



Photo by Nathan Hoover.

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"People won't be  
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of air," Dunn says.

But then unicycling has never been about  
copying others. It's about individuality and

that are done on a unicycle, the most  
unicyclist." **A93**

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN UNICYCLING WEEKEND SANTA CRUZ • OCTOBER 12-14

The appeal of mountain unicycling (MUni) has grown large enough to draw in people like famous climber and writer John Long. However, loyal mountain unicyclists still comprise a small crowd—only around 65-70 MUni riders are expected to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual California Mountain Unicycle Weekend in Santa Cruz this year. What they lack in numbers, they make up for in enthusiasm.

"MUni Weekend, so far, is pretty much on the down low," says event founder John Foss. "We're just a bunch of MUni enthusiasts who get together once a year to ride some trails."

Participants and spectators alike should be wowed by the event this year. Los Gatos MUni rider Corbin Dunn has been building an extensive trials course on his property in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Street Comp course, a combination of Northshore and trials features, will give riders like Beau Hoover, Spencer Hochberg and Dan Heaton a chance to show off their skills on 20" and 24" unicycles. Additionally, unicycling legend and YouTube star Kris Holm will be making an appearance.

Last year, a crowd turned out for the Tahoe festival. This year the event swaps the granite

and alpine air of the Sierra for the rolling singletracks and sandy beaches of Santa Cruz.

For the first time in the event's history, there will be a choice of Coker big-wheel (36") unicycles or traditional wheel (24" or 26") rides.

The event begins Friday at De Laveaga Municipal Park with both MUni and Coker races. Later, participants can participate in a MUni ride in Wilder Ranch. Saturday rides include Nisene Marks and Soquel Demonstration Forest rides with the Street Comp at Dunn's house winding up the MUni activity for the day. Sunday's events will include another Nisene Marks ride and the cap-off event that will draw in even unsuspecting spectators: a trials competition at the Seabright Beach jetty (west side of the harbor entrance).

There is no cost for participants or spectators. However, everyone must buy their own dinner and beer at select Santa Cruz breweries over the MUni weekend. Apparently, tough love produces strong riders.

For more event information:  
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