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▶WHAT'S HOT

By Imre Barsy

Transcon Four Seater

▶What eats two or three chains a day, consumes up to four tires daily, and goes 80 mph downhill? Answer: Rick Jorgenson's 100-pound Quad. Jorgenson and three compatriots signed up with Lon Haldeman for last summer's cross-country Rapidrou. Designing and building the bike, which had to be sturdy enough to support a total load of 800 pounds, proved to be as much of a challenge as crossing the country. Jorgenson's "Up-tube" design was plotted with the assistance of a computer. Everything on the bike is heavy-duty and oversize. The headset, for example, uses roller bearings larger than those used in auto-

mobile wheel bearings. Even so, the Quad failed midway, incapacitating the team for two days. Rick, who captained most of the way, also wore out a few parts—he had to have knee surgery this fall. But would he do it again? "Yes, but not in 14 days. This was the hardest way to go cross-country, but we had a lot more fun than anyone else, too. Riding a bike with four people gives a great sense of teamwork; you have to spend more time on bike, like 18-20, hours to complete the stages. That's because you spend more time off the bike since you have to make bathroom stops for four instead of one."

Click-Clunk Shifting for All

▶Shimano, who made precision shifting trouble-free with their New Dura-Ace SIS system, plans to bring down the price of entry. Shimano's John Uhte confirms the company is working on lowering the price of SIS performance. Slated for click-clunk shifters in 1986 are the 600 components and the L series. Such a move could make SIS original equipment on bikes circa \$300 retail. Look for an introduction this spring.

Designer Bikes

▶Bike Industry veteran Mark Worksman is looking to attract the Gitano crowd with his new Cycle Legends line of "Fashion Cycles." These recreational light and middleweight 1-, 3-, and 5-speed bikes should stand out in a crowd. We've yet to see them, but the company says they'll feature innovative frame and color treatments in primary and pastel colors, plus a line of color coordinated accessories.

Bike Lokr

▶A familiar sight on many college campuses and transit terminals, Bike Lokr is now available for the home. The totally enclosed unit is a secure garage for your bike, moped, or motorcycle. Each Lokr holds two bikes in separate locking compartments. These things are even secure enough to be used in shopping centers. If you have to lug your bike upstairs to an apartment, or have no room inside, the Bike Lokr could give your back and your interior decorator a break. For more information, contact Bike Lokr, P.O. Box 123, Joplin, Missouri 84801.

Hooker's Bike Bag

▶New from Hooker Performance, the wind-trainer people, is the HP Pack Light Bicycle Traveler. The HP is a bike bag in disguise as a suit bag—you can even hang it in a closet. Your frame and wheels go in the bag, while bars, crank, and seat are carried in the accessory tote bag. The main bag is lined with high impact plastic and comes with soft wheel bags. Suggested retail is \$189.95 for the Pack Light complete with wheel bags, and \$39.95 for the tote.



Name Game

▶To avoid confusion between national and state organizations, the Bicycle Federation has altered its name to the Bicycle Federation of America. The national non-profit group works solely to increase the use of bicycles. Since the Bicycle Manufacturers Association has with-

drawn from general cycling promotion, the Federation has become the leading national clearinghouse for information on all aspects of bicycling. Along with their new name, they have a new address: 1818 R Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009; 202-332-6986.