

INTELLIGENCER

Quarterly Brain Nugs From Surly HQ

#3



SURLY



Greeting Friends,

Welcome to the third installment of the Intelligencer. This time around, we're going to talk touring. If you've ever travelled by bicycle, you know the excitement of taking those first few pedal strokes out into the great unknown - the way everything slows down and becomes contemplative. You never know if your seat clamp will break and leave you stranded, or what waits around the bend. The little things like hot meals, hot showers, and soft beds all of a sudden become much more important.

Storms don't roll through, they rollover you. You get to see the nice side of people when they stop to ask about your journey and offer their yard so you can pitch a tent. Yes folks, touring on a bicycle is the best, and if you have never done it, figure out a place you want to see, then ride your bike there. We say it all the time around the Intergalactic HQ, since pretty much all of us have done some type of bike tour at some point in our lives, get lost and find yourself.



RETURNED FROM M.F. RAGGED BUSH
1000 MILES TRIP IN THE BUSH



TROLL AND OGRE

Touring is a lot of fun, but when you're out on the road you still have to deal with cars. Enter: Off-road touring.

If you're gonna hit the road for an extended trip through the woods, Ogre and Troll are designed just for you.

Ogre uses 29" wheels, Troll uses 26".

Both have newly redesigned frames built to make your Rambo-like retreat

ADD

REAR RACK - THIS WEEK

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into the forest even more enjoyable. You can equip your Ogre or Troll with a Rohloff hub, disc brakes, fenders, and racks. Both have room for plus-size tires (without fenders), and come with our Gnot-Boost spacing that allows you to use 135mm QR hubs, 12x142mm thru-axle hubs or 12x148mm Boost hubs. Society doesn't have much to offer anyway, so jump on your bike and GTFO.

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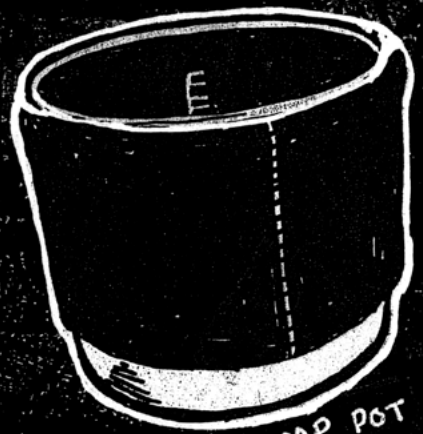
If you travel and love riding your bike, you understand the value of S&S Couplers. They allow you to stuff your bicycle in a case that is sized for airline travel as standard luggage. This can save you a boatload of money on travel costs and it means that all you have to do when you hit Terra Firma is slap your bike back together and ride off into the sunset. Packing a bike for travel is always a pain in the ass no matter which way you slice it, but with S&S Couplers, you can save money and know that when you land you'll have the bike you know and love with you.



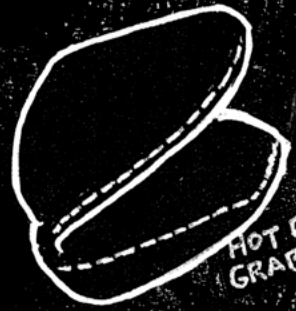
DIY

INSULATING SHEATH MODIFICATION

Don't let *The Man* tell you what you can and can't fit in an insulating sheath! The best thing about modifying coozies is that they are easy to cut and sew and they are usually cheap as hell (free if you know where to look). The possibilities of what you can make are endless. Check out this basic step by step guide and start tinkering.



CAMP POT INSULATOR



HOT PAN GRABBER



PADDED BAGGIE for breakable stuff

1. Disassemble insulating sheath
2. Measure twice, cut once
3. Sew your creation together
4. Realized you messed it up
5. Go ride your bike for a while
6. Come back and start over
7. Make a template this time
8. Finish sewing your creation
9. Realize it's not perfect, but it'll do
10. Use it until it falls apart
11. Return to step 1

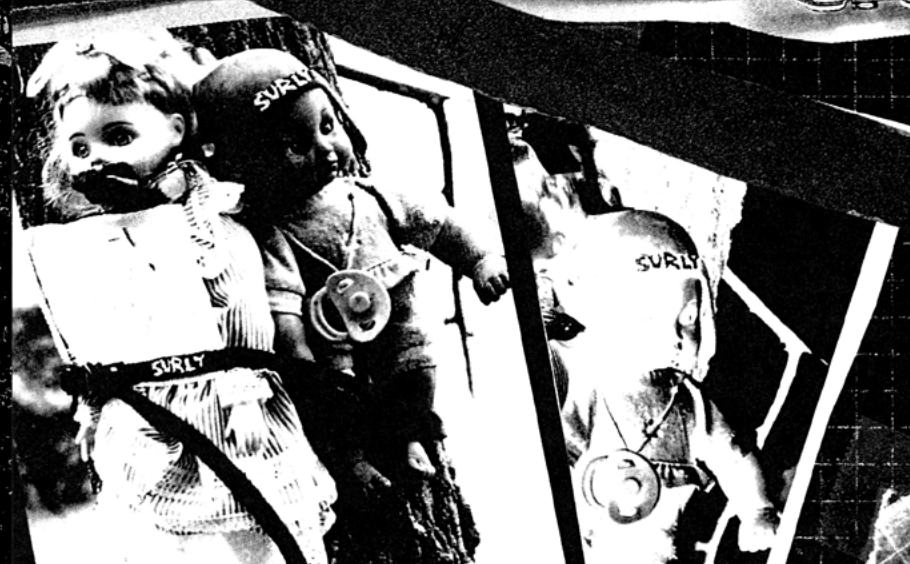
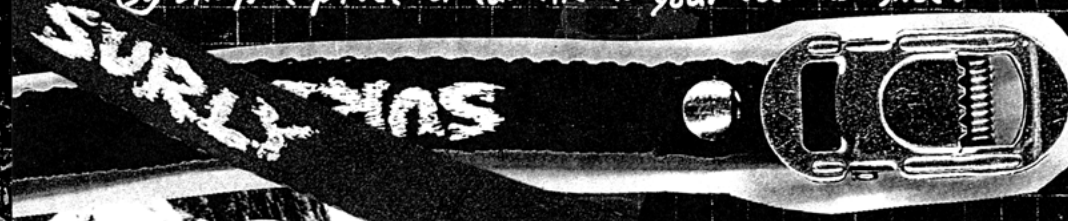
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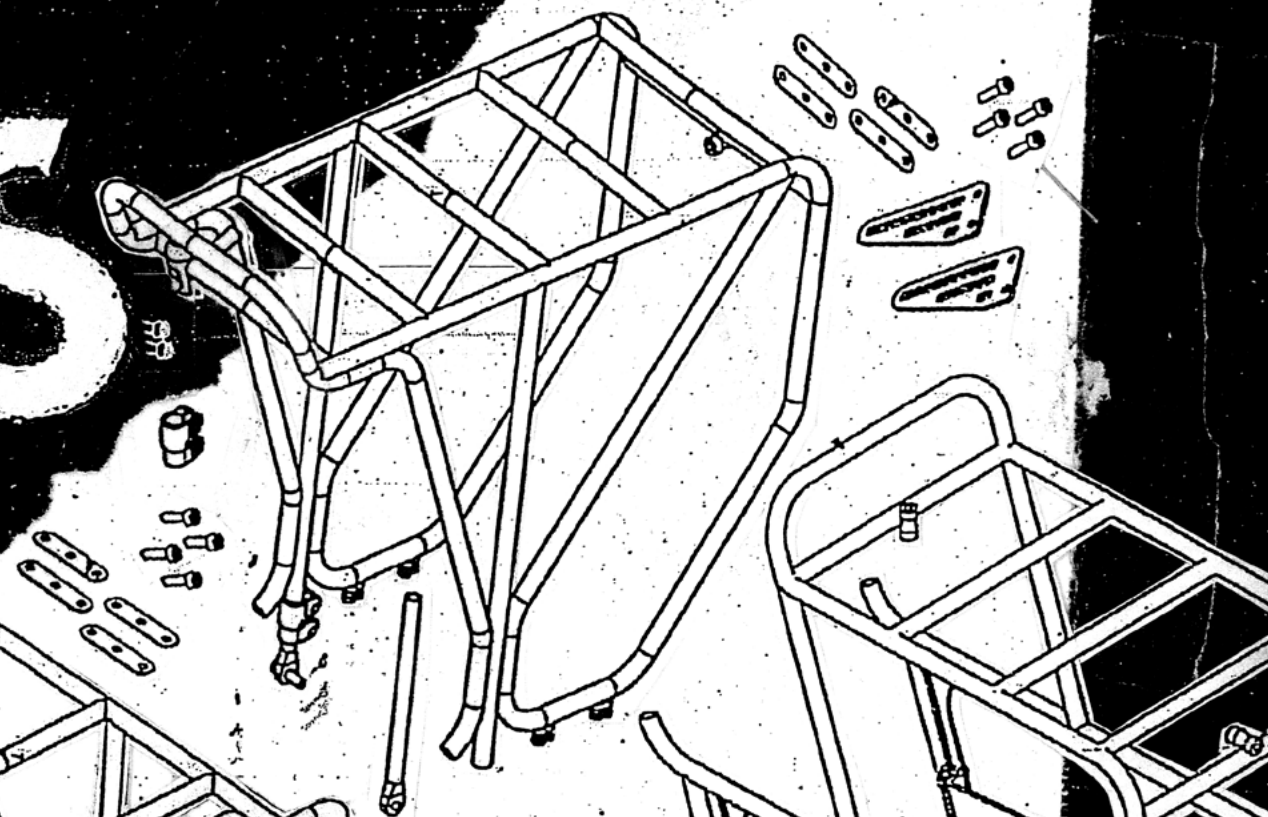
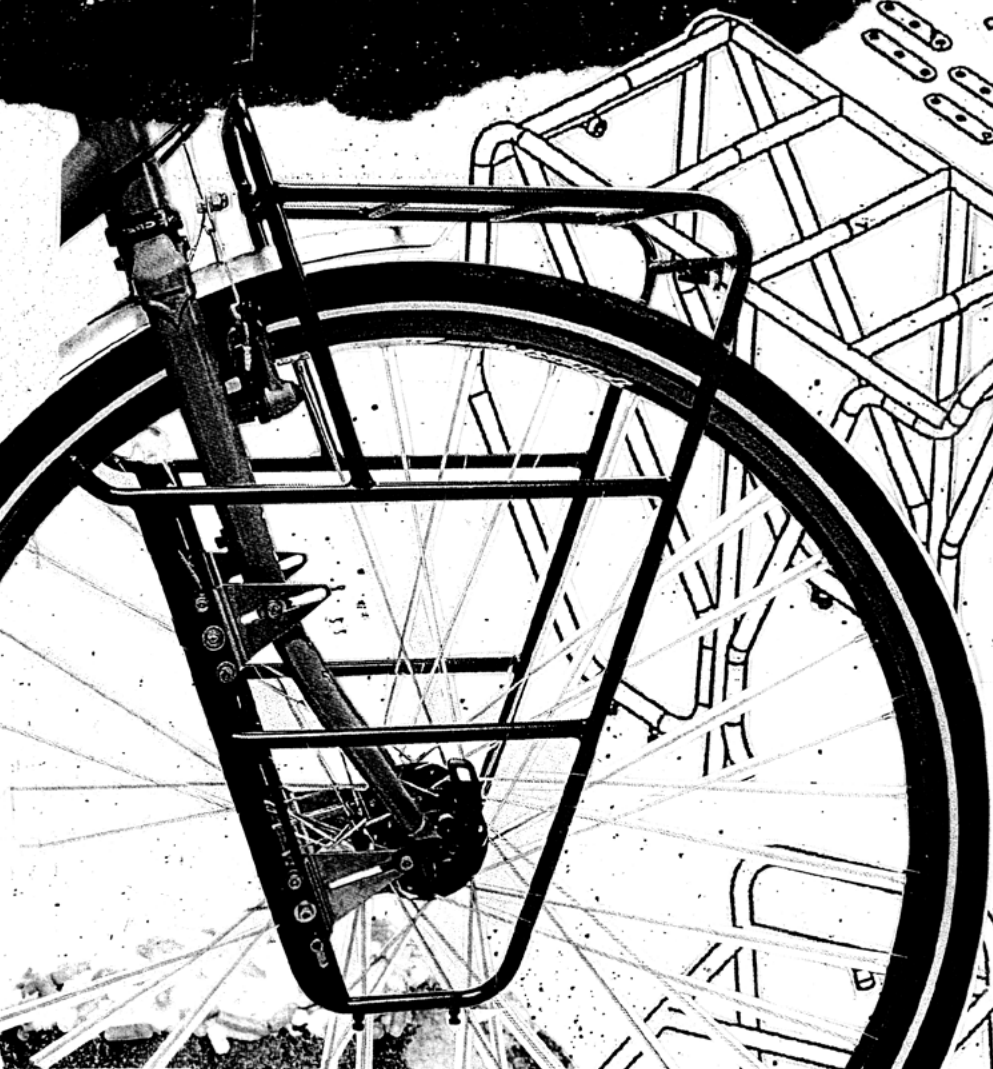
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JUNK STRAP

- 23 Strap some creepy dolls to an ancient tree
- 24 Strap a spot light to the hood of your car
- 25 Strap some foam to your motorcycle seat for extra comfort
- 26 Strap a back pack filled with peanuts to your bike rack
- 27 Tie two people together back to back
- 28 Tow a friend home on their bike if they break a freehub
- 29 Bundle some sticks together
- 30 Strap a piece of car tire to your feet as shoes



SURLY RACKS



Nothing hauls more stuff better than Surly racks. They're pieces that are constructed of 10mm expedition quality tubular Chromoly, which is totally tubular. They have large top platforms, plenty of spots for lashing, and if you manage to break your rack on tour, any garage tinkerer with a welding machine or a torch should be able to get you sorted and riding again. They're really quite nice.

Get lost and find yourself

This letter was from a gentleman I met a couple years ago at a bikepacking and campout extravaganza in Colorado. His name was Seth and he had chosen a different path than most of us. He eschewed the fixation and drive for physical wealth and addiction to creature comforts. He ended up where he is through his own decision making process and has let the wind take him where it will.

I was taken by this man's story and frankness of heart and so was Tyler (who was on this trip with me). We decided on the spot that we wished to see him on one of our bikes (he was on an antiquated monstrosity of some sort or another, and making due without complaint I might add, but there is a difference between simply getting where you need to go vs. loving every moment of your journey and your conveyance to boot). So we simply posed the proposition to him: "Hey brother, you want a new bike?"

This is his letter in his own style "ov" shorthand:

hi Trevor and Tyler!
i'm in denver and beautifully will be enjoying the SURPLY Salvagetti camping thing! i supre hope yu two will be thir. big smiles, hugs, stories, cheers... all i hope to share. it feels like 10yrs since last year. this is a great thing in the face of the tumor raw we all face!

i supre hope a bottle ov rum made it to yu guys! it seems shipping alcohol successfully is not always guaranteed but in this case i hope it did. my last letter had me off to the east coast to do some pedaling and friend seeing :-

i landed in boston with around 300\$ and a lady friend. i had to get to Burlington Vermont to thank an old friend face to face and meet her family. as my brain had used her in a dream to help pull my head out ov my ass and point it at my heart. the goal with the lady friend was to hava communicativ, →

→ whatever it was they had in those midwest stores!! so i kept pedaling, taking time at various libraries typing out articles and navigating the 1hr computer we rules. i had friends in Hiawatha Kansas that i wanted to get to and as i was getting close to them, the inspiration to pedal completely fell out and i simply had to grind for a few days. they grabbed me off the highway and i recouped at their house for a week. i had lost a bit ov weight. my knees had changed a bit and seemingly my body was only using nutrients to feed the parts of me that were used in pedaling and in nothing else. like i walked 8 blocks and then had to take a hap or tries carrying a piece ov lumber and dragged terribly behind my friend. it all was quite interesting. anyways, i was done pedaling and caught a ride with one ov their parents back to denver. hitting denver i was flooded with the →

health oriented, open, expressive relationship. she agreed with these ideas but was overwhelmed completely. We pedaled together up to Burlington where we decided to part. quite healthy i must say. she launched off to Connecticut to farm for a minute and i had a little over 100\$ and was stoked because this wood bee enough to see friends in Beacon NY. so off i went.

while in Beacon i stumbled into a shop called people's Bicycles where i recognized the logo on their business card as i had seen it on bikegrease and coffee.com - it was the shop that the chap Kurt had left from years ago on his various adventures that i had been reading about online. they were great people and rotated my tires and re-tubless set them up for 5\$ and a drawing (i had to do some negotiating because...) as i pedaled into Beacon i realized the next step was to get back to the west cuz i was not down with →

→ culmination ov the experience and their meaning. it was a big push to hav diligenc with myself and my beliefs. a big self accepting thing, like i should honor myself. witness that which is in me and diligently pursue it.....

there has been much change in my life over this past year. i'd love to share all the stories with yu two if i could. quite possibly that won't happen so a way to sum it up is that this homeless man is making mire and more choices and decisions based on greater and greater quality ov life. i returned to denver quite focused to grow the positive relationships in my life and learn more ov my experiential existance and see how it goes. i pretty fucking into this stuff and stoked! quite soon after the bikecamping event, i want to get down to the warm southern desert areas and float for the winter. i got most everything together and am →

the eastern nature (tree covered jungle) and longed for the desert and roties. at Beacon i had 65\$ and a box ov dried fruit and seeds my mom had sent me. that was enough to make me feel comfortable to launch off to get to denver. i wanted to take dirt routes but found no resources for pedaling east-west on dirt in that region. so i struck out on a real dirt route on pavement and hit rail trails when i could. i ate alot ov oats mixed with the goods from my mom. then somewhere in Pennsylvania i got an email from someone (chatted with in MSAB. he said that the From Thich Nhat Hanh book he wanted to lend me was gone and that i could buy it on amazon for 4\$. i informed him that i was carrying 3 books already and felt fodun with that quantity touring and such. he instantly responded that i should write for his blog and he would pay me 50\$ a week. i was stoked as i could thus buy food (or →

→ Very excited to sit hike and relax in nature again. the pedaling across was a ton ov work and weariness finding places to sleep everynight. i'm much more into setting up camp and hanging for awhile so i can hike a ton, sew, read and do nothing, lots ov rad nothing! nothing and nature are great nutrients! the DBRE has been brilliant! the perfect choice for me! doing a ton more road rriding than i've ever done and was quite cozy. i'm supre stoked to get r'f down to the deserts and get to some ov the most beautiful places i've ever been but now i can explore them much more fully on two wheels....

anyways chaps, i'm supre stoked and still beaming from yor guys help, support and friendship. the greatest joy to see yu all again. i hope yu are both well and growing at a rate satiating to yu!

(i reread this and it seems so brief compared to the experiences.

that was accomplished. thankyu and helo!) - seth

my goal was a helo and a check in before hopefully seeing yu all and i think

ECR

Shosh
Mint

The ECR is a two-wheeled, human-powered Unimog.

If a Long Haul Trucker could mate with a Grizzly

Bear, its offspring would be the ECR. It's the bike

for riding anywhere with everything. 29 Plus tires

give you the ability to roll over large obstacles and

and the wide footprint of the tire provides a bounty

of floatation and traction. If you find terrain the

ECR can't handle, you probably need to invest in

either a canoe or a hang-glider.



SHOP CALL OUT

自転車、部品、カオス

BLUE LUG



It's difficult to know where to start when describing Blue Lug. If you like bike shops, it's probably a place you should see before you die. Everything they do, they do the best. If you need a frame painted and want it to be custom as all get out, they can do that. If you need the best cup of coffee you've ever had in your life after a night of partying with the Motocross International crew, you can get it at Blue Lug. They love Surly Bikes and we love them. If you're lucky enough to make it such a far-off land as Japan, and you want to see some truly artisanal shit, check out Blue Lug.





SURLY REALLY BIKERS

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スタートを
70センチロー!!

LIGHT

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26x24cm
便利ハイブリッド!!
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DOLLER!!

26x24cm
500gの軽さ
26x24cm

WORLD
TROLLER
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650B
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26x24cm
22-10MTB!!

TRAVELERS
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Trailers

Easy-on, Easy-off

Swivels every
which way



Our trailers mean business - literally. People have actually used them to start businesses. Want to have people pay you to come pick up their recycling and deal with it for them? Someone has already done that with one of our trailers. Want to build one of 'em out so you can have a portable soup kitchen and ride your bike around town, making and selling soup for people? Someone has already done that with one of our trailers. Want to be able to haul a lot of stuff with your bike? Scores upon scores of people have already done that with our trailers. We make two different lengths - Ted is the short guy; Bill is the long one. They can carry up to 300 pounds and they are made of steel.



WONDER WOMAN.TXT

FROM: SUPERMAN
DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016
TO: SURLY
SUBJECT: 1X1

I'M CURRENTLY WRITING AND WONDER WOMAN WITH KENDA TIRES AND 700CC WHEELS ON IT I MAINLY RIGHT STREET AND I'M WONDERING WHAT KIND OF FREE SAG I SHOULD HAVE IN MY CHAIN FOR THE OPERATING PROPERLY

SMALL DOLL HEADS

"HEAVY" IS RELATIVE PACK WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

If you want to go ultra light and rough it, go for it. If you want to pack maximalistic and ride slow as hell, that's awesome. If you think bringing along your didgeridoo will make camping more fun, that's cool, we sell Junk Straps for situations like that. Below is a list of what two Surly Worker-bees took on an overnighter last fall. This is by no means advice on what *you* should bring. Pack lists may differ greatly, but the experience is usually the same: a rad time spent outside. And that's the most one can hope for.

BIKE AND BAGS

- 54cm Cross Check w/ Straggler fork
- Revelate frame bag
- Frost River seat bag

CAMPING GEAR

- Eno Hammock
- Eno Rainfly
- Military Poncho liner allows me to pack light and freeze at night
- Vargo Ti wood stove
- The bicycle repair items you'd expect
- Loud Knives, Sharp Guns
- Backpacker's Pantry Alfredo for dinner
- North Face 600 fill down sweater so I don't get hypothermia tonight
- Ti Spork
- Frame pump

BIKE AND BAGS

- SURLY Krampus LG w/ stock spec
- Aftermarket Krampus fork w/ triple bosses
- Salsa Anything Cages
- Revelate Designs Gas Tank
- SURLY/Revelate frame bag
- Revelate Viscacha seat bag
- Revelate Sweet Roll handlebar bag
- Handlebar bottle bag made by a friend

CAMPING GEAR

- GoLite Shangri La 1 fly plus nylon ground cloth/tarp
- 20° down sleeping bag
- Thermarest Ultralight pad
- RidgeRest ¾ pad (doubles as a beer cooler)
- Trangia alcohol stove
- Vargo fuel bottle and Ti spork
- Stainless steel bottle stove/cook pot kit
- Bike repair kit with 29+ tube and Lezyne pump
- First aid kit (don't forget the Super Glue and duct tape!)
- Princeton Tech LED headlamp
- Mora Bushcraft knife w/ ferro rod
- Gransfors Bruk mini hatchet
- Bahco Laplander folding saw
- UST U-Dig-It trowel
- Leather fire gloves
- SURLY Junk Rag
- A couple more knives (pocket and clip)
- SURLY raglan, neck gaiter, merino beanie
- Noodles, canned fish and tall boys



YOU NEED THIS

NEW SIZE!

SURLY EXTRATERRESTRIAL 29X2.5

EXTRATERRESTRIAL

We made the ExtraTerrestrial tire to withstand the rigors of serious touring. The kind of touring where a flat tire could mean the difference between getting where you're going or headlining a missing persons report. We did the 26" version first but now it's available for everyone.

DO YOU WORK

ALL DAY

MOLOKO BAR

By itself, it looks like a ceremonial sword you might see on a SciFi TV show, but when attached to the stem of your bicycle, it becomes a righteous weapon of comfort and control on long rides over varied terrain. Our Molo ko Bar has all the right bends in all the right places. It gives you multiple hand positions and lots of accessory mounting options all at the same time. Made from sweet, sweet steel it comes in a standard width of 735mm. It's black like the Reaper.

ALL NEW

DUMPSTAR
★ MAFIA ★



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DRY CELL

GRUNCH

GRUNCH

Chips Deluxe

NICOTINE

SURLY

SUPERFAN

If you've been driving in the Southern United States you may have come across a man riding what appears to be a rolling garbage barge. He has interesting facial hair and is carrying a bevy of musical instruments and has a happy-go-lucky attitude. That's Surly rider, Chase Clements and if you see him, give him a hug and tell him where the closest pizza-filled dumpster is. We asked Chase some questions about his tour because, after all, this issue of the Intelligencer is about touring.

Surly: Chase, tell us about your current bicycle undertaking.

Chase: I'm currently riding from my hometown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, down the Atlantic coast, then swingin' around Florida and riding back up the Gulf of Mexico to NOLA. From there I hope to follow the MRT back north.

Surly: I've seen some photos of your rig, you're carrying a lot of stuff. In today's climate of ultra-light, minimalist everything, why are you carrying your trumpet?

Chase: I'm riding with three instruments right now. Violin, trumpet, and a saw. I love playing music at camp or meeting new people in the streets to jam with. It also helps me to make some \$\$ along the way. The extra weight is worth it for fun stuff!

Surly: How many total days do you plan to be on the road?

Chase: No exact plan. I've been out for 3 months so far on this trip. I typically stay in Pittsburgh for the winter and work as a messenger, but we shall see where the wind blows me...

Surly: You seem to have eschewed the traditional touring methods of carrying food and planning out everything on the route. How's dumpster diving and generally not worrying about stuff ahead of time working out for you?

Chase: Dumpster diving has been amazing! The dumpster gods provideth. More than enough food typically. And more than food also. Headphones. Art Supplies. Booty shorts whatev. There is no point in stressing too much about what is ahead of you. If you need it bad enough it will come around. Patience helps. #DumpStarMafia

Surly: Since you've done things differently than most, any advice for someone that wants to do a tour but might not know where to start?

Chase: I'd say start with a half decent rig, a way to carry your favorite stuff, and pick a direction. Those first few pedal strokes away from your house are always the hardest part but once you hit the open road, the universe will see that you're taken care of. Take your time. Embrace the pace. Chill out and enjoy this awesome world we live in.

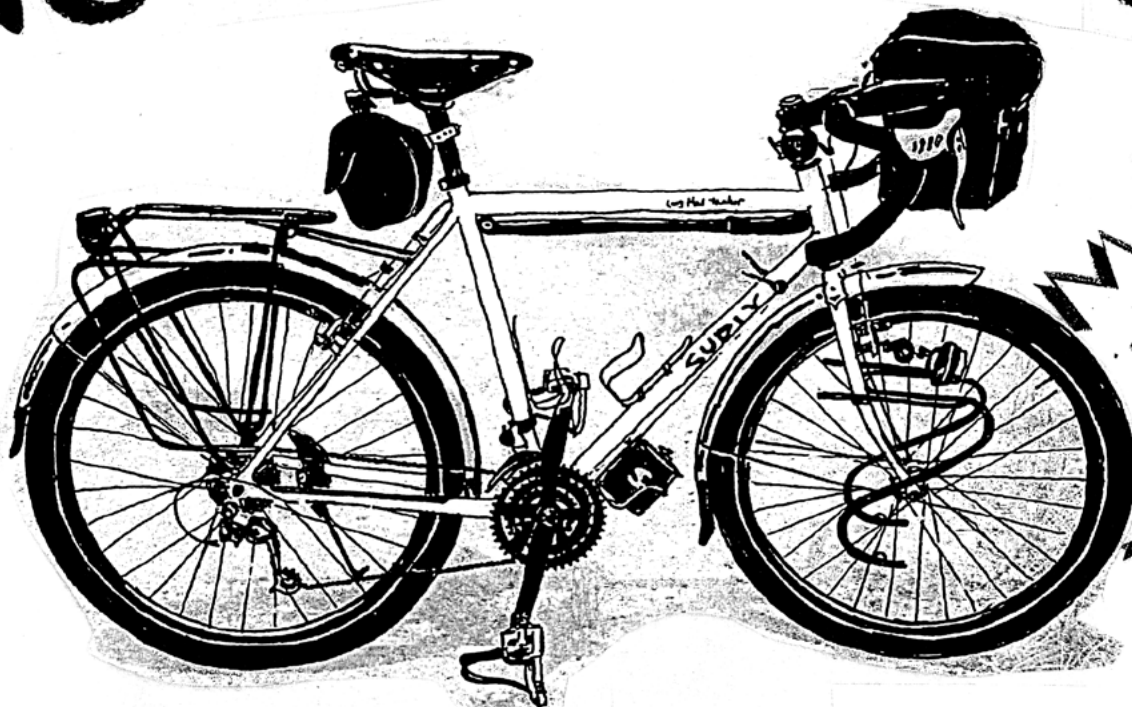
THE ORIGINAL

LONG HAUL TRUCKER

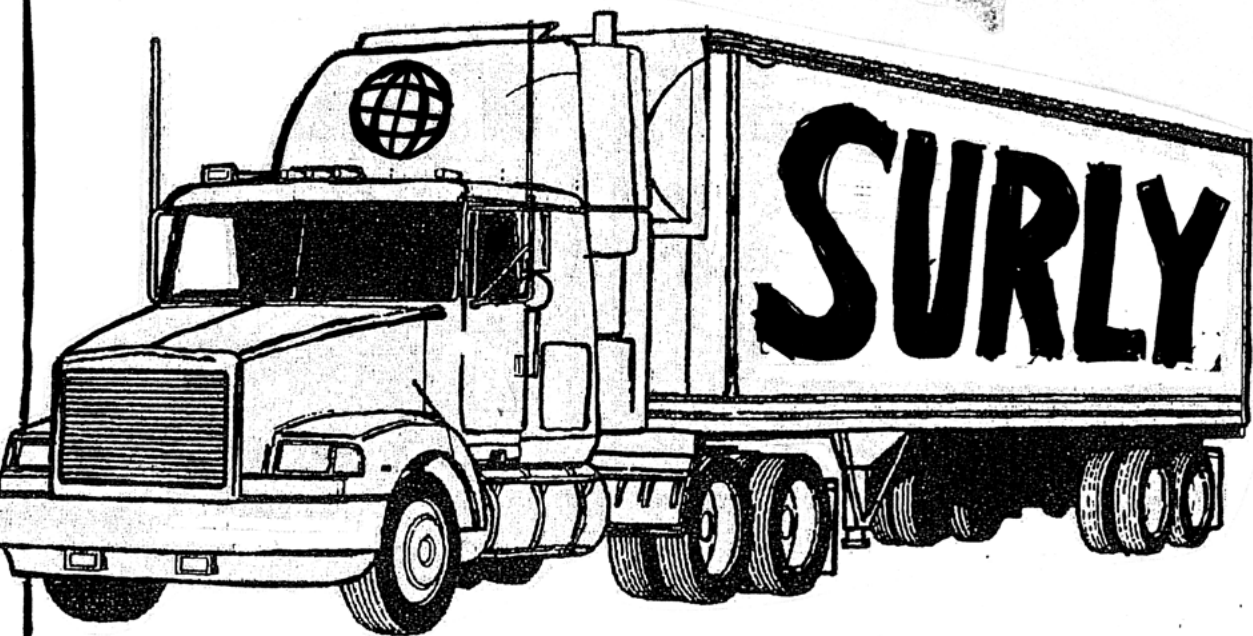
COAST TO COAST



"It's good."

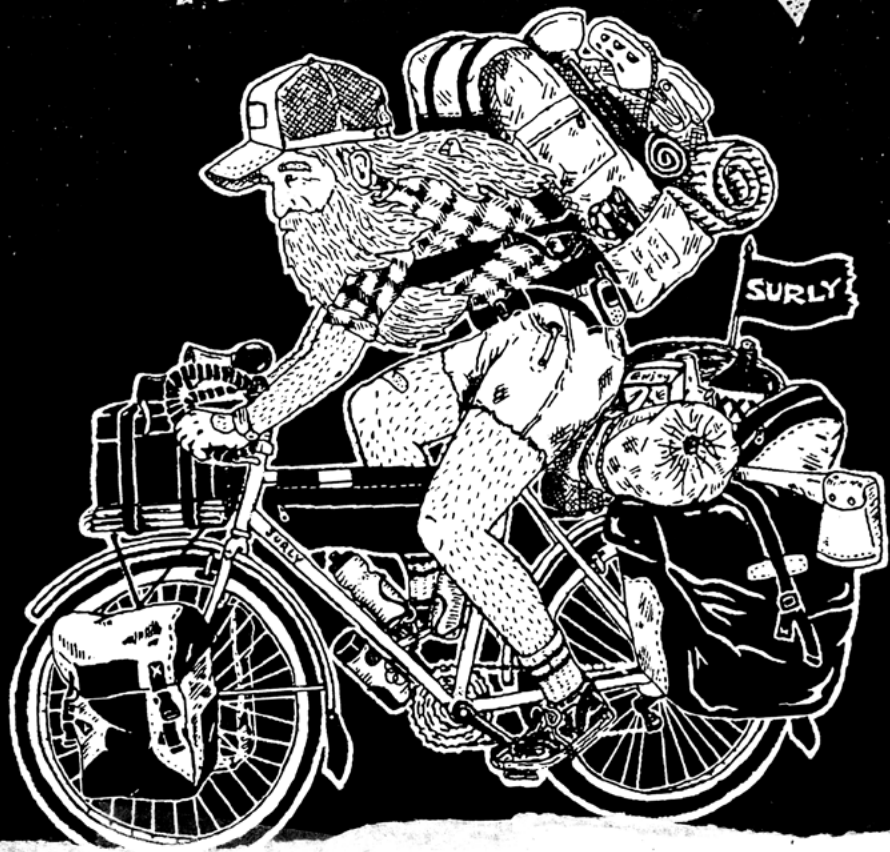


Nationally Famous
Like riding in an
easy chair!



When you're talking about loading your bike down with everything you own and riding to far-off lands, the Long Haul Trucker or Disc Trucker should be on your short list. Both are from Surly, so they come with standard features like durability, versatility, and all of the other jazz for which we are known. The Trucker is a touring bike through and through. They feature mounts for spare spokes, braze-ons for racks, fenders, and all kinds of other stuff. They have geometry that is designed to keep you comfy as you tick over the miles and they're made of steel so if the unthinkable happens, they can be repaired. Presto-change-o you're back on the road.

TIME SUC ACTIVITY



Kill time the analog way. Find all the crap listed below

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| 1 Walkie Talkie | 5 Nun-CHucks | 9 Band-Aid |
| 2 Chinese Takeout | 6 Pocket Knife | 10 crocs |
| 3 Roman Candles | 7 Lil' Birdie | 11 plunger |
| 4 Hooch Bottle | 8 Spray Paint | 12 Axe |

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At Surly we've always worked closely with our manufacturers to produce good quality stuff using materials and methods that make sense for the health and welfare of everyone involved, from the people who weld our frames to the people who ride them. We are, however, aware that manufacturing is an inherently dirty process and it creates waste. There's no easy way around that truth. We're committed to finding ways to produce our stuff more cleanly and efficiently, and with less waste.

Despite the waste created, we know that the net environmental result of one bike, from raw material to the end of it's life, is still cleaner and far more sustainable than the result of one car. And we strive to make the net result of our bikes cleaner compared to most other bikes. But that's not enough. Bicycle manufacturing and the industry as a whole can and should be cleaner than they are currently. For us, this starts with designs that are versatile, durable, and fun to use and is continued through our manufacturing processes, packaging, and marketing. Who we work with and what we use in our manufacturing process is as important to us as it is to you. To these ends, we ride the stuff we make. Hell, we ride, period. Not to prove anything. Just to be as considerate as we can be and help provide a healthier environment for everyone. Ourselves included. Here are a few of the things we do to keep it clean:

- We use steel for as many of our products as possible. Steel is plentiful, durable, repairable, and easily recyclable
- We powder coat our frames instead of using wet paint because fewer solvents have to be used
- As much as possible we use stainless rather than chromed hardware to avoid releasing heavy metals into soil and groundwater
- Our parts are held in our packing by reusable twisty ties rather than zip ties, which get cut and chucked. We use reusable, recyclable paper and plastic bags for packaging whenever possible instead of expensive, wasteful single-use packaging. Our catalog and header cards are printed on 100% recycled paper using soy ink
- Our print ads tend to be small to reduce our paper footprint and the visual pollution created by over-marketing. Further, we try to work with publishers who produce their product in clean, sustainable ways
- Our clothing is made from wool and cotton instead of synthetic fabrics made from oil
- Our Singleator Scrap Tool is made from the scrap metal from our chainrings, saving 24 kilograms/53lbs of steel a year from going into the landfill or needing to be reprocessed into raw material
- Our Scarves are made from scrap pieces of wool from the partner we work with. We use scraps for our softgoods whenever possible
- We recycle scrap parts and warranty frames
- The building we work in is LEED Gold certified
- In most cases we choose manufacturers based in Taiwan rather than other countries where labor and manufacturing costs are cheaper. While it is more expensive to make our products in Taiwan than those other countries, we've built partnerships with Taiwanese vendors, who share our vision of promoting bicycle use and taking care of the Earth in the process. For Surly to profit while the people who produce our products suffer, or the environment is sacrificed would go against our vision of making the world a better place through the promotion of cycling

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BON VOYAGE



We'll never forget all the big words you taught us over the years. wherever the trail takes you, we hope there's beer there.

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