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Beating Around The Bush



DOLPHIN DESIGNS FOAM BICYCLE

From our "take a look at this" file comes a new bike design from builder Dave Beard. Called Dolphin Designs, the frame, fork, handlebar and stem together weigh 3.8 lb. and the complete bike weighs only 15.5 lb. This feather weight is achieved via a carbon/polyurethane foam sandwich frame. Beard says the carbon acts as a spring while the foam acts as a vibration damper. The foam also adds, according to Beard, remarkable compression strength to fight off crash

damage and microcracking.

The Dolphin has a futuristic shape because Beard says it is time to stop modifying the past and leap into the future. Beard goes on to say that it is time to go beyond simple triangles and tailor our bicycle frame's structure directly to the forces acting upon it.

Beard goes so far as to claim the bike is race ready and has a totally functional component package. We'll wait till we see one on the trail. Contact Dolphin Designs at 6093 Lubbock Ave., La Mesa, CA 91942.



COYOTE CLASSIC MB FESTIVAL

If you got a hold of our February '95 issue, you may have seen a story titled "World's Greatest Downhill." This was a trail located in the area of Downieville, California. Well, that same town is having a Mountain Bike Festival on August 11-13, dubbed the Coyote Classic. Besides mountain biking, the area has gold panning, fly fishing and river swimming. The festival is fully supported by the town and the schedule of events will feature a street party on Saturday with a live band. On Sunday is the "Go For the Gold" mountain bike race. This is a 35-mile race that has a 4000-ft. climb followed by a singletrack stretch then a 19-mile descent into town. The name "Go for the Gold" comes from the fact that racers will be racing for a 1 oz. gold nugget.

If you are interested in attending the event, call Coyote Adventure Co. at (916) 265-6909.

BONTRAGER BICYCLES SOLD TO TREK

On Friday afternoon, March 10, 1995, Keith Bontrager signed the papers to make it official; Trek Bicycles is now the owner of Bontrager Cycles. Keith will remain president of Bontrager and concentrate primarily on design and production. Trek will handle the busi-

ness end. All Bontrager bicycles and products will continue to be built at their present location in Santa Cruz, California.

Although nothing is official at this time, if Bontrager does decide, in the future, to market a lower-end version based on their current design, those models will be manufactured in Waterloo, Wisconsin, home of Trek. Also, the possibility of an OCLV carbon Bontrager is not totally out of the question. Keith said the merger provides needed funding to improve product development and delivery. Bontrager will keep its current dealer network of about 150 dealers and expand that base in the coming years.



Keith.

WEDDING BELLS IN THE GT CAMP

The bells were ringing for GT trials star Hans Rey and his new bride Marisa Rey. The two were wed recently in Orange County, California. The best man was part-time MBA contributing photographer Bob Allen. Attendance at the event was in the 300 range—including teammate Mike King, Dave Cullinan, Greg Herbold and Brian Lopes.