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### PICTURE OF THE MONTH



2009 BIG KAHUNA

PHOTO BY: MIKE SALERNO

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## THE BUZZ

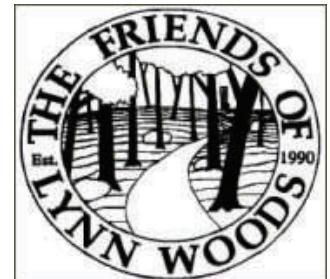
November is here but for some, the riding season but is still in full swing. This time of the year can offer some of the best riding conditions and also includes some of the largest bike gatherings, celebrating the end of the season. On Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> please join us and a number of other mountain bikers for Highland Mountain Bike Park's 2009 Season's End Bash. This is going to be their last official open day to ride the trails at Highland Mountain Bike Park and most of the Dieselbikes crew will be there riding and later, celebrating. After a day of riding, the bike park crew plans on premiering NWD 10, a mountain bike video, as well hosting their amateur video contest. Visit Highland's website for more information by clicking on this link.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Ride will be happening at 8:30am Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ballfield parking lot in Lynn Woods. That's right; it's a Thanksgiving Day morning ride, with a tailgating after-ride party in the parking lot for anyone who has the time & inclination to stay. Join us and keep this fun Lynn mountain biking tradition alive. Two Lynn residents began the tradition in 1989! For more information about this fun tradition, [click here](#).

# TRAIL THREADS

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

The fall season is here and this is a perfect time to get out and ride the trails of Lynn Woods. The remaining colorful foliage provides a beautiful, surreal and relaxing backdrop during your ride. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Dieselbikes will be attending the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lynn Woods Thanksgiving Ride. This group ride was started by two local Lynn residents and has become a tradition to kick off turkey day! This ride is open to anyone who wants to get out on their mountain bikes and will last about 2 hours. The general meeting/ride start time is 8:30am down at the Ballfield parking lot 78 Great Woods Road, Lynn. If you would like to join us bring your gear, mountain bike & come on down.



[www.flw.org](http://www.flw.org)

October was a busy month for Dieselbikes. Although we were not able to host our Halloween Mountain Bike Event, we were able to complete the final trail work day and attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dungeon Rock Day Festival held by the City of Lynn and hosted by the Friends of Lynn Woods. A few Dieselbikes members participated in this festival by acting as pirates within the story of the legendary Captain Veale. Over 1,000 individuals of all ages attended this event that helped generate money for the Park Ranger Fund.

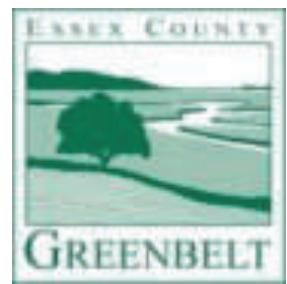
Even though trail maintenance is over for 2009, we have already begun planning for our 2010 trail series. Next year will feature tons of work on the Ballfield Trails along with additional features added to recently built trails. Next year's maintenance efforts will be a vast undertaking with a big push to finalize and hopefully approve a rather HUGE trail project! As always we will be looking to the mountain bike community for support and volunteers!

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

We had a last minute cancellation for the forth and final trail day that should have occurred on Saturday October 17th. We are disappointed that the last two consecutive trail dates were cancelled due to technical difficulties, but we will continue to work with Greenbelt Management to secure new projects in 2010.

### 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 the Greenbelt managed property called Tompson Street Reservation (TSR) but may not be allowed on adjacent private property. We ask that you use common sense when riding there. Stick to the main trails that you know and do not cut new lines/braids.



[www.ecga.org](http://www.ecga.org)

If you come across a change in the trail that you think may be illegal, please do not change anything. Report it to Dieselbikes, Sinister Bikes and/or NSNEMBA. We have plenty of members who 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.

## TRAIL THREADS [CONTINUE]

### Harold Parker State Forest: North Andover, MA

We were thrilled to be a part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wicked Ride of the East hosted by NSNEMBA on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 500 riders from all over New England arrived to show support for this organization and some of the trails we all love.

It could have not been a more perfect October day with the sun shining and temps in the mid 60s. The Dieselbikes' movie tent showcased both local amateur and professional mountain bike videos all day for event attendees to sit back and relax at between rides & other activities. Other sponsors included Cycle Loft, providing trail-side mechanic/quick fix repair work, Highland Mountain Bike Park, giving rider skill clinics, and our friends from Sinister Bikes who were making noise and causing trouble (in a good way) with their arsenal of demo bikes.

The Dieselbikes crew was out in force hitting the trails at Harold Parker logging in 20+ miles with two separate rides. After the crowds died down, we aimed our bikes at the stone walls, picnic table and wooden teeter-totter, playing around on our bikes and showing off for the camera.

The event was a great success and we were happy to be a part of it. We plan on working with the NSNEMBA group for next year's event and hope to help continue this fun fall tradition! Check out the NEMBA website for more post event information including pictures by [clicking on this link!](#)



Photo By: RJ: Sinister Bikes

## TRAIL HISTORY

### DUNGEON ROCK DAY - *THE LEGEND OF CAPTAIN THOMAS VEALE!*

On Saturday October 10th, the City of Lynn presented the 6th Annual Dungeon Rock Day hosted by the Friends of Lynn Woods.

What is Dungeon Rock Day? It celebrates the legend of Captain Thomas Veale, a seagoing pirate who became a Lynn resident to hide his sinister past. Legend has it, Captain Veale came to Lynn Harbor in an effort to hide his treasure and escape the British who were hot on his trail. He was able to find shelter in a cave and hide in relative peace becoming a resident of Lynn, hiding his true identity. During 1658, an earthquake shook the surrounding New England area causing a collapse in the cave Captain Veale was hiding in. Captain Veale was never seen again (no public records) and the assumption was that he had become entombed in a Dungeon of Rock and perished.

That's the legend anyway; Dungeon Rock Day provided a brief fictional reenactment of the events surrounding the legend of Captain Veale's hidden treasure. A number of local volunteers dressed-up like pirates, British Soldiers and vagabonds to reenact the different scenes depicted in this legend. Among the list of volunteers for our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of acting were a few members of Dieselbikes...

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Photo By: Dan Small: Lynn Woods Ranger

## IN THE NEWS

### Forest Service Drawing Line On Mountain Bikers in Potential Wilderness, National Park Service Agrees

U.S. Forest Service managers in parts of Montana and Idaho are working to ban mountain bikes on landscapes that some day could merit wilderness designation, a move that isn't sitting well with the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

Over at the National Park Service, meanwhile, officials have no intention of letting mountain bikers access lands eligible for wilderness designation...

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### Growth in Mountain Biking May Put Western Trails Off Limits



Most weekends, Corey Biggers drives an hour and a half to ride the Continental Divide Trail in national forests in southwest Montana. His full-suspension mountain bike, weighing 27 pounds and made of carbon fiber and aluminum, allows him to climb the trail's roughly 3,500 vertical feet to its summit.

Bikes like his, and where they allow riders like Biggers to go, are the driving force behind a United States Forest Service effort that aims to keep mountain bikers off hundreds of miles of trails, and possibly thousands, including parts of the Continental Divide Trail...

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### Who Says We're Over The Hill!

IN the late afternoon after work, when most of us are downing a cold beer and thinking about what to cook for dinner, Corey Gerdzen, Tim Hill and Jess Abrahams are pulling on their lycra. But these mad-keen cyclists won't be speeding around the velodrome or pack racing down the highway, they will be heading out bush.

On their dual-suspension carbon fibre mountain bikes they make lung-bursting climbs into the desert hills before coasting down into rocky valleys lit orange by the fading sun. Flocks of pink galahs screech as kangaroos hop past their front wheels. It is a post-work release, something they itch for all day long...

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## IN THE NEWS [CONTINUE]

### Biking on new improved Mtn Division Trail

The past few days have been ideal fall weather so my family took advantage of the warmth and sun to do some biking. On Sunday we hit the Mountain Division Trail because we'd heard about its latest improvement project - paving the formerly packed gravel surface - and wanted to check it out.

We started at the Standish trail head at Johnson Field and took the jeep trail (which is still packed gravel) to the rail road tracks where the Mountain Division Trail (and pavement) starts...

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## PICK & SHOVEL REPORT

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

On Sunday October 11, the forth and final Lynn Woods trail project for 2009 was completed with great success. This project took the team of 6 volunteers more than 7 hours to complete due to some unforeseen technical difficulties.

This project extended both ends of the famous Meeting House Swamp Bridge to eliminate the soft eroding trail resulting from a decade of heavy use. 20+ feet of additional elevated bridge was added onto either end of the trail and is blending nicely into the existing structure as to appear seamless.

This was a difficult project since one end of the bridge was sitting in water while the other was buried in 12" of mud. Both ends were raised and new footings were installed and extended to more stable ground. In addition, both ends of the bridge are now rock armored to reduce potential transition erosion from the trail surface to the wooden deck.

This was a huge project that, as usual, took three hours longer than estimated. I want to extend my personal thanks to each individual who helped complete this project. We also want to give a shout-out to all the trail riders who stopped during their morning rides to help our team move the lumber from the drop point to the work site, saving us a ton of time. I look forward to see everyone again in future trail builds and or maintenance projects.

- [Click here for trail work day pictures!](#)



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## 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 November. A more comprehensive list is available on our website under the Events Calendar.

2009 Season's End Bash @ HMBP - Presented by Highland Mountain Bike Park, Nov. 14th  
For more information, please visit [www.highlandmountain.com](http://www.highlandmountain.com)

NEMBAToy Ride & Toy Collection – Presented by PVNEMBA, Nov. 22nd  
For more information, please visit [www.nemba.org](http://www.nemba.org)

Turkey Day Ride @ Lynn Woods - Local Resident Tradition Sponsored by Dieselbikes, Nov. 26th  
For more information, please visit [www.dieselbikes.com](http://www.dieselbikes.com)



## 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!

DB - [Myspace Page](#)

DB - [Facebook Page](#)

DB - [YouTube Page](#)

DB - [BlogSpot Page](#)

## DIESELBIKES EVENTS



The 2009 riding season is winding to a close and we have just two group ride gatherings remaining. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual D-Day Mountain Bike Expo held this summer was a huge success and we enjoyed attending the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wicked Ride of the East hosted by NSNEMBA. We look forward to continuing to unite the riding community next year. For more information regarding our past and upcoming events, please visit our website by clicking the links below.

## SEASON ENDING GROUP RIDES

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Day Ride @ Lynn Woods – Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am!**

This has been a mountain bike tradition started by a few local Lynn residents. Last year there were about 15 riders. Get up and get out on your mountain bike for a 2 hours ride before heading back home to family and friends for the turkey feast. Meet at the Ballfield Parking Lot – 78 Great Woods Road Lynn, MA around 8:00am.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lynn Woods Year End Ride – Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am!**

This is a hit or miss group ride due to potential weather conditions, however the last few years have worked out. If you do not mind the cold weather and like riding in the snow, this is a ride for you. This will be the last official ride in Lynn Woods until opening day on April 15, 2010.

## 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.](#)

### **North Shore NEMBA's**

### **10th Annual Wicked Ride of the East (North Andover, MA)**

We had a fantastic time attending the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wicked Ride of the East hosted by the North Shore NEMBA Chapter. Over 500 rides from all over New England attended this event showing support for a long standing mountain bike advocacy group. [Click here for more information and pictures.](#)

## DB GROUP RIDES - SEASON ENDING UPDATES

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.

Our weekly group rides will be coming to a close during the month of November. There are only a few weeks left before we pack up our public group ride activities and shift gears for winter sports. We also plan on having two season ending group rides that will take place on Thanksgiving Day and the last weekend of December (weather permitting). Please feel free to join us on either ride.

### TNR - Tuesday Night Rides in Lynn Woods

Last TNR for the 2009 season is scheduled for Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 the former Lucille's Fine Chicken parking lot (215 Broadway (Route 1), Lynnfield, MA, 01940). Please note that Lucille's is currently out of business however we still use this area as our meeting location. This is a two hour ride that takes place every Tuesday night and breaks up the work week with a post ride gathering at Bostonville 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 have ended for 2009.

### Weekend Sessions

Last weekend group session is scheduled for Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

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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