

# FAT TIRE

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Here it is Fat Tire Fans, your first issue of the Fat Tire Flyer. In this initial issue we will fill you in on the local cruiser/bomber/balloonier/clunker/mountain bike and otherwise fat tire bike scene, racing, riding, touring, and so on.

The most famous bomber racecourse, Repack, has been retired temporarily due to the fact that the road is in very dangerous condition from the winter's rains. We are looking for another downhill course, if possible one without political complications as far as using it goes. Any ideas?

We at the Fat Tire Flyer are seeking input with regard to a number of balloonier related subjects. Anyone who has anything to contribute is welcome to send it in. We can't pay for contributions because the Fat Tire Flyer is a non-profit newsletter produced on a voluntary basis.

The Flyer is an off-shoot of an organization called The Marin County Wilderness Wheelers. The purpose of the Wheelers is to deal with various problems which affect us all, most importantly potential restrictions on bicycling in local parks and water districts. Without an organization to protect our interests we will have no interests to protect. We are encouraging all balloonier riders to get in touch.

# HOT BIKE HOTLINE

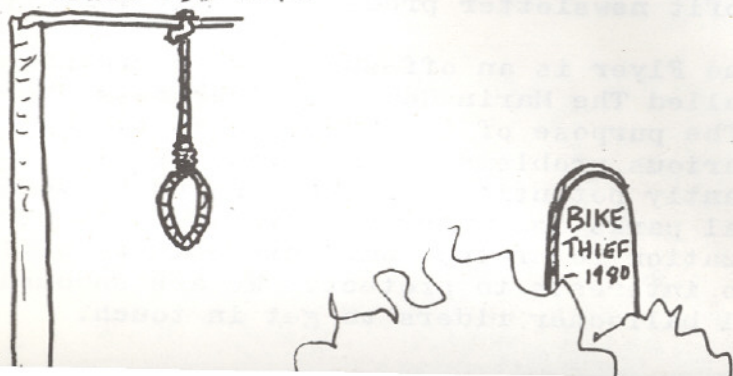
In the interest of keeping balloonner riders honest and all the bikes in the right hands we present the Hot Bike Hotline.

Tom Murray had his Tom Ritchey bike stolen from in front of Sunshine Bike Works in March. This frame is identifiable by its lugless construction, oversize tubing on the top and down tubes. brazed on cable guides, and European size (Phil Wood) bottom bracket. This bike will not have a Ritchey decal on it. Call 456-1898

A two-tone gray and red Schwinn with red alloy rims and Dia-Compe cantilever brakes. \$150 reward from Laura Dahl. Call

A rusty red Schwinn with Atom rear drum and Workman front drum, fork braces, five speed, and black MX style bars. Call 453-6762

In San Anselmo a green Schwinn cantilever frame with 1.75 tires, a five speed, leather coil spring saddle, Ashtabula cranks was stolen along with an Atom front drum hub laced into an Araya steel rim. Call 453-6670





# CLASSIFIED

Presenting the Fat Tire Flyer's FREE classified section!! Sorry no stereos, Who tickets, cars, or real estate, just bikes. If you have anything to buy, sell, or trade contact the Flyer.

CRUISER - Schwinn 26" exc. cond. New rims, tires, forkbrace, seat & much more  
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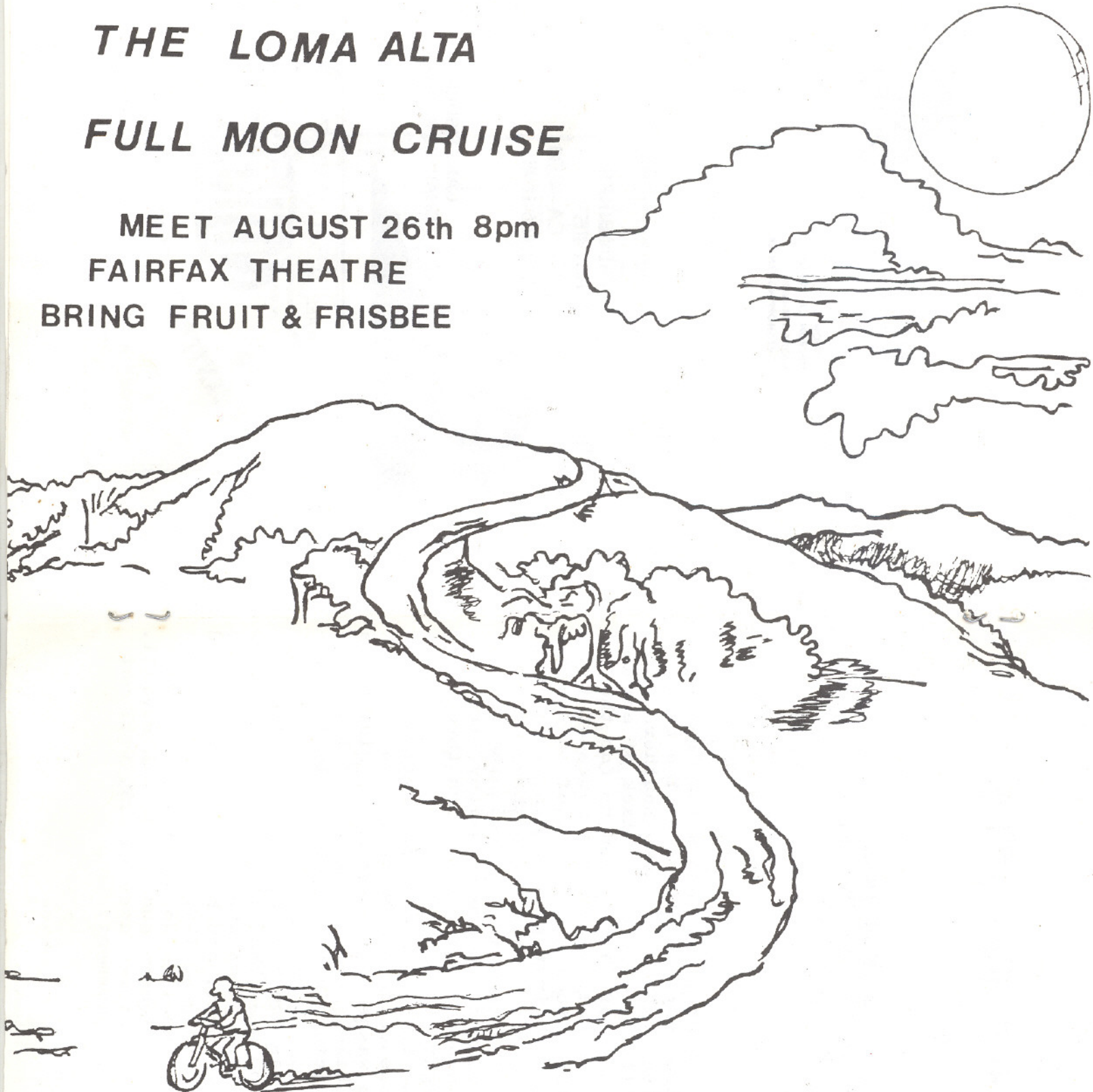
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## ≡ RACE REPORTS

VICTOR VINCENTE OF AMERICA  
RESEDA TO THE SEA CHALLENGE  
MARCH 9, 1980

Down in Southern California the Cruiser scene has been mostly confined to the beach, and only recently have the down Southerners taken to the hills. There was no lack of enthusiasm as some 35 of them showed up for the race. Northern Cal. supplied a dozen of the riders and these took a majority of the prizes including the first three women finishers.

The twelve mile course had three or four miles of pavement and at the beginning this favored the four cyclo-cross (skinny tire) bikes, but when the going got rough three of the lightweights folded up.

When the first stretch of pavement ended Gary Fisher took command on the rough surface of a washed out streambed. Riding his Tom Ritchey bike, he piled up a good lead and coasted to victory with a comfortable two minute margin.

Second was Ron Skarin, former national road champ, on his (boo) lightweight Teledryne. Ron was in third place when he hit the last stretch of pavement, and his road bike enabled him to catch and pass third place rider Gordon Burns. Madeline Roesse finished first in the Womens Category and nineteenth overall.

Hopefully future races in L.A. will not include so much pavement.

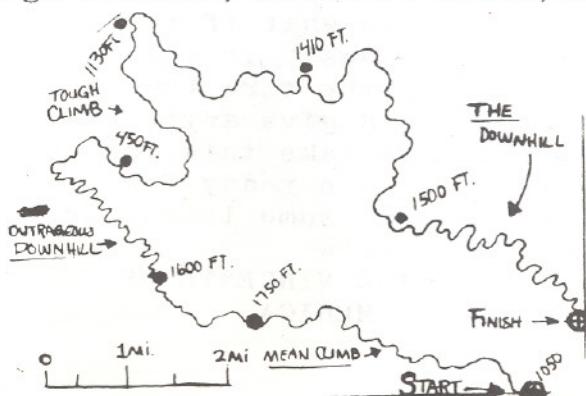
The Zero's Notch race pitted a variety of balloon tired bikes against fifteen miles of the roughest, rockiest roads in Marin. The mass start event had more descending than climbing, but as it turned out, the climbing made the difference.

The start at an elevation of 1050' saw the group brake up immediately on the first long climb to 1750'. Eventual winner Gordon Burns of Santa Rosa, quickly established a lead on the uphill, but relinquished it to Ken Fuetsch of Corte Madera on the following tricky descent to 450'. From this point the course climbed sharply for two miles and sharply for another four. Burns made up his deficit and put enough distance between himself and Fuetsch to hold Kenny off on the last two mile descent down the infamous Repack racecourse. The winning time was 1:17:10

Fuetsch finished 2:48 down on Burns, followed 1:40 later by Jerry Heidenrieck. Joe Breeze' knowledge of the course enabled him to pass Allen Zulch just before the finish, knocking Allen out of the Expert Category prize list.

Novice Category winner Mike Castelli finished in 1:24:28. Other Novice places went to Erik Koski, second in 1:25:11, Joe Murray third in 1:26:03, Mark Slate, fourth in 1:26:11 and Ned Farnkopf, fifth in 1:28:18.

A special prize of fastest one speed went to Jim Groth of Carson City, Nevada, sixth Novice in 1:28:30. Prizes were furnished by: Mill Valley Cyclery, The Cove, Wheels Unlimited, Village Peddler, Mountain Bikes, and Sunshine.





# FISHER WINS CENTRAL COAST JUNE 7, 1980

Gary Fisher is proving himself to be unbeatable in long distance cross-country racing; his latest win in the Central Coast Clunker Classic in San Luis Obispo was by a decisive margin of ten minutes over James McLean of Santa Barbara.

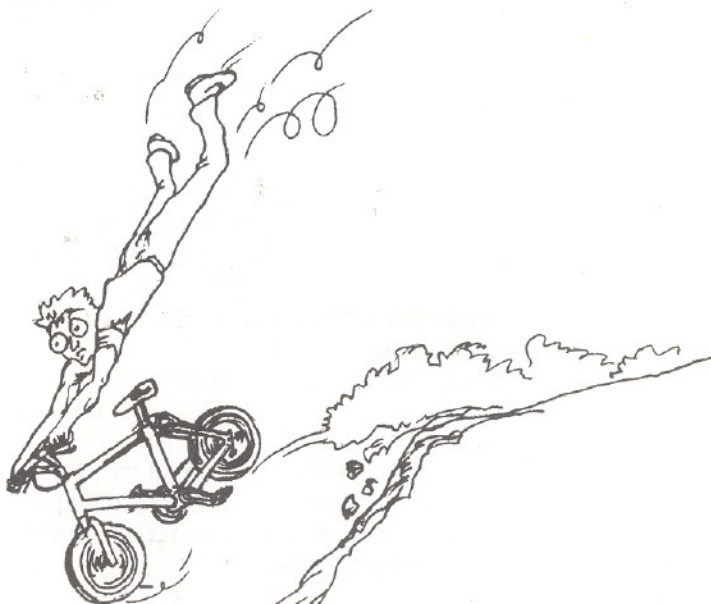
Gary waited out the first few of the 25 miles on smooth and level surfaces. When the 14 mile 2500' climb began on rougher roads he took a convincing lead that was up to three miles on the next rider at the begininng of the descent.

Gary finished the hairy descent on skinny trails and loose gravel with a ten minute lead. After McLean finished on his Pro Cruiser there was a long fifteen minute gap before Victor Vincente of America hove into sighton his custom Topanga! machine at 25:20. Joe Breeze on his own custom Breezer finished fourth at 27:45.

Denise Caramagno took the Women's prize on her Breeze bike.

VIVID MEMORIES OF A DIZZY DIRT RIDER  
...riding with thumb poised on shift lever...hoping a drop of that really salty sweat doesn't run into the eyes...knowing the scenery is great, focusing attention on the rocks in the road ahead...so what if my freshly oiled chain is so dusty it squeaks... keeping an eye on the tire tracks of the the leaders...would give anything to see those hotshots take this insane downhill and I'm sure ready for that cookout tonight and some leisurely backpacking tommorrow!

VICTOR VINCENTE OF  
AMERICA



# WANTED !!

## VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to help us clean up the famous Repack racecourse. Recent damage from last year's heavy rains and drainage problems have rendered Repack un-raceable this year. If we can take care of the worst of the damage a new record is possible. Our date for the cleanup is October 4; contact the Fat Tire Flyer at 457-7016. Let's get Repack ready for the winter season!



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