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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



BILL WARD
D-Day High-Jump Contest Winner!

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THE BUZZ

The past few months have been busy for Dieselbikes. With the completion of four trail work days spanning between Lynn Woods (2) and Tompson Reservations (2), plus the success of D-Day last month, we are moving forward with other community plans. With the summer months upon us, Dieselbikes will be hosting tons of group rides at different locations throughout New England. Sunday River, Kingdom Trails and Trumbull are just a few places we plan on riding this season in addition to our local area rides.

We are happy to announce that PROJECT 51 has moved one step closer to completion. This is one of the biggest mountain bike projects we have been working for the past 2 years. We are in the final leg of having this project approved for the community. What is PROJECT 51? We can not tell you at this time, but once it is approved, the riding community will be the first to know!

DAY MOUNTAIN BIKE EXPO ~ *POST EVENT RECAP*

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The event opened to the public at 9:30am with the first group ride of the day-for advanced riders led by our own Pete Slabysz at 10:00am. This first ride drew over 20 participants and covered many well known (to the mountain bike community) trails including Shark's Tooth, Espresso and Pow-Wow.

Group rides were in high demand during the morning hours. There were four scheduled group rides of varying levels, as well as a number of 15 minute demo rides throughout the course of the day. Two additional trail group rides were added due to popular demand. The afternoon session of games and trials show commenced at 1:00pm at which point the ball field was still overrun with attendees!

[Click here to read the full story and see event pictures and video.](#)



PICK & SHOVEL REPORT

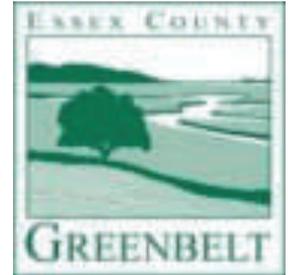
Tompson Reservation (TSR) / Bruce & Tom's (B&T's): Gloucester, MA

On Sunday June 07 the second 2009 Tompson Reservation trail project was completed. It was a perfect day for trail work and we had a good turn-out of volunteers to help complete this project. Our goal was to refurbish a section of trail locator near the old barn drop and move it to more sustainable ground making it fun for all. We are happy to say that 100% of this trail project was completed.

A section of the yellow trail that passes through the ramp-o-rama playground area works its way down a hillside toward the old (now gone) barn drop. As the original trail passes near the barn drop running through a low-lying area that became flooded with sections staying wet most of the season.

We focused on closing the low-lying section of trail and cut a new more sustainable line that runs on higher ground. This new trail connector begins at the base of the old barn drop and connects to the end of the new trail cut last October 2008 (trail day link). The new trail contains a small skinny bridge to cross a stream, multiple rock rollers and plenty of other technical features that any level of riders will enjoy.

This was a good size trail project and a combined effort between Essex County Greenbelt, Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes and North Shore NEMBA. I want to extend my personal thanks to each individual that helped complete this project. The amount of work completed by the volunteers was backbreaking. I look forward to see everyone again in future trail builds and or maintenance projects.



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SPECIAL REPORT

Looking for some local supporters

Being born and raised in New England, I have a great appreciation for this area of the country. Although its a love/hate relationship, many of us realize at one time or another how much New England has to offer. We all have traveled to other parts of the country and realized we have some of the best mountain biking terrain, parks, mountains, and trail systems.

I have been riding all my life and just recently it has become somewhat of an obsession. From dropping over \$2500.00 for a new rig, blowing off work to head up to Highland Mountain, building stunts in my backyard or ripping the local single track after work. At some point we all realize how much work goes into this sport.

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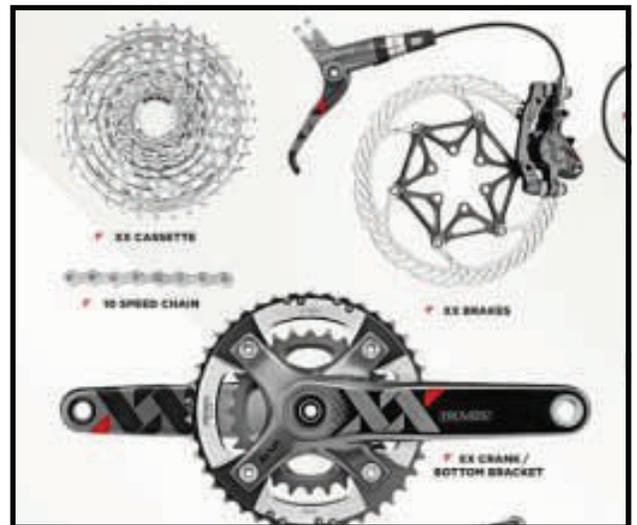
SRAM XX Product Launch

It's official. SRAM launched their new 2x10 mountain bike component group named SRAM XX. This 10 speed mountain bike group is targeted towards the racing elite as they continue the quest for that top podium spot. With the release of this component group from SRAM, the question remains...

Is there room in the mountain biking industry for a 10 speed setup?

We have already seen a move to 10 speed in the road biking world. Some would argue that 10 speed component groups, even in road biking, is un-needed. How many gears do you actually need? When you introduce an additional gear on the cassette of a bike, you have to space the cogs closer together and use a thinner chain to fit everything in a tight space. The nay-sayers are going to tell you that this creates an unsavory situation that will cause more mis-shifts and component issues as there is less room for mud and road dirt and less give room for adjustment issues.

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IN THE NEWS

Forest to host World Mountain Bike Event

New ELITE cyclists will be put through their paces amid the trees and trails of an 8,600- acre forest next year, when the world mountain bike championships come to the region.

More than 500 bikers and 10,000 spectators are expected to attend the event at Dalby Forest, near Pickering, North Yorkshire, next April.

The announcement was made yesterday by the International Cycling Union, the world cycling's governing body...

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Windham, NY will host a UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Finals in 2010!

Windham Resort, a small ski area located 140 miles north of New York City, will host the final round of the 2010 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup on August 28-29. The race will include the big three of World Cup racing: cross-country, downhill and Four-cross. The event marks the first mountain bike World Cup to be held on American soil since 2005, when Angel Fire resort in New Mexico hosted a round of off-road racing's premier series.

"We are super excited. This is a step in the right direction for American mountain biking," said Marc Gullickson, USA Cycling's director of mountain bike development. "It's about time."

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World Mountain Biking Summit selects Augusta, GA.

The news that Augusta will play host to the 2010 International Mountain Bicycling Association World Summit was met by the local bicycling community with something similar to a Christmas morning celebration.

"It's huge. I never thought Augusta could get something this big," local mountain biking enthusiast Andy Jordan said. "It puts a spotlight on the trail system here, and..."

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IN THE NEWS [CONTINUE]

Bike every mountain, avoid any tree!

Thrill seeker...Not a phrase I'd expect to hear at my eulogy (assuming I could, in fact, hear anything at that point).

It's not that I'm anti-thrill - or that I even "accidentally" avoid thrills by, say, lying about pre-existing plans I have elsewhere (that, uh, I just can't get out of).

I simply have a lower thrill threshold. You launch yourself from an airplane - I'll chase wild turkeys on Mackworth Island. Everyone's happy...

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Sunday River Turns Staycation Into Playcation with Opening of Mountain Bike Park and Summer Activity Calendar!

New this summer, Sunday River introduces the Chondola for scenic rides and mountain bike transport, as well as six new miles of mountain bike terrain for beginners and intermediates.

Sunday River officially shifts gears into summer with the opening of the Sunday River Mountain Bike Park and start of the resort's summer activity calendar set for this Friday, June 26...

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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. With the success of our D-Day Mountain Bike Expo and the upcoming Halloween event in October, we are working to bring our riding community closer together. Below is a list of upcoming events. Please feel free to view more information on our website by clicking the links below.

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: **Complete**

Project # 3: Saturday September 12th

Project # 2: **Complete**

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: **Complete**

Project # 3: Sunday September 13th

Project # 2: **Complete**

Project # 4: Saturday October 17th

POST EVENT REVIEW

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NE MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

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

21st Annual Maine Bike Rally – Presented by Bicycle Coalition of Maine, July 10-12
For more information, please visit www.bikemaine.org/mainebikerally/index.html

Kona/Fox MTB Adventure Series at Wendell State Forest – Presented by NEMBA, July 12
For more information, please visit www.mtbadventureseries.org

Highland Claymore Challenge – Presented by Highland Mountain Bike Park, July 17-18
For more information, please visit www.highlandmountain.com

Highland Women's Camp – Presented by Highland Mountain Bike Park, July 25-26
From more information, please visit www.highlandmountain.com

Teen Mountain Bike Adventure Week – Presented by Back Country Excursions, July 27 – Aug. 1
From more information, please visit www.bikebackcountry.com



DB PRODUCT & TRAIL FUNDRAISING

At Dieselbikes we want to stress the importance of supporting your local trail network. Many of us take for granted the trails we ride and the impact we have on those trails as a group. Regardless of whether you ride locally, or travel to ride in other places, the fact remains that mountain bike trails do not take care of themselves. Many individuals, groups and official organizations throughout New England repair trail damage caused by you, the single rider.

In today's society, supporting your local trail has become more important than ever. With declining or minimal park budgets, land development contracts and the perception that our recreational sport destroys the environment, 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 pretty easy task to accomplish in two simple ways: first, volunteer for as many local and regional trail days as you can; second, if you cannot volunteer, donate money to responsible organizations that help maintain our trails. It is that simple! Without your support bike trails will disappear forever.

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. Riders under 18 must be present with a parent or guardian and speak with the ride leader before the group ride begins.

With the riding season in full swing, our weekly and weekend group rides will 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.

TNR - Tuesday Night Rides in Lynn Woods

Dieselbikes' Tuesday Night Rides are going strong in their 3rd season with new faces just about every week. Meeting time is between 5:45pm and 6:00pm at Lucille's Fine Chicken parking lot (215 Broadway (Route 1), Lynnfield, MA, 01940). This is a two hour ride that occurs every Tuesday night and breaks up the work week with a post ride gathering in Lucille's Fine Chicken for refreshments. All levels are welcome and NO ONE is left behind!



TNR² – Thursday Night Rides in Lynn Woods

Dieselbikes' Thursday Night Rides are in their 2nd season. Meeting time is between 5:45pm and 6:00pm at the Ballfield Parking lot, Great Woods Entrance (78 Great Woods Road Lynn, MA 01904). This is a 90 minute cardio ride with limited technical challenge, but is a great endurance builder. All levels are welcome and NO ONE is left behind!



Weekend Sessions

These group 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 these weekend sessions 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 before the upcoming weekend ride.

New England Mountain Bike Club

DIESELBIKES

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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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