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TOP TEN?????



BANQUET!!!



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by Reid French

As the plane descended, I could see the undulating landscape through the rain streaked windows of the United Airlines DC-10. Eugene, Oregon was not the burgeoning megopolis that a Midwesterner is accustomed to seeing. Upon arriving at the baggage claim area of the airport, I noticed the goofy glasses and funny clothing of other cyclists here for Cycle Oregon.

Upon gazing outside, the weather was not co-operating and the temperature hovered around 55 degrees. My mind reeled of riding 500 miles of hills and mountains in the rain. Was I prepared? Would the bike perform as expected? Would I perform as expected? Many thoughts....

I could not understand the delay in retrieving what I deemed to be a very distinctive piece of luggage.

A brand new black hard case containing a brand new Shimano Ultegra STI equipped TREK 2300 with new custom built American Classic wheels, Bell Razor helmet, SIDI Genius 2 shoes, Oakley

Blades and gloves. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM??? I deemed the problem as I filled out the necessary paperwork, was that United had misplaced my BIKE!! This can't be happening as I pleaded my case (apparently unconvincingly) to the United rep. "Where can we call you?", she asked.

"Call!! How can you call me? YOU CAN'T call me because I didn't think I needed a cellular phone on a bike trip!", I retorted.

Needless to say, I was 'Jone'sd' out and decidedly upset. Upon arriving at the University of Oregon, I pitched my tent and a rather impressive array of bikes atop a van caught my eye. Upon further investigation, there was a Serotta distributor participating in the ride and allowing cyclists to test ride their machines. I immediately signed up for a 56cm Shimano Dura-Ace STI equipped titanium beauty hoping that I would not have to ride it. The firm "Legspeed International" was incredibly accommodating even allowing me to borrow all of the necessary equipment to ride.

The bike's climbing performance was awesome! It

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National 24 Hour Bicycle Challenge Report

by Rob Schaller

Byron Center, MI- At 7:45AM over 450 cyclists from around the United States and Canada lined up for the start of the 12th annual National 24 Hour Bicycle Challenge. Before we even started cycling, we were already breaking a sweat in the warm, muggy morning. I knew that if I was to survive this ride I would have to keep DRINKING and ride at my own pace to prevent heat exhaustion.

A police escort led the lead pack of cyclists for the first thirty miles and by the pace you would have thought that this was a short road race rather than a 24 hour endurance event-our speeds were averaging between 25-30 MPH. I guess many of the riders like myself were burning off a lot of nervous energy that always accompanies such a big event. After the first checkpoint I decided that it was time to settle back and ride at my own pace. Shortly after that I was joined by a pack of riders that were riding at a more reasonable pace so I decided to join them. About fifty miles into the ride I had a flat tire and had to bail out of the paceline. It was

at that point that I did most of the riding by myself. I finished my first 100 miles in just under five hours, which wasn't that bad despite the heat and the mechanical problems that I had.

The twenty four mile day loops were the toughest part of the ride because of the intense afternoon heat. Many riders had abandoned their bikes for a spot under a shady tree and slept through the near 100 degree heat. I figured that i'd be better off if I stayed on the bike and make two short stops per lap to be hosed down with cold water. I completed my first 200 miles in eleven and one half hours and I thought that I still had a chance to complete over 400 miles. During my first 200 miles I consumed over twenty three water bottles and only ate two bananas. Although I did a great job of remaining hydrated and avoiding muscle cramps, I was depleted of food energy, BONK!!

The first few six mile night loops were mentally devastating for me. Since the riders were on a shorter loop you saw more riders more

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CHECK THE RIDELINE FOR WEEKEND RIDES AND FOR POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS DUE TO BAD WEATHER:

708-367-6472

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

The Christmas party will be held on Saturday evening, December 17, at Dave Ebert's house, The address is 1733 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago. The fun begins at 6:30PM. Bring a grab bag gift (\$10.00 value-be thoughtful-if you wouldn't want to receive your own present, don't bring it! No patch kits or handlebar tape, please). Stay tuned for more details in next month's newsletter.

REMINDER:

THERE WILL BE NO CLUB MEETING IN NOVEMBER!!

TOP TEN MILEAGE



What are the end of the season results?? Come to the banquet to find out!! Results will be printed next month!!

BIKING PICTURES NEEDED!!

I'm putting together a video for the Christmas party. Please send me all of your good, funny, scenic, and unusual pictures for a review of 1994. I'll take pictures and slides. Place your name on them and they will be returned.

Send to:

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122 N. Dale Ave. 2K
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5133
November 6th deadline

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- * DYNASTAR "180" SLALOM EQUIP
- * SALOMON "747" BINDINGS
- * LANGE WOMEN SKI BOOTS SIZE 71/2
- The entire package for \$150.00.

- * RED CANONDALE TOURING BIKE
- 58cm 2 years old-\$250.00. If interested call Bob or Janie Neuman at 708-367-7720.

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