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A very wet Fall limited our riding here in Fairfield County. But we were kept busy with trail maintenance including replacing several bridges that were washed away by the incredible rain-fall.



We completed work on two new trails, under the authority of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission. The "Ledges Trail" in Pine Mountain is now open. It runs along the ridge from the existing lookout to the information kiosk, providing a series of excellent views of Bennett's Pond and the valley below - especially now that the leaves are down. We also completed a major project in Hemlock Hills - an old hunting trail has been officially authorized and extended. Thanks to Ray, John and Rich for leading this effort - and designing the cool skinny+roller combo at the end. The trail will be blazed and added to the official town trail maps in the Spring.

We also completed the Lollipop reroute at Huntington State Park. This section was eroding and causing a silting problem in a nearby stream. Thanks to Ryan and Dave for designing the reroute and rock bridge that will allow the area to recover.

Rides - thanks to Adam at the Ridgefield Bicycle Company for keeping the Tuesday night rides going



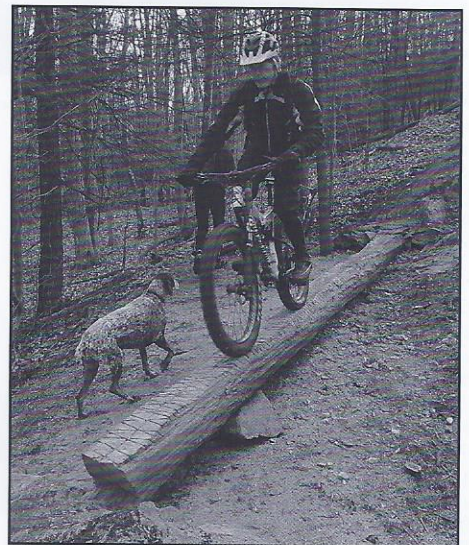
Dave Francefort and Ryan Tucker putting in a new re-route at Huntington.
Photo by Mike Malwitz



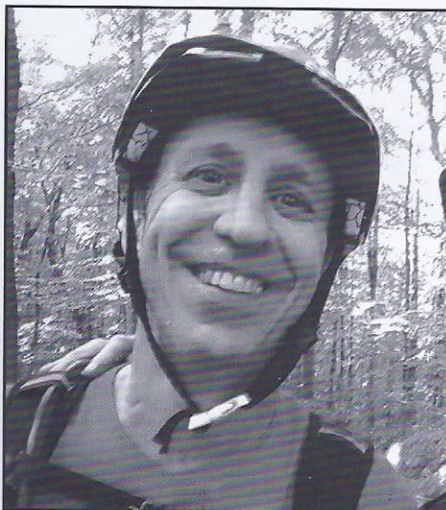
Fairfield County Youth Cycling Teams member getting it done at Troutbrook.
Photo by John Sweeney



New Bridge at Trumbull.
Photo by Rich Coffey



Ciaran Carruthers testing out a new skinny in Hemlock Hills. Photo by John Sweeney



Much thanks to Dave Francefort for his years of volunteer service to make FC a great place to ride.
Photo by John Sweeney

through the Fall, and thanks to John for all the Sunday morning rides. We're starting to see some new riders at these events: it's great to have new riders and folks from NY and NJ, etc. at our rides. Also, it's always fun to see the kids and parents from the Fairfield County Youth Cycling team on our rides.

Coach Monika wrapped up her Cyclocross competitions with the Fairfield County Youth Cycling team in December. They had a great season, and many riders said competing in Cyclocross really gets them in shape for the upcoming mountain bike season.

Also, we'd like to thank Dave Francefort for his many years of service on the FCNEMBA Board as Treasurer!

Thanks for a great year in Fairfield County!

—Mike Malwitz