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Two bolt style head

SPECIFICATIONS

Travel: 125mm Weight: 610g

OD: 30.9mm / 31.6mm

Color: Black Length: 421mm

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RIDER: Mesum Verma PHOTO: Nishant Shah



Mesum Verma - Editor in Chief

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NEW AREA

it is always exciting to explore new terrain. Andrew Tylor, Carlos and Scott Markewitz went to Alaska to experience riding in this wilderness.

Riding in dirt seems to be normal, so riding in snow is a new area for sure. When winter was hitting, Fabian Mitterhauser did not stop riding his bike, and went out for powder biking.

In racing, there is always something new, something you haven't found before. It was like this or the Indian riders going to Nepal for the first time, like Rugved Thite, who tells us about the Himalayan Outdoor Festival and how he felt riding in the new area. So it was also for HOF organizer as it was a new location.

Vindreckers from Bangladesh put together their first Downhill race, it's a new area to hear that in this country mountain biking is coming up fast and we are pleased to know there is a strong community there.

Not a new area, but the first race for this year, Guangzhou Downhill League, faced best conditions for "new area" it was very slippery, as it was raining the whole race weekend. Read here how the riders went down there.

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There's an old expression that says, "It's not about the destination. It's about the journey to get there." Which lead me to embark on the biggest adventure of my life: hitting the open road to Alaska. With its rugged mountainous terrain, Alaska has always been a dream-riding destination, but has always seemed a bit far to just jump in the truck and go.

Of course, flying has always been an option but going back to that expression, driving seemed like a much better choice in making a journey like this happen. With Alaska being over 3,000 miles away from home and the fact that you have to travel through an entire foreign country made it seem somewhat unattainable. That is until this winter when I stumbled across an old school bus for sale.

To most people the thought of purchasing an old beat up bus to drive all the way up to Alaska would just seem crazy, but to me it was a blank canvas and the missing link to make my ultimate road trip come to life. After a quick test drive and a bit of haggling I was the proud owner of a 1994 Ford school bus and most importantly one step closer to turning my dream into a reality.

After months and months of renovations and plenty of weekend trips to break it in, I finally felt like I had turned the old yellow bus into the ultimate adventure vehicle ready to take on the strenuous mission to Alaska and back. And just like that I loaded up for a six-week journey.





Although my plans were somewhat loose I did have a handful of key destinations I wanted to ride along the way. I decided that Humboldt, Ashland, Whistler and Whitehorse would be my four major pit stops and everything else in between would be unwritten. It took a solid four weeks to make my way up from California to the Alaskan boarder creating some unforgettable memories. It's safe to say the best times along

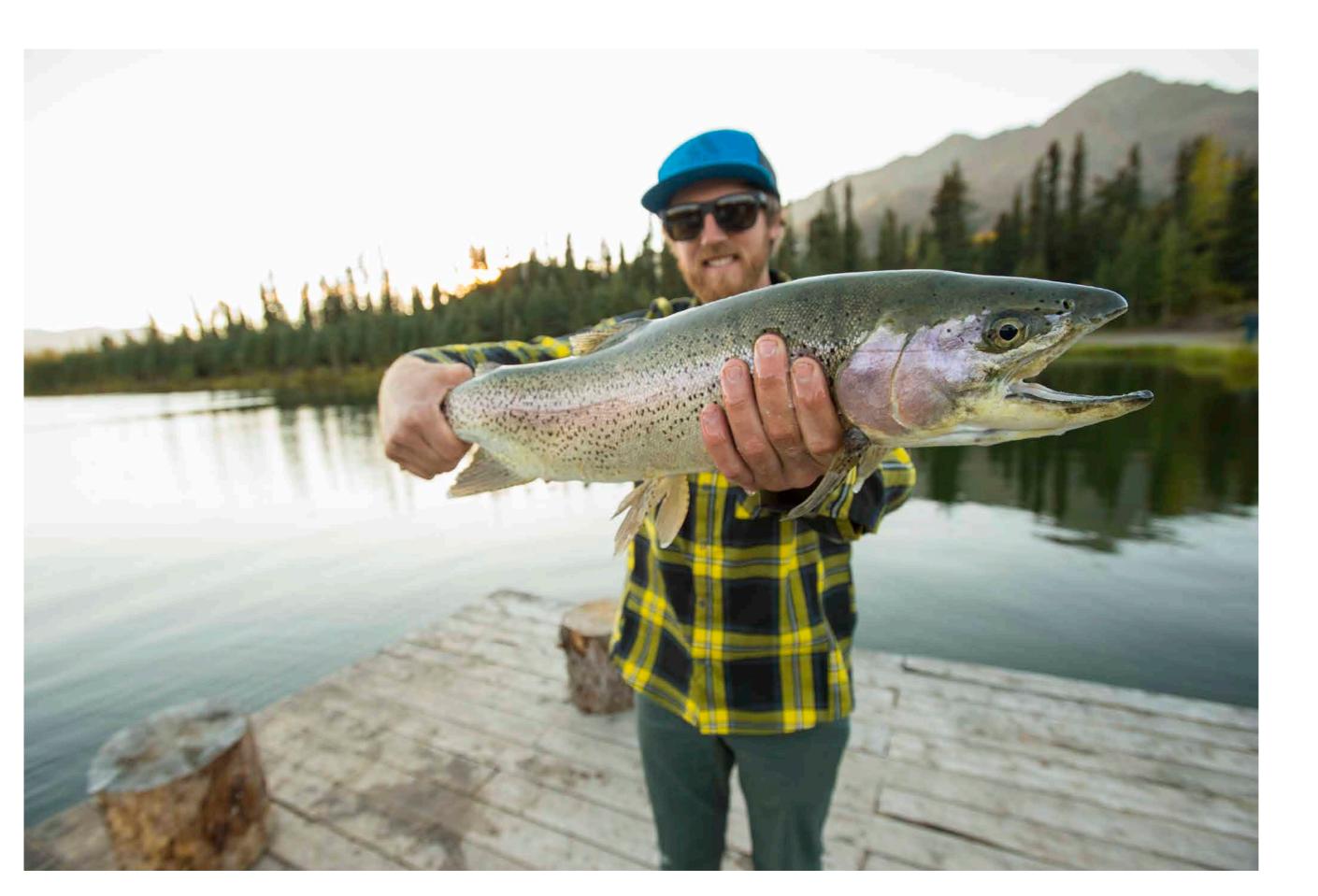
the way were meeting up with new and old friends who were nice enough to guide me on their favorite local trails. After winding through three states and two provinces my destination was finally on the horizon.

Catch number three and they just keep getting bigger!

As I reached the Alaskan boarder I was greeted by a large wooden sign that read "Welcome to Alaska, Historic Alaska Highway - Gateway to the 49th State". Once I passed the sign I suddenly realized that reaching my destination didn't mean the journey was coming to an end, but that the next chapter was about to begin. After a few hours on the open road I was well on my way towards Fairbanks, my first stop

after the boarder.

Although many people had told me the riding in Fairbanks would be underdeveloped I still had the urge to check it out myself. For me, this trip wasn't just about finding the best possible riding spots but more about exploring new places and meeting new





people along the way. Luckily my intuition worked in my favor and I met a group of kids at the local bike shop who were more than stoked to show me the lay of the land. From the full on bike park runs at the military base to the flowing trails through the birch forests at Ester Dome along with the most welcoming people, Fairbanks quickly set the bar high for the rest of the trip. After a few solid days in Fairbanks it was time

to make my way down south.

Fishing has always been something that I love to do and with Alaska being world famous for it I decided to take the next couple of days and give it a go. After a bit of research, I found out about Denali Adventures a guide company that specializes in fly-

Scree fields straight into long epic single track made the best days of the trip

fishing that is located right outside the town of Healy, which would be my next riding destination. Shortly after arriving I was introduced to my guide Mike who was an expert fly fisherman and funny enough he also lived in a school bus during the summer months. Since Mike's bus was parked on the property next to the lakes he was more than happy to let me to do the same for the next couple of nights.

As the sun began to drop I got camp all set up. This spot was easily the best of the trip so far, situated right next to the lake surrounded by larger than life mountains. As the stars began to shine so did something that I've never witnessed before, the Northern Lights. With it being the first showing of the year I couldn't believe it was happening. This was easily a moment I'll never forget.







After a late night watching the sky dance it was time to explore a nearby 4x4 trail before fishing later in the day. This wasn't just any 4x4 trail though. It happened to be the same trail that leads to the bus from the movie "Into the Wild" which is a famous movie about a guy who lives out of a school bus in Alaska. Although we didn't actually make it all the way to the bus it was definitely a cool experience with some great views

of Mt. Denali in the background.

Once we returned to Denali Adventure it was finally time to catch some fish. Mike gave me a quick rundown and within minutes I had my first rainbow trout on my line. After a few hours I had caught a handful of rainbow trout and was ready for a fish cook.

With home base right next to the lake I was all set up for another great night under the stars.

With some already great days of riding and fishing in the books I had a couple more places calling my name with Healy being one of them. My buddy Charlie Schneider who

has been visiting Alaska for years put me in contact with Carlos Crowl from Downhill Addictions. Carlos runs a mountain bike guide service and is the man in Alaska when it comes to finding the good stuff. Carlos has spent years and years exploring Healy and building as much as humanly possible.



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mountain biking shots

Meeting up with Carlos proved to be a great decision after having a few insane days of riding in Healy. One of the days included a helicopter drop on an untouched mountain. Alaska may seem like such a huge place on a map but the actual ride able terrain can make it feel much smaller. With that being said I even got to ride an old hip I had seen from back in the day that was built by Kelly Mcgarry and Eric Porter.

As I made my way south from Healy I made a stop near the South viewpoint of Mt. Denali to check out a trail that Carlos mentioned. I was told it would be a long climb to the top but it would be well worth it. Sure enough after hours of climbing I made it to the summit and quickly realized why I was sent in this direction. It was by far the best views of Mt. Denali so far with epic single track all the way down. With a full day

exploring the area and only one more full day left it was time to start making our way towards Anchorage to check out Kincaid Park.

With absolutely perfect weather on the entire trip the question wasn't if but when would the rain finally decide to come? Sure enough after a solid day exploring Kincaid Park the sky decided to finally open up and pour rain.

Luckily for me it wasn't a day too soon leaving me more than satisfied with my journey to Alaska.

From exposed rocks funneling into dense forrest, first heli drop was





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The day is not too long when more mountain bikers will participate international mountain biking races." Participants are also very satisfied at the event. Some shared their opinions about the race, which are stated here:

"4 years back when started mountainbiking with my friends, it was watching Rampage and UCI at Redbull TV, riding in the woods cluelessly and fixing flats. Never imagined what we're having now. After Rantoseeds Rumble Bangladesh stepped in the new era of mountainbiking. And Vindreckers a newly formed team of some mountainbiking enthusiasts came with the last thing, The Vindreckers DH Championship. Kudos to the guys for putting such a show. With 30+ plus racers around the country. Breathtaking tracks and guess what? DH women category too. My best wishes with Vindreckers and the whole crew. Want to see more people in this sport like this."

- Tarequr Rahman





"With nice weather and nearly international standard downhill track, it was a superb race event. Thanks to Vindreckers. Want more in future."

- Abid Rahman Chowdhury

"MOUNTAIN

BIKING- ahh when I hear this, my heart rate gets fast. We arranged this kind of race for rating all People`s heart rate. This time I got championship trophy along with Abid Rahman Chowdhury, which was so mesmerising for me. Hope future will be best for all mountain bikers in Bangladesh."

- Niloy Chowdhury

"One of the best DH
race in Bangladesh, feels
like international event. Team
Vindreckers Congrats."

- Mujibur Rahaman Moni





"First time in Bangladesh Mountain Biking History, this event found some talented racers. Created some thrilling stages, presented quality downhill tracks. Hope, International DH racers will join in next season challenge."

- Razib Hossain

"Downhill mountain biking was just another farfetched idea in this country. But, after the MTB Downhill Championship 2017 - Season 1 was organized by Vindreckers, things changed. We downhill enthusiasts in this country see a future of this sport. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th stages were unbelievable, it was scary but fun. The stages consisted of all technical sections one can't imagine in Bangladesh. Calling this race a downhill race isn't exaggeration in my opinion; I think it was just perfect for amateurs like us. A race like this surely creates hope for locals who want to have a taste of the adrenaline rush of riding downhill. It tells us that with enough finance this country can have places for downhill biking."

- Taseen Iqbal









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RESULT (Elite Women): 1st Jocelyn Powelson, 25 (USA) 04:19.67 2nd Nishma Shrestha, 18 (NP) 04:23.48



RESULT (Juniors U-21): 1st Rugved Thite, 16 (IN) 03:27.76 2nd Diwash Adhikari, 17 (NP) 03:31.74 3rd Errol Martin D'mello, 17 (IN) 03:38.07



RESULT (Elite Men): 1st Suman Tamang, 19 (NP) 03:07.95 2nd Shakar Yakthumba, 22 (NP) 03:13.39 3rd Prabin Dumi Rai, 25 (NP) 03:16.67



RESULT (Masters): 1st Mesum Verma, 41 (SWISS) 03:49.76 2nd Bikash Shrestha, 31 (NP) 04:20.01 3rd Gaurav Man Shrestha, 32 (NP) 04:23.16















DAYS IN THE SNOW

DAY 1

It was one of those days. One of those days were you stand up, walk to the window, look out of it and think: get on the bike dude. It snowed the whole night and it was still snowing in the morning. I went down in the cellar, got my bike fixed up, muddy rims and some air for the tires and that's it. Spikes are overrated. I packed my stuff and tried some first turns outside of my house. That feeling, it's awesome, you can't see the ground, you can only feel it. I told myself that i need to get some pictures of my, some people say stupid and crazy, but i would say funny and surreal, riding in the snow. So i asked my grandfather, he said no at the first time but then, he couldn't say nope to me no more, because he saw the sparkling in my eyes. After one hour hiking up and finding some good spots we were ready. First shot, i gave it all, jumped and then, crash. It is not true that you fall soft on snow, especially when it's a fresh powder and the ground is frozen. I ruined the front shield of my full face helmet.





Up again, slowly trying to get a feeling for the ground, brakes, and of course for the snow. After some trying and testing the first shot was done. Pretty stoked about that one. It is interesting how the landscape looks when its covered in snow, my secret home trail looks completely different.

After searching for some good locations we tried to get it in the picture. At some points you only have one try. I want that you can see the snow spreading in the pictures and sometimes it only works one time. I am glad how the tree-shot worked out, because if there is no more snow on the tree then we will have to find another one and trust me, it is difficult in the forest to find one that fits. The day is nearly over and it is still snowing. We got some really cool pictures and we decided to get home, for a "Jager-Tee" (a traditional hot drink in Austria). I already thought about the next day in the hope that it is snowing again the whole night and day for another good time in the SNOW.

DAY 2

YES! Waking up early in the morning isn't that bad when you see snow snow and snow. I called my friend Gery and asked him if he was in. I knew that he couldn't say no.

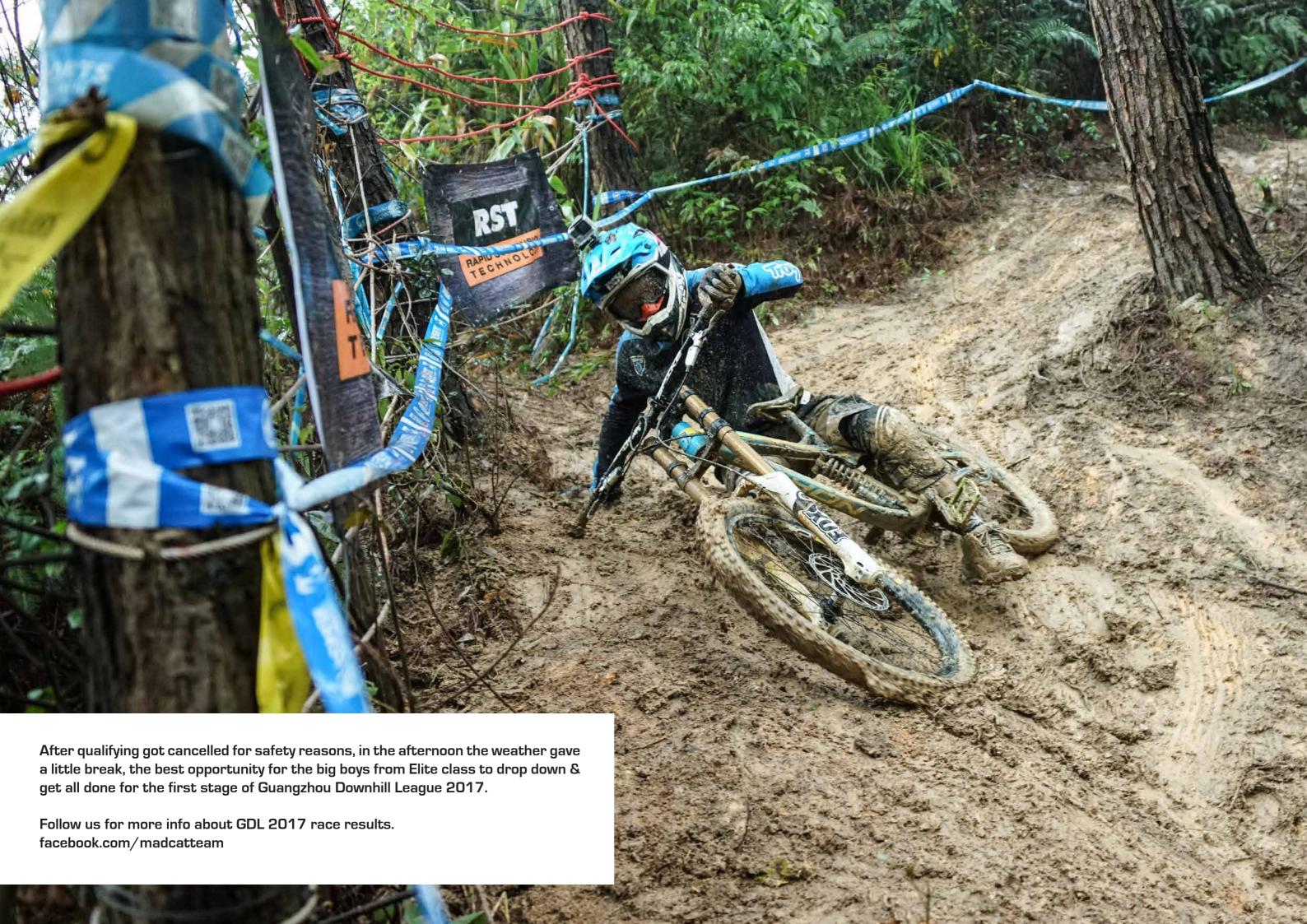
He came over and we walked together up to another favorite trail from us. With the camera in the backpack and the bikes on the back we searched for some good spots. Gery came along with a pair of skater shoes on, so wet and cold feet for sure haha. We had about 15 inches of snow that time and it was still snowing.

We had no photographer so we had to take it in our own hands. I showed him how the camera works and we decided that his new career is gonna be to be a photographer and mine as well. Jokes are never missed when we hang out together. This time it was like diving in the snow, you can't see any obstacles or anything. Falling down was fun, surfing between trees full of the white gold even funnier. We didn't stay on the the trail, we have been in the middle of nowhere and that's a cool thing. The only footsteps in the snow have been from deer, foxes and rabbits, and later on from bikes. The lines looked like there had been a huge snake or something, pretty cool. After some cool shots and as well Gery's wet shoes, we surfed home. It was an unforgettable feeling up there. In the evening we went to our favorite bar in town for some beers and pizza. Talked about the day and went through the pictures. The results you can see here!











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