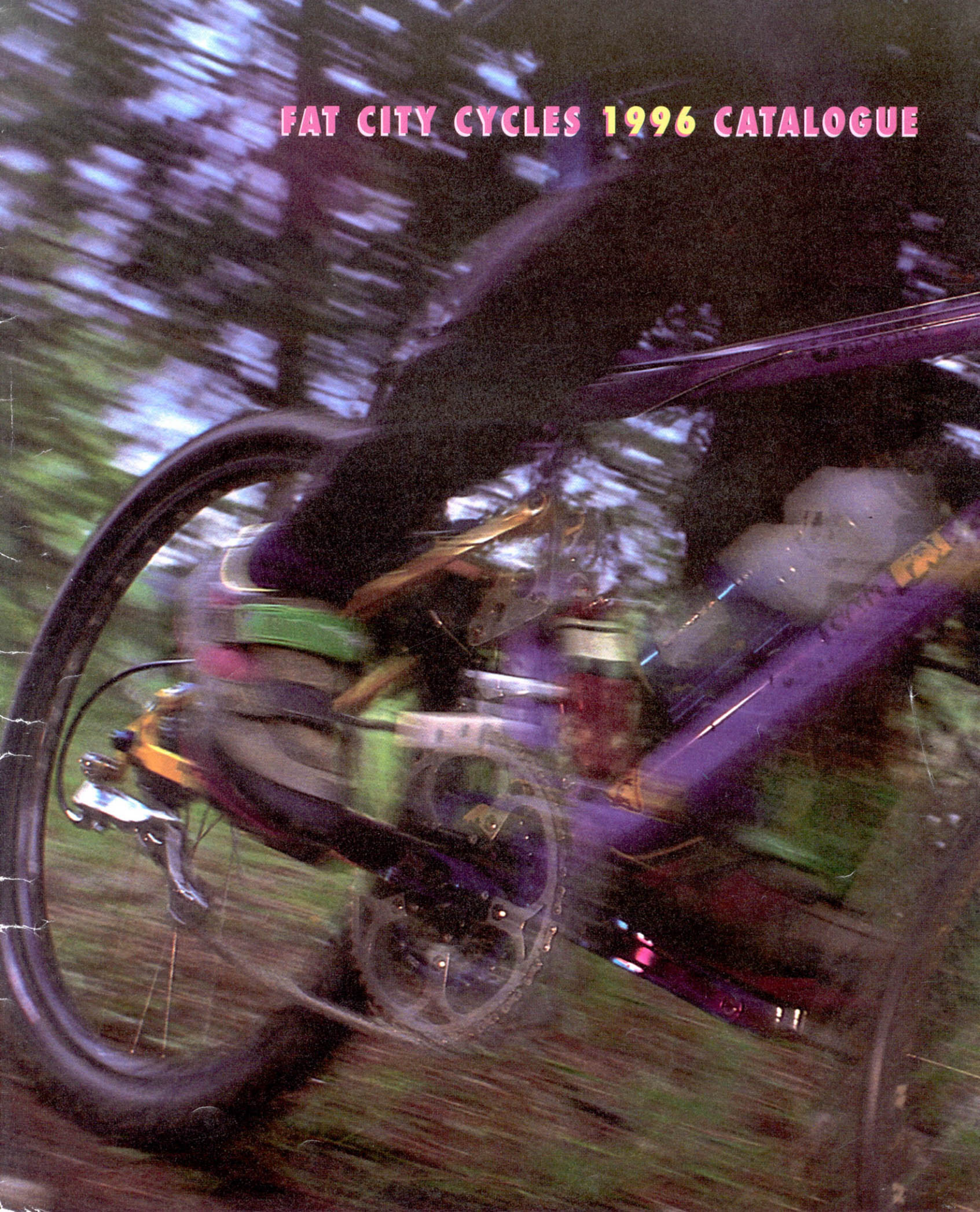


FAT CITY CYCLES 1996 CATALOGUE





Hello! And, welcome to Fat City!

We're delighted that you want to know more about us and our bikes. While our mission has always been to create impeccably crafted, high performance bikes, we believe that an important part of our job is to listen to you. So, we'd like you to think about what you want out of your next bike.

Because right now, we'll tell you that our *Shock-a-Billy* will give you *the absolute most fun* for your off-road riding dollar while our *Buck Shaver* is the *most affordable*. The *Yo Eddy!* has earned an un-

matched reputation for responsive handling, our *Titanium Fat Chance* has a resilience, corrosion resistance and climbing capability that *can't be beat* and the *Chris Chance* Road Frame with *Yo Eddy!* Road Fork *will take you places* a mountain biker might not. (For those of you interested in longer distance touring or a more giving frame, our *Wicked Lite* is also available by special order.

We offer several models in very small sizes, one in extra-large sizes and we can even *build custom* versions of any of our frames, should you



So, how is it that we *create the magic*? With total commitment and *a little bit of heart*.

Unlike the builders who work with name brand off-the-shelf tubes, it is *only in a Fat Chance* that you'll get the benefit of *Chris Chance's custom tubing designing expertise*. Our Titanium Fat has double and triple butted externally machined tubes unlike any other. The Yo Eddy! tubeset is triple butted, heat treated and only available in this frame. The same holds true for our other hardtails, while the Shock-a-Billy is built with a unique combination of square and round tubes, bits of aluminum, stainless and *bearings which spin like silk*. Even our *dropouts are unique* -- a design project which took Chris over a year to complete and now we can't ignore the foreign currency swings others must watch closely. Plus, our *US made 4130 CN machined dropouts* with single integrated eyelets are lighter, stronger and a helluva lot more attractive than the other options out there.

Our *quality control* starts with a raw material inspection. Then, the machined tubes and subassemblies get checked. And, finally, the completed frames must pass through a workstation *devoted to QC* where tolerances get recorded and monitored daily.

Other Fat City trademarks include our *non-tapering chain and seatstays*, gussets and inserts, custom bearings, pizooties, blind hole water bottle bosses, thread-in brake mounts, seat tube seals and sealers, frame tubes; *our ToothPik* anti-chainsuck device, clear coated decals, *hand-built forks*, domes, cones and Madonna units.

And, in addition, *there's a sense of community*. You'll find that once you buy a Fat, you'll be connected to a lot of other folks. If you take it one step further and become a Fat Cog, you'll get to *share in even more adventures*, special "Cogs Only" deals and this year's first Fat Festival. But before we get into that . . .

It's time to introduce our bikes!

have specific needs. (And, yes, this does cost a bit more.)

Chris Chance designs our tubing, defines the tolerances, monitors the quality and works side-by-side with our welders, machinists and painters to help them consistently build frames and forks that we're proud to call Fats. That's him showing off the Shock-a-Billy. It would be our pleasure to talk with you about any of our bikes and welcome you to life with a Fat!

SHOCK-A-BILLY

Pictured in our Team Violet with Yellow soft tail, a custom paint job.



Yo Eddy! TEAM FAT CHANCE

Pictured in Chameleon Metallica with suspension fork painted to match.



TITANIUM FAT CHANCE

Pictured half polished and half glass bead blasted, a custom comb



Chris CHANCE

Pictured in Sapphire Fade.



BUCK SHAVER

Pictured in Black with our Yo Eddy! Big One Inch Fork.



Yo Betty!

*Pictured in Arrest Me Red!
with suspension fork painted to match.*



SHOCK-a-BILLY FULL SUSPENSION FRAME SPEX ①

We're proud to introduce the rear suspension assembly designed by Chris Chance, paired with a front triangle that features the precise handling of our Yo Eddy! This newest Fat Chance delivers comfortable, ground-tracking performance with a full three inches of travel in the rear. For those who've been there, done that, and want more, this one cuts like a knife in the corners and offers the dependable durability for which Fat City is known.

SIZE	STAND OVER HEIGHT	TOP TUBE LENGTH	SEAT TUBE LENGTH	HEAD TUBE LENGTH	WHEEL BASE	FRAME WEIGHT
Small	29.0"	22.0"	13.0"	90mm	40.8"	n/a
Small/Medium	29.5"	22.6"	14.0"	90mm	41.3"	n/a
Medium	30.0"	23.0"	14.5"	90mm	41.8"	n/a
Medium/Large	30.7"	23.3"	15.5"	107mm	42.1"	n/a
Large	31.2"	23.6"	16.0"	123mm	42.4"	n/a

YO EDDY! TEAM FAT CHANCE FRAME SPEX ①

1'250

The '96 Yo Eddy! is the culmination of several iterations of modification. This latest custom tubeset designed by Chris features triple butted heat treated tubing paired with our exclusive CNC machined 4130 dropouts. While our Yo! has been suspension geometry adjusted for several years, this is the lightest frame yet and offers quick control without compromise. Other features include a tight rear triangle with asymmetrically bent 16 7/8" chainstays for maximum tire clearance, superior climbing and aggressive acceleration.

SIZE	STAND OVER HEIGHT	TOP TUBE LENGTH	SEAT TUBE LENGTH	HEAD TUBE LENGTH	WHEEL BASE	FRAME WEIGHT
Small	28.9"	22.0"	14.5"	90mm	40.4"	3 lbs 11 oz
Small/Medium	29.4"	22.6"	15.5"	90mm	41.0"	4 lbs 1 oz
Medium	30.0"	23.0"	17.0"	90mm	41.4"	4 lbs 2 oz
Medium/Large	30.5"	23.3"	18.0"	90mm	41.7"	4 lbs 7 oz
Large	31.4"	23.6"	19.0"	109mm	42.0"	4 lbs 10 oz
Extra Large	32.4"	24.0"	20.0"	140mm	42.5"	n/a

3'600.
900.
1'300.
1'400.

FAT CITY'S TITANIUM FAT CHANCE MOUNTAIN FRAME SPEX ②

2'690

Our customers rave about their Ti Fats. They say this frame climbs like no other and that it gives them the confidence to push their limits. These frames are built with externally machined double and triple butted tubes which get welded into alignment. Our Titanium Fat Chances are resilient while offering increased stiffness, stability and predictability over all other Titanium mountain frames.

SIZE	STAND OVER HEIGHT	TOP TUBE LENGTH	SEAT TUBE LENGTH	HEAD TUBE LENGTH	WHEEL BASE	FRAME WEIGHT
Small	29.1"	22.0"	14.5"	100mm	40.4"	3 lbs 5 oz
Small/Medium	29.6"	22.6"	15.5"	100mm	41.0"	3 lbs 7 oz
Medium	30.3"	23.0"	17.0"	100mm	41.4"	3 lbs 9 oz
Medium/Large	30.7"	23.3"	18.0"	100mm	41.7"	3 lbs 11 oz
Large	31.4"	23.6"	19.0"	109mm	42.0"	3 lbs 13 oz

CHRIS CHANCE ROAD FRAME and YO EDDY! ROAD FORK SPEX ①

Designed to have the quick feel of a criterium frame, this frameset is also comfortable for long distance riding. The Chance descends and corners with confidence inspiring accuracy and is highly responsive in challenging situations. The Yo Eddy! Road Fork utilizes our patented crown design and features ovalized struts connecting to ovalized tapering blades. This fork feels predictable and resilient while weighing only one and a quarter pounds. This year, we're building three additional small sizes for our many smaller customers.

SIZE	STAND OVER HEIGHT	HEAD TUBE ANGLE	SEAT TUBE ANGLE	TOP TUBE LENGTH	TOP TUBE DIAM	SEAT TUBE C to C	FRONT DERAIL SIZE	HEAD TUBE LENGTH	FORK RAKE	WHEEL BASE	FRAME WEIGHT
48cm	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.0"	48.0cm	1 1/8"	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
49cm	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.0"	49.0cm	1 1/8"	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
50cm	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.0"	50.0cm	1 1/8"	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
51cm	30.4"	72.5	74.75	53.3cm	1.0"	51.0cm	1 1/8"	101mm	4.45cm	98.6cm	3 lbs 10 oz
52cm	30.7"	72.5	74.0	54.0cm	1.0"	52.0cm	1 1/8"	109mm	4.45cm	98.6cm	3 lbs 12 oz
53cm	31.1"	72.5	74.0	54.8cm	1.0"	53.0cm	1 1/8"	119mm	4.45cm	99.5cm	3 lbs 13 oz
54cm	31.4"	73.0	74.0	55.5cm	1.0"	54.0cm	1 1/8"	126mm	4.20cm	99.5cm	3 lbs 14 oz
55cm	31.8"	73.5	73.5	56.6cm	1.0"	55.0cm	1 1/8"	132mm	4.00cm	99.5cm	3 lbs 15 oz
56cm	32.1"	73.5	73.0	57.1cm	1.0"	56.0cm	1 1/8"	141mm	4.00cm	99.5cm	4 lbs 0 oz
57cm	32.5"	73.5	73.0	57.8cm	1.0"	57.0cm	1 1/8"	151mm	4.00cm	100.1cm	4 lbs 1 oz
58cm	32.9"	73.5	73.0	58.5cm	1.0"	58.0cm	1 1/8"	161mm	4.00cm	100.8cm	4 lbs 2 oz
59cm	33.2"	73.5	73.0	59.0cm	1.0"	59.0cm	1 1/8"	171mm	4.00cm	101.3cm	4 lbs 3 oz
60cm	33.6"	73.5	73.0	59.5cm	1.0"	60.0cm	1 1/8"	181mm	4.00cm	101.8cm	4 lbs 4 oz

BUCK SHAVER FRAME SPEX ③

Perfect for riders seeking a highly responsive, hand built frame with a less stiff ride quality than our Yo Eddy! The Buck features the craftsmanship and attention to detail for which we're known, at a more affordable price. With the same suspension adjusted geometry as the Yo! and our exclusive CNC machined 4130 dropouts, you're guaranteed stability, great handling in singletrack and excellent climbing capability.

SIZE	STAND OVER HEIGHT	TOP TUBE LENGTH	SEAT TUBE LENGTH	HEAD TUBE LENGTH	WHEEL BASE	FRAME WEIGHT
Small	28.9"	22"	14.5"	90mm	40.4"	4 lbs 6 oz
Medium	30.0"	23"	17"	90mm	41.4"	4 lbs 9 oz
Large	31.3"	23.6"	19"	109mm	42.0"	4 lbs 13 oz

YO BETTY! FRAME SPEX

For all the guys and gals out there who've had such difficulty finding high performance small bikes that fit, this one's for you! Designed specifically for people between 4'10" and 5'2", this frame is available in three versions, each requiring a threadless headset system. The least expensive is built with a 4130 custom designed double butted tubeset and modelled after our Buck Shaver, but with smaller diameter tubes. The Titanium Yo Betty! is built with externally machined double and triple butted titanium tubes while the full suspension Yo Betty! is simply a much smaller version of our Shock-a-Billy. The choice is yours (including decals!) and the spex follow:

Frame style:	STAND OVER HEIGHT	TOP TUBE LENGTH	SEAT TUBE LENGTH	HEAD TUBE LENGTH	WHEEL BASE	FRAME WEIGHT
Chrome-moly ③	26.0"	20.9"	10"	60mm	39.25"	3 lbs 11 oz
Titanium ②	26.0"	20.9"	10"	60mm	39.25"	3 lbs 3 oz
Full suspension ①	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

- ① Stock colors include Chameleon Metallica, Sapphire Fade, Harlequin Metallica and Arrest Me Red!
- ② Stock finish is Glass Bead Blasted. Polished finish is available for an extra charge.
- ③ Stock colors include Sapphire Purple, Sapphire Blue, Black and Arrest Me Red!

Online

Well, I sort of rationalize it as kind of like having traded four bottles of wine for a bicycle. At restaurant prices these would sell for about \$8000 but at real world deals between friends it felt okay at \$1500, which was enough to get the FC Wicked frame with lots of stuff on it. So, let your accountants know that all this AOL and Internet stuff should now be considered a totally deductible business expense since this cyburbia stuff has indeed actually sold a bike (at least it sure helped sell this one!). **Dan F.**

It is no exaggeration for me to claim that of all the bikes I've ridden, which includes highly respected titanium and carbon "wonderbikes," I have never ridden a bike that I liked better than my Slim. The geometry fits my riding style perfectly and the handling is incredible. It climbs so easily and descends so calmly that I feel guilty riding it in the vast Chicago flatland. I really love this bike. I'm hoping that if it comes time for me to replace it, Fat City will be offering a similar model. **London C.**

I've been riding a Monster Fat (bummer about the name change) since 92". everyone who rides it agrees, FAT's are the most stable at speed and best handling bikes around. Three of my riding buddies have bought FAT's (one is making his last payment this week). Keep up the great work!!! **Vic H.**

I ride the Harley much less than ever . . . With such an underused asset, I've decided that its value could be better utilized if it were to be transformed magically into a dream mountain-bike and home improvements. The home improvements alone would never have stood a chance at liquidating my Sporty if not for the added strength of FATness. The deal will be my FAT first, decks with what's left. **Global Joe.**

Five years later, needing only annual maintenance, I am still commuting 30-35 miles per day on my 1990 Fat Chance. I'm one of the original FATCOGS . . . (and) truly another crazed disciple of YO EDDY . . . It's a fantastic machine! **Stu C.**

Thank you all who provided me with the wisdom to choose the Fat Chance Yo Eddy! frame over the ----, ----, and ----! I rode my first ride today aboard my new rocket, and can't believe how different it is! I thought people talking about how great it was had to be full of shit . . . Surely they loved this bike for its unique appeal . . . WRONG!! I don't steer it, I imagine it! REALLY! The rest of you should trade whatever you're riding in for a Yo (!) or any other Chance frame, I assume . . . Really. WOW. Keep up the good work! **Bri.**

I am a confirmed bike geek, I've Bought 6 bikes in the last seven years, Five mountain and one road. But the last three have been Yo Eddys. I just built up my latest in March 95, Arrest Me Red with a Manitou EFC, about 23.5 lbs. There is nothing like a Yo! **Tom M.**



These are the folks we do it for . . .

Used to be that we could only meet them in person, on the phone or by mail. Those were the days. Since last year, we've gone cosmic and now include cyberspace on our list of homes. While this photo was taken by traditional means in Vermont, we expect one day to be intergalactically connected (thanks to Mr. Gates and the Captain) and hope to say, "Cheese!" with all of you while smiling into our computers. Until then, please use your favorite method to say hello, ask questions or beam us messages. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to welcome you to life with a FAT!



My 1 1/2 year old Yo Eddy. Awesome bike. Feels like a tight wound spring. Precise, agile, refined. Anyone who tries it will love it. What I like most is the "traditional" design: It's not flashy or trendy but, like a good German car, always stylish, functional, well-built. **Jim W.**

Most of my friends and family can't understand me paying so much for a bicycle. But biking is my spirit. A FAT wasn't an easy choice because I really couldn't afford it (working stiff & family). After riding, I was committed. Now I have heard rumors that I went out of business? I hope not, I wanted to become a FAT and all that goes with being associated with FAT. I am a proud owner of the finest bike made. **Stephen B.**

The reason I write: I secured another devoted follower for you by letting my buddy ride my FAT, and now he wants to buy! He won't settle for anything less than the perfect FAT . . . He owns part of a local bagel factory, so he doesn't have time to commit his life to riding like I can, but he does see that "the frame IS the thing". **Brian A.**

I have a 94 Yo Eddy & my wife has a 94 Wicked Lite. We both love our bikes. I am a very aggressive rider & my bike has performed flawlessly. It is hard to express how nice it is. Whenever I talk about my bike, all I can do is just smile. We also have a couple of friends that have FAT's. Met some people in Moab, this spring, and they all love their FAT's. **Bill D.**

Bought a Fat Chance in 1989-love at first ride. Strayed and bought a titanium 'wonder' bike. Have since dumped and am now riding a brand-new YoEddy which is just great. Still have the Wicked and my wife has one also. The Wicked has been all over the country on trips and is one bike I'll never sell. **Brian P.**

I now have my third FAT, as far as I am concerned, FAT's are by far the best quality and riding cycle made. Last week my son and I took our bikes on an extensive tour of Arizona trails. The Yo performed flawlessly, I could say the same for it's 48 year old engine. **Michael D.**

We got talking about bicycles and she was bemoaning the fact that at about 4'11" it was difficult finding anything other than kid's bikes that fit her. I mentioned that I just happened to have some literature from a company that made some bikes for people her size. I dropped the Fat City catalog (and the other literature) to her the next day. Maybe she'll buy one. **D.**

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Several pages back, we mentioned our Fat Cogs. This is our owners' group and it's open to everyone who rides a Fat. Becoming a Fat Cog will get you our "Cogs Only" T-shirt (the one hanging on the line), a place on our mailing list and invitations to cool deals and social events at least a couple of times every year. We've got several hundred members living around the world now and look forward to welcoming you to the group! Send us \$25 if you live in the States and \$40 if you live abroad and we'll send a T-shirt & newsletter your way!

Name: _____

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E-Mail: _____

T-Shirt Size: L XL

Occupation: _____ Age: _____

When did you buy your FAT? _____

Is it your first? _____

Which one(s) do you have? _____

How often do you race? _____

Can we share your name in our newsletter? _____

What about with other COG's? _____

Will you contribute a story for the newsletter? _____

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Sundries



Fat City offers enough gear to keep you covered for days! Some of it's pictured above, more is always in the works. We've got decals and hats, bottles and T's, jerseys and shorts, and more. There is even some gear for kids! All is available through your local bike shop and, as usual, we'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

"It seems that most companies are trying to make the lightest frame. So I thought why not put tubes in the frames and fill them with helium. That might not make the frame a hole lot lighter, but I'm sure it would sound pretty cool to someone looking to bye a frame."
Mike G.



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