

UNICYCLING QUARTERLY

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**Which Cycles NOT
to Buy (and why)!**

We've got the facts and
opinions about the
unicycles you don't
want to waste your
money on!

Saddle Reviews



Find out what's comfy
and what's NOT!

TRICK

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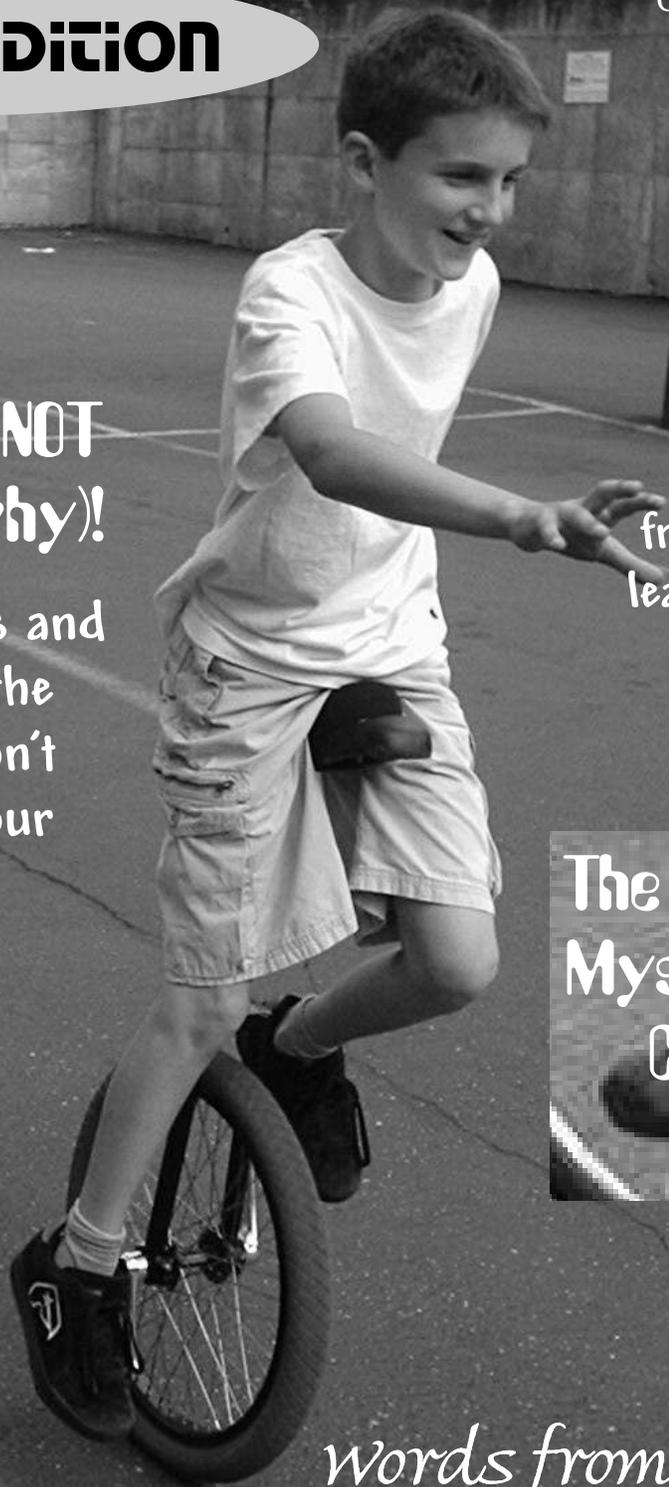
More fun
freestyle skills to
learn on your uni!

**The Quarterly
Mystery Foot
Contest!**



Words from the Wise

In this issue, we interview the
wonderful freestyle unicyclist
Leo Vandewoestijne!



A Message from the Creator

Dear Reader,

Hi, and thanks for ordering my new magazine! My main goal is to make an inexpensive magazine to please the unicycling community and even get some more people involved in the sport. I apologize about not having any user submitted articles in this issue, but I hope to have quite a few in the next one. This issue is mainly to introduce you to the theme and basic layout of the magazine and also interest you in possibly writing some articles for it. You can look forward to convention coverage as well as more articles included in the magazine once *you* start submitting some articles for publication. My ultimate quest for this magazine is to feature an official yearly "UNICON" article that will include both competition results and a personal article from a specific writer or writers.

● If anybody would like to volunteer to write an article for the magazine, be the writer for the UNICON and/or NAUCC coverage, or submit a good cover photo, ● please e-mail me at the address under my name. Again, thank you for your order ● and the support you provided for the production of even more interesting and exciting Unicycling Quarterly issues!

Best Regards,

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Recent rec.sport.unicycling DISCUSSIONS

mainstream athletes who unicycle-

Apparently Steve Young, Rodney Mullen, Lance Armstrong, and John Long all know how to unicycle! Although he's not an athlete, Donald Rumsfeld also unicycles as seen in this photo. (right)



HOW do I dismount my 6' giraffe? -

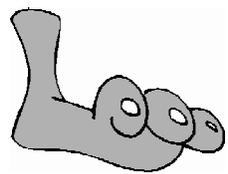
Somebody's having a little trouble hoppin' off, it looks like. Most people who replied found that getting off the back is easiest, but the original poster thought it was easier frontward. One poster even recommended doing a backflip off! That would definitely be something you would NOT want to try on concrete...

crowd pleasers? -

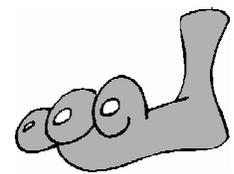
So what are some good parade tricks? The posters in this thread recommended one footed riding, gliding, standup wheelwalk, impressive mounts, and giraffe riding. They also said that wheelwalking is not a very good crowd pleaser even though it is one of the more impressive tricks in the unicycling world.

BROKEN KH seats -

This isn't one specific thread, but a whole bunch of threads that have been lingering around the forums. It's starting to reveal that KH saddles possibly aren't the strongest out there. From broken seatposts to the actual saddle breaking in half, there are a *lot* of these threads! Now that's something to think about for your next saddle purchase.



The Quarterly



Mystery Foot Contest



Who does this foot belong to?

Send all of your guesses along with your name to tylercox@techie.com! If you guess right, your name and picture will be in the next issue of this magazine when we reveal the foot-bearer!

Saddle Reviews



Savage Saddle — Just don't buy it, that's all I can say. It's like metal with a cover on it; you'll barely put your weight on it and 'BOOM' comes the pain. It's basically a Chevy— "like a rock!" **Rating — 1/5**



Torker CX Saddle — This one was okay for a while with me, but then again I'm pretty small. If you're a kid and use this strictly as a trainer seat it might be alright, but if you're over 10 years old and want a good seat, don't buy this.

Rating — 3/5



Kris Holm Saddle — This is the saddle of choice for distance, MUni, and trials riders. Although in some cases it's been reported rather weak, it's still really comfortable. Of course it also comes in the "Fusion" version where you can switch out the covers.

Rating — 5/5



Miyata Saddle — For freestyle riders this is the best, and it's a favorite among trials riders as well. With it's light and maneuverable shape, it's easy to get in and out for seat-out skills that you would use in trials and freestyle. This saddle is also very durable and sturdy and it's very unusual to see one break.

Rating — 5/5



Viscount Saddle — This saddle is very maneuverable which makes it okay for freestyle, but because of the lack of a handle, it's not as good as the Miyata. For freestyle it's fine, but don't even think about MUni with it!

Rating — 4/5

TRICK TALK

WHEELWALKING—This skill is the basis for a lot of more difficult freestyle tricks, and should be a priority for any semi-serious freestyle rider. The way you should start out is by putting one hand on a shelf, fence, or railing and slowly bring your feet up to the tire; one foot in front of the other. The next step is to lean back *very* far, even if it seems like it's *too* far, and to start carefully and slowly "walking" foreword on the tire. Continue to hold the railing or other support until you have the motion down, and when you aren't tangling up your feet 9 times out of 10, you can start to let go. From here on out, I can't help you much, so all I can say is good luck and **LEAN BACK!**



PEDAL STOMPING—If you want to be annoying and have fun at the same time, this is the skill for you. It's pretty basic, so if you are a relatively good unicyclist it should come rather quickly. As for what the trick is, the name says it all; you just take your foot off the pedal and stomp it as it comes around the front. Make sure you have plenty of weight on the back pedal when you do this or else you'll go flying foreword and get a nasty pedal bite!

SEAT IN FRONT NO HANDS—This is another sort of simple skill that is fun to learn when you have too much time on your hands, because of course you don't use your hands! You start out by simply riding seat in front and then you just grip the seatpost with your knees. It helps a little bit if you move back and forth with the pedal strokes so the seatpost doesn't slip out of your grip. I recommend starting to learn this skill with either long pants or shin guards because usually the first time you will get either a pedal bite or a tire scrape. Also, this is a great trick for parades; the crowd loves it!

