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## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



### WHAT ARE THE SINISTER BOYS DOING?

PHOTO LEFT TO RIGHT: R.J, SASHA, BRUCE  
LOCATION: HIGHLAND MOUNTAIN PARKING LOT

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## THE BUZZ

We are happy to announce that PROJECT 51 has moved one step closer to becoming a reality. This is one of the biggest mountain bike projects Dieselbikes has worked on in the last 2 years. We hope it does not take another 2 years for full approval; and you can rest assured we will work diligently to make this project happen. What is PROJECT 51 and why is it such a secret? Letting the cat out of the bag before we have approval could do more harm than good. What we can say is that something big is cooking for the mountain bike community on the north shore and we can't wait to let you in on the deal.

Just 30 days to go before we commence group trail work again and get the ball rolling on planning the second annual Lynn Woods mountain bike event of the year. We are also working on putting together some additional smaller sized group events and we'll keep you informed as they fall into place. For now check out our fall trail maintenance schedule and get ready for an expanded Halloween event in October.

## TRAIL THREADS

### Lynn Woods (LYW): Lynn, MA

Well it was fun while it lasted! Unfortunately we are sad to report that Lucille's Fine Chicken Restaurant on Route 1 North in Lynnfield has closed. Or as they say in the industry...OUT OF BUSINESS! Lucille's was playing host to Dieselbikes Tuesday night group rides by allowing us to play a mountain bike movie at the bar after our ride.

This was fun for all that participated and we are extremely sad they had to close. As of last Tuesday, there were no signs posted stating the lot is off limits so we will still be parking at that location until further notice. We are attempting to contact the restaurant owner who is also the land owner to see what the future may hold.



If you're riding in Lynn Woods, be on the look out for some large fallen trees across the trail. The park ranger has been notified and will be out in a week or two to remove them from the trail. We ask that you just walk your bike around them for the mean time and not to cut a braid; the trees will be removed. There are currently two trees down on the north side of Lynn Woods near Lynnfield and one additional tree located on the south side near under cliff trail.

### Sunday River Bike Park (SRBP): Newry, ME

We had a good size crew visit Sunday River Bike Park this past month and boy is that place fun! If you are a gravity rider, then you need to visit this place at least once this season. Steve Boulanger, his staff and a host of volunteers have been working as much as possible to recondition the trails and add some new features. This season has been tough with all the rain New England has received. The day we rode the weather was sunny however the trails were still wet and slimy...but that just makes it more fun and added another level of technical challenge.



This year Sunday River is utilizing the newly installed Chondola that takes you directly to the north peak quickly rather than previous years of using two chairlifts or stopping short of the base lodge to head back up. The Chondola is a great addition however we heard complaining regarding the current method of bike loading. All we can say, management will be working on a better method to get the bikers up the mountain fast in the future, but overall, this is still much better than previous years.

Dieselbikes will be heading back to Sunday River during the month of August (mid August timeframe) to ride the mountain, feel free to join our group for a day of gravity riding! You can find the Sunday River ride date on our website under the [group ride section](#), or you can sign up for our weekend [group ride e-mail list](#) that will tell you where and when Dieselbikes is riding!

## TRAIL THREADS [CONTINUE]

### Highland Mountain Bike Park (HMBP): Northfield, NH

We need to give a huge shout-out to Mark Hayes and his crew at Highland Mountain for creating a well balanced mountain bike park that has something for all levels. Dieselbikes has been riding Highland since it opened to the public and every year it gets bigger and better! New beginner trails, additional jump lines, stunts, pumptracks - you name it, Highland probably has it!



This past month was Highland's Second Annual Claymore Slopestyle Challenge! Top riders such as Paul Basagoitia, Aaron Chase, Eric Porter, Dave Smutok and many more converged on Highland to compete for the first place prize of \$5,000! These riders pulled off tricks that defied gravity and some appeared to defy physics. All the riders who competed were impressive to watch with Brandon Semenuk of Canada taking home first place and the \$5k purse.

Check out the excellent post-event review and pictures by the boys at [DerailedOnline.com](http://DerailedOnline.com) by [clicking on this link](#). You can also watch the winning runs of Brandon Semenuk (#1), Greg Watts (#2) and Paul Basagoitia (#3) produced by DH Production LLC on our website by [clicking on this link](#).

## 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. Dieselbikes maintains an online presence on a number of social network sites, find us, friend us and follow us where ever it is most convenient for you!

We love to hear what you think, so tell us. Start a discussion thread, ask a question, tell us about a recent ride...whatever it is, we want to hear it, who knows, we might even incorporate some of your great ideas into upcoming events, trail days, plans and all the other things 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!

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# THE TEST REPORT

From time to time, bicycle industry representatives ask Dieselmikes to test and provide feedback on the quality & performance characteristics of their products. Other times we purchase products and perform our own un-biased reviews. In both cases we publish our findings to the community unless otherwise specified by the manufacture.

Product reviews published by Dieselmikes are written to reflect facts but may contain opinions and statements that you may disagree with. We recommend that you always seek out additional third-party reviews or contact the manufacturer for more information on a specific product.

## Telonix 26x2.60 Hans Rey's Signature Series Kenda Tire

### Off the Shelf

The Telonix tire I purchased is the wire bead version with 2-ply sidewall construction and Kenda's "STICK-E" compound (P/N 212377). It can be used as either a front or back tire, has a specific rotational direction, and is available in a smaller 26x2.40 size wire bead or 26x2.40 & 2.20 folding bead versions.

Grabbing the tire right off the shelf you notice its aggressive thread pattern and physical weight, around 1508 grams [3.32lbs]. There is a ton of rubber on this tire and Kenda gives a varying weight ratio of +/-85 grams. I know many riders that are concerned with the physical weight of bicycle components, but I personally do not care as long as the product performs to the manufacturer's claims.



The tire's thread is one of the most aggressive patterns I have seen on a mountain bike tire. Large pronounced center knobs broken down into two staggered positions that reach out towards the mid-point of the tire's crown. The side knobs are also pronounced with a square "H" type shape that is also in a staggered pattern. Right off the bat this is not going to be a fast rolling tire, rather the claim to fame for this tire is its insane traction on varying trail conditions and terrain.

### The Manufacture's Claim

Kenda claims the following, as quoted from their website: "...Given the scope of this race and the varying terrain Hans rides, a versatile tire is needed. One that can go uphill just as fast as downhill. The Telonix is just that. Taller and longer center knobs provide uphill grip and soft gradual ramp at the front provides downhill speed. The "H" shaped side knobs not only provide aggressive cornering bite, but also pay homage to the man himself. Its an all-round tire that works for all styles of riding, depending on the size of the tire and its compound it can be used for XC, Downhill, Freeride and Trials and everything in between."

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## IN THE NEWS

### Freeride Entertainment & Highland Mountain Announcement!

New The East Coast's most progressive bike park and mountain biking's most successful production company have joined forces for the production of NWD 10 "Dust & Bones."

"Being on the brink of the 10th film in the NWD series is monumental for us. We are super stoked to have Highland Mountain Bike Park to add to our world class group of sponsors." says Derek Westerlund Freeride Entertainment's founder...

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### Attitash Ski Resort Offers Miles of Diverse Mountain Biking

New Hampshire's Attitash Ski Resort in Barlett offers miles of mountain biking trails ranging from serene jaunts along a river bank to the downhill rush of lift-serviced singletrack.

Families and those just beginning to discover the fun of biking through the woods will especially enjoy the Thorne Pond Trail System with 12 miles of easy to moderate terrain along the scenic Saco River. Attitash's lift-serviced trail network is for bikers looking for more challenging terrain...

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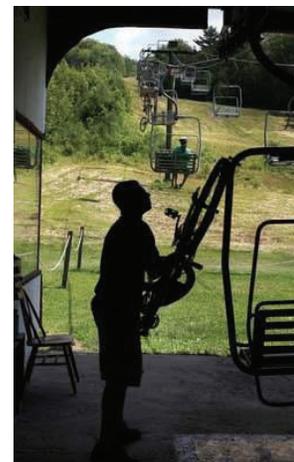


### Mountain Biking Reaches New Heights

The idea of mountain biking may stir your inner adventurer with images of rocky, rutted terrain and mud-spattered calves. But if you choose Waterville Valley for said adventure, you ought to know that your first challenge will arise before you enter the bike rental shop.

The little town square, with its brick courtyard and white, clapboard buildings hugging the shore of Corcoran's Pond...

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## IN THE NEWS [CONTINUE]

### Dorel Purchase Iron Horse Bicycles for \$5.2 Million!

Dorel Industries (TSX:DII.B) has enlarged its recreational division yet again by purchasing bankrupt Iron Horse Bicycle Company of New York for US\$5.2 million. The purchase by Montreal-based Dorel includes US\$5 million of cash.

"This latest purchase is in line with the strategic road map we have developed to build our bicycle business into the leading global bicycle company," stated Dorel president and CEO Martin Schwartz...

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### Mountain Biking Gets Needed Jolt.

In the world of competitive mountain biking, the 21st century has chugged along like an uphill granny-gear grind on the heels of a bomb-drop descent.

Where the rising-star racing personalities of a decade ago drew lucrative endorsement deals and the occasional talk-show-circuit appearance, the white-hot light cast by the burgeoning sport in the prime of youth has flickered since the late 1990s, leaving many to wonder just what old age held for fat-tire racing fans...

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### NISSAN UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Audience hits 1.75 Million!

The UCI is proud to announce that the free access online webcasting of the NISSAN UCI Mountain Bike World Cup offered by Freecaster.tv has been watched by a total of 1.75 million viewers around the globe, during the opening five rounds of the DHI and 4X, and four rounds of the XCO. Viewership is rising rapidly as more and more people rediscover the excitement of mountain bike racing, with over 400,000 people having tuned in for the LIVE coverage alone...

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# DIESELBIKES EVENTS



We are working diligently to make 2009 a banner year for Dieselbikes 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 go to the website for more information 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 and festival 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, including non-bikers! This is an end of season celebration of Lynn Woods and a great chance to ride the trails with the regulars who know them.

Demo bikes, skill 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

## 3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike EXPO [Lynn Woods, MA]

It is our great pleasure to announce that the 3rd Annual D-Day Mountain Bike event, held on June 13, 2009, was a big success for the Lynn Woods Reservation. This year we had a record number of registered participants, totaling over 150; double that of last year. Along with this record number of participants came a record amount of funds generated to support the trail network at Lynn Woods.

This year the event generated \$750 - a 50% increase over the 2008 D-Day event. Despite a cold, rain-soaked week, D-Day was blessed with one day of perfect sunshine. Thanks to the weather we were able to pull off a full day of events, games, group rides and demo equipment. Thank you all for your support, we hope you had fun & we hope to see you at the next one! [Click here for more information, pictures and video.](#)

## NE MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

Listing our own events is an obvious section for the DB newsletter, but there are plenty of other mountain bike events happening throughout New England. Below is a short list of events that will be taking place in August. A more comprehensive list is available on our website under the [Events Calendar](#).

24 Hours of Great Glen – Presented by Great Glen Trail Outdoor Center, Aug 8-9  
For more information, please visit [www.24hoursofgreatglen.com](http://www.24hoursofgreatglen.com)

Highland Am/Open Slopestyle Contest – Presented by Highland Mountain Bike Park, Aug 8  
For more information, please visit [www.highlandmountain.com](http://www.highlandmountain.com)

CT NEMBA IMBA Trail School – Present by CT NEMBA, Aug 13-16  
For more information, please visit <http://ctnemba.blogspot.com>

No Kid Left Inside Ride – Present by DCR/NEMBA Middlesex Fells, Aug 15  
For more information, please visit [www.gbnemba.org/rides/kids-rides.html](http://www.gbnemba.org/rides/kids-rides.html)

Highland GS2 Slalom/DH Race – Presented by Highland Mountain Bike Park, Aug 22-23  
For more information, please visit [www.highlandmountain.com/](http://www.highlandmountain.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). **Please note that Lucille's is currently out of business and we may be changing our parking location in the coming weeks.** 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!



### TNR<sup>2</sup> – 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](mailto: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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