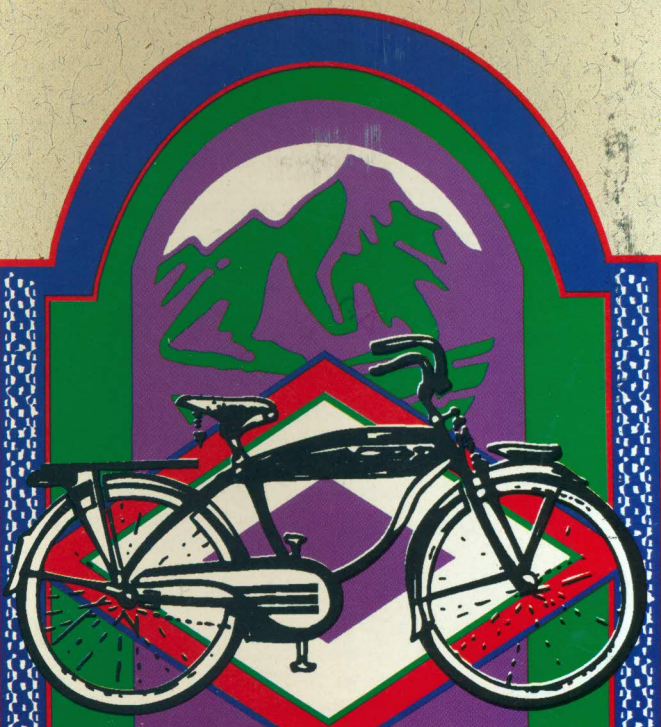


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WHAT MAKES A CLASSIC?

Beethoven . . . Mona Lisa . . . Apple pie . . . Gone With The Wind . . . Coca-Cola . . . Boston Marathon . . . Tour de France . . . Schwinn Excelsior . . . Fat Tire Bike Week. They all have one thing in common . . . they're Classics.

What makes a Classic? A Classic lasts through the years. Fat Tire Bike Week grew out of the Pearl Pass Tour, mountain bicycling's oldest organized event. The Tour leaves for its 17th tough crossing of the Elk Mountains in September, 1992. Fat Tire Bike Week in July enters its 11th year.

A Classic is something you can count on. Fat Tire Bike Week has maintained a standard of excellence over the years, and you can expect the same in 1992.

A Classic stands out as the premier example of its kind, and may become a household word. Mountain bicyclists who think of "festival" think "Fat Tire Bike Week."

As Always, FTBW will fill a week with fun activities every day. Experienced local guides will lead up to eight tours daily, bringing you to the joyous beauty of Rocky Mountain peaks and wildflowers. Instructional clinics will focus on honing singletrack skills, trials, and bicycle maintenance. Special tours will highlight the mining history of Crested Butte and wildflower identification. Official Bicycle Polo returns with clinics and practice games every day, leading up to the "Crested Butte Cup," a hotly contested polo competition.

FTBW includes special events galore: The Chainless Race; the Bicycle Rodeo; the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony; the Dual Slalom; the Observed Trials competition; and the Innovators Contest at the Benefit Bash for Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association.

Excitement builds for the weekend competition, the Crested Butte Stage Race. The race attracts top-level national competitors who enjoy the long singletrack sections of the cross-country stage. Because of its historic importance, its diverse terrain and 35-mile single loop, the cross-country stage may be included in the national *Classics Cup Series*. The Circuit stage challenges racers as they wind around an intricate course through the streets and alleys of the downtown National Historic District.

Crested Butte itself is FTBW's greatest asset. You'll discover a real community, full of friendly families, opinionated activists, helpful volunteers (FTBW is a non-profit organization run by volunteers), and great athletes. You'll find a mix of town Klunkers and high-tech fashions, an authentic coal mining heritage, and a down-to-Earth, relaxed atmosphere where you can enjoy just hanging out on the town's main avenue. Nature at its finest surrounds Crested Butte, and access to this beauty is just a short pedal away.

Others have tried to copy this event, but you just can't improve on classic perfection. Come see for yourself!

CLINICS AND TOURS

"Learn from the legends." Thanks to *Bicycling Plus Mountain Bike* magazine, five on-bike clinics conducted by pioneers of the sport will help you improve your singletrack technique; Monday thru Friday mornings.

FTBW also offers the Crested Butte School of Mountain Biking, with instructional tours every day geared to educate and help women and newer members of the sport familiarize themselves with mountain biking



Kids - with the increased number of kids who are enthused about cycling and having fun in the mountains, FTBW will offer children tours, competitions and the Kids Pro Fun Tour. Call FTBW for more information.

New in 1992, three observed trials clinics will be instructed by Cliff Fonden, one of this sport's greats. Learn how the pros bunny-hop, stand still and maneuver over rocks and logs, all the while without touching the ground.

Tours are the essence of Fat Tire Bike Week and Crested Butte mountain biking. No wonder we offer up to eight a day, ranging from an hour or two for beginners to all day journeys for experts. Other tours will be casual visits to historic sites in and around the National Historic District.

FTBW occurs during the annual Wildflower Festival, so distinctive tours will visit these natural wonders of the high country. The Crested Butte Wildflower Festival offers its own courses in wildflower identification, photography, horse back rides and much more. For more information on the Wildflower Festival contact the Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-545-4505.



FTBW tours and races occur primarily on lands of the Gunnison National Forest under a permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service.

INNOVATORS AND PIONEERS

Bicycling Plus Mountain Bike magazine is again sponsoring a \$2,000 Award for the makers of the most innovative equipment at FTBW: Categories are: Most creative frame, Trickiest component/accessory, Hottest apparel, and Slickest paint job. Each category winner receives \$500 cash. A panel of judges will select and present the awards during the Benefit Bash.

During FTBW, the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame holds its annual Induction Ceremony, where pioneers of the sport are honored with plaques and accolades. The Ceremony includes entertainers like "Biker Joe" and "Shifty Freewheel," a historic slide show, singing, poetry and laughs. Visit the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame Museum - open daily during the week.

For a swinging experience, check out the Hall of Fame Benefit Bash, FTBW's biggest party with live music and dancing. Proceeds benefit the Hall of Fame and the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association, whose job is help maintain local trails and educate cyclists.

CRESTED BUTTE STAGE RACE

Total purse: \$5,000 cash, plus prizes
 Colorado Off-Road Series event, honoring standard NORBA categories/classes

- Three Stages:

- 1) Circuit Course — Sat. am; a race through the streets and alleys of downtown Crested Butte's Historic District; lots of cheering spectators and unusual obstacles
- 2) Singletrack time trial — Sat. pm, pros only
- 3) Cross-country stage — Sun. am; a trek through some of Earth's most beautiful lands, including miles of challenging singletrack; pros and experts take a longer ride

- Registration Friday, July 10th

OBSERVED TRIALS

Sat. afternoon; Colorado Off-Road Series event, honoring standard NORBA categories; traps for every level of rider, novice to expert

- tests of riders' skill at balance and coordination on tricky courses over rocks, logs, boulders and stream crossings

DUAL SLALOM DOWNHILL AT CBMR

Fri. am; held on the ski slopes of Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

- Two bicyclists simultaneously ride down through a tight gates course, just like a slalom ski race; dual elimination process

CHAINLESS RACE

Tues. pm; FTBW's most unique race
 Racer categories: Over 150 pounds & under 150 pounds

- Racers remove their chains, then get a running start down Kebler Pass road; aerodynamics and sheer inertia make the difference to the finish in downtown Crested Butte.

SLOW RACE/OBSTACLE COURSE FOR KIDS

Thurs., in Mt. Crested Butte; • The last one to cross the finish line wins, but no foot dabbing or standing still! Kids try their luck at a tricky course with many fun challenges.



Photo by Nathan Bilow

Daily Activities

Monday thru Thursday
 Official Bicycle Polo clinics at 3:00 pm,
 A variety of tours every day
 Monday thru Friday
 C.B. School of Mountain Bicycling clinics and
Bicycling Plus Mtn. Bike magazine single-track clinics

Monday, July 6

Welcome

Tuesday, July 7

Chainless Race
 Mtn. Bike Hall of Fame Reception

Wednesday, July 8

Bicycle Rodeo
 Benefit Bash & Innovators' Contest

Thursday, July 9

Slow Race/Obstacle Course
 Slide Show

Friday, July 10

Dual Slalom Downhill at C.B. Mtn. Resort
 Polo playoffs or Crested Butte Cup
 Mtn. Bike Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, July 11

Crested Butte Stage Race
 Observed Trials
 Crested Butte Cup Polo Championships
 Pasta Feed Party

Sunday, July 12

Crested Butte Stage Race
 Awards Ceremony
 Have a safe trip home.



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OFFICIAL BICYCLE POLO™

... began at FTBW seven years ago. Its like the "real thing," only you don't need a stable of pure bred ponies, just a bicycle and a helmet. A week of "chukkars" culminates in the Crested Butte Cup competition on Saturday. Polo improves your balance and bike handling skills. It's the softball of bicycles.

BICYCLE RODEO

An afternoon of entertainment in the center of town for spectators and participants alike; includes a log pull, bicycle limbo, corkscrew criterium, skid competition, and jumping a junker car!

MEDICAL CONFERENCE

A workshop on "Role of Medicine and Science in Cycling" will be held during FTBW. Contact ISC, P.O. Box 8798, Lakeland, FL 33806. Phone (813) 686-8934. Priced separately.

THE PEARL PASS TOUR

A celebration of the birth of Mountain Biking

September 12 & 13th

The oldest mountain Biking event in the world.

Seventeen years ago, a group of eleven Crested Butte crazies took their one-speed, fat-tired "Klunkers" over 12,700-foot Pearl Pass on a forty mile ride to Aspen. Fourteen years ago, they were joined by a group from Marin County, California, who brought along the first chrome-moly, multi-gear mountain bikes. Every year since then, the tour has symbolized and commemorated the birth of a wonderful sport.

This September, the Tour again takes off for the fabled city of jet-set stars, silver mining fortunes and a surrounding backcountry almost as beautiful as the lands around Crested Butte. At night, you can rent a room or stay in the tent-camping site. The next day, you can fly out of Aspen's fancy airport, take a car shuttle, or ride back to Crested Butte via Taylor Pass.

Don't miss the classic tour! For more information, check the box at the bottom of the registration form.



REGISTRATION

Name		Age
Address		Phone
City	State	Zip
Race Category		

Please circle what you are paying. Clip and mail to FTBW.
 Registration limited to 500 participants. Until June 30 After June 30

FTBW Registration	\$50	\$60
NORBA members	40	50

Registration includes daily tours, entrance in rodeo, goodies, t-shirt, pasta feed, Official Bicycle Polo™ clinics and mandatory temporary enrollment in NORBA insurance plan.

You must register for Fat Tire Bike Week to participate in tours and other events. Passes will be checked before each ride.



NORBA

Insurance for FTBW is provided by the National Off-road Bicycle Association. All participants in tours and races must be members of NORBA. FTBW registration includes a temporary membership. Race fees do not include membership.

Helmets are mandatory! for all FTBW events and tours.

RACES - unlimited registration

All racers, please circle your category.

Observed Trials	\$15	\$20
Dual Slalom Downhill at CBMR	15	20
Chainless Race	1	2
Crested Butte Stage Race:		

Stage Race entry fees include T-shirt & Pasta Feed
 You must complete in all stages; pros - 3 stages.

Pro	\$50	\$55
Expert / Expert Vet	45	50
Sport / Novice / Junior / Sport Vet	35	40

Combination prices for all races and FTBW registration:

*Combo prices available until 6/31 only;
 Polo competition not included.*

	NORBA	Non-Norba
Pro / Expert / Expert Vet	\$85	\$95
Sport / Sport Vet / Novice / Junior	70	80
	Team	Individual
Official Bicycle Polo Crested Butte Cup	\$60	\$15.00

A portion of your entry fee will be donated to the C.B. Mtn. Bike Association for education and maintenance of trails you use.

Total Payment enclosed: \$ _____

No refunds after July 1: \$15/person cancellation fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call ACCOMMODATIONS 1-800-821-3718, or write FTBW.

Want more info. on the Pearl Pass Tour? check here: