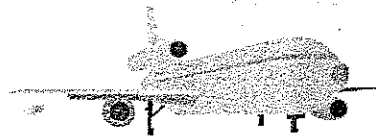


CUSTOMS..... As in 'specials', not 'HM'! On steel and ti frames a limited amount of options can be provided- for example the famous 'hand job' rear cable hanger is no longer fitted since the advent of cross pull brakes, but is still available to order. We keep some frames in stock with the famous 'trade mark' for traditionalists! Also available are rear rack / guard mounts and top cable routing. Don't forget that steel frames can be custom painted as well!



Looking Ahead to 1998, we will be forming a small mountain bike race team to promote Ibis products in the UK. The team will probably contest the SAMS series and one or two other selected events, so if you are interested give us a call. It will **NOT** be a mega - budget manufacturer sponsored team- just a bunch of enthusiasts out to have fun on their Ibis bikes. Having said that, **VERY** preferential terms will be given on Ibis frames and components. As for ability- enjoyment of your racing (even when our weather turns the course into something resembling a Hippo's bathing pool!) is more important than results.



Got some Air Miles to use up, or just fancy a trip to the most important Bike Show of the year? If a few people are interested we would be happy to organise an 'Ibis owners and friends' trip to Anaheim, California, this September. We would of course visit the Ibis World HQ in Sebastopol, take in Disney World and whatever else you fancy! (The Anaheim show runs from Sept - 4th to 7th.) Individuals will need to make their own travel arrangements to the USA, but we would reserve accommodation, attend to transport requirements, arrange visits etc. Interested? Then call Mike Bell soon!

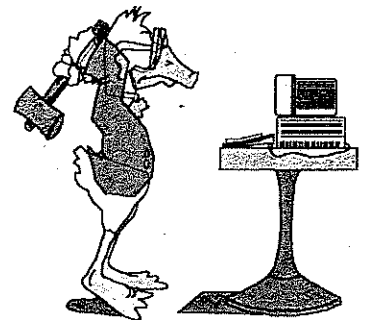


If you fancy being more energetic, then how about a week mountain biking in the French Pyrenees this October? Not only biking, but perfecting your technique or learning new skills with Paul Hinton, professional racer and 'Masterclass' originator. The week in question is Oct 11th to 18th, the place is Bertren, a tiny village in the foothills of the gorgeous Pyrenees. The week is organised by Pyractif, which is run by Brits Steve and Brenda Mead. They

moved out to Bertren a few years ago after falling in love with the area and the incredible variety of riding it provided. They bought an old farmhouse and renovated it to provide self catering accommodation for up to seven guests as well as their family.

There is a basic price for the accommodation, tuition if required, guiding, and the chance to trash some bikes from Paul's sponsor- Pr* FI*x. Travel and food are extra. The fastest way to get there is by flying to Toulouse, but if enough people were interested we could get a car load together and drive down. I've been to Steve's place several times and can only say that the biking there is the best I have experienced in Europe- and with the £ so strong this year France is suddenly good value too! Please call for full information on this week- or indeed any week in this part of the Pyrenees, which Mountain Bike Pro magazine described as 'Heaven's Gate'!

This Newsletter has been compiled by Mike Bell, of whom the following is a good likeness.....



Bye for now!