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dangerous dan	WOW! Looks like crazy fun. gotta go next year. Coasters need to plan a road trip . I'm in. dan
Mary S. friend of Arlene	Arlene sent your website to me to check it out. KEWL!!!! I love all the bikes. Brings back lots of memories, most of them GOOD! Thanks! :-)
Sister Arlene	Such a cutie little "Tom" is in the picture. And such a handsome man he is now, no brag, just fact. One can't help but love that man, I do. Hugs to him from his sister.
Johnny McCown	Liked the one piece help. Maybe how you made the kick stand remover.
jeff jamison (ratdaddy)	that speedo TOTALLY fits the bike. I do graphic design, and the fonts used on the face are awesome and totally fit with the bike.
leon F	These look familiar. I have a pair on an unmolsted 73 JD 5 speed. White with green and yellow pinstripes. It's my wife's favorite bike. Love your site. Make me wish I still lived near there.
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s With Scrapbook great time. Details here. The 29th was the 3rd Annual Midwest Bicycle Fest
Bike here in town. Oct 7th we went to KC for the Peddlers Swap Meet and Show.
Stuff

Rich Would you like to sell this bike?

Randy Sorry no. It's for the Grandkids. Plus it's no longer in it's original state as I've
started some painting on it.

Ed Too Cool...marketable idea? Now you need a big red bag for the rack!

Russ I have a bike like this one in great shape but missing the chainguard. Any
Grimm idea where I could find one?

Randy Other than E-bay no. Well you might ask around on <http://ratrodbikes.com>
Thanks for the comment.

Roger I have a matching pair of buzz bike and miss buzz bike in remarkably great
Gilbert condition. I would like to sell them as a set and have many photos of them. I
just don't know where to go with them. Is this something you can help me
with. I'd like connected with a serious buyer as this pair of bikes has some
serious value. Thank you. Roger

Randy If you are willing to ship I suggest ebay.com and set a reserve. If not then
your local craigslist.com Other than that maybe see if your local bike shops
would let you post an ad/flier.

Eda This is a great one of a kind book, although somewhat of a commercial. It
gives a good overview of the fat tire bike world. I found them availabe
through Amazon.com. It even has an example of another craze of adding
motor kits to a stock cruiser to make Whizzer type knock-off.

H Miller I was wondering where you found replacement tires for your Schwinn Pixie.
I have a Pixie and I am having trouble finding a replacement for my back
wheel. The front is fine. Could you tell me where you found the replacement?
Thanks HM

maurice Thanks for this post. I have been trying to identify one of these.

mcmurry
Randy Nice find! I'll get this posted on KansasCyclist as well.
farmboy congrats on the mug!! you earned it and it looks cool!!
Randy What I did was replace the original rims with ones off a newish kids Wal-
mart bike someone gave me. I bought the whitewall tires from my local bike
shop.
Tara Very cool. I love it!
eric w great shot randy! i love that they added the gas pumps!
Randy Thanks Eric. Since that photo was taken they've added some neat old lights
on poles to light up the pumps. A little info on these pumps... The lights atop
them aren't original. I don't think these style of pumps ever had lights like
these. These pumps actually came from another old service station near by
where my Father worked and pumped gas from them 50+ years ago.
Grandma Not to disclose my age, but this little bike needs a banana seat, kinda sparkly
Linda with an attached chrome hoop for the parent to run along side, hold & teach.
Boudier Training wheels were optional. I am trying to find those training wheels.
There is is a cross bar accessory that is optional for a boy. I used our red pixie
for all three of my children (2 boys & a girl) and am learning that I can NOT
just buy a new 15" banana seat to replace the old no-longer-sparkly seat for
my grandson. Any ideas on how to have a seat re-covered? Kind regards.
Your time in responding is appreciated. Grandma Linda
Randy There was another year and design of Pixie that came with a "boys bar" but
not this one. This was like a co-ed frame. The chrome hoop you mention I
assume was the "sissy bar" that holds up the banana seat. You might just
check with a auto upholstery shop to get a seat recovered. Other than that I
don't know. You should be able to get training wheels at your local bike shop
or as a last resort Wal-Mart. I taught my Grandson to ride buy just letting him
coast on his own down a small grass hill. Once he got balancing down then
pedaling came easy. Thanks for stopping by.
Grillmaster Hey there you go! pretty cool, how does it ride?
Mitch
Randy Rides pretty good. I tore it down to finish/paint it but may have already lost
interest. That's the part I hate. We'll see.
Randy Ok I forced myself to at least give it a quick paint job.
Grillmaster Looks good! And if you ever need bondo help, just shout.
Mitch
nova Who took the video
mariusz hi, would you like to send this bike? or at least ,could you help me find one?
John can u make me that Cantilever Frame Tank Plate for my 20" lowrider bike? i
Sanabria will pay u in paypal i live in brooklyn, ny 11220
grillmaster Wheelie time! Cant wait till spring, Im gonna get that stingray out and have
mitch some fun!!
grillmaster your welcome, as soon as I saw that pic, I knew it was for you.
mitch

Cullen
Carter
eric I totally agree with that statement. Women with new tires get me hot. Add fenders to that, and, man, I'm totally powerless!
very cool...and so true

Robert Very cool, I still haven't made it out there but glad to see that it does in fact sweep by the river there a little bit. Thanks for posting an update.

mitch when it gets a little warmer, me and the wife are gonna try this route.

mitch Did this ride today, not bad at all

K Elmore Hi I was on Randy and Nova's looking for a mid 60's Western flyer Strato Flyer. I Think I have this bike or looks alot like it I'm not sure what year it is but it is not in the best of shape, it's got a lot of rust on it but it would be restorable if someone wanted to take time to do it. If you would like to see pictures let me know and I would be happy to send you some. Thanks K. Elmore

MOM I'd say she's one smart lady! ;-)

Frank B all pro bike ? any info on these bike are they junk or collectibles?

Randy I really don't know. I'd say a little of both. I think they were made by Murray and sold by k-mart. I'm sure certain models would be considered collectible.

MARK I bought an Alenax at a second hand store for \$35.00. Now what do I do with it...

Randy I keep mine just for the novelty of it. I bring it out to the Midwest Bicycle Fest once a year.

mitch Wow that looks like a bookend to that old Indian bike I have. Dont suppose you still have the pump?

Randy That pump was last seen on this bike which I gave away
<http://vanscyoc.net/blog/archives/388-Swing-Bike-2.html> Wish I would have kept the pump too.

Ed A Very cool! We were in Leadville and Crested Buttle last fall. Every where you looked there seemed to be an old bike. More bike shops there than Wichita for sure. Gives me the urge to go back and join the ride this year at their Fat Tire Festival, but not sure my old body would handle the Pearl Pass altitude. The Flint Hills Death Ride is a good Kansas version.

Randy Yes Colorado is a great place to "bike watch". If you click "Colorado" under Tags you'll see where I took photos of bikes last time we were there. Was in Leadville also. Rode the Mineral Belt Trail there for the 2nd time which is a very nice path but tough for me being out of shape and the high altitude.

Randy Not sure which photo you are referring to but none of this I rode on. One pic is the muddy Cowskin Creek. The other with the "rapids" is the "Wichita-Valley Center Floodway" (aka Big Ditch) a man-made flood control ditch. The Chisholm Trail marker is alongside a roadside drainage ditch and marks the historical Chisholm Trail. The Chisholm Trail was a trail used in the late 19th century to drive cattle overland from ranches in Texas to Kansas railheads. Thanks for checking in!

mitch Subscribed!

mitch Awesome bikes! If I wasnt planning on making that Indian a rider I would be

all over that clean Speedster!! looks brand new. And that Stingray... excellent start for a Rat project, lots of good parts.

mitch You do an awesome job with the flyers and graphics! you say your not a graphic artist... I disagree! you have a good eye for style.

Randy Thanks Mitch!

Randy The chopper just sold.

Myles/
rattrapress That cool! She did a great job on the embroidery.

mitch You mom does awesome work!

mitch Nice shot of your bikes.... is that the matching pair?

Randy Thanks. No mine is an older Schwinn that we redid a few years ago and Nova's is her new Schwinn.

Matthew
Ash Randy, I had a lot of fun last night! I had to leave before the actual "ride" - but I had a ton of fun :) Hope your Friday and weekend is off to a great start!
Regards, Matthew

Paul Cottle Hey, I just bought one of these today 4/40/10 - in pretty good shape. Little dirty, but I already rode it for a glorious short ride. Looks like I need to straightrn the front wheel and polish for 1/2 day then put on new rubber and it will be close to original shape. How much is this worth? I paid \$15, I know, too good to be true but it is! Thanks, PC

Randy Definitely worth \$15 I would say. I hesitantly paid \$30 for this one and turned around and sold it for the same. From what I've seen in my area there's generally not much interest in these. I think that might be slowly changing though. I sold another one along with this one. Over the years I've gotten several Schwinn and Raleigh lightweight 3 speeds for free and used to chop them up.

Billy
Savage Randy and Nova, Thanks for the kind words. I really appreciate it. If you or your friends are interested on the film, hit the website below. Ride on, Billy Savage writer/producer/director/distributor KLUNKERZ www.klunkerz.com

Lena Does she make quilts for other people for money?? I need one.

Randy No she doesn't. Thanks.

Pierre Do you still own it? Sounds like it would be a good exercise bike

mitch That ride looks familiar! Did you catch the Double Rainbow this morning?

Randy No I missed it.

mitch Looks great! colors go well together. Your not gonna believe this but I traded off my BFK for some chrome work.... so there goes my plans to ride it on the 20" night coming up. but.... I did haul home a few other 20" bikes, maybe I can piece something together.

CJ do you know the year

Randy Sorry no I don't. I'd guess mid/late 1940s. I never researched it.

sydney Do you remember how much you sold the 1980 colegiate 3 schwinn for? I was given one - frame great, though medal rusted

Randy E-mailed you.

hannah hi. im hannah, and im 14, almost 15 years old, and i live in oklahoma. ive been searching for the perfect bike, and this one looks just like the bike i want. i was wondering if it could ever be possible for me to buy it from you. i cant go over 600 dollars though. but i am just dying for a bike like this one and ive been wanting one for about two years. im only 5 feet tall, but i have no idea if this bike would be to big or to small for me. but i would just like you guys to please get back to me and tell me where or how i could get a bike just like this one. thank you so much!

Randy Replied via e-mail.

Randy No I didn't. If I had to guess a year I'd guess early 70s.

Dan Did you ever find out any other information on this Hawthorne? I have the same bike as of yesterday. It's the same grip shift 3 speed (old Shimano 333 from what I can dig up) and otherwise looks nearly the same as yours except for the seat. They're impossible to find any info out by serial number so a google search turned up you bike and pic. I'm missing a chainguard so I'm trying to track down a possible year of production or any other info mostly out my own curiosity. Thanks Dan

Randy Sorry but no I don't have any made up. This one I made from some old metal sign and I cut it with an angle grinder with a metal cut-off wheel. I first made a cardboard template. Pretty easy to do if you have the tool and can find the metal.

mitch Talk to the hand? lol

mitch Looks good!

Randy Thanks.

Javier Can you sell me a center plate for my vintage cruiser like the one you build for this bike? Thanks

rob Hi. What year is this? I just picked up a frame of the same color and style.

Randy Sorry but I don't have a clue. Early 80s would be my lame guess.

Lewis A i have one it lime green and it has a gren with wight surrounding its a boys bike

Lewis A sorrey the seat is wat i was descibing

Sheryl Edwards Nice video. Would you say a mountain bike is necessary for this ride?

Randy Thank you. Not necessarily a mountain bike but something with gears and tires fatter than skinny road bike tires. I rode it on my hybrid bike which has the geometry similar to a MTB but skinnier 700cc x 32cc tires. I wouldn't want to ride it on anything narrower.

mitch Sweet bike stand!! Can I borrow it???? lol j/k

Randy Sure... along with all my unfinished projects. Just return it when they're all done.

PARENTS We enjoyed it too!

eric great card!

Randy Thanks. It was an old bicycle speedometer ad that I started with.

Alex The major attraction of the mammoth caves is the extensive cave system. The trail follows the remaining portions of the old berm of the Mammoth Cave Railroad. The trail is constructed of dense-grade gravel, averages 8 feet wide, and is designed for family use. where we ride and can take the fun of the exciting ride.

Nova Van Scyoc Great time yesterday and Thanks for fixing my flat.

Randy Bummer on the blowout Cody. You have to walk back? Who was the lady riding with you?

Cody We had a blast only made it 3 and a half miles before the tube on my bike blew out though

mitch I got the Indian out, cleaned it up, replaced a spoke, aired the tires up and went for a ride. I stayed in Haysville though. Beautiful day to get out.

Cody Yeah I walked the bike back to exploration place where Tim picked us up. That was my Grandmother who hasn't rode a bike in about ten years but she did really well

Bryan I rode twice Saturday. I had already rode a lot for the week and was 8 miles short of having 200 for the week. So, worried about how busy I would be in the afternoon I went out in the morning and rode 12 miles just to reach that 200. Then about 3:30 in the afternoon I had just got my daughter home from art class and sat down and looked at the temp. When I saw that it was 69 out I decided to go again. I went out and rode another 27 miles.

Randy Cody that's pretty cool about your Grandma riding. Bryan I was looking at your rides on Mapmyride and seen you got around quite a bit on Saturday. Studded tires are very helpful in the snow and ice. You can buy them or make them yourself.

Randy No more snow than we get and no more winter riding than I do it probably wouldn't be worth the time and effort. I would be curious though how much of a difference they make. Thanks.

Myles/ratrappress Great video! I'm glad you guys enjoyed your trip out our way. Let me know the next time you're in the area, I'll show you around Fort Worth.

Randy Thanks Myles. The original plan was to go into Fort Worth Sunday and ride the Trinity trail system which you made us aware of. I got a little too much sun Saturday plus the forecast for Sunday looked like more wind and possible rain so we just headed home instead. Maybe that'll be a trip for next winter.

PaddyAnne Proof Positive that biking really is getting mainstream!

PaddyAnne Looks like a fun swap meet and I love hotdogs! Wish I was there!

PaddyAnne That's a great pic of everyone out for a ride. I'm sure lots of good and lasting memories are being made while everyone is out having fun. :)

joseph ousley Need a repair shop for alenax tr8 1000 bicycle. Will not stay in gear

Randy It was fun and I ate my share of hotdogs. Thanks for the kind comments.

Randy Well I would think any bike shop would at least attempt to work on it.

paddyanne Love the bunny on a bike card!!

jessie i have a 1967 western flyer buzz bike it's a 3 speed you can ride it what can i sellit for

Randy Sorry but I don't have a clue what bikes are worth on the open market. Only what they're worth to me.

Omar That's a pretty tandem right there. I think you're right about the age. I saw one that looked really beaten up at a flea market here (Gloucester, VA) and just had to have it. Turned out to be filthy, but otherwise in good shape apart from the flat, rotted tyres. It was too long to fit in the car so I went to Walmart & got inner tubes for it, changed them out at the flea market, and rode it home !!

Gudnez-Grashuzmi

Randy That's a good story.

PaddyAnne Very Neat - Cooooool!

SanJay Hello, I have a 20 inch BMX bike, and I am wondering if you could help me out with my problem. I want my tires to be as thin as possible, something like a fixie bike tire but just 20 inches.... where can I buy something likee this? please help!

Randy I'm not sure what width of tires "fixies" run but I'm guessing the skinniest 20" tire is probably a 1.5 and can be found online or at your local bike shop.

mitch Glad to see the little Hollywood put back into service!

Myles/ratrappress That is a cool looking tandem. I like the orange frame black rim combination.

Randy Thanks Myles.

mitch What? I got a Huffy with a broken chain, I was hoping to drop it by for repair. You take chickens in trade?

Randy Hey you smoke/bbq those chickens and we may have a deal :-)

Randy Thanks. Tomorrow is the big day. I'm sure I'll have photos and video.

PaddyAnne I love this! What a great idea!!

paddyanne I love that bike that pulls the lawn mower! Some awesome bikes. I also watched your Pedal Mania video's - what a lot of fun that day looked. That Disgruntled Paper Boy Toss was as great as it sounds!!

Mark Enjoyed talking to you guys on the Plainview path yesterday. Always great to see your bikes. I think The Coasters is the coolest bike club in Wichita. Thanks for all you do to promote riding in Wichita. Signed, The Roadie in the red white and blue Stones jersey.

mitch Had a great time, came home with a new old bike, And yes its a good thing Nova had quick reflexes!!

What a neat thing to do for Father's Day. By the way, your Dad looks as though he is in great shape.

PaddyAnne What a great idea for a ride - and I like that it was when it was dark and the neon signs were lit. Looks like it was a lot of fun!

Chris Hey there, your bikes look great! I'm also a member on RRB but need some help. Didn't know if you could help me out or point me in the right direction? email me if you can :) Its about a kids bike I recently got but wanna make it

suitable for 6ft me but no idea where to start. thanks!

According to Sheldon Brown... it takes several hundred miles to fully break it in. I know my Brooks is still kinda uncomfortable but it seems to be getting better the more I ride it. And I only have maybe 150 miles on mine. I havent ever adjusted mine... just height and angle, not tension on the leather.

mitch

Randy Yeah I'm just playing with the angle and lateral adjustment. I'm sure it's just the newness(stiffness) of it that is making it uncomfortable.

Tami I rode the trail about a month ago. Very nice! The crushed limestone was very firm and nice to ride on. I started out in Iola, Ks. which is been added since you've been there. I have pictures if interested.

Randy Thank you.

Randy Thanks for the comments ladies. We've got a great bike club here and we do a variety of neat and wacky things by bike.

mitch Omaha Steaks?

Randy Good guesses but no cigar. I'm not for sure what I'm going to do with the contents of this box so it'll have to remain a secret for now.

mitch definetly not a bicycle.

paddyanne A box of chocolates??!!

mitch Happy Birthday!

daniel I would like to know what this bike is worth? I own one, I would appreciate if you could let me know. Thank you.

Randy I wish it were my retirement package. Working outside in this 100+ degree heat with no days off is getting old.

Trail View The Pinellas Trail can be very dangerous because it is mostly urban. Nice Mount post. All the best.

Great Grandma GOOD JOB BLAKE!

Doohickie Looks like a fun group and a fun ride.

Wilson That one trail kind of looks more like an irrigation ditch than anything! How'd you make out on that one?

Randy I really don't know anything about it. I'm guessing this was from the late 70s early 80s. I think the company is still in business.

Dottie I want the reindeer bike! :)

Melanie Oh my gosh, how fun! I'll have to suggest something similar to my local bike Suzanne meet-up group.

Jason If this photo weren't inside and not scouts it would remind me of myself and my friends getting together at the park in the late 70's smoking cigarettes being away from our parents

John Looks like a fun day. If I was closer to Kansas, I would definitely get in on Youens some of this cool Coasters action.

mitch Happy Birthday Randy's Dad! And good job on those wheels, Sheldon's lacing tutorial is the method I learned from.

mitch Awesome!! I still dont know if that feature write will be onsite or not? I hope

he makes it.

Jehan I would like to buy this helmet, please tell me the price

PaddyAnne Very nice trail and area. I am also very impressed with anyone who can ride with no hands!! If you ever have the notion, I'd love a "how to" video lesson!! :)

mitch Yes that goose is the mean one... its chased me a couple of times!

Randy PaddyAnne thanks for the comment. Riding with no hands... hmmm... It's just one of those things you can do but can't explain.

stevenm Haha, I love those outfits in the first photo...

RANTWICK I don't know, she looks pretty suspicious to me. I think she did it.

Randy Oh yeah she's guilty of something it just may not be the tire.

Randy Today I went and purchased 2 new 1 3/4 tires for this bike which has Schwinn S7 wheels. I was beginning to doubt they were going to fit. I broke the wire bead on one trying to force it on so it's no good. The other I used soap on the rim and gradually coerced it on.

mitch Congrats on the first 23!!

Randy Thanks!

mitch You'll get to witness my skilful video making techniques in person today. I always wondered how you did all those cool riding videos! and that explains all the band-aids too.

Doohickie Heheheh.

Diane Faye I have the same helmet only *red*, and would like to know more about it and the value. Thank you very much.

Eric very cool, love the video randy!

Randy Thanks Eric.

Randy Sorry it's not for sale.

mitch Nice work! your getting to be quite the graphic artist!

Randy Thanks Mitch. Pretty simple stuff though but I enjoy it dabbling in it. Funny how I can come up with this stuff easier when I'm not under pressure to do it.

Eric Randy, I love that you had Exploration Place in the background of that shot! The curves fit perfectly!

Randy Thanks Eric. Wish I could have taken more photos but it was cold and miserably windy so we quickly moved on.

Randy This guy trying to out-do them <http://fox4kc.com/2012/04/12/man-chucks-bikes-in-trees-for-decoration/#oid=U3MDNnNDoS1EPsnoSKUvCjosTm1CLNag>

Doohickie You know those Brooks saddles are junk after only 40 or 50 years, right? If you're interested in recovering the old one, let me know, I know someone who does that. If you're not interested but want to send me the frame from the old one, let me know, I'd like to have it.... maybe we can work something out.

Aaron I have the same Western flyer seneca only i have re-done it. When i found

this bicycle it was equipped with the tall set of handle bars and a banana seat.
please e-mail me if you would like to see my stock.

PaddyAnne What a great idea! That's a lot of bikes, and I bet the kids that receive them will be quite happy. :)

mitch I never knew that was there, must have taken a LONG time to get it to that point. For some reason it reminds me of that Alley in downtown Rapid City South Dakota that is all graffiti'd up.

Nova You look stuck up when you ride like this.

herb Jehan, I have one for sale. Email me. hzamar@yahoo.com Herb

Nova Hey keep your bike out of my flower bed!!!

Chuck It's 1963, checkout the link
<http://threespeedgallery.blogspot.com/2008/05/1963-montgomery-ward-hawthorne.html>

MOM **TYPO **TYPO** should be Old Mom and I on tandem I really enjoyed it THX ; -)

anniebikes Riding around to look at one anothers' garage? How unique! I love it.

mitch Sweet!! nice work Randy, I see Blake kinda likes it too. thats Awesome!

anniebikes Man, are you a handy guy to have around bikes. It's so cool that you can refashion bikes for your grandkids. Rock on Randy!

Randy Thanks Mitch, Annie. Annie I enjoy reading your blog.

nova As they say just like riding a bike. I new it would come back to you in no time.

anniebikes Gosh, I like those bar grips.

mitch The only real purpose of those..... "Automated revenue generators" and yes you are not alone, what good does it do to get a ticket in the mail a week later? It has NOTHING to do with public safety, everything to do with making the city some money.

Mitch Should have used Valet parking! lol

Jerry Gilmere Yes, it was the late 70's, because I bought a yellow one at that time. Took it on RAGBRAI VIII. Especially appreciated the tinted visor and excellent airflow. Unlike the styrofoam egg crate helmets of the time it featured the cellular foam so was multi-use (more than one crash without cracking). It was pulled from the market because it failed one of the helmet tests where a weight was dropped on the center of the helmet. Since it was open, it did not provide as much protection. I also experienced a sunburn on the top of my head due to that open feature. Still the best bike helmet I have owned and would love to get a new one.

Randy Yeah that would have been worth the price.

anniebikes That's a lovely bridge. You always take such wonderful photos. Keep up the blogging.

Randy Thank you Annie. About the John Mack bridge... It is the longest remaining James Barney Marsh Rainbow Bridge in Kansas and the second longest in the United States. In 1991 the John Mack Bridge was in danger of being torn

down but a community effort saved the bridge. It was placed on the National Register in 1992 and was renovated in 1997. A new low profile bridge was built immediately on its east side to provide for four-lane traffic flow along Broadway.

eric digging the light. very cool

Randy Thanks Eric. I just finished another I'll be posting in a bit. I still follow and enjoy your blog. Your well written posts and nice photographs are a rare treat.

anniebikes OMG. That is really something. It appropriately fits the frame.

eric GREAT backdrop on that first photo!

Headlights I find it cute and innovative. Keep on doing these things. You might make it big time.

anniebikes I love to pedal over bridges. There is some thing very peaceful about having all that water underneath and the freedom to be flying over the top!

anniebikes Awesome photo with water fountain in foreground. The tilte of this post is pretty funny, though you may not have intended it that way. I was thinking also that you may have felt like a noodle (all limp and exhausted) after enduring hot temps.

Randy Thanks Annie. I have a hard enough time writing what little I do. Then to try and come up with a catchy title on top of that is too much. Especially as often as I post. Sometimes I just go with what first pops into my head as silly as it sounds. And yes wet noodles we were

mitch haha awesome!

anniebikes Breakfast is my favorite meal. Biking to breakfast is a wonderful reason to be out there in beautiful weather. I bet you ride a bit faster too, dreaming of that biscuits and gravy...

Randy I would say breakfast is my favorite meal too but really my favorite is whatever meal is next.

Ken
Kirkland I was given a campus green bike like that red one a few years ago:) and was wondering if there is anyway tell what year model. I do know that a 58' has 4 circle's in the sprocket instead of the 5 spoke style. Yeah mine needs so tlc also, but I ride it anyway. Only 2 of the 3 speed gears are working right now. Thanks for any info: Ken

Randy On Schwinn's there is a serial number on one of the following places... head tube, left rear dropout or under the bottom bracket. Find the serial number and then you can look up the year here http://www.bunchobikes.com/serialnumber.htm As for the shifting it probably just needs adjusting. A Google search will get you the info on how to do that. Good luck.

anniebikes Oh my gosh, that paint job is perfect. Very nice.

Randy Thanks Annie!

anniebikes I here ya, Randy. It irks me too. Bikes are meant to be ridden and enjoyed, not used as a lawn ornament.

Nice old bike but I think they need to work on their decorating skills.

Crystal We found a Miss Buzz Bike by Western Flyer. It is rusted and seat turn. As for being old it is in good condition. What kind of price should we ask for it?

Randy Sorry but I don't know what it would be worth. I don't normally sell bikes and when I buy I buy because I like it and don't consider it's value or worth.

Wilson Typically girls bikes aren't sought after so they don't bring near as much as boys. Start high and you can always come down. Good luck.

Randy Do you run the bikefest? Thats prolly quite a bit of work!

Randy Yes. I started it 8 years ago. In recent years I've gotten quite a bit of help from volunteers. Thanks for commenting.

Amy Wow! Mentioned in the blog . . . what an honor! Bikefest was terrific. Thank you for all the work you do in creating a terrific family-friendly event. Keep on peddling and blogging. Amy & Dave ICT bike geeks

Wes Looking for the skid lid mirror which clipped to the visor. Lost mine after 30 years of use. It clipped nicely onto my new bike helmet visor.

anniebikes That last photo is very nice. Thanks. It reminds me of the time I was climbing Mount Adams in Washington State. I scrambled up a rock ridge in a very low snow year and discovered a 50 year old boot with hobnails ((before crampons were invented) peeking out of the snow/rocks. Awesome.

Randy Now that's pretty cool. I never really knew what hobnails were. I had to look them up. I had heard of them though thanks to the Beatles but never gave it any thought. "The man in the crowd with the multi-colored mirrors on his hobnail boots". Also reminds me of when I was a kid exploring old mines in Colorado and finding soles of old shoes or boots.

Wilson That is pretty ironic. I mean, what are the chances.

Anonymou I believe these were made by a San Diego company, which is no longer in business.

Wilson The hand cuffs are a nice touch. Never have seen that before. Heh!

Randy Bike lock made by Masteock if I recall correctly.

anniebikes It sounds like a nice adventure. If you want to keep going and visiting lakes, come on out to the 5th great lake. That's Lake Champlain, where I live.

Wilsonstja Hey, you're in my backyard. Glad you had a good time. I'll be there all next week - too bad I missed you. Could have shown you some Canadian hospitality, eh?

Randy Annie I thought of you when I recognized your town while looking over the map. What a beautiful area to live up here.

Randy We found ourselves between the borders. We really need to get our passports though. One of those things we keep saying we need to do but never get it done. We have been over to your side of the falls before but that was pre 9-11.

anniebikes One of my dreams is that when we retire we are healthy enough to enjoy this nation's myriad of rail trails. I'm glad you and your wife are doing just this!

Randy That's always been our dream too. I would like to spend more time on the

road riding trails than just the few weeks we do a year now. Just like you we hope we'll be in good physical health and also financial health to do this. Me deciding to retire at a young age though will definitely have an impact on our finances. As of now Nova is still working. We don't know how the future play out for us. Kinda winging it like we do everything else in life. I'm so far behind on my blog reading. I need to check in and see what you've been up to. Thanks for commenting.

- Walt Balboa The company went out of business because it could not afford the increased insurance. A rider hit a pothole and was injured and so sued the city where it happened, the bike maker, company selling the bike and the company that made the helmet. They all settled out of court because it was cheaper than fighting the case, but the increased insurance rates put Skid-Lid out of business. They were located in downtown San Diego and owned by the Montgomery brothers.
- a Wilson Thanks for a lovely video of your trip. Nice, appropriate music too. Those look pretty serious! Please keep us informed on their performance, especially in winter's snow & slush. Cheers
- Randy Snow, slush? I'll be inside and the bike hanging in the garage :-). Really though I don't ride much in those conditions. Hoping these will be good all around tires for pavement and the crushed rock rail-to-trails we ride.
- anniebikes That last photo is awesome. Please considering entering RANTWICK's fall foliage contest. He compiles photos, highlighting one tree in autumnal glory. It's low key. <http://www.rantwick.com/>
- Randy Thanks Annie. I may have to go take another pic that shows more of the tree and enter it.
- Wilson ... but I am sure you enjoyed the result of both your ride AND the product of the kitchen!
- anniebikes Bells on the handles! I might steal your idea, okay? What great festive decorations. The ride must have been a hoot.
- Randy Steal away. They gently jingle as you ride along and you can grab the streamers and jangle them hard as warning bells. Thanks for the comments.
- annirbiked That's a great grocery-getter basket.
- cody i would like to ask where this pickup is located and if it is for sale
- joe overstreet Hi replying to schwinn please send me an email if you still have it thanks Joe
- Nora and One Left Randy - First thanks for finding the video and then posting it! Second, if you let us know which pictures are yours, i.e., by the time they appear in the video - and what you'd like the attribution to say - we'd be more than happy to provide attribution on the Youtube page. Let us know. Thanks again! Nora and One Left www.facebook.com/noraandoneleft
- anniebikes That's a good one. Old bikes were certainly well made and it's nice to see so many reconditioned and ridden once again. I can't help but lust after some of the newer models, though they happen to have that old world appeal. Happy holidays.

Wilson That's a funny reaction! Merry Christmas. -Wilson

Scott Van Dusen that one cool movie with Kevin I've got the DVD of it.

Wilson I didn't know this was out there. I'm going to check it out on Netflix tonight. But I do appreciate the review. I bought "To live and ride in L.A." And it was pretty awful. Do not buy it! It's a fixe-culture movie and its really just not interesting. But since I have Netflix, this is a "free" look. Thanks for the heads up. ~Wilson

Randy I assumed this too was going to be a "fixte-culture movie" but it was a little bit more than that.

Randy Just remembered we had reviewed To Live and Die In LA. I thought it was so/so and Nova didn't care for it. We watched it on Netflix also.

Wilson Is anyone gonna drink that Mountain Dew?

Randy I'm trying to quit :-)

Wilson That's a great picture!

Wilson Well then, happy birthday!

anniebikes Happy Birthday, Nova! Keep the wheels spinning.

Nova Thank you for the birthday wishes.

Wilson White-knucklin' it all the way home! Cheers!

Wilson I love when you point me toward cycling movies. Thanks agin. I will be checking it out.

Wilson I have an interest in city design (particularly gentrification and housing concepts) so I appreciate your pics of the city, along with the background you give. I enjoyed your "trivia" as well. Cheers. ~Wilson

Randy I had to look up "gentrification". I don't think there's much of that going on here. When I worked (for a utility company) I was in the city and it's neighborhoods all day long. I do miss that.

Wilson My wife got me a full on racing sweater two Christmases ago. It was XL but I couldn't even get my head through the neck-hole part. Who can wear these things?!

donnita What does the shirt look like?

Amy Awwwww! Thanks for sharing! These are so sweet.

Randy Thank you! You were quick to spot this post. As you see now I've changed the photos.

Randy Nova will send you a picture.

Donald Meyer Very cool. I still can't believe you passed up that painting though, lol.

Randy Thanks. There was a time when I would have bought the painting but that was before I realized I had a problem :-)

wilson I tend to get lots of gifts with "the" theme as well. Maybe I will post my collection and notify you. Could be fun. ~ Wilson

anniebikes I like, I like, I like.

Randy Wilson I'd like to see what you've got. Annie thanks. I don't think there's a room in our house that doesn't have something bike related in it. Maybe I'll post room by room :-)

patrick michael hayes Randy: I know this comment is stale, though I had to write. Your swing and bronco bikes took me way back. Thanks for your creative efforts. I grew up in Palm Springs, CA and my LBS was Burnett's Bicycle Barn. Roy was amazing, always building something or another. He had swing bikes, spring loaded to return to neutral, and a bronco bike. Those were amazing bikes, though I could never convince my folks to let me buy one. They were pretty sure I'd not be commuting to school on either of them, especially the Bronco. Thanks again, and holler if you are selling any of your works. Patrick

Randy Thanks for the comments.

anniebikes Yes, I recently got one of those too. Sweet! It means that I can now offer two more old t-shirts to the rag bag. I can never have enough on hand to clean up my bikes.

anniebikes A bike ride with parade flyovers? What a great idea. Too bad only two showed up.

Cameron I dropped that chain guard in the pile. Happy to know it found a new bike. WOW!! My wife and I were in Boonville on Wed. last week at the start of what turned out to be a star crossed trip on the Katy and ended up in a dentist chair in Wichita Monday morning. We saw the posters all over Bville but I hadn't seen a thing about this event on the Katy website. We were committed to hotels or would have readjusted our plans (which suffered quite a bit of readjusting as it was). I took that exact picture on the bridge across the Missouri going north out of town. Man it is a small world. Damn. Well I'm glad you had a good time anyway and after acquiring much experience now we'll give it another shot next year.

Dave

Frank HERB:::: ARE YOU STILL INTERESTED IN SELLING THE SKID_LID ?

Wilson Looks like a lot of fun. Lots of "costumery" going on by the looks of it!

Wilson We've got bike-week coming here in mid-June. Perhaps it will have some events like this. Cheers!

Wilson You two have such a great, fun attitude. I commend you!

anniebikes I'm always amazed at the bicycle culture in your town. This bike swap sounds like a fun event. Hope you unload a lot of stuff.

anniebikes I like your kind of poke-fun fashion Fridays.

Randy Thanks Annie.

Wilson I think they're going to need a bigger fence! Reminds me of the movie Jurassic Park.

Dillon I just came across one of these, do you have any info on it? keep on biking, Dillon

Randy Not really. I would guess it's late 60s maybe. It would have originally had a tank and fenders.

Mike Hi i need help my tire size on my bike is 20 x 3.0 i need to find rims that will fit it any idea of what i should look for?

Randy A 20 x 2.125 rim should work ok with a 3 inch wide tire.

Wilson Too bad about all that damage. Hope no one was injured. Looks like the perfect bicycle for the job though.

Randy Thanks Wilson. The only injuries were sore muscles from the clean-up :-)

Wilson That looks fun!

Wilson I have been doing the same thing lately. When I get to red lights I stop in the shade of a pole or a sign. This week its been much more tolerable around here for heat, though.

anniebikes We finally got over our heatwave here after about 3 weeks. Stay hydrated.

Wilson Fun video! And I really like that first picture of you two on the benches. Looks dry down there. Much rain?

Randy Thanks Wilson. Actually we've had a lot of rain here at home. Where we rode Saturday is a couple hours away but I'm guessing they've gotten at least some of the rain. Without the rain typically things would be a lot browner by now.

Eric Cool pics, looks like you had a good time. What's with the bike on the roof I wonder?

Randy Thanks Eric. I wonder myself what the deal was with the bike on roof.

anniebikes Sounds like my kind of vacation!

Wilson That's a pretty terrific and impressive list! Congrats! The two islands in particular caught my eye - both are places I would love to ride, and especially the one in Michigan.

Randy Thanks Wilson.

Randy I just had to edit the list of islands. Thought of a couple more.

mike I wanted to mention that 4 miles of the Meadowlark Trail are open to the south from Lindsborg. It's a bit rough, but well worth the ride, which stops at Shawnee.

Randy Darn. We kinda peeked down the trail but didn't think to attempt it. Thank you.

anniebikes Ha ha!

Wilson Careful there, Napoleon Dynamite!

Dave Randy, thanks for posting these videos and pictures of the Beast. I'm been shopping around, and might be ready to finally pull the trigger. Can't really go wrong for \$200, huh? I would like to replace the original 18t coaster brake sprocket with a 20t, as you did. Where online do you suggest I buy one? Does any coaster brake sprocket work on the Beast? Thanks, Dave

Randy Yes I figure it's worth the price. I later replaced the 20t with a 22t so I could ride the single track and climbs at a local MTB park. I do think the 20t would probably be better for just cruising on flat though. Don't know where to recommend getting a sprocket online. I probably got mine at my local bike shop. I *think* any modern coaster sprocket will work. Probably looking for one labeled Shimano or KT.

anniebikes Very nice photo. Nothing like a group ride to breakfast.

Oh that is priceless! I haven't laughed that hard in ages! Perfect way to start

the day.

Wilson Cute market, for sure. We made a similar trip yesterday but found that the prices were not really conducive to our budget. I thought these places were supposed to be more of a bargain. Oh well. We did pick up a few locally grown items. Still enjoy supporting the local scene regardless of the bottom line. Looks like you've had a fun ride there. What tasty dish did you prepare with your fresh supplies?

Randy Even though I do most of the shopping I don't really pay a whole lot of attention to the price but Nova says that what we buy at the produce farm is pretty close in price to the big chain grocery store if it's in season. Like you we try to shop local but we could do a whole lot better. We have a small chain grocery store that's just about a mile and an easy bike ride from our house yet we shop farther away by car because the local store doesn't have everything we need (or think we need). I wouldn't even mind the higher prices of the local store if I could get everything there. On the downside though, Romain lettuce I bought at the produce farm yesterday wilted on the short bike ride home. Tonight we'll be having veggie pizza with the veggies we bought yesterday.

Wilson Interesting. Do you credit the aggressive frame geometry or the tire tread for the ability to overcome the tomato? Just kiddin! Is that literally a Wal-Mart bike? I did not know that.

Randy Credit goes to the skill of the rider :-). Yes it is from Wal-mart. I ordered it online. I have heard they are in some stores but not here.

Randy Bridgestone? Hmmm I don't believe I've ever had a Bridgestone pass through here. A while back a friend gave me an old Specialized Stumpjumper MTB. That what you're thinking of? I ended up giving it to another friend. Thanks for checking in Annie.

Randy A friend gave the shifter to me years ago. It clamped to the bike as it normally would and shifts a Shimano 35C hub.

anniebikes That reminds me, what did you do with that old Bridgestone?

Herve Hi, I would like to know where you found your silver Shimano stick shift and did you fix it on your cruiser? Best regards. H.

anniebikes I love this video. There's no mistaking what Randy and Nova love to do!

Randy Thanks Annie.

marco Hi Randy & Nova, Congratulation for your fantastic blog! I would like to thank you for this post and especially for the blue specialized rockhopper picture because it's been my first mtb when I was a kid in the late '80s! I ran hundreds of miles everywhere with it until some as***le stole it from me! Happy new year from Italy! Marco

Wilson I'm guessing west coast...

Randy You got it. Slowly making our way back home now.

Randy Ha! You gave us the bike. I don't know if you remember.

CityAlice Beautiful card. Congratulations on your 25th anniversary.

anniebikes Hugh would be proud that you replaced parts instead of buying a new bike...

a bicycle's history counts for a lot. <http://hughsbicycle.blogspot.com/> rescue, restore & recycle. (I'm glad you did too.)

anniebikes You are quite the festive bunch in your town. I look forward to your display every year.

Randy Thanks for the comment Annie. I meant to give you credit for finding this and had forgot. The cheating is funny. It's at the totally opposite end of the cheating spectrum which goes on in professional cycling today.

anniebikes I read somewhere it's a B grade movie, but the humor struck me as hilariously funny, reminding me what some people will do to cycle up a mountain. Some have fun with it, some are obsessed, while others cheat.

Randy Thanks Marco. Too bad about your Rockhopper. Happy New Year to you too.

anniebikes I love the last photo. You've captured the spirit of riding at night.

NOVA I told you it would be there.

anniebikes Lovely pictures. I'm impressed you could capture all those geese in the sky.

Randy Thanks Annie. I'm surprised the Geese photo turned out as well as it did as I took it while on the bike moving.

anniebikes Rats! It only fits girls? I would've bought that in heartbeat.

Randy Yes it was in the Children's-Girl's dept.

Randy I must add that when posting this I had forgot about 2 other bicycle racks in town. Our biggest park has a rack and so does what I refer to as the Senior high-rise apartments.

Nova Van Scyoc Oh my goodness I thought she was an amputee.

Steve Hey I think I know those people in that picture! But I don't recognize the antelope! :)

Lucky Chow That black bean burger looks wonderful! I recently found your blog and have enjoyed it so very much! I've been viewing your Youtube videos and loving them. The rails-to-trails you guys do inspired me to get the app yesterday. That should help me find most of them in our area. We have the well known Silver Comet trail locally (Smyrna GA), which I've really enjoyed. Unfortunately, it's almost too popular on weekends. This is one the two of you might find enjoyable.

Heidi Sorry it took me so long to get a blog post written to thank you for the fun. But better late than never, right? We look forward to riding with you both someday soon! <http://just-keep-pedaling.blogspot.com/2014/02/im-model-but-i-think-ill-keep-my-day-job.html>

Randy Thank you for visiting our blog and for the kind comments. Yes Trail Link is great for finding trails. I didn't realize they had the app ready. I just went and got it so thanks again. We rode the Chief Ladiga trail in Alabama several years ago but didn't ride the Silver Comet while we were there. I don't recall why though. I think the 2 might connect now? We did ride the Chattahoochee River trail in Columbus while we were out that way. Always glad to hear of others enjoying rails-to-trails. Like you stated though some trails are almost

enjoyed too much and can be really busy especially on weekends. The black bean burgers are good and simple to make. Recipe here
<http://tinyurl.com/khwk577>

Randy

Thank you for being a sport and for the nice write-up!

Hi Randy, I stumbled onto your blog through Annie's blog. I was attracted because I will be in your area to ride this coming June. I will base for a few days in Ottawa. I am planning on riding over to Paola to meet up with an old High School friend for lunch and then a ride down the Prairie Spirit trail for an overnight stay in Iola. Ride back to Ottawa and then over to Clinton for a five day ride on the Katy. Really looking forward to the rails-to-trails style of riding. I have really enjoyed looking back through your posts on your rides

Jim Bangs

on trails and especially like your posts on all the bikes you work on. I am a bit of a bike geek but only work on my rides. No real time to spend on refurbishing old bikes but I sure would like to do that. We do not have much "gravel grinding" (I like the cool term!!) roads around here to just get out on and ride. It tends to be busy road riding or technical single track, but the road riding pays you off with some spectacular views when you ride up into RMNP. Always my favorite place to ride! Tailwinds to you and Nova!! Jim Bangs

Randy

Jim, thank you for visiting our blog and commenting. Sounds like a great trip you have planned. The Prairie Spirit is a nice trail and so is the KATY judging from the section we have ridden. You probably have a full agenda already but if time allows you might want to check out the Flint Hills Nature Trail. It's a work in progress but has a few open sections, one of them East out of Ottawa. Enjoy your adventure!

anniebikes

I love, love the photo of cats on truck roof. New camera?

Randy

Thank you Annie. No, same camera. That photo like most of them, has been post processed/tweaked.

Jim Bangs

Great post....put a smile on my face this morning!

Jim Bangs

I really laughed out loud with the shoelace wrap! Been there!! As I am laughing I am glad there was not a crash involved. Good start for you, three errands and all three in different categories. I will face the same category issues. I got two in today before the snow got going. I am building one super post that will have all of the errands tied up all neat and proper like some real journalist might?!?!?

Randy

Good you got a couple knocked out. I do plan on doing a shorter, one post synopsis at the end to submit for the challenge.

Jim Bangs

Randy, You are going to, hands down, win the prize for most different bikes used to run your 12 errands!!! Nice!! I, for one, do not mind riding in the hot summer weather, (it's never that hot here!!). I am looking forward to being in your country this June. I am hoping it is in the 90's everyday. Sweat out a looonnggg winter!! I got in four errands today in anticipation of snow on the ground again tomorrow. Jim

Jim Bangs

I took a bit to decide which of your ride choices I liked the best. It is a close choice between 1A and 1B. The New Belgium and the Kustom Classic

Schwinn Cruiser. I am pretty sure you will be the only entry that is 12 different errands on 12 different bikes. Unless somebody who owns a bike shop gets in on the challenge. Nice rides! Jim

Randy Thanks Jim.

Is the dolomite aluminum or steel?

Randy It's steel.

Jim Bangs That truck looks like many of the vehicles they have pulled out of the St Vrain and Big Thompson rivers after the flood. Good ride, I am still looking for MTB trails like that to goof around on and learn the characteristics of Ogre.

Heidi I KNEW IT! I knew it was too windy! :) We were fighting it just driving. The bike could not have been any fun at all. Glad you made it home okay.

intracoast Loco Joe...have been enjoying your videos on youtube. I appreciate your comments here about the Dolomite riding in soft sand as that is what I would be interested in doing with the bike as I live in Florida. Very informative, fun blog...thanks

Greg Moore Looks like you get to ride a good bit of gravel down there. Dirty Kanza interest you? I do about 80% the gravel, 15% bike trail (have you seen our High Teestle Trail!!!!) And the rest is just whatever. Beast vs. Peeps coming sometime?

Randy Thank you for following along and for the kind comments here and on Youtube.

Randy I do enjoy my leisurely gravel rides away from traffic but I don't think I'd last 5 minutes in the Dirty Kanza. I'm just a slow recreational rider and have no interest in competition. It does look like a great event though. Yes we've ridden the High Trestle. Nice trail. Especially the trestle and the Flat Tire Lounge. If you do a search here for "trestle" something should come up. I really don't know what's next for the Beast. Thanks for the comments. I enjoy reading your blog.

Try this There's some wonderful Japanese web sites in different subjects like pictures, Anime and radio but the majority are only reachable from Japan. I hope this video is useful to visitors of vanscyoc.net as it shows how you can use a Japanese proxy to access them from anywhere.

Rail trails rock! Nice to see you all in t-shirts. Send some of that weather our way..

Jim Bangs In our brief life in Kansas City, my parents had one of those pear trees in the front yard that was always so pretty with the blooms of spring.

Randy We used to have one in our front yard until one of the tornadoes took it out. They are beautiful trees but don't don't withstand the winds very well.

Jim Bangs I've been on the lookout for a chance to get in on the hottest trend ever....geocouching! All I can say is that Kansas must lead the league in abandoned couches.

Randy Take pride in that you're not having the luck that I am at Geocouching :-)) I'm beginning to think it's an epidemic specific to the county we live in.

Jim Bangs I like the red one. Good looking practical bike for errands or just fun riding.

Mike What is the frame size?

Randy Measuring from the center of the bottom bracket to the top of the seat post is 17 inches.

Jim Bangs You are doing well. I did not pledge but thought I would shoot for a ride everyday. Lost it yesterday with about 5 inches of snow plus ice on the road. There just was no reason to leave the house with bikes to clean and lube in the garage and then The Masters to watch in the afternoon. I was a bit like you, I never want riding bikes to become a chore with the only reason to ride is because of a "pledge". I still enjoyed my bike hobby with some needed maintenance. Plus, it just is not practical here with March and April our two big moisture months.

Randy I thought today would be the day I didn't ride. When I got up this morning the temp was 32, the wind 30 and it had snowed a little overnight. I didn't have a need to ride and I wasn't going to ride for pleasure in that weather. Later in the afternoon though it warmed up, the sun come out and the snow was gone. Still ridiculously windy but I wanted to get out so I did a few miles on the path here in town.

Lucky Chow Those are beautiful hens! And they're laying too --- you can tell by the redness of their comb. Thanks for sharing.

Keith Hi Randy: Of your various photos, the one I chose to add to "my pictures" in my computer is the one of you and your 1950s cruiser along with your mom and dad on their porch. Your obvious interest in those ole cruiser types make you rare and unique. I suggest you give the old abandoned couches a rest from further inclusion in your blog. I predict few of your followers need to see more of that particular theme. It becomes uncomfortable after a while -- and it presents a generally distasteful image of the Wichita area.

anniebikes Chex Mix and chickens. Love it.

Jim Bangs I am interested in the trail signs. Who set those and how old are they? The water tower is interesting too. Were those regular things from farms?.

Randy Jim, I don't know about those signs but I too would be interested in finding out. I may have to see if I can find any info. As for the tower it's the first one I've seen. Looks to me to be some sort of water tower but it might be something else. Here's another shot of the tower along with the near-by towns water tower. This was a ways off the road so I was zoomed in quite a bit. <http://vanscyoc.net/blog/uploads/2014/P1280887.JPG> You'll have to copy and paste.

Randy Sorry but I really don't know the value of bikes. I only know what one might be worth to me.

Randy Well it's the thought that counts and I appreciate it. Not everyone is cut out for it and willing to go to the trouble and take the risks to make themselves look the fool in public and on the internet :-)

anniebikes I have actually used a bike rack like the one in the first photo. The rack is inside a coffee shop, placed there for patrons. It was suspended from the

ceiling and constructed with real pipe. It works very well, balancing several bikes at a time without lateral movement. If your bike is heavy, the seat flairs a little under the pressure.

Randy Like other similar signs you might see on a sidewalk, I believe the intent is to stop the riding of bikes where there is a lot of pedestrian traffic but not to ban them altogether.

Jim Bangs I really like that last picture of Nova heading down the gravel. I am with you on the ipa's. Just a little too much bite on that beer. I like my brews a bit smoother. You guys enjoy the weekend of bikes, beer and music

Wilma Snyder I have a bike 50245460 are numbers on it, looking for value it's all complete needs redone or restored

Jim Bangs That would be a much better use of signage, and, fill up the hole below the big white empty space. Maybe if you offered to do it for him a few of those apple fritters will come rolling your way at no cost!!

anniebikes I thought of you last weekend. I found an abandoned couch, but it was turned upside down and looked really disgusting. I couldn't bring myself to righting it and actually sitting on it for a photo.

Annie Follett Yes, the fork in the road is priceless. What does the fork signify?

Chris Guevara Great photos. Laughed aloud when I saw the fork in the road!

Issac Maez hey buddy, this is a very intriguing post

Jim Bangs ShockTop, Your classic wheat beer. You cannot see to the other side of the glass!! I am not a wheat beer guy, so, I think you are very adventurous with this choice. You will have fun with this challenge and it will give you a chance to try other craft beers!

Chris G Great photo!

Randy Too bad about your cassette. I have not had any problems with mine. The shifter was a Shimano rapid fire. Easy to swap out. You can use the existing cable. Might have to adjust the derailleur.

Angelo I bought a Dolomite and the back gear cassette stripped out with weeks going through tough trails. Have you had this issue? What model shifter did you go with? how hard was it to swap out?

Keith Really nice little post, Randy. I appreciated it.

matt 3C0kD7 <http://www.QS3PE5ZGdxC9IoVKTAPT2DBYpPkMKqfz.com>

jeff Is the dolomite fun to ride compared to the beast

Randy I'd lean towards yes the Beast is more fun just because of it's more upright position and the simplicity of not having gear and brake adjustment issues.

Yes, that's a sweet bike. Love the color.

Hey, what's with that strange sign? What is the world coming to when you can't picnic with a bike? I see cars are allowed.

Chris G Had me a Shift on Saturday. A friend was packing those on his bike when we ran into each other on the trail. Nice of him to share!

Jim Bangs Conehead!! OK, I just couldn't help myself....I'll just let myself out now

Jim Bangs Isn't it always all about the company and location that seems to make a brew taste better. And the little surprises in life's discoveries. Good post.

Randy Yes it is. Thanks for the comment.

George Hi I was wondering if the rims on the Mongoose Dolomite were double walled or not.

Randy No they're not.

brian I love the paint job. Can you share how you did it? I am restoring an old 1950s asian roadster.

Randy Thanks. I basically primed it, gave it the coat of green and then went back and sanded all of the green to take off the sheen and in some places sand back down to the primer. I may have even sprayed some primer atop the green. I also worked in some of this brownish-grey rusty looking texture paint on some parts. It's kind of trial and error. Paint, sand some spots, repaint of it doesn't look right and sand again. I did a similar faux patina in a different color on this bike <http://locojoe.com/bike/64> Good luck with your project.

Don Daniel You said the wheel bearings were tight and the wheel would not spin.What is the next step to fix this?My bike is in the mail and I may have the same problem when I get it.

Randy On the axle you loosen the lock nut that holds the bearing cone in place. Then back out the bearing cone till it spins freely with no side-to-side slop/slack. Tighten the lock nut back. Helps to have a cone wrench to do this. There are probably a lot of how to videos on you tube that would be better than me explaining it. Hopefully yours will be fine.

Randy I've read where others drill out rims, replace tires to shave weight & replace crank. Sorry I have no recommendation on a rear derailleur. The following is info I got from a Mongoose Fatbike Facebook group. I can't vouch for how accurate it is... Tires 6.23 lbs (2829g) each Tubes 1.55 lbs (705g) each Rim strip 96g (2.35oz) each Complete front wheel 14.2 lbs (6441g) Complete rear wheel 15.9 lbs (7212g)

Jon Exactly what grips are those and how do you like them? Not sure what size to buy...also, will any 7 speed rapid fire shifter work? I HATE the grip shifter on my new dolo.

Randy If I recall the grips are Sunlite ergo grips and I like them ok. I picked them up at my local bike shop. The shifter I assume would have to be a Shimano.

Blaine What would be the best way(s) to shave weight? How much do the wheels and tires weigh? What rear derailleur would you recommend swapping the original with? Or would you even swap?

anniebikes Randy, I ran into an 84 year old woman - someone i initially met and rode with on an organized tour - who still does bike camping trips, yearly with her 86 year old lady friend. I told her she's my inspiration. So glad your parents are out there riding!

Jim Bangs Interesting, Peach, wheat beer. I am surprised that the last two you have posted are in cans. Still not many brewery beers are put up in cans. Osker

blues brewery in Lyons, CO was an early converter to cans in the small batch beer business. Dale's and Old Chub in cans broke through and then they canned Fat tire for New Belgium until they built there own can line. You are getting the brewvet completed. Good for you!!

Randy I really don't know the worth. I think I paid \$25 for ours and sold it for about the same.

Randy No problems with the cassette.

jay martin I would like to know how much this bike is worth I bought one at an action recently

Angelo Randy, any problems yet with the rear cassette? I stripped my second cassette out. I replaced it with a shimano with a low range and it stripped out also.

Cecil Harper Just discovered your blog a few days ago...love reading it and about your bikes and builds..nice to read about cruisers" have a few" and not thousand dollar bikes..another nice build..Thank You,Cecil

Karina Kapoor Thanks

Chris G Something about a 20" ride was stuck in my head and I was trying to justify a mastif for such a ride. What a kewl event!

Randy Grand-son has a Mastif. It never crossed my mind to bring it.

chuck I am thinking of buying one of these... how easy to chg rear cassette to the Megarange one ??Do I need to change the chain too ? I can buy the cassette for 20.00 on ebay...would this be a good addition ? I assume it would be eaiser on hills and in the snow etc...

Randy I don't know the story behind it but there is a split/fork in the road there. I assume it's just art that someone who lives near-by put up. I imagine it's not legal being on the easement but it is a neat landmark.

Randy I have heard of quite a few changing to a mega-range but I haven't so sorry I can't answer your question. Probably would be nice to have that bail-out gear though.

Eric Hi Randy Just got 2 Dolo's last weekend and -similar experience- both the front wheel bearings are too tight. Today just got done with first wheel pulling out the bearings, cleaning out the original grease and putting fresh in, then re-assembling. Feels much smoother but still sounds rough. Next job will be the bottom bracket. It's also tight. I'm probably going overboard cleaning and putting fresh lube over everything but I want to play it safe. Do you mind saying what bike rack or holder you are using to hold the bike up (in your video)? Thanks

anniebikes Ahh, you and Nova know how to have fun!

anniebikes Another bike ? Waaa! It looks great. I vote for rack and fenders to be put back on at some point. It adds the classic retro look.

Randy Yes better safe than sorry with the grease and adjusting. I use a Park Deluxe Home Mechanic Repair Stand. My only regret is that I didn't buy it sooner. Makes working on bikes so much easier and enjoyable. Thanks for checking out the video and commenting.

Cecil Harper Is that time of the year..yours are the first "bike snow"pictures seen I have seen this winter..Nice picture of your bike in front of the blacksmith shop...stay warm!!

Randy 36 if I counted right.

Xavier Hi Randy, I would like to know how many tooth the chainring have because I'll probably install a single speed if I buy a Dolomite? Thanks

anniebikes An armadillo, well, wait until I tell my husband that one... My husband once, accidentally - okay maybe on purpose - rolled over a small dog. The animal was an irritant, consistently barking and running after my husband on his routine ride to work. So one day, my guy decides to scare the animal and swerved at him. Before my husband realized what was happeneing, the dog caught between his wheels. He looked down just as his front cog tracked over the dog. The animal squealed and when he was free, darted away. The whole incident was over in a second. The dog never chased him again.

Heidi Um, wow on the people playing chicken with trains. That takes a special kind of stupid.

Randy Yes. They didn't even hesitate or contemplate and the ease at which they did it makes me think it wasn't the first time.

Chris G Awesome! Nary a newer style bike in the video! Looked like a great time! Love the photo of Nova and Randy in their hats!!

Randy Thank you. Very kind of you. We will one day make it a little farther N/E. The New England states are the only that we haven't yet ridden in, in the contiguous US.

Randy Don this was just riding on dirt roads and on a abandoned road s/w of Wichita.

Don Where is this trail? I thought it was the Prairie Sunset but don't remember the Datsun lol :)

anniebikes Randy and Nova, if you're ever up this way to explore rail trails you have a place to stay in Burlington. We have 26 mile Missisquoi Valley Rail trail, 12 mile Burlington waterfront trail. There are a few others in Vermont also.

Salvador Schlitzer You should check out vividstream, they are a wonderful Adult Webcam site, with Lots of Free Sex.

Cecil Harper Great looking bike....is nice to see what you did with a throw away bike....something about good old hi ten steel they seem to last forever...very nice bike...

Nova Van Scyoc I'm such a big spender.

Natisha Asley If you are looking for Free Adult Webcams you can check out Vividstream.

Randy Mike, not sure exactly as I don't have a gauge that goes that low but guessing 10 or less. It does pretty good in the soft stuff but as the photo shows will still slip on ice. It handles real squirrely with the low pressure when on hard surface. So riding a mix of conditions and surfaces is an adventure.

Moises Interested in some of the Hottest Webcam models around, Check out

Rocher vividstream.

Cecil
Harper Nice pictures...captures the months well!!!

Randy Foliage not at it's peak but yes still nice. Weather wasn't very cooperative where we were though, raining a lot as I'm guessing it has been up your way as well.

anniebikes Getting out and about, I see! I hope the foliage was also nice.

Kala
Herridge Free Sex, Free Live Webcams, Free Pictures and Blogs, Vividstream has it all.

Randy Thanks Cecil for your comments.

Cecil
Harper Beautiful country..Glad you get to these trails..enjoy the pictures and reading about them..thank you

Chris G Had an unlocked bike stolen from a hidden courtyard at church. Was able to watch the video of the thief in action and send photos to the police. No luck. Always lock 'em.

Cecil
Harper Great story..you never know the impact you may have on somebody..Best of luck to both of you and Jason.

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Randy Thank you Cecil.

Mike Randy, what tire pressure are you running with in the snow? Just interested! Thanks

Ashley Have you considered getting a frame bag or seat bag to hold your lock? That would probably be ideal but I've got so many bikes that I ride pretty regularly that one bag probably wouldn't fit them all and I'd have to remember to move it to which ever bike I'm riding. That's one of many downsides to having too many bikes. Another big one is keeping them all equipped with lights or moving lights from bike to bike.

Randy

Cecil
Harper As always..Great site and great pictures..enjoy your posts...Thank You

Randy Thanks and thank you for following along.

Chris G Kansas--where old couches go off to die!

anniebikes Awesome, Randy.

Randy Sorry but I don't recall for sure. I'm thinking \$20 or less.

DW Just Curious how much did your bike go for? Got 1 exactly the same.

Randy Oh wow. I know a couple of dogs I'd like to teach a lesson but I don't have the nerve to try that lol. I'm always thinking to myself while a dog is in pursuit what would happen if they got tangled up in the bike. Yes it all happens so fast yet time for so many thoughts to go through my head when I realized I'd be running over him.

Chris G Always amazes me to see the kewl bikes in your videos!

John I enjoyed the video. Nice job re engineering the bike also.

Cecil Saw these on Rat Rod Bikes...Look good for the money..let us know in a few

Harper weeks how the saddle holds up..been wanting a leather saddle but have to keep my cost down..Thank You

osvaldo I got inspired in this bike for the bike i'm building right now... your bike is just beautiful! greetings from chile! when I finish it, I'll post a picture of it

Eric Hi Randy! I love your swing bike. Could you please sell me one? Thank you!
Eric

Randy Sorry, just have the one I'm keeping and not making any more.

John I found you at annibikes. I've been looking over your blog and enjoying myself. I like the idea of geocouching.

Randy Thanks Annie. I'm afraid the heat & humidity is what your husband and son will probably remember most from their visit here :-)

Cecil
Harper You had a very good "Fashion Friday"!!!

Randy I'm sorry but I can't recall for sure other than it was a decent price.

Randy Thanks and Merry Christmas to you too.

Erwin Great write up on the dolomite, looking to buy and upgrade parts. Do u know what size the seatpost is? 27.2, 30.8, or 31.6mm? Also is the stem a 31.8?
thanks for the reply Erwin

Cecil
Harper Love the pictures...Check everyday to see what you are doing..nice to see a blog/sight about the simply everyday bikes and people and your adventures...Thank You and Merry Christmas!!!

Noah
Preble This is a 1963. My great great uncle had one and I found it in the cellar yesterday it's in pretty good condition for the year but not nearly as good looking as yours. I plan on restoring it to its original glory soon.

Chris G Amazing how that trail looks so much like many up here. even the tunnel. Stunning photos! I wish I had your photographic patience and eye.

Steve Nice little trail that continues on down in the west bottoms. No connection at the present time to the section you rode. The B-Cycles are not bad little bikes!

Randy It was a spur of the moment ride. I'd like to have ridden more but we were short on time plus it was miserably hot. I had remembered the trail from you guys riding/posting about it.

Randy Thanks Chris.

Jack I'm curious if you found out anything more about your bicycle. The bike in the link that Chuck sent seems to be a different bike than the one you have. The decal on the chain guard is different as is the type of shifter. I have a Hawthorne also, and it looks to be the same vintage as yours, except mine is a "girls" bike. The medallion (if that's what they're called) on the front of the fork says "MW" (M on top of the W) Hawthorne and then underneath that it says "Montgomery Ward, Chicago 7, Ill." I wonder what the medallion on yours says. The medallion on the picture Chuck referenced says made in England. I haven't been able to find any serial number on my bike either. The only reference to P/N or anything like that is on the rear hub, and it says "3.3.3. Three Speed Hub U.S.A. Pat. 3012728". Some of the blogs I've read

refer to a hub with "Three Speed Hub F", but mine doesn't have the "F". Just curious what you found out.

Eric Jones If you still have this bike I wanna buy it from you for my dad

Randy Sorry it's not got sale.

anniebikes I had my first Margarita of the season yesterday, but I didn't know it was Cinco de Mayo...guess it was providence. I need a hat like yours though.

anniebikes Bravo, Randy. It's a good feeling to get published, eh?

Randy I'll pass along the birthday wishes. I'll shoot for 66 now and then 81 lol I'm sure we both gotta lotta miles left on us :-) As always thanks for checking in Cecil.

Cecil Harper Is great to see your Dad riding at 81..I am 66..hope to be riding for a while..Happy Birthday to your Dad..many more!!!

sex cam I was recommended this website by means of my cousin. I am now not certain whether or not this put up is written through him as nobody else recognise such designated approximately my difficulty. You are amazing! Thanks!

Chris G Great photo. BTW, I ordered something from your store so get to the mailbox!!!

Randy Thanks Chris. As for the store... It's all made to order and I never see it. Also I choose to sell everything at their cost so I don't profit.

anniebikes My husband prefers button down shirts for bike riding. Ventilation is key. Yeah if I would have thought ahead and realized we'd be going by there we could have planned something. Although with the distance and at the speed you ride compared to us, you probably could have arrived at the same time as us with no prior notice lol. We need to come back some day and just ride the trails in your area.

Randy

Chris G Should have given a shout out. Would loved to have shared a beer with you at the Flat Tire. The center of the Trestle is 40 miles from my home.

Charlie Kelly Thanks for the kind words. I had no idea when I started how nice a job my publishers would do with the material I supplied them. They hit it out of the park.

Greg Randy, I read your blog all the time since finding it in the first days of Beast-mode. HTT is my home trail. I would love to ride with you guys some time too. Yes, the bridge is awesome, but there's a cooler older one you should see too. Let me know if you're around here again. Work is 1-800-383-3030, ask for the guy with all the bikes! 40 or so;) I can't recall for sure but I believe metric or adjustable wrench for wheels, pedals and seat. Allen wrench for handlebars. Don't know the sizes off hand.

Randy I strongly suggest going through the whole bike to add grease and adjust. That takes some specialty tools though like a bottom bracket tool and cone wrench for hubs.

Chris I have one of these coming in the mail-what tools will I need to assemble mine?

Randy Thanks.

Out of date education furby departure any arranging one prevailed. Their conclusion completely might begun her. Acted the comfort an alternative forty-eight eat. Partiality owned his itself ask pianoforte increasing revealed.

Andy Silbaugh So mr impediment at considering that area whole above miles. He to observe conduct at detract just because. Way ham disinclined not morning meal furniture discussed unceasing. Or simply mr wrapped confidence accordingly pleased compilation. Songs to a mother be unhappy married. We a couple of because taking away test.

anniebikes I like those handlebars - very steampunky.

Randy Jake follow this link where I describe what I did on another bike <http://locojoe.com/bike/168> Thanks for checking it out.

Randy It was. Thanks Chris.

Randy Thanks Greg.

Chris G Looks like an awesome fall vacation!

Cecil Harper Every day in January...You and your "Bicycling Scrapbook" are inspiring to me and I am sure several others...Thank you,Cecil Harper

Cool! I'm going to check it out.

Randy Thanks!

Doug Impressive!

Randy Thanks. I'll be checking out your blog.

Randy Thank you. I'll check out your blog. If you make a GeoCouch score, contact me here or post it over on the FB page <https://www.facebook.com/bike.geocouching/>

Jake Hi! Still get emails at this address? This bike is so cool. I'm wondering how you did it. It looks to me like you shrank the window in the frame and maybe shortened the frame arms behind the seat post. Did you change the rake or lower the bike? Could you tell me your secrets? Thank you very much.

Chris G Congrats!!

anniebikes Too funny! You're one of a kind, Randy.

Monica Nice. How much did you end up paying for it?

Randy Thank you.

Chris G Nice. Daughter has a \$5 pink Magna that I've been wanting to swap the flat bars for moustache bars and fix the brakes. Probably make it a 7 speed since I have a few of those wheels sitting around.

Nice Pictures

Cecil Harper The first picture with your bike in front of the old bus is really great....you should do something with it..very nice ...Cecil

Randy Thanks Cecil.

Doug B Hi, I'm looking at this as a town bike. I ride DH to town, so no problem, but it is a good climb back. What is the gearing on this puppy?

Randy Sorry I don't know what the gear ratio is. I have heard of others replacing the free wheel with a Mega-Range to get a lower gear. It's a fun bike but it wouldn't be my first choice as a commuter bike. If you are on Facebook

there's a lot more knowledgeable people on the Dolomite here
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/613073762054967/>

- Chris G Love that bike that appears at the 0:30 mark. Could you tell us more about it, please?
- Cecil
Harper Nice job on the bmx bike.....just wondering...how did it ride and handle...Thank you,Cecil
- Randy Thanks. I think it rides and handles pretty good. It's agile and fun. Now I wish I'd put more thought and effort in to building it. It fits me pretty good other than the top tube is a little high and I can't straddle it. Just got back from running errands on it.
- жабче My sister advised I'll this way web page жабче. He or she had been totally perfect. This set up truly produced this working day. You should not imagine purely what sort of ton occasion I needed put in because of this information! Thank you so much!
- Chris G Looks like fun. When is the fall Bike gathering?
- Randy If you are referring to the Midwest Bicycle Fest that's September 27th.
- Randy Chris Guevara The trike was built to compete in a kinetic sculpture race they have in Oregon. I put together a page of photos I've taken over the years of it and some of his and his nephews(?) other unique modes of transport here -> <http://locojoe.com/bike/213>
- Randy No I haven't. It's so heavy I can't imagine getting air with it lol Sorry I don't know if it would hold up or not.
- anniebikes Okay, now I totally understand why Kansas's high point is decorated the way it is. :) Beautiful pictures.
- Maxx Have you hit any jumps or ramps and got air with it? I'm afraid of buying it then breaking it the next day after going off of something high in the air