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Simon Says:

Hi All

Attached is latest meets list. Sorry it's late but been away this weekend and also I've joined the sad ranks of the employed.

Sheila's ride on Sun 18th April is joint Sat/Sun ride so all welcome at Ladybower.

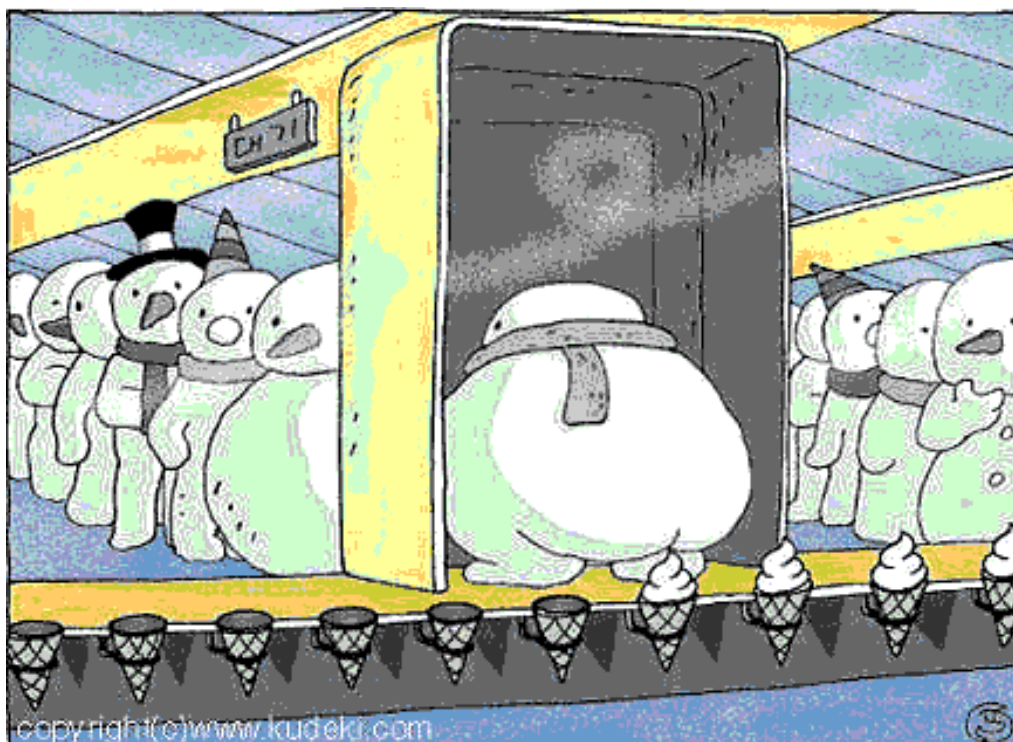
Possible weekend away on 1st May to Swaledale but will decide nearer the time.

Simon

Armchair Mountain Biking

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Mr. Whippy will never taste the same again....!



Gossip n' Stuff

Simon has been sent out to work.

Pat is now officially the slowest club member

Carolyn is discovering the delights of solo trailquesting and solo multiple puncture mending

Weekends away have fizzled out at present. Any ideas accepted (I will persevere ...)

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The UK round of the UCI mountainbiking cup (XC DH and 4X) is in Fort William on 5 and 6 th of June. Rub shoulders with the MTB Olympians and have an all-comers race on their circuit (which is pretty good.) I went last year and would recommend it (but not the Youth Hostel)

Julian's French holiday - no takers?

USA holiday - booked.



Trickett "goes over" to the Enemy !

I like trucking, I like trucking,
I like trucking and I like to truck.
I like trucking, I like trucking,
If you don't like trucking, tough luck.

On the road, you must be brave and tireless,
On the road, you can listen to the wireless,
On the road, you eat café food with pride,
You can throw it up outside.

The greatest kick in trucking comes from
knocking down a biker,
Or swinging round a roundabout and picking up
a hiker,
You're chatting up that piece of skirt who's sit-
ting by your side,
Then pop the crucial question - a ride for a ride?

I like trucking, I like trucking,
I like trucking and I like to truck.
I like trucking, I like trucking,
If you don't like trucking, tough luck.

Perhaps the greatest laugh of all, that makes this
life worthwhile,
Is waving on the car behind, giving him a smile,
With glasses and with gratitude, he revs his little
load,
And meets another trucking truck, a-trucking
down the road.

On the road, you must be tough and ruthless,
And the rumours that we're gay are truthless,
On the road, you can wear your shirtsleeves
rolled,
You eat chocolate when it's cold.

From behind, we like to sneak up on you from
behind,
Never mind, if you hit 'em never mind.

We like trucking, we like trucking,
We like trucking and we like to truck.
We like trucking, we like trucking,
If you don't like trucking, tough luck.

UNIVERSAL TRUTHS

1. Triangular sandwiches taste better than square ones.
2. At the end of every party there is always a girl crying.
3. One of the most awkward things that can happen in a pub is when your pint-to-toilet cycle gets synchronised with a complete stranger.
4. Everyone who grew up in the 80's has entered the digits 55378008 into a calculator.
5. You're never quite sure whether it's against the law or not to have a fire in your back garden.
5a. You never know where to look when eating a banana.
6. It's impossible to describe the smell of a wet cat.
7. Prodding a fire with a stick makes you feel manly.
8. Rummaging in an overgrown garden will always turn up a bouncy ball.
9. You always feel a bit scared when stroking horses.
10. Everyone always remembers the day a dog ran into your school.
11. The most embarrassing thing you can do as school-child is to call your teacher mum or dad.
12. Every bloke has at some stage while taking a pee, flushed half way through and then raced against the flush.
13. Old women with mobile phones look wrong.
14. Its impossible to look cool whilst picking up a Frisbee.
15. You never ever run out of salt.
16. There's no panic like the panic you momentarily feel when you've got your hand or head stuck in something.
17. Despite constant warning, you have never met anybody who has had their arm broken by a swan.
18. The most painful household incident is wearing socks and stepping on an upturned 13 Amp plug.
19. You've turned into your father the day you put aside a thin piece of wood specifically to stir paint with.
20. Everyone had an uncle who tried to steal their nose.
21. Bricks are horrible to carry.
22. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



Ogden/Stairs Lane Sunday 28 Mar

Carolyn organised us for a speedy circuit with no incidents (apart from me NEARLY having a coronary !)
Roger was a good Samaritan and lent a set of new pedals to a young lady acquaintance of Russ' only to discover that they were not coming with us. The rest of us were horrified by this display of gratuitous generosity. (He did get them back and hopefully will behave more like a real Rough Rider in future.)

Simon was the only one to clean Stairs Lane. (**Editor's**

Note: In fact, Roadie cleaned it also but he is such a shrinking violet that I was unaware of the fact.)

The only notable thing about the apres-ride pub was this curious notice outside:



Do many people, if driving too fast, crash into the mountain? ,
Will the mountain be damaged by shock waves from fast traffic?

Mirfield Wednesday 21st April,

Simon led us around a nice loop taking in some cool woodland singletrack, although the mud was several feet deep in places! As darkness fell, however, we ground to a halt...Simon suffering a double-puncture just as we emerged from some woodland into a freshly muck-spread field, surrounded by midges. The fact that darkness was fast approaching and the skies looked as though we were soon to be in for a soaking didn't really help morale, but being as we were a cool bunch, Simon, Stuart, Paul and myself, spirits remained high (!). The heavens did open, forcing me to don my dad's oh-so uncool waterproof and making sure the muddy trails were nice and slippery. Riding paths peppered with thorns, more puncture-mending fun was inevitable, I was next to hold up proceeding, with a deflated front tyre. Darkness made mending it all the more fun.

Just as we had the end (almost) in sight..Stuart punctured twice in the space of 200 yards.

Arriving back at the Ship Inn drenched, mud-splattered and with tyres we were sure would deflate themselves over night, we knew we hadn't beaten Simon's record ride-time, but it was nice to get out even if it was muddy, thorny and lashing it down relentlessly!

By Harry.

RIDES for APRIL 2004

Wed 14 Emley Gary Day 01484 609155

Sun 18 Ladybower Sheila Davison 01484 712854

Wed 21 Mirfield Simon Collis

Sat 24 Hebden Bridge Roger Griffiths 01484 851659

Sun 25 Somewhere Nige Barugh 01132 743110

Wed 28 Brighouse Sheila Davison 01484 712854

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Sun 2 Somewhere Simon Trickett 0113 2886605

Trailquests

Sat 17th April Ebor 2 hour - Dalby

Sun 18th April National 5 hour - Sherwood

Sat 1st May Ebor 2 hour - Gilling

Coming to Your Country Soon...

Hello to all subscribers of
www.fortwilliamworldcup.co.uk!

There's just 2 months to go until the World Cup heads for the Highlands and things are looking good for 5th & 6th June!

Website

www.fortwilliamworldcup.co.uk has now been fully updated for 2004. The site has lots of new pages including a 'Downloads' page, where you can download World Cup movie clips and wallpapers, and a new photo gallery with loads of pics from last year's event. You can also find information on competing (in both the World Cup and the the Alpine Bikes World Cup Chaser), travel,

accommodation, ticket prices, the courses (including interactive course maps) and much more. Our online ticket shop will also be going live very soon. If you haven't been to the site for a while it's worth checking out!

Tickets

Tickets will be on sale from mid to end of next week and will be available online at www.fortwilliamworldcup.co.uk or by phone. We will send you an email notification as soon as our online ticket shop goes live.

Party in the Fort

The World Cup will kick off on the evening of Friday 4th June with Animal's Martyn Ashton Trials show in the town centre followed by the World Cup Opening Party (ticket only) in the Nevis Centre. Then on Saturday everyone is invited to celebrate the launch of Fort William as the Outdoor Capital of the UK at a free concert in the High Street. Watch out for details on the website.

Bike Show

The Fort William Team will be at the Bike Show from 16-18 April at the NEC, Birmingham. If you're going to the Bike Show remember to drop by and say hello! (Stand 9220 - Forestry Commission Scotland / Fort William World Cup)

Accommodation

If you haven't booked your accommodation yet for Fort Bill, give the accommodation hotline a call on 0845 2255121 or visit www.host.co.uk. From 1st May there will be a regularly updated listing of available accommodation on www.fortwilliamworldcup.co.uk

Lastly ... Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to work at the World Cup so far. We are going through all applications at the moment and will be in touch late April/early May. If you haven't applied to volunteer yet there's still time to get your application in. Visit the website and fill out the online volunteer form.

We'll be back in touch as soon as tickets go on sale - in the meantime, hope you all enjoy the Easter weekend!

Best wishes,
Karen Weir
Fort William World Cup Team

The UCI Mountain Bike World Cup 2004
Nevis Range, Fort William, Scotland - 5-6 June
Downhill, 4-Cross and Cross Country



Around 5,000 spectators gather around the Nevis Range 4X track watching the full on action...

<http://www.nevisrange.co.uk/summer/index.asp>