



The Most Expensive Saddlebags We've Ever Even Heard Of

HOSS—\$145
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ADAM—\$140
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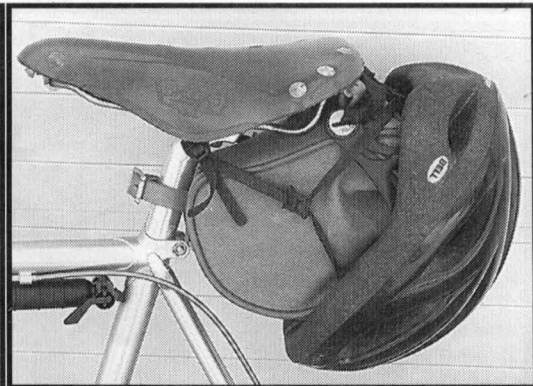
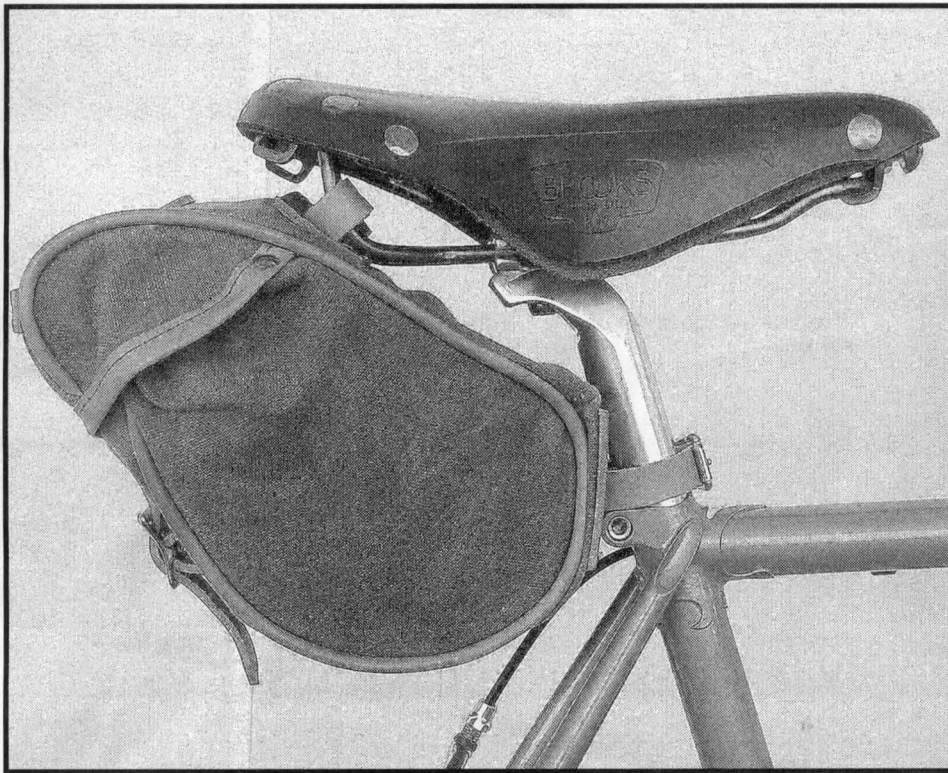
LITTLE JOE—\$90
20-080

These are a lot more impressive in real life than any photo can show. The leather is thicker than it needs to be, and there's more of it than there needs to be, and overall, these Cartwright Bros. bags are a pleasure to use and own.

Hoss is for huge loads, such as overnight and weekend tours, and with some tight packing and no tent, you can go a week with it. My eighth grader uses it for her schoolbooks every day, and that's a heavier load than I'll ever put in it. In mine, I've put a sleeping bag, pad, tent, spare clothing, camera, repair kit, and food. I could still have tied stuff on the outside, onto the D-rings, but everything fit inside. For family picnic rides or trips to the grocery store, use the Hoss.

Adam is the all-purpose model. About 15 percent smaller than the Hoss, but larger than a Carradice Nelson Longflap. It's perfect for most commuting, shopping, rainy weather rides where you need to bring spare clothing and food, and any sort of overnight trip where you can get by with a bivvy sack instead of a tent. Big enough for camping, especially if you supplement it with a bar bag. Small enough for PBP, and several of them are going there this year.

Little Joe is for long day rides when you don't know what the weather will be like, so you have to prepare for anything. It's perfect for centuries, too, and it's our most popular model, probably because it's not as magnificent as the other two, so even riders who aren't used to saddlebags don't find it scary. It'll fit a bicycle helmet, with room for a tweed sweater and tools and food, too; but barely. It's small enough that there's no reason to ever take it off, short of needing to put an Adam or Hoss there for even larger loads. We recently discovered that it mounts fine on the handlebar, too, and we've used it that-a-way on overnights.



Top: Here's an actual digital image of Craig's helmet cradling/protecting his Banana Bag. It works well, so on longer, slightly more dangerous rides, you can wear one helmet and keep a spare back here, ready to use if you get in an accident in which your original helmet gets trashed, but you're still able to ride.

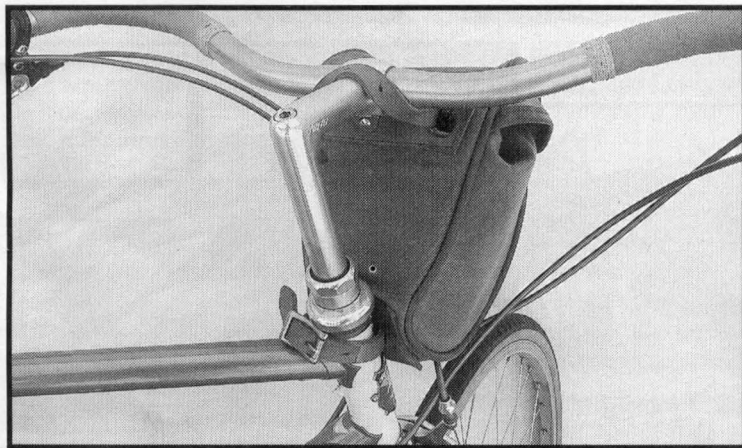
Left: Side view showing standard mounting. Now and then a thick-thighed lad or lass will find that the extra length of the seat post strap rubs their leg, and will cut it off. That is fine, as is replacing it altogether with something slender-er, up to and including a zip-tie.

The best small-capacity seat bag in the world

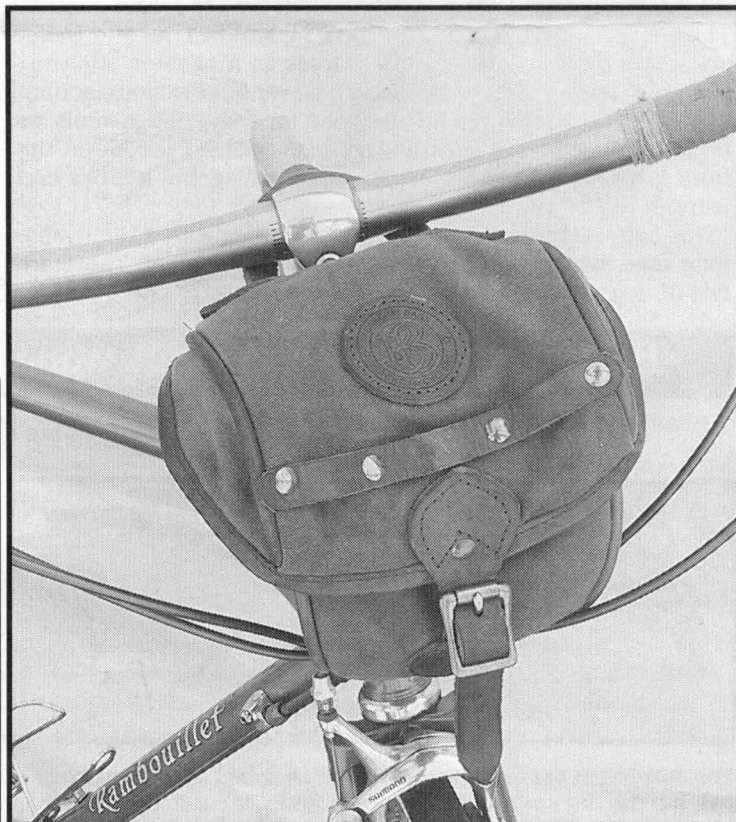
The Baggins BANANA BAG —\$78
20-082

The Banana Bag is roughly shaped like a banana (or comma, or paisley amoeba) and holds your wallet, food, light clothing, and repair kit complete with spare tube. If you're heading out for the day you don't need to prepare for weather changes or carry stuff for other folks, you can easily get by with the Banana Bag.

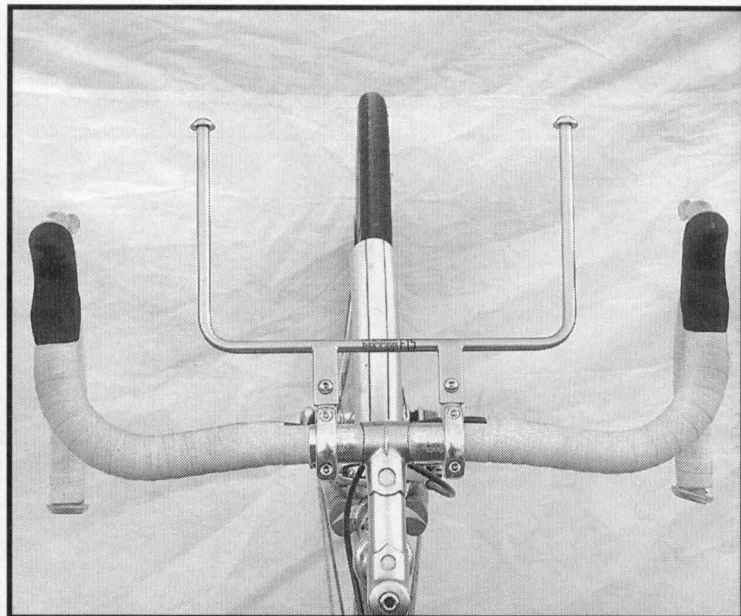
One main compartment, with an inside sleeve for your wallet or keys, and straps on the top flap for tying on additional gear (a rain cape or sweater, for instance). And a strap for a red blinker light. Khaki-ish green, waxed cotton with leather trim and brass buckle & rivets. Rugged, lightweight and waterproof bag. Use with any of our handlebar bags when you need to carry more than'll fit in a Banana Bag alone. Or use two, as shown here.



Rare rear view of Banana Bag mounted on an Albatross bar. It mounts the same way on a drop or Mouschache H'bar, too. Works well for cameras.



And here's a front view of the same. To the best of our knowledge, not a single rider has been sighted riding Banana Bags front and rear. Be the first!



The Costliest Handlebar Bag/Rack Combo We Offer

BOXY BAR BAG —\$80
20-083

The easiest to use handlebar bag we've seen, mainly due to its top-opening chamber, so you can just lift open the lid and have at its contents, easy. If you're a pedaling photographer, we beg you not to waste your time looking for anything better than this. You can grab your camera, shoot a few pictures as you're riding, and hastily drop it back in just in time to regain control. Three sleeve pockets inside are ideal for sandwiches and wallet and extra clothing, which also serves as a cushion for your camera. The two side pockets, with clever flaps that are actually part of the Boxy Bag's lid, are good for small things, tools, or more food, or even a tiny camera. The buckled pocket on the front is too hard to access while you're riding, but it looks odd without it, so there it is, anyway.

This bag works best with drop bars. Comes with a removable map case, which also serves as a super rain shield. There are lots of ways to rig the closing. The one shown is fine.

RACK FOR BOXY BAR BAG —\$46
20-031

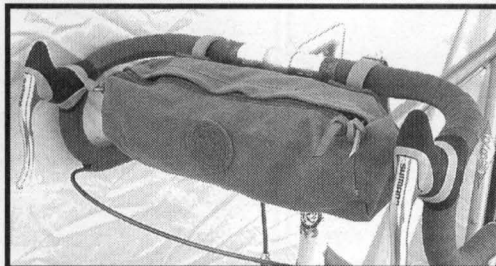
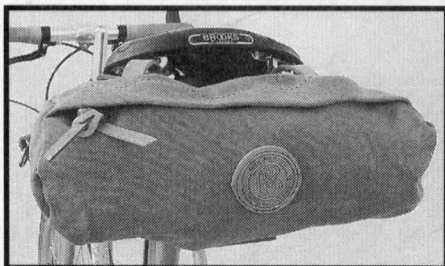
Nitto makes this rack especially for our Boxy Bag, and so if you get one, you'll need the other. And once you have both, Gangway, World!

There's more to this rack than you think. On longer rides and eventually, you'll discover that it also offers you different and good ways to grab the handlebar. You can rest your hands behind it and reach out with your fingers to grip the rear part of it; or you can hunker down and rest your arms on the bar while your hands hang out in front and lightly clasp the ends of the rack, the part with the bolt and washer that holds the bag on. We're not saying it's a tri-bar, or for any sort of heavy load; just that if you're got the rack snugged up tight and most of your weight is supported elsewhere, you can use this rack to get, heaven forbid, sort of aero.

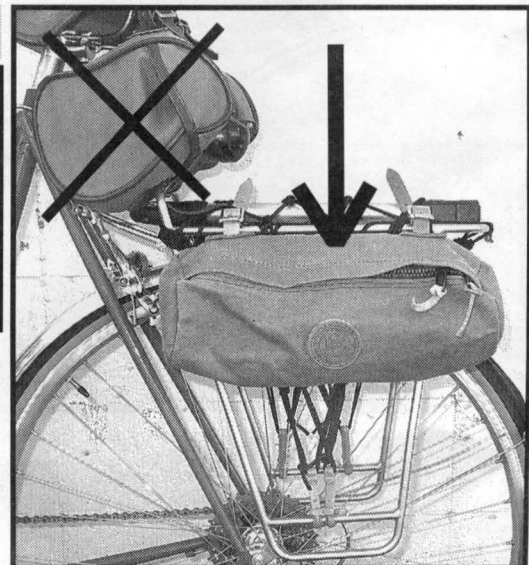
Tubular CrMo with a dull nickel finish. Smart design, perfect for our Boxy Bag and useless with all others.

Baggins Candy Bar Bag. Works also for bread loaves and canned goods.

CANDY BAR BAG \$140 # 20-085



The only bag in our line that was actually inspired by a cheap American-style handlebar bag, but this one costs about 3 times as much, is ten-times better made, with real nice leather and ultra-expensive waxed canvas, and will last ten times as long. Designed to be hung from the handlebar, and that's where we recommend you try it first, but one of our customers likes it on the back, and another totes his on a rear rack, as you can see. Our latest/favorite way to rig it on handlebars is shown to the right. Works on Moustache H'bars and Albatross bars, too, and as a toilet kit while traveling. Light, easy, handy, good. You'll figure out a good place for it.



Little Joe, as a handlebar bag



LITTLE JOE again —\$90
20-080

The straps that are supposed to go through the bag loops go around the bar, as shown, and the seat post strap goes loosely around the head tube. It's not ideal, but as bag-riggings go it's at least a strong B-, and that's good enough for short trips anytime.

When you rig it this way, you may find it easiest to not actually buckle down the top flap, at least if you plan to access your load while riding. Just make sure the flaps minima under the flap majora are secured with cord and a cord-lock (which we provide).

This way-to-rig comes in handy on overnights and last-minute decisions to carry along extra stuff when you hadn't planned to originally, and/or you don't have a bar bag. Sometimes you just have to make it work, and all the Baggins bags are good in this way.

Carradice Boxy:
\$62
20-032

A low-sitting handlebar bag that's exactly the same, down to the proton, as the Sackville model we now show in the catalogue...but this one is black, and the new Sackville is green. That's the only reason we've cut the price on this. It is made of water-proofed, stiff cotton duck, and has three nylon inner pockets, sleeve-style and along the walls so as not to get in the way of a bulky load. One of those pockets has a zipper. Plus there's a front pocket as you can see; and D-rings on the side, so you can rig it as a shoulder bag. Plus a removable map case. It requires the Nitto Boxy rack shown on the previous page.



Carradice Camper:
\$75
20-006

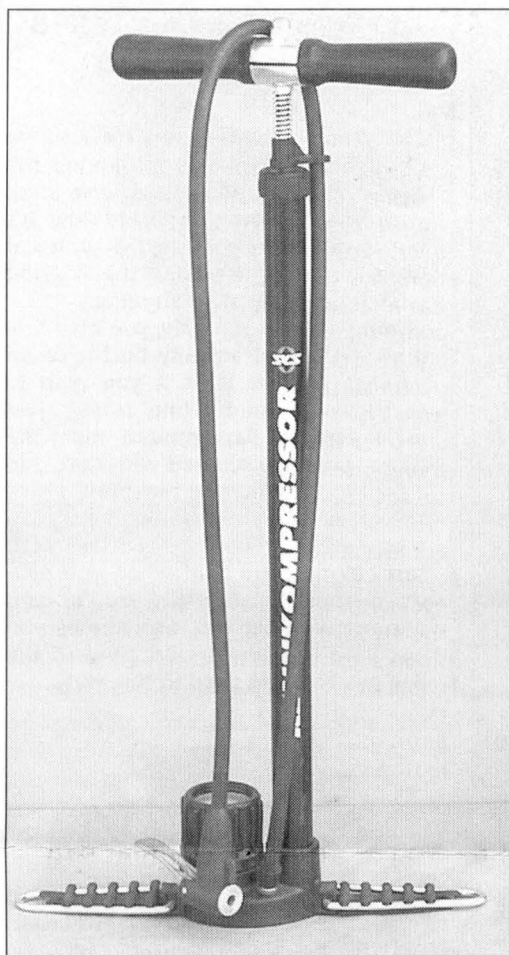
Since we're going with the new Sackville style Carradice bags, we're respectfully discontinuing the normal models. The Camper is a huge capacity bag, great for touring and commuting, and like all Carradice bags, it'll last you 20 years or so if you use it a lot. All black.



Bag Notes

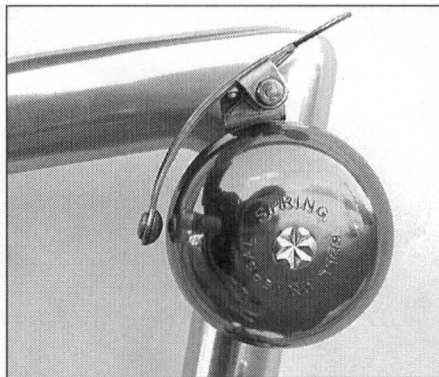
L.L. Bean finally killed off its original duffel bag—shame on them. So we're going to copy it, and ought to have something here by mid-October. Probably one size only. Limited edition, etc., because we don't plan on becoming a General Luggage Supplier. It'll be a good Christmas gift for you or somebody else who still doesn't have enough luggage. Also, long-time members may recall the old light-weight musettes we had about 5 years ago. Undyed organic cotton, wad-uppable. We're getting those back, too, and ought to have them in a month. One bag that's noticeably lacking here is a trunk bag for the mini rear rack, but that'll come along, too. We're shooting for December. —Grant

Bells, Tape, Pump, Levers, Stand, Pedal Stuff



World's Best Floor Pump: \$52
28-015

This pump has been sold under a number of different names, but it is the SKS Rekompessor now, since SKS bought Zefal. It is the best floor pump we've used. The new head clamps down like a suckerfish on an aquarium, and fits presta and schrader valves. The hose is long enough by far. The feet are foldable, which is more fact than praise, and it may occur to you to somehow fasten them to an old stop sign, for a wobble-free base. That's what Charlie Cunningham did. This pump is mostly metal, and has wood handles. It should last you at least 20 years.



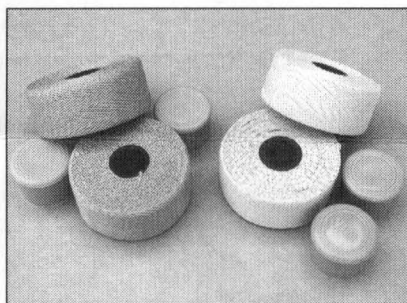
Coppery Ping Bell:
\$8 31-368

There are some riders in Japan who prefer this style hammer to all others. This one's a weird, coppery-orange color. Anodized, not painted. Fits 22.2 diameter surfaces (stem quills, albatross bars, etc.) You can mount it right-side up or upside down (shown). Nice ping! See John's reflection.



Solid Brass Bell
\$8 31-367

Another fine Japanese bell, this one has a coil-spring hammer, easy to swat, and the best actual sound of any small light-weight bell. It holds its vibration for 5.2 seconds, too. Sometimes goes active over rough ground. That's not the end of the world, but it's not the bell for rough-riding. Please note, again, John's reflection.



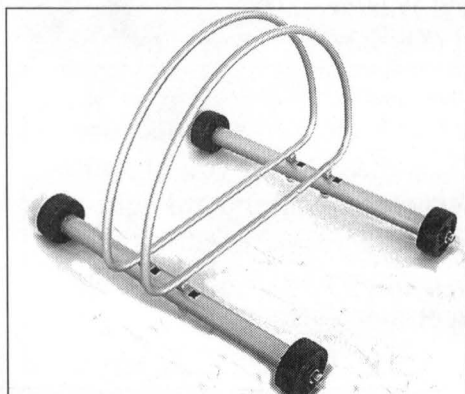
Japanese Bar Tape: \$6
sold in sets of two
Silver: #16-124
Minty Green: #16-125

The best-quality bar tape we've ever used. The Tressostar from France is fine, no problem, but this is in another category. It's thicker, smoother, more dense. We have it in silver (think grey, because it's not shiny) and an unusual minty green.



Modolo Black Non-Aero Levers:
\$30 15-099

We have 30 left, and that's it. Fine non-aero levers for less than what the hoods ought to cost you. Relabeled Scott—a bonus, if that happens to be your name. Top quality, for medium to large hands, unless you're buying them just for the hoods, which is okay, sure.



Roscoe Bike Stand: \$20
19-071

Named after the famous artist, this handy stand adjusts to fit skinny or fat tires, and holds a bike securely during home repairs. Plus, you can push it around with the bike in it. Viva Roscoe!

Power Grips: \$20
14-046

These are better than you think. They allow lots of foot movement on the pedal—anglewise, fore/aft—wise—and are easily adjusted to fit any foot. I/Grant used to think they were nerdy, but no mas. The one shown has been mounted upside down to hide the graphics. Nothing against Power Grips themselves, but the plain side looks better.



Crank, BBs, Cage, Knee & Leg Warmers



NOS Ritchey Logic
46x 34 Double: \$150
170mm: 12-223
172.5mm: 12-224
175mm: 12-225

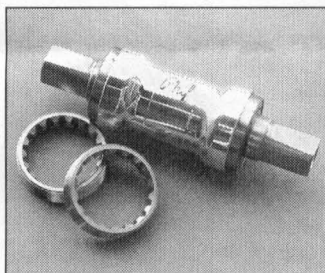
It's made in Japan by Sugino, cold-forged, clear anodized and nice-looking, totally free of inborn stress concentrations due to funky design, is light, and has a 110mm bolt circle so you can use common chainrings. We had our choice, and spec'd 46x34 as the most useful all-round double ring combination. The 34t lets you climb hills too steep for the 39t and 42t rings usually found on doubles. The 46t big ring means you use your 11t-13t cogs way more often, because the resulting gears are reasonable.

Also, for trailish road bikes or cyclocross, it's ideal. Since we include the 46/34 rings, you don't have to buy them separately. This crank is easily the equal of any crank made, fits square-taper spindles, and at \$150, there's not a pro quality crank that can come close to it in value.

Phil BB for Ritchey

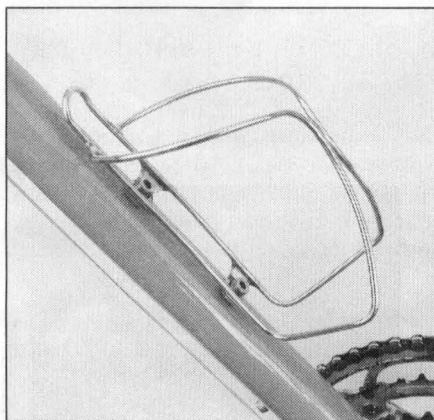
Double: \$125 12-045

If you buy only the best and want the classic American sealed bottom bracket, get a Phil. You'll also need a Phil tool (part no. 19-035/\$9.) Comes with instructions, but not the super-breeze installation the Shimano is. But it's easy.



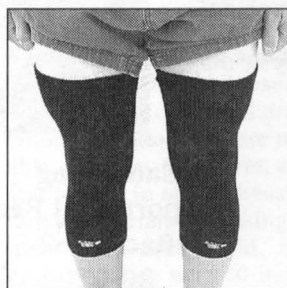
Shimano UN-72 for Ritchey Double: \$40
12-187

It's 107mm long and works perfectly on road frames with straight chain stays (not bulged outward). Excellent, smooth, easy to mount with the right tool (part no. 19-055/\$10). You'll get 10-20,000 miles from this bottom bracket. For just \$40.



Nitto Bottle Cage: \$XX
XX_WWW

The Italians try, but it's just impossible to make a more beautiful cage than this. A Yoshikawa original design, beautifully brazed from stainless steel. 53g, and it holds secure. For seat tube or top-of-the-downtube mounting, this is the nicest bottle cage we've seen.

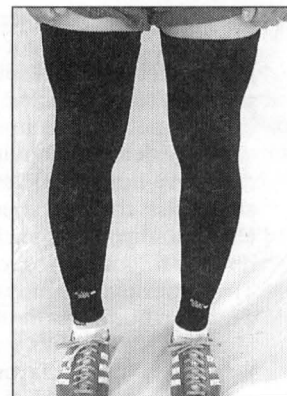


Knee Warmers: \$40

S/M: 22-308; L/XL: 22-309

We just got these in. They're complicated, articulated, got seams everywhere you look, but don't feel seamy, and they're made of the same superfine merino wool interlock as the jerseys, so they won't give you scratchy knees.

You should buy a pair now, because this fall, when you need them, we won't have them. They are Mark's Black, and come in sizes.



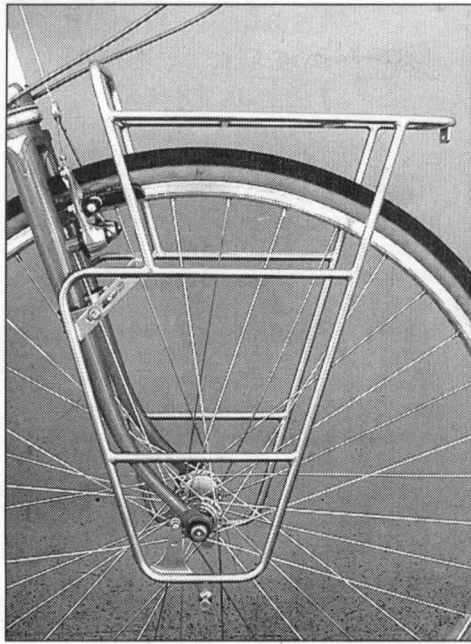
Leg Warmers: \$52

S/M: 22-250; L/XL: 22-251; Lanky: 22-253

These came with the same shipment as the knee warmers, and all we say about them applies to these, except that we probably will have them in the Fall, whether we sell out of these or not. As leg warmers go, these are the best you'll ever see. Mark spec'd them, and he did it without any regard to cost or anything like that. He picked the most expensive fabric and the most expensive features, and that's pretty much why these are the best, and maybe most expensive leg warmers out there. If any cost more than this, they should be ashamed.

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Bags, Racks, Straps



Nitto Semi-Universal Front Rack
\$128
for 26-inch wheels: 20-075
for 700c: 20-076

A strong and rigid front rack with a platform above the wheel for your sleeping bag, pad, or tent—things that might otherwise fill a compartment; and a semi-low rider station below on each side, for your front panniers or direct strapping on of a big stuffsack. It comes with clamps that fit most roadlike fork blades, but not the super fatties on suspension forks. Tubular CrMo and made to our specs by Nitto. This rack and an Adam or Hoss saddlebag will balance the load nicely and give you enough capacity for anything short of a year-long tour in the boonies.

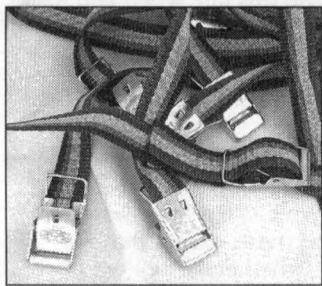
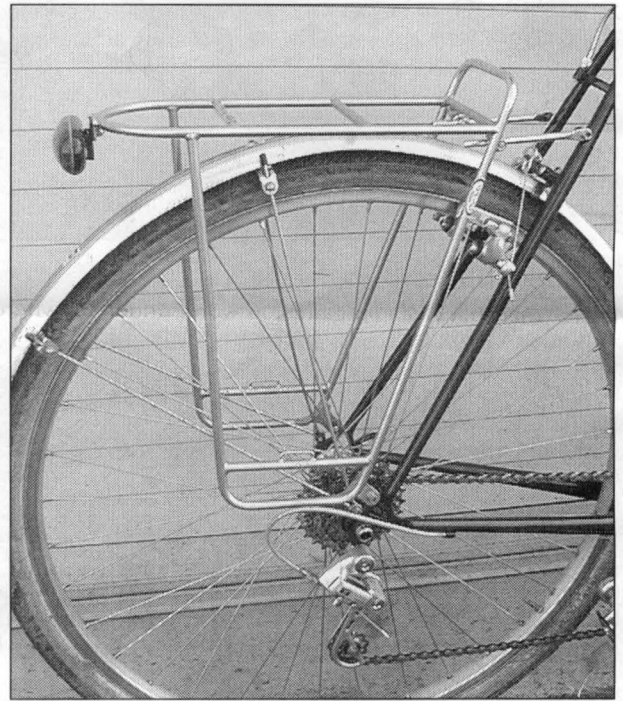


Baggins Pa Panniers! \$115
20-084

These are a simplified (de-featured) version of a design we had a couple of years ago. Simplified to lower the price, that's all. They're solid, secure, rugged, and nearly waterproof panniers designed to never frustrate you with broken or bent hooks, or complicated mounting or tension systems. You organize your gear with stuff sacks inside (not included, get them somewhere). One compartment per side, secured with a drawcord top, and then there's the flap. No outside pockets, because once you start that it's hard to stop, and the next thing you know there are pockets everywhere you look. Fits all racks. Comes with four compression straps, which is all unneeded. The ones shown here are a prototype. We've made a few changes to make them even better, so when you get them and they don't look just like the ones here, that's why. Capacity: about 2000 cubic inches.

Nitto Rear Rack: \$128
Medium: 20-022
Large: 20-021

Strong, beautiful, and well-designed for anything from well-packed weekend tours to extended expeditions. Like all Nitto racks, it's nickel-plated tubular CrMo. Its simple design gives no clue that it was more than 2 years in development, but that's the case. The attachment rods fit most bikes (not ones with wishbone seat stays, tho), and it mounts easy. Two sizes. The medium is for 700c wheel bikes 57cm and smaller, and all 26-inch wheel bikes. The large is for larger 700c frames. If you happen to have a 57.5cm or something, you can go with either. There's no advantage, one way or the other.



Irish Straps: \$3 ea.
20-092

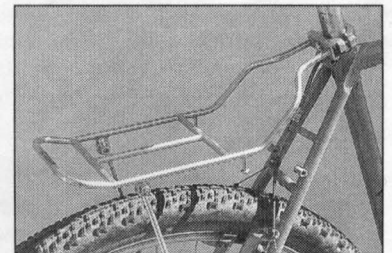
By popular demand, we are now proud stockists of the genuine Arno accessory strap, made in the Emerald Isle (north of England). Sit down now: They're nylon. We wanted to carry something from Ireland, and lightweight, inexpensive accessory straps seemed to make sense. The buckle is all

metal, probably some kind of steel, and zinc-plated. They're light, easy to use, and at 50cm (just under 20-in.) long, they're a useful length for most gear, without a lot of dangling. Double them up for bigger loads.

Width: 5/8-inch. Length: 50cm (19.6-inches). Stripes: brown, maroon, grey, yellow, green, and navy. They look smart and cheerful with Baggins Bags, and it's good to bring a few extras along on any touring-type ride.

Saddlebag Support/Mini Rear Rack: \$62
20-029

This is the most useful accessory you can put on your bike. If you've got a big saddlebag, it gives it a platform to rest on and yet another point to anchor it to if you're paranoid about slight load shifts, which you shouldn't be. And even without a saddlebag, you can carry nearly saddlebag-sized loads on it, provided you have some Irish straps. It comes with two sizes of struts and a set of clamps, so you can anchor it either to the seat stays as shown, or directly to your rear dropout eyelets, like a normal rack. The upper part clamps around seat posts from 26.8mm to 27.2mm. Comes with instructions, easy to mount, really useful. Made by Nitto, so it's super fine, and so on. Also discourages seat post thefts in your favorite high-crime areas.

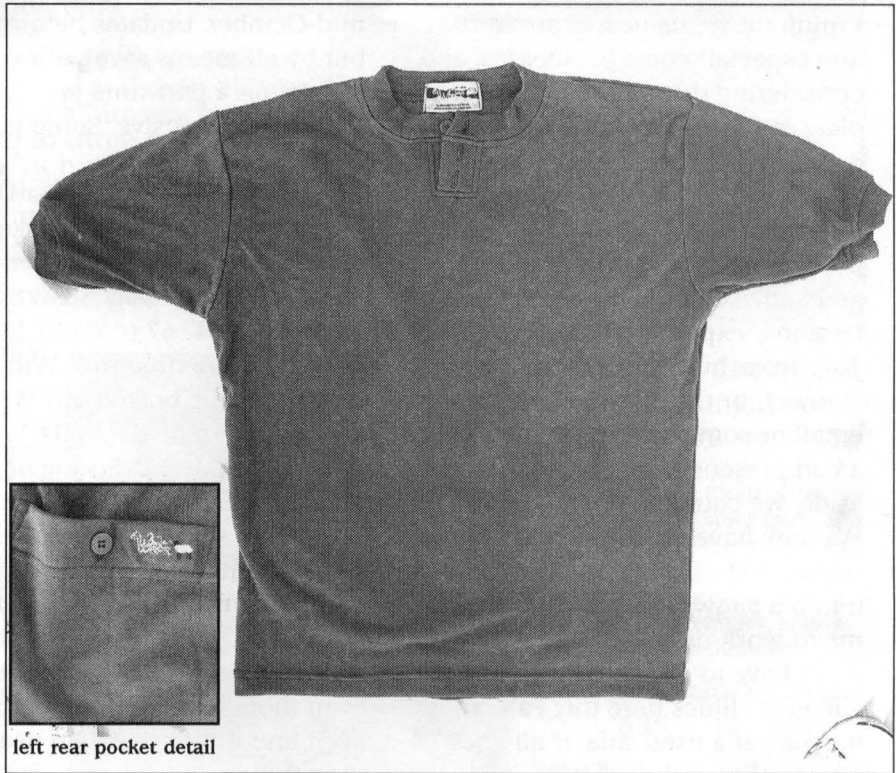


Jerseys, Socks, Gloves

WoolyWarm Superfine Wool Interlock Jerseys: \$75

The fabric costs more than \$14 per yard, which makes it the most expensive. It's super fine (18.5 micron) merino wool, so it's soft, etc. It's not just normal jersey fabric. Normal jersey fabric is fine, but this is a kind of knit called *interlock*, and it's stretchier and more stable and wrinkle resistant, and...it must be harder to make, because it really does cost more. It's not necessary to have interlock bicycle jerseys, and it's also not our intention to introduce a jersey that will spoil you for all others. It won't do that, but you will notice a difference, and it'll be a comfortable difference, and this will, actually, become your favorite bike jersey. It's the only interlock jersey made.

It's also made well and designed well. It's cut fuller than most jerseys, so you can wear the size you wore in high school. If you're about 5-10 and 185 lbs, a large will be perfect. Mark is 5-9 and 150 lbs, and he wears a small. It doesn't shrink hardly at all, when you wash it properly, and even when you don't, it won't. You can dry it on cool, but it's best to air dry wool. Just hang it over the shower door or the back of a patio chair, and it'll be ready in the morning. Anyway, you can ride it several rides and many hours before you even need to wash it. We've never had a wool jersey actually stink, and you won't either, so long as you start the ride clean, and maybe leave some pine tar soap lather in your armpits. At \$75, this jersey is a bargain. You won't find it anywhere else, because it's too hard to get and too costly to make.



left rear pocket detail

Green: M 22-311; L 22-312; XL 22-313

Blue: S 22-315; M 22-316; L 22-317; XL 22-318 XXL: 22-319

Grey: S 22-320; M 22-321; L 22-322; XL 22-323

How Often Washadem Sox? And how, and with what?

If you wear clean thin sox over filthy feet, and you sweat a lot, it's best to wash them after one day's wearing; and while you're at it, wash your feet. If you wear thick clean sox over clean feet and aren't active, you can stretch it to three days, but never wear the same sox two days in a row, provided you have access to another pair. Wash in soap, or Ivory detergent. After the spin cycle, high-content wool sox will be mostly dry. Let them air dry the rest of the way. Overnight will do it.

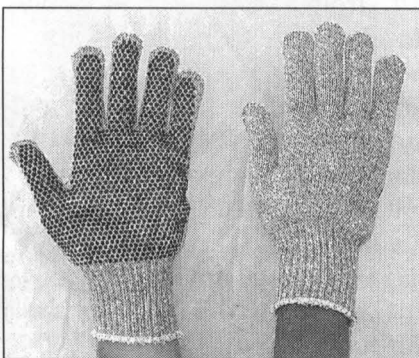
Thick Wool Sox: \$12 M: 22-140; L: 22-141; XL: 22-142

A staggering 90 percent worsted wool, with terry loops inside. These are the nicest thick sox we've used. Too thick for most cycling shoes, but for cold weather anything, including cycling in looser fit shoes which you should be doing anyway when it's cold, these are unbeatable. Made by Fox River, and difficult to find in stores, because the fancy materials are taking over most of the sock world. High enough to use with 10-inch boots.



Fullfinger Gloves: \$10 22-144

Our top choice for temperatures between about 40°F and 60°F. They never get clammy, they're instantly cozy, and the lack of a shell lets some air get through, so you don't get too hot in them. 85% wool, 15% nylon, and one size fits just about everybody. If you think it might fit, it will.



Fingerless Gloves: \$10 21-024

The chopped-off fingertip cousins to the gloves on the left there. A perfect choice for temperatures between 55°F and about 66°F, or thereabouts. Rubber dots on the palm etc. provide good-enough gription for any handlebar.



Behind the Scenes Here

I think most businesses are hurting, and especially bike businesses, and considering that, we're going along okay. We are soon going to have an operating budget, and experts say That'll Help Some. Sometimes I think that out there among you are people who could probably give good advice based on extensive professional experience every week of your lives, but we somehow don't connect, or the advice comes by email or some other way that makes a bad presentation. But all that aside, we could be doing worse. We now have an additional 1,000 square feet of space, and are turning it into a showroom, and a place for me to work on publications, so I don't have to do it all at home. We will give clinics here this Fall, and maybe get a used sofa, if all goes well.

I'm thinking we need to reduce our inventory, so when the next catalogue comes out, some perfectly good things will be missing. Our inventory bills are so high, and having so much stuff takes up a lot of time and space, and makes it harder to focus on bikes, and getting new ones, and the bikes really help us a lot.

Some new things:

1. Pa Cartwright panniers, for front or rear. These are really, really good panniers, as long as you can tolerate their simplicity.
2. Lightweight organic cotton mussette, like the old one we used to have. You can stuff it into a small seat bag or jersey pocket, so when you find something good along the road, you can bring it on home. With luck, we'll have these in this flyer.
3. An orange short-sleeved jersey, from Woolistic in...well, sort of Switzerland, sort of Italy.
4. Some all-wool riding pants. Not tights, pants, and you can knickerize them easily. We have samples already, and will bring these out

mid-October. Updates before then, but by all means save your money or take on a part-time job, because they'll be expensive. Sometimes good things just are.

5. A lightweight trailish road bike built around centerpull brakes, believe it or not. Code name: Saluki, like the Famous Dog. Sizes 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 67 (not 68). Limited edition, a one-time run. Will the centerpulls be brazed on? Well, we don't know. It all depends. We hope this will happen in Spring of '04, and will take serious (deposit-type) pre-orders starting September 30. The only question is: Are you cyclist enough to take the centerpull challenge? Are you strong enough to order a bike with centerpull brakes, even though you probably don't even know anybody who uses them?

6. A 50cm Rambouillet-bike. For people who can't ride the 54.

7. The Mixte frame. Probably we won't do this as a bike, just a frame/fork/headset. The lugs are semi-happening already, and we'll let you know. We asked your interest in this frame in an email update, and the response was good enough to go with it.

8. The lugged stem. Lots of you want it, and since Reynolds can't provide the tubing any more, we're going to Nitto for it. There may also be a threadless version of it.

9. A fillet-brazed threadless-style stem, from Nitto. It's not the dark side, or the beginning of the end. We haven't seen any light. It's just a fillet-brazed clamp-on stem, because there are so many non-ultra-attractive ones out there today, and we wanted to do a nice one. Maybe by the Fall. Ninety-degrees. Not front-opening. We're afraid of the liability issues with front-opening stems.

10. We MAY have some SpeedBlend tires in the Winter or Spring of '04. I/Grant got this patent thing, and I

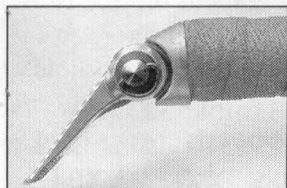
think it's kind of neat, and I want those tires out there on the road, so am using my position to make it happen. It's not so heinous. The tires will be neat; and if B.F. Goodrich decides to license it or buy the patent, I'll finally be able to afford to hire somebody to throw me batting practice in between trout-fishing stints and bicycle rides. The average temperature here at Rivendell, right where we work, is about 92 degrees these days. But it's not humid, just hot. We wear light wool or seersucker. It's been up to 102, or 4-degrees lower than last year's high. One day the computers stopped working, and it was the heat that did it. So we're likely going to get a good air conditioner, maybe two. One of you mentioned a Delonghi brand, so that's probably what it'll be.

We're trying to convince Shimano to make an "alpine road" or "brevet" group for 2005. You never know, but it's worth a try. A 110x74 crank, a front derailleur that works with it...a few details like that. Probably no, but we'll see. Shimano has such a strong racing thing going through their line, and is now branching off into other things, so maybe this will work. I think it could be the most popular original-equipment group they make, so long as they market it right, but Shimano doesn't need any advice from me on how to succeed...There's a rumor that TA is going to discontinue the Zephyr crank. And if there wasn't a rumor, there is now. It's a strong maybe, we heard...from a distributor. Probably if they do, it will be replaced with something good. Meanwhile, the Sugino XD crank is still around, and it's not going anywhere, and we like it a lot. The Quickbeam project is coming along. We'll get 100 of them this winter. They'll cost \$1200 about. Updates by email, if you're on the list, and in the next Reader. All for now. —Grant

Bikes, Shifters, Levers (x3), Glasses, Derailleur

Romulus with Moustache Handlebars

We've set up several like this, and they feel and ride great. The brake levers and shifters swap over automatically, and then all you need are the new bars and a shorter stem. With a Moustache H'bar, we always recommend going from one to three centimeters shorter in the stem, and try to get the bars a bit higher than the saddle, too. Most of the Romulus dealers stock the necessary parts for this conversion, and we do too. The cost to swap out the bars and stem will be minimal, but it may not be nothing. Anyway, check here or your dealer for the specifics. You can find your nearest dealer (only 14 nationwide) at www.rivbike.com.



Silver Bar-End Shifters: \$75: 17-089

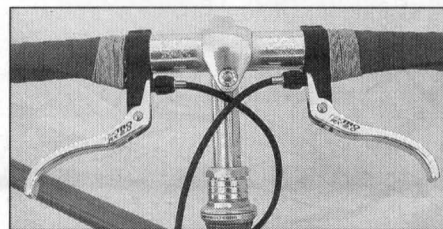
In many ways, this is the thing we sell that I'm most proud of and that does the most good. It's the thing I'd buy forty of, if the supply were in danger of

getting cut off. It's our own Silver shifter, and here it is as a complete bar-end shifter set up with all the cables and housing and stoppers; and below there, you can buy just the downtube shifters, which you can graft onto existing Shimano bar-end shifter pods, or use on the downtube. A light power ratchet inside ensures smooth, light, luscious shifting with no slipping. The best shifters in the world.



Optically Correct & Cheap and US-Made Safety Sunglasses: \$8: 31-373

There are two, count-'em, kinds of people out there: The kind that lose sunglasses, and the kind that don't. If you're the former, and you like lightweight, good optics, thoughtful adjustability, and, all things equal, don't mind if something is made in the U.S., then these sunglasses are right down your aisle. Adjustable temples, angles, and replaceable lenses. Grey lenses, everything good. We like them lots.

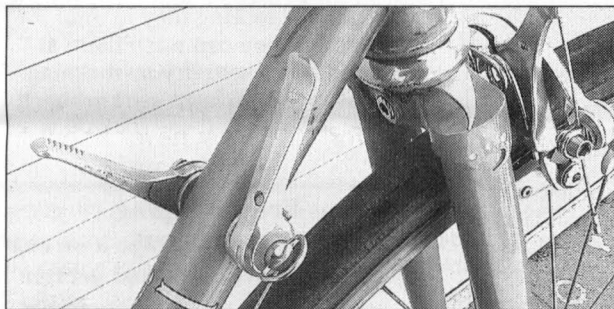


Tektro Cyclo-X Levers: \$35 15-109

Everybody who tries these gets hooked, so if you don't want yet another addiction, be warned. They were made for cyclo-cross racers, so they can brake from the top of the bar and keep the

weight over the rear wheel on descents; but they work for all riding, and they work a million times better than the old suicide levers they sort of remind you of, if you go back that far. No, these are good, and these, made by Tektro, are the nicest the cyclo-cross racers here (Robert and Mark) have used.

Set up is easy, and we show you how in the current Reader. Maybe we'll include instructions with these, but try to retrieve that Reader anyway, just in case. You'll notice that these are silver, and the ones in the catalogue are black. Well, the last bunch we got came this way, that's all.



Silver Downtube Shifters: \$38 17-101

The same shifter as above, but without the cables and housing and shifter stops. You just open the package and mount them onto your frames existing brazed-on shifter bosses, and hook up cables, and off you go.



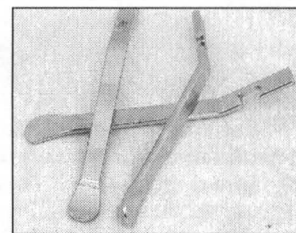
XTR top-swing front derailleur: \$25 17-099

Shimano's most-expensive mountain front derailleur, also fine for touring bikes. It's not our normal style, since it mounts low and looks rather unattractive, but we got these cheap and don't have enough to put

in our catalogue, and so they're perfect flyer fodder. Basically, if you need a front derailleur for a three-chainring bicycle with a 46t or smaller big ring, you won't get a better one, or a better deal, than this. It fits on all of our bikes, and any bike with a normal, 1 1/8th-inch (28.6mm) seat tube. It's called a "top swing" model, which means the cable pulls from the bottom, in the usual way.

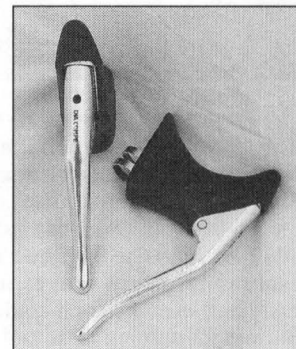
Steel Tire Levers: \$2 19-057

When Eldi quit making its steel tire lever, we got these in from Taiwan. They work really well, will never break, and everything is fine with them...but they don't have the look we're after, so onto the floating icebergs they go, and good riddance. You want perfectly good steel levers for those recalcitrant tires? Have at 'em!



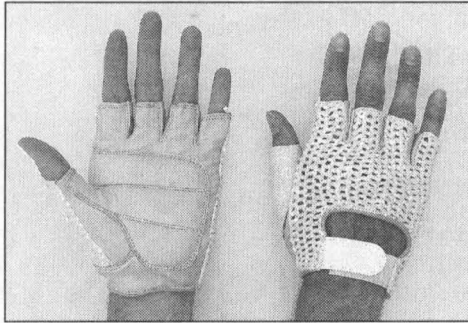
Dia Compe 287 Levers: \$30 15-066

These got famous back in the early '90s, when Dia-Compe introduced them as the best lever for cantilever brakes, because they pulled more cable. I/Grant always thought those benefits were overstated, but regardless, they do work great, and they have a large comfortable hand area. Our price on them is phenomenal, since we're closing them out, so if you're after the original cantilever-road lever, here they are.



Gloves, Hat, Undies, Sox, Shirt, Reflectors, LADDIES

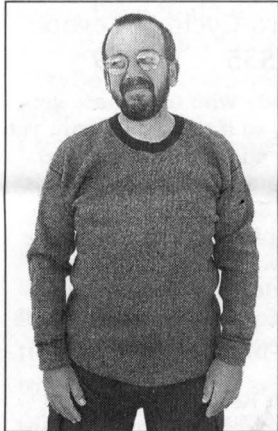
**Summer
Gloves: \$10**
M: 22-137
L: 22-138
XL: 22-139



Made in Pakistan, which makes most of the world's gloves these days. Cowhide palms, cotton crocheted backs, and for those of us with runny noses, there's a handy thumb-patch of absorbent terrycloth. You wouldn't believe how much it'll soak up before you have to start filling up the other. Gobs and gobs, in our experience. In doubt about your size? Get the XL. The Med is for kids.

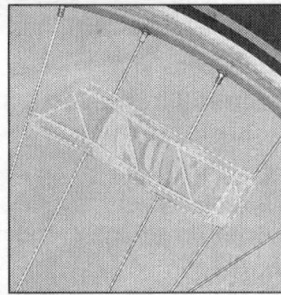
Long-sleeve Lambswool Hair Shirt: \$25
M: 22-281; L: 22-282
XL: 22-283; XXL: 22-284

Rich here looks happy, but it's nearly 100 degrees as he's modeling this, and he must be sweating like mad. So it's *that* kind of happy. But come winter, this is one of the most useful and worn garments you can have. It's technically underwear, and it clings and stretches nicely. It's too scratchy to wear right on your skin, but under anything else at all it's just fine. One hundred percent lambswool, but judging by the feel, it comes from some pretty tough lambs. All grey.



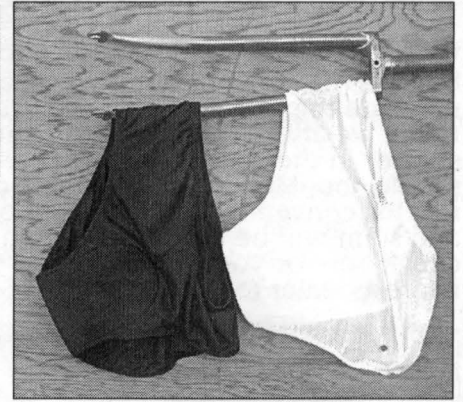
Spoke Reflector: \$5
31-371

Regular, CPSC-approved spoke reflectors are fine, but basically everybody takes them off bikes because they're rigid plastic, heavier than necessary, and make it harder to true a wheel, because they affect spoke tension. Not so with these! I/Grant have used these for more than 20 years. They weigh 11g and go on and off in two seconds.



Cycling Cap: \$9
24-066

This time around it's red, because Mo picked it, and he's as nuts for red as anybody who's not a Rashneesher can be. Made in the U.S. by Pace.



Andiamos: \$23
Men's: M: 22-310 L: 22-302
XL: 22-303 XXL: 22-304
Women's: S: 22-305 M: 22-306
L: 22-307

These all-synthetic undies are the best thing you can wear under non-cycling specific shorts or pants when you ride. They're slightly padded, highly absorbent (as are many things in this flyer), and for touring they're unbeatable, because you can wash them at night and have them dry by morning. Womens are black, men's are white. If you ride in baggies, these soak up some sweat, too.



Women's Cozy Toes Socks: \$9
Lt. Grey: 22-299; Blue: 22-300

Worn inside out or outside out, no matter. My wife and oldest daughter both tell me these are their favorite cool-weather sox/slippers. They're 90% wool. Grey or blue. If we're out of one, you'll get the other.

Free Shipping
Clip this coupon and tape it on any mail order over \$100 and get free ground shipping anywhere in the main 48 states.

Ankle Reflector: \$5
31-370

This is the best ankle band out there. It's our own design, and one Grant has used for 12 years. It closes up the pants, and sticks a huge area of reflexite out there where motorists can see you. Easy on and off. Sewn for us in Colorado by the same woman who used to sew them for us in California. Connie.

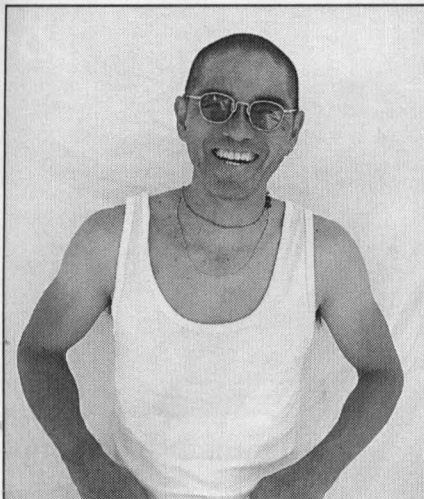


U.S.A. **TICONDEROGA® Laddie®** 3304 NO. 2 - HB 1/2 S/L

Two-Pack of Dixon Ticonderoga Laddies: \$1 #31-371

The Laddie is the pencil that's taking Hollywood by storm. A full 11/32" in diameter, it fits the hand like there's no tomorrow, and the lead is so thick that you may not need to sharpen it in your lifetime. That's a good thing, since outside of the Boston Ranger 55 pencil sharpener, it's not all that easy to find a Real pencil sharpener to fit it. But that there's not a terrible deal, since a) it comes sharpened, and b) you can use a box-cutter or knife or file to sharpen it. The Laddie is what pencil folks call a "transitional model," meaning it's skinnier than the Beginner model (by 1/16-inch), and fatter than a normal one. We like it because the lead doesn't break, it lasts a long time, and it writes well on any kind of paper or cardboard. If you have a Rivendell frame, chances are good the design started with a Laddie. If ever a pencil could be described as "heavenly to use," this is it. That may be a big "if," but it's nonetheless true. And it's cheap! Shown 92 percent of actual size. It comes sharpened as shown. Note the No. 2 (Helpful Bear) lead.

Tires, Tee, Lube



Sleeveless Wooly T: \$30
S: 22-333; M: 22-334
L: 22-335 XL: 22-336;
XXL : 22-337

We've had a bear of a time dialing this one in. Finally we got something that's just about there, and may be better than what we actually asked for. It's the straps. We wanted full-width, but they came in wider than "spaghetti" straps, but not, actually, full-width. They're cool, all wool, and made of "summer weight" superfine 100% merino wool. Made in Australia just for us. Eventually we'll

likely get some in with wider shoulder areas, but for hot-hot weather, this is a better design, anyway. We, meaning Robert in this case, have discovered that you can wear this equally well backwards or frontwards. The official back is cut higher, so if you're a woman looking to cover up some while showing more back, wear it backwards. That is not to say that only women should wear it backwards; you may just prefer it. Also, it's fairly long, so you can cut a few inches off the bottom and use the scrap as a head-neck-ear warmer. It's not a good one, but it may be good enough. Anyway, this is a super useful garment. Even backwards.

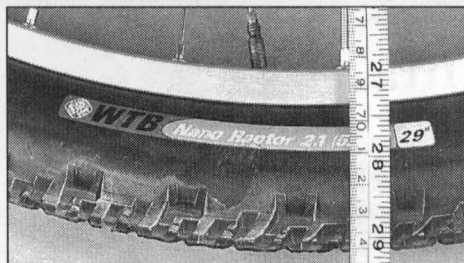
Ruffy Tuffy: \$43 10-043

Roll-y Pol-y: \$40 10-034

These are the best road tires you can ride. The design is perfect: The cross section is round, for predictable cornering with no diving. The rubber grips fine and lasts long. The casing is out of this galaxy—each strand of nylon is spiral-wound with three strands of kevlar, so it's super strong and cut resistant (and that means safe and reliable). Also, the sidewalls are amber like all tires used to be, and this is good because it makes it easier to tell with a glance if your tire's going flat. Which it probably won't, with these. But don't overlook the convenience of being able to do that (look down there and see if you got a leak). Plus, they have enough volume to actually do some good. They're about 27mm wide on most normal road rims, and that means you can ride them at lower pressures with less risk of pinch flats, than you can with skinny tires. Skinny tires are not a good way to go. They have to be pumped super hard, so what's the point? Be suspicious of any tire maker who claims a supple casing soaks up shock even when the tire is pumped up to 125+ psi. One twenty five is 125 regardless of how supple the casing is when the tire's empty. ~~Good god, mates, use your heads!~~

Diff's between the Roll-y Pol-y (RP) and Ruffy Tuffy (RT): The RP has a standard 1.5mm thick tread, and no kevlar belt. It still has the kevlar-reinforced casing we mentioned up there. It weighs about 310g. The RT has a 2mm thick tread, and that same great casing, AND a kevlar belt beneath the tread. Does it prevent flats? Most of the time, yes. One fellow had a nail enter at 12:00 and exit at the edge of the tread where it meets the sidewall, and no flat; the kevlar belt must have deflected the nail. I/Grant got 16 goatheads stuck in two tires, and only two of them made it through. Another fellow had 32 pieces of glass in his, and no flats. And finally, one woman had a jealous boyfriend stick ice picks into her Ruffy Tuff for two hours before he finally gave up and went home. Only one of those stories is a lie. Both tires wear extremely well. Back in the late '70s when I kept track of such things, I used to get 600 miles out of a rear tire. A top brand. Okay, a Specialized Touring II. Now, 30 years later, I weigh 185lbs and get 2,000 miles on a rear RP, and more than 2,500 on a rear RT. Front-tire mileage is about double that.

These tires are light enough for anything short of high-level racing. If you like to go fast but you don't race and you don't need more volume than this (27mm wide on most road rims), you'll do no better. Safe, strong, round, cushy, light enough! If you can't decide, get an RT for the rear, an RP for the front. These are the nicest and safest lightweight clincher road tires we've seen or ridden, and we get tons of comments about them.



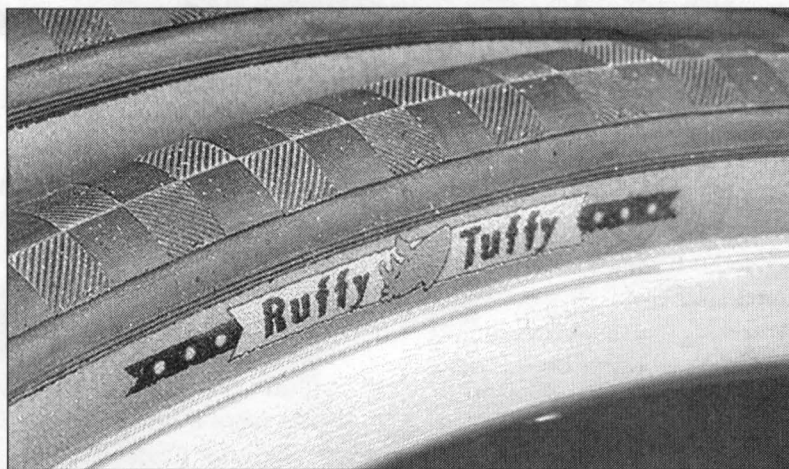
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Nanoraptor:
\$24
10-047

The original 29-inch mountain bike tire, and good. Shallow knobs, good cornering for a non-road tire, ultra extreme cushioning, and if you've got a bike that'll fit it (like the Atlantis), you probably ought to have a pair of these around. I/Grant prefer it to all other off-road tires these days. That may be like—well, I don't know, but it IS a great tire for loose and rocky trails.



Boeshield Chain Lube: \$4 13-033

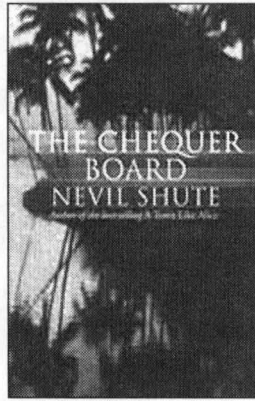
This is good & fine stuff, but we prefer Pro Link for chains, so we're closing this out. We still sell it in spray form, which is good for chains and any steel part you don't want to rust.



Books

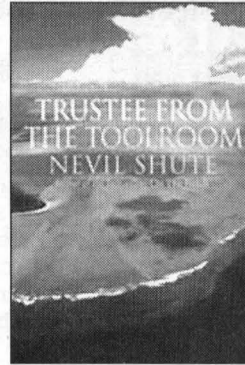
Hmmm...

These are all special books, written in the '40s and '50s, so you may not have heard of them. You can find Nevil Shute books in used bookstores now and then, but not many titles. Most new bookstores don't sell them, and the last we checked, Amazon didn't stock them—although either could order them for you. But we've already done that. Twenty-five of each, and we'll get more when we sell out. And also, by the way, any used bookstore would easily take these in trade, since they won't be overstocked on them. On the Nevil Shute books, here's a tip: Don't read the summary on the back. It tends to give too much away. And on *The Long Walk*, read the foreword to this edition after you've read the book. Same story there, sort of. All these except *The Long Walk* were written by Nevil Shute. He's famous in some circles, but died many years ago. I think there's even a Nevil Shute Society, and how many deceased authors can brag about having a whole Society named after them? If you don't generally read fiction, give the Nevil Shute books a try, anyway. His stories are interesting, his characters are terrific and well-developed, and his writing style will make you happy. And, if you still don't want to give them a try but you know somebody who does read fiction, you'll score big points with any of these. Chances are they haven't read them, since they're not exactly out there these days, and it's a sure bet they'll love them. Then they'll want to read another one by Nevil, and then another. That's usually how it goes. Also: *The Long Walk* is Every Bit As Good or better than *Into Thin Air*. —Grant



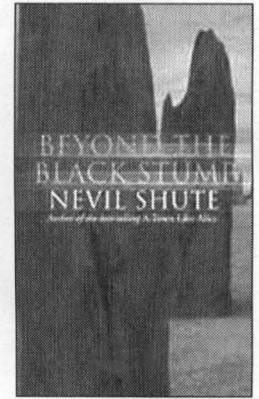
Chequerboard \$13
23-031

Four friends go their separate ways after the war, and this is the story of how their lives...well, the memory is fading fast, but I remember how much I liked this book.



Trustee From the Toolroom: \$13
23-025

It's about a nice guy who's a columnist in a hobby magazine, and then he goes off on a long plane ride, and a boat ride, to find a hidden treasure. Stupendous book!



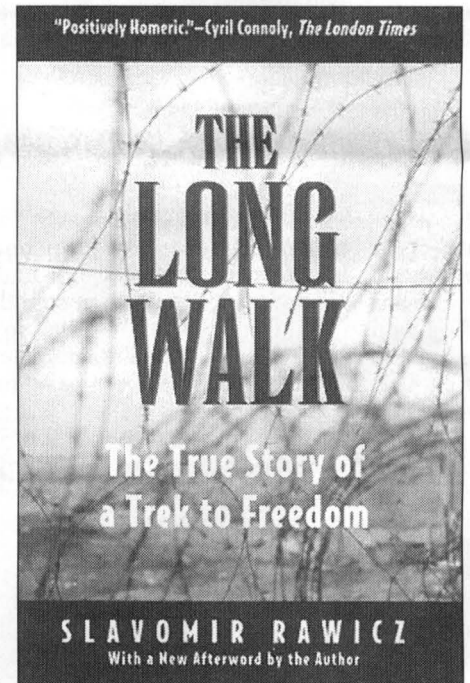
Beyond the Black Stump: \$13 23-032

Sort of a romance book that takes place in Australia and America. Even though there's some romance involved, you'll like it anyway, guy or not.

The Long Walk: \$15
23-018

The true story of the most amazing walk/escape from a Russian prison camp. The first chapter is kind of graphic, but get through it and the rest...you'll like it.

It's one of those books that, like it or not, will change your life. In this case, the change it will inspire is that you'll never whine again about being hungry or cold, or having to walk an extra fifty yards to reach your car at the far end of the parking lot, because you couldn't find a closer empty spot. If this were a new book, it would be on the National Bestseller's list for a year. Hard to find in book stores.

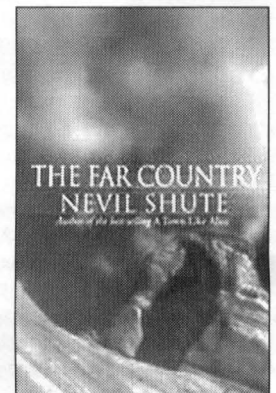


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The Far Country: \$14
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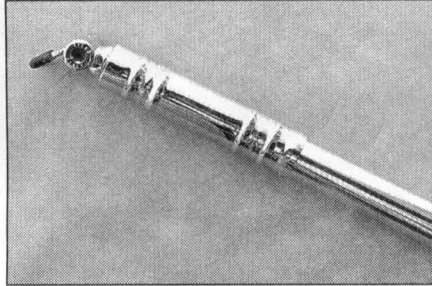
Nevil Shute was an Englishman, but somewhere along the line he got hooked on Australia, and so many of his books take place in Australia, and this is one of them. It is typical of his books—good characters, nice people, good story line. I forget some of the details, but basically, if you like ANY of his books, you'll like this one as much.



Bars, Balm, Sun Block & Pump...that's about it on this page.

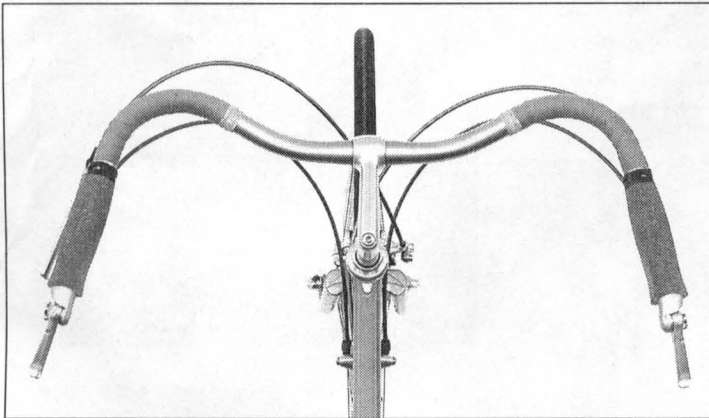
Silca Frame Pump: \$10 28-001

This is the lightest and prettiest frame pump made, and it's plenty reliable and all, and it's sort of the sentimental favorite, and nobody should ever say anything bad about it. But a Zefal HPX is a way better pump, pumpwise, so sentimental favorite or not, we're sending this one out to the ice floes, with our best imaginable wishes. Made in Italy, which says it all, and you can take that any way you like. Fits top tubes between 55 and 57.5cm.



Brand New Handlebar Here (below)

For top view, look at the CrMo version directly below. It's the same shape, just narrower.



Nitto-made Albatross Bar (CrMo): \$32 16-122

This is the best upright bar ever invented. Though you can't tell by the photo, it rises up 65mm (about 2 1/4 inches). As you can tell by the photo, it has beautiful and useful curves, a nice sweep-back, and two fantastic and distinct hand positions, for normal riding or sprinting/steep climbing. PLUS, it's the only bar of its type that takes bar-end shifters, and you haven't lived until you've used bar-end shifters on this type of bar. Both bars are strong enough for trail use. Pick by width, not material. Both are lovely, too. The CrMo bar is nickel-plated, will not rust, don't fret.



Lip Ivo: \$1 31-242

When you don't need SPF, this is the best lip balm ever, and it's the original to boot—made since 1903. No drift, great consistency, subtle vanilla/peppermint flavor. If you use lip balms, this will be your favorite.



Otion Pocean Lip goop \$2-31-350

When it's blue blazes out there, you might as well have some SPF in your lip stuff. This is Ocean Potion's so we trust it. It drifts more than Ivo, but not ten times more, and as the old saw goes, "a little drift is okay when the alternative is sun-burnt lips."

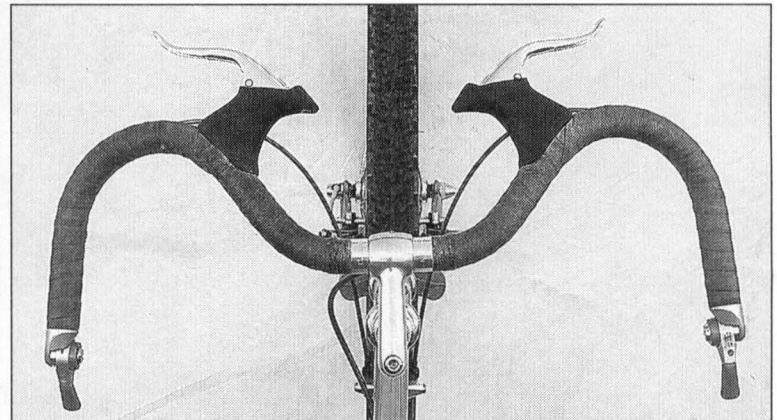
Ocean Potion Sun Screen SPF50: \$7 31-346

I know what you're thinking— "All sunscreens of a given SPF are alike, so I'ma gonna get mine in bulk at Costco and laugh all the way to the bank." Well, big-time bargain hunter, if that's true, why is it that this is the only stuff that works for a guy in Texas who has vitiligo (Michael Jackson's disease) who sits in the sun for hours watching his son play tennis. And it's cheap, too. Not Costco cheap, but cheap. 6oz.



Nitto-made Aluminum Albatross Bar: \$50 16-127

The same bar as the CrMo one below, but 2cm narrower (54cm versus 56), and made of heat-treated 2014 aluminum, polished to the Nitto's highest standard. It is impossible to get this finish anywhere else in the world. It's so fine you can hardly even see the surface. If you like the shape of the Albatross, but 56cm scares you (keep in mind that Grant's 14-year old daughter rides the 56s; but also keep in mind that he put them on because we didn't have the 54s yet), then this is your bar. Fits bar-end shifters, mtn grips, just like a flat bar.



Nitto Moustache Handlebar (25.4mm clamp): \$45 16-027

This is our most popular bar in its least popular, but still useful, clamp size. The 25.4mm clamp is standard on mountain and non-road bike, and you can get it to fit a 26mm stem by using the Nitto shims (#16-095, \$6). Or, get this and the Normal Technomic stem, which fits a 25.4mm bars without shimming (#16-047, in 9cm with a super long 225mm quill). Anyway, this is a good bar, but we ain't going to stock the 25.4mm clamp version anymore, so if you want one, here it is cheap, with more than enough room left for them shims—which install fairly easily, especially if you've done it before.

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