Boston NEMBA. April 04th, 2009.
For more information, please visit www.gbnemba.org

Rock to Rock - Presented by Common Grounds & others. April 25th, 2009
For more information, please visit www.rocktorock.org

Fat Tire Classic—Presented by Winding Trail. April 26th, 2009
From more information, please visit www.windingtrails.org



Dieselbikes is not the only mountain bike riding and advocacy group in New England. There are plenty of others and all these organizations make up our riding community. Each of these organizations performs a specific bicycling-related function in the community.

We at Dieselbikes encourage our patrons to broaden their scope and inform themselves about these other organizations. One single advocacy organization cannot solve all the problems our sport faces in today's society. Together as a community of organizations and fellow riders, we can maintain and expand this great sport ONE TRAIL and ONE BIKE at a time!

Here is a short list of interesting bicycle related websites that provide interesting information. These links may change with each monthly newsletter publication, but we will be keeping them cataloged on the website going forward. If you have a mountain bike website that you feel is important to the community, please send us an e-mail: riders.community@dieselbikes.com

Local / Regional Bike Forums

www.bustedspoke.com
www.ragemtb.com
www.mtbr.com

New England Advocacy Groups

www.nemba.org
www.ne-bra.org
www.vmba.org
www.rocktorock.org

National Advocacy Groups

www.imba.org
www.railstotrails.org
www.bikesgolong.org

2009 SPONSOR SHOUT-OUTS

Local, regional and corporate sponsorship is one of many important factors that lead to the success of our efforts. Their contributions may involve supporting trail work programs, sponsoring events, assist in marketing efforts, donate products or services and help spread the word about our organization. For this, we want to say THANK YOU!

The following organizations are supporting Dieselbikes efforts for 2009. We ask when ever possible to support these organizations in their efforts; not because they are supporting us but because they are supporting our trails.



Sinister Bikes
Gloucester, MA



JRA Cycles
Medford, MA



MountainUNI
Danvers, MA



Kenda Tire & Tube
Reynoldsburg, OH



Back Bay Bicycles
Boston, MA



Tri-Hard Sport Coaching
Holliston, MA



ODI Grips
Riverside, CA



Wheelworks
Belmont, MA



Monster Energy
Boston, MA



Ski Market
Danvers, MA



NSNEMBA
North Andover, MA



Starbucks Coffee
Woburn, MA

DB GROUP RIDES

We are a simple group of mountain bikers with average riding skills who like to ride with anyone who loves this sport. Whether you are just a beginner or a pro racer, it does not matter; you are more than welcome to join our group rides.

With spring upon us, our weekly group rides will start on April 18th and run until mid November. During this time, we try to ride a number of different trails throughout New England as well as taking occasional day or weekend trips to the mountains.

Beginning April 21st, our Tuesday Night Rides (TNR) in Lynn Woods return for another season. This is a 2+ hour ride that breaks up the work week with a post ride gathering in the Naked Fish for refreshments.

As of April 25th, our weekend group rides will begin again. These rides typically occur both Saturday and Sunday with different locations depending on the club's schedule and weather conditions. Weekend rides can last 3-4 hours and offer plenty of fun and group camaraderie.

None of our group rides are fast paced. We're also not out to cover as much ground as possible. We are out to have fun and we ride at the group's pace. We ride technical trails and love to challenge our own skill sets. Anyone can join us to ride, watch or partake in the technical challenges our great New England trails offer.

If you would like to ride with Dieselbikes and want to know where and when we are riding, please feel free to sign up for our group ride e-mail notice. You can simply do this by sending us an e-mail to the following address below. Just provide your name and let us know you want to receive our weekly group ride e-mail notices.

dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com - Weekly group ride e-mails start on April 23rd and run until Mid November. Ride e-mails are usually sent out & scheduled two days in before the weekend ride.



Who We Are:

We are just a group of riders who started a riding club 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.



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