

Hard to believe, but the cross season is finally over for the Gates Belt Drive/River City Bicycles boys. Weaver and Walrod were put down hard by illness, leaving Alex and I (and our trusty belt-driven steeds) as the only ones left to represent. Alex showed the southern Oregon folks how it was done, while I went to southern Washington and tried to do the same. Good courses, good bikes, good fun. (Special thanks to Leonard at HotFootPhoto for the pics below from Washougal.)



Due to the aforementioned illnesses (Alex joined the flu fun late in the week), I was the only one able to make it to Bend to race the USGPs. Cold but sunny days combined with a dry fun course to make the racing great. I got smoked by a few, smoked a few, broke some poor soul's will to race, and had the ladies oohing and ahing (at least I'm pretty sure they were ladies: everyone was bundled up so it was hard to tell, but I'll take the benefit of the doubt). And thanks to Maria Patla for the pictures below:



All in all, it's been a super successful season for us: we've demonstrated the durability of the Gates Centrack belt drive design, photographed well, and proven that racing a singlespeed cyclocross bike against geared competition is a viable option (we put 2 guys in the top 20 of the final standings of the A class for Cross Crusade: and yes, the A means that's the fast class!).

And with that, I'd like to present a few end of season statistics and awards for the Gates Belt Drive/River City Bicycles team!

Number of riders: 4

Number of badassess: 4

Number of races: 76

Number of times the drivetrains required maintenance: 0 (ask any cross racer: this is a very significant digit!)

Best Performance: John at SSCXWC (see 2:42 of this clip as he takes - and celebrates taking - the hole shot: <http://www.pelotonmagazine.com/Special-Features/video/10/1125/Single-Speed-CX-World-Championships> )

Best race write-ups: Alex and John. Totally sweet: read them here: <http://teamrcb.com/shop/>

Best race results: Ryan and Seth, 20th and 7th Overall in Cross Crusade category A (full team results here: <http://obra.org/teams/25923/2011> )

Best Costume: John with the pumpkin head at Halloween (with Seth a distant 2nd in the sumo suit)

Best supporter: Maria Patla - great pics, design, and printing

Best Sponsors: All of ours!! Gates, River City Bicycles, Nau, Giro: thanks for making this season the great time it was!

Best video: Seth <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV13u2mB4ZQ>

Best headline: [http://bendbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20111031/NEWS0107/110310368&nav\\_category](http://bendbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20111031/NEWS0107/110310368&nav_category)

Best Photos:







