



Meet Team Roadmeister: Craver (left), Burdette and the world's fastest Wal-Mart bike.

Pimp My Schwinn

Our "Invisible Riders"

article (Dec. 2005) inspired a variety of reactions. Some people donated bikes to charity. Some people wrote hate mail. And two bike-shop employees in Texas decided to turn a department store bike into a time-trial machine. Since February, Alan Burdette and Ted

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Craver, a.k.a. Team Roadmeister (team-roadmeister.com), have been adapting a 39cm Schwinn Roadmaster, purchased for \$53 at their local Wal-Mart, to fit the 6-foot-1 Craver, who will race the bike at the state time-trial championships on July 22. "We

aluminum seatpost extension, plus 56/42 chainrings, pedals and an aero bar borrowed from Craver's Scott Speedster S1 race bike. The total package—retail value approxi-

mately \$600—weighs about 30 pounds. But the most unique aspect of this bike may be its expiration date; after

wanted to challenge certain attitudes," says Burdette, a manager at Cycles Etc. in College Station. "There's a whole segment of the cycling community that's misunderstood. We also want to show that proper training, proper fitting and riding a well-maintained bike are more important than having the most expensive gear." Craver also hopes to challenge for glory: "It'd be fun to beat the pants off \$4,000 bikes."

Burdette says the two tried to change as little as possible, retaining the original frame, headset and rear derailleur. Modifications include a bottom bracket adapter, 700c wheels and a welded-

JERSEY OF THE MONTH



The Cabby

Inspired by Minneapolis taxicabs and dedicated to bike messengers everywhere, Twin Six's Cabby avoids the usual jersey pitfalls: It's green, but not neon; understated—right down to the hidden zipper—yet not plain. \$70; twinsix.com

WHEEL SUCKER OF THE MONTH

Dave Givens, who drives 186 miles—one way—to his electrical engineering job five days a week, recently received \$10,000 in gas money as the grand-prize winner of Midas's America's Longest Commute Contest. Givens spends seven hours a day behind the wheel and has been making the trek from Mariposa to San Jose, California, since 1989.

Shimano Recalls Quick-Releases

Shimano recently announced a voluntary recall of some of its front quick-releases. If you purchased or received a bike after November 1, 2005, that has a silver-colored Shimano QR skewer, visit bike.shimano.com to see if your model is affected.