

## Llewellyn Family Newsletter #8

*G'day Gladdies, I trust all is well with you all at your end of the world. One has got to like the longer days and warmer weather which is most welcome for those early morning rides. If I don't get out first thing in the morning, I will not get out at all for the day. However I like to be done by 8.30am as the Sun gets nasty here after then.*

*I had a nice ride up to Mt Glorious this Sunday morning, cloudy so that kept things a bit cooler. The Bell birds were in fine song as we coasted through Mt Nebo on our way to Mt Glorious. The trip on the way to Mt Nebo and onto Mt Glorious is my favourite local ride, for me the river rides and other urban bashes in Brisbane just cannot compare to the smell of the forest after some recent rain, the clean fresh air, no traffic but the occasional motor cyclists buzzing past. The huff and puff on the climbs, the descents, then the feeling of a well earned post ride feed. A lay down and post ride snooze. One some times should just sit up while riding and recognize the moment, appreciate how "Nice" it is. Just say "This is nice" I just cannot get that same feeling riding down main roads swapping off, traffic buzzing past, the stench of the many exhaust pipes.....*

*I have been knocking out 300 plus kilometres a week for some months now and getting leaner again, which is pleasing. A few domestic changes have inspired and allowed me to ride a lot more. Shame in some ways that things changed here but hey, one makes the most of things.*

*Christmas is here again. I want to wish every one happy holidays and most importantly, please stay safe! No stress, drive easy, avoid the franticness that is prevalent amongst drivers. Turn on Classic FM or spin some of your cool CDs and roll with the flow. I just don't get the need for so much stress and obligations associated with the Christmas holidays. Holidays are for enjoyment, but one wonders sometimes when observing what goes on around us. I will be on board here all through the summer for any repairs etc you may find needing, other than a week in January while I am down with the QAS working with the team at the Aussie road champs in Ballarat. I will be away again in March at the "North American Hand built Show". My holiday break will be in the Autumn as the weather is cooler for some camping and bush walking.*

*My new 2006 lug and dropout projects have had many delays and difficulties. However after many months of persistence the solutions have been realised and a batch of new samples just arrived. I am making one for myself and then I am onto orders.*

*To follow the build go here for the picture show*

*<http://www.llewellynbikes.com/thegallery/luggedframeworkshop>*



*Gladdies, have a look at what Margo Conover does  
[www.lunacycles.com](http://www.lunacycles.com)  
I don't know of any other female frame builders currently doing their own metal work?  
Brilliant stuff Margo.*

*Now permit to put a plug in for some dapper Llewellyn merchandise to be considered for your Christmas stockings.  
I got some specials happening for December and January.  
Jerseys, Knicks, Vests, T shirts, oils, cleaning "Toothbrush", tyres and tubes, Llewellyn handlebar tape, workstands.  
<http://www.llewellynbikes.com/thegallery/album12>  
Give me a call on 07 3353 3368 and I will drop some swag in the post  
Llewellyn froggy socks arriving next year.*

*A recent project that I just completed has created some comments from passers by to my little workshop and may be of interest. 200 hours of toil is what it took to build and complete this frame set for a client in San Francisco. These sort of projects knock me around and it takes me a wee while to recover. The lugs were cut from stainless steel "Pacenti Artisan" lugs and hand polished. I added some new features and variations to what I have done before. Little hand made stainless details and some tricky double taper seat stays with socket dropouts were a challenge. It is only a few months after this big project is finished and it is in the client's hands that I catch my breath and enjoy the satisfaction of the project. {the client reports back that he is very happy}*







*I thank you all for your support over 2006, it is much appreciated and I hope I have helped with your cycling pleasure.*

*Please stay safe during the summer holidays, enjoy some good Australian red wine with friends and remember to give to those who are in real need!  
Cheers Dazza*