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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 20-06-2008 05:48

After the calamity of and horror suffered by my beloved Cinelli and after much soul searching and begging I am going to have to buy a new frame.

Naturally it has to end in a vowel (not necessarily Italian - thus allowing Cervelo and Orbea into equation) and it can't really cost more than £1300. Any suggestions? I've always hankered after a celeste Bianchi, but I could be persuaded to go for something else.

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Re:I'll be framed

Posted by Fausto Ptang - 22-06-2008 17:36

I've been looking into the ride2work scheme offered by the Government. unfortunately it seems they'll only let you purchase a complete bike and not just a frame, which is a blow.

Looking at bikes I liked the look of this as a commuter bike <http://www.primera-bournemouth.co.uk/productImages/1950-1-1984.jpg>

What do you think oh peloton?

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Re:I'll be framed

Posted by bull bull - 22-06-2008 23:47

It's beautiful, but... not a proper road bike. Pure sex, but pure compromise sex...

That's a pisser about the ride2work scheme. Could you sell your old components for cash towards the new bike?

If you're spending £1300 on a frame alone, you can get something very nice indeed. Bianchi are fairly competitive at that price point, I think, but have a look at the Pinarellos. And you hardly need telling that it'll be good for a lovely Cinelli...

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Re:I'll be framed

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 23-06-2008 12:33

I missed the calamity and horror that befell your Cinelli, Fausto-can somebody link me to it?

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Re:I'll be framed

Posted by Fausto Ptang - 23-06-2008 17:25

http://www.wsc.co.uk/component/option,com_fireboard/Itemid,35/func,view/id,49053/catid,31/

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Re:I'll be framed

Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 25-06-2008 09:05

How about a Pinarello F4:13, at £1250? They claim they have all sizes in stock, and a choice of black/silver or the nicer red/black. They've also got a 2006 Wilier Izoard for £999, but only in 56, it seems.

The De Rosa Corum frame, hand-made in Italy, comes in under your limit, but I expect you don't want to go back to steel. However beautiful it may be.

<http://img144.imageshack.us/img144/8163/derosacorumtj0.jpg>

You'll hate it, but I think this year's Isaac Kelvin is a work of understated beauty (and it gets rave reviews, and it comes with a carbon seat-post and integrated FSA headset, AND it only weighs 1200g...) but it doesn't end in a vowel.

<http://www.bikeandrun.co.uk/bikeshop/images/ISAAC/kelvinfrmbllu.jpg>

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Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 25-06-2008 12:04

Caught up on your calamity now, Fausto-commiserations.

When I was hunting a bargain for the cycle-to-work scheme last autumn, I couldn't find a Cinelli for under a grand that I wanted, so ended up with the Bianchi. I'm very happy with it all told (and it helped take 50 mins off my time for the Northern Rock Cyclone as well as looking good).

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 25-06-2008 18:14

Yeah without wishing to be too wanky about it, one is compromised by having to stay under a grand, as far as the ride2work scheme goes.

Apparently the idea of simply using the components from my cinelli and sticking them on a new frame is fraught with difficulties. Therefore I might have to go for a full bike. At the moment I'm torn between a Colnago arte and a Bianchi 1885.

I do like the Pinarello and the de Rosa. What about this bike? Way out of my price range but I do think it's very sexy

<http://www.bmc-racing.com/typo3temp/pics/e0f77ea95d.jpg>

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Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 30-06-2008 08:23

Fausto Likes Swiss Bike Shock. That got a good review in Le Cycle this month, but they reckon it's very much for competition and sport rather than comfortable long rides. Far too stiff and twitchy for a daily commute. However, since you're not going to buy it, that's neither here nor there.

Isn't the Arte made for Colnago in Taiwan by Giant? And does the Orbea Onix fit into your budget?

Have you got a second opinion about transferring your components to another frame? What problems did they specify?

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Posted by The Purple Cow - 30-06-2008 11:34

If you've only got 1300 quid to spend I think you need to look at second-hand options.

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Posted by EIM - 30-06-2008 12:16

£1300 for a bike frame?

Fucking hell. Really?

Re:\|/ be framed

Posted by Fausto Ptang - 30-06-2008 17:42

TPC - That is a class post.

EIM - Frames can cost a whole lot more than that believe me. If I had the loot I'd get one of these bad boys
<http://www.primera-bournemouth.co.uk/productImages/1820-1-4257.png>

This comes in just under £3k.

I have had a look at the Onix and it was on my shortlist of three with the arte and the Bianchi 1885 b4p alu hoc thingy.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 30-06-2008 18:28

<http://www.awcycles.co.uk/images/colnago/arteb1m808.jpg>

I've decided to go for this in the end. A little beauty I'm sure you agree.
Please don't say anything to put me off because it has been done.

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Posted by infinite probability - 01-07-2008 03:50

Bloody hell, that SLX Racemaster with the high saddle looks like one mother of a nutbuster.

Re:\|/ be framed

Posted by EIM - 01-07-2008 04:16

So how come they cost that much? What's the difference between a good frame and a shit one (apart from a shit one being made from mashed potato, or angel delight or something)?

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Posted by bull bull - 01-07-2008 18:10

The weight, the stiffness, the comfort, and the exclusivity. Not always in that order.

Re:\|/ be framed

Posted by Fausto Ptang - 01-07-2008 20:43

The ride

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Posted by bull bull - 01-07-2008 20:45

Great call on the Colnago, btw. I was never keen on the convex seatstays until I saw one in the flesh - then I understood. Lovely bike.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 02-07-2008 16:39

Thanks - Very excited about its delivery.

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Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 04-07-2008 12:42

Does this mean you're still on track for the Col de la Croix de Fry, Fausto?

I assume you've seen Prendas' latest jersey...

http://www.prendas.co.uk/images/full/20080528_deltongo_ss.jpg

They list a matching cap and bib-shorts, as well.

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Posted by hobbess - 04-07-2008 14:21

Those aren't bikes. This, is a fucking bike.

<http://www.stuffwelove.co.uk/images/grifter.jpg>

None of your poncy continental foppery here.

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Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 04-07-2008 15:03

Ptang ... it's blue!

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Posted by Dynamo Kev - 04-07-2008 15:26

I don't ride and the main reason being is that I find the seats very uncomfortable.. I've had this idea of a "U" shaped seat.. Has such a thing been invented- if so, why isn't it more popular?
Yes I am quite serious here..

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 04-07-2008 16:41

I do like that del Tongo top.

I am still on course for the Col de la Croix de Fry. I did fear that I wouldn't have a bike for it, but now I'll be driving through France heading for the Alps.

Work is horrific at at the moment so I cannot wait to go.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 04-07-2008 16:49

That is a fucking bike Hobbes.

What's wrong with blue Jorge? It's a boy's bike.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 04-07-2008 16:51

Dynamo - Seats on these bikes are a funny thing. the only to do is toughen your arse up. Assos cream is great but you just need to harden up your perineum.

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Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 04-07-2008 17:52

Or build up such enormous, powerful buttocks that your perineum never actually makes contact with the saddle.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 15-07-2008 12:37

Just got an email from AW cycles saying that they haven't got my bike in stock and can't get it. 14 days after I ordered it. Useless eh?

So back to the drawing board. Not sure what to do not. I can get a Colnago with a sloping top tube. Not sure what that will do. And if I'm useually a 56 top tube , would a 52 sloping tube be the same?

Advice gratefully received.

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Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 15-07-2008 17:32

How annoying (and not just for you - for all of us who are living vicariously through you).

Slope varies between manufacturers, I think, but according to this chart...

<http://img183.imageshack.us/img183/7834/colnagosizecharted4.jpg>

... you're right, a 56 looks equivalent to a 52 with Colnago. Oh, and check your PMs.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 17-07-2008 06:01

Thanks for that Baff. That's really helpful. Just got my pm. Thanks ever so much for the offer. I'll try and reply this evening, although I'm going to be pushed, but I'm going to Cardiff on Saturday to a Colnago dealer and I'm going to try out a few bikes. It's probably for the best because at least I can try them and then have them set up for me. Well, I'll see anyway. Thanks for your generous offer though.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 19-07-2008 19:21

Went to Cardiff today and the kind man in the shop took me around the back and showed me a CLX COlnago and offered to take £650 off it for me. It was the right size and I felt it would be rude not to have taken him up. So I am now the very proud owner of this bike. Can't change the bloody pedals though.
http://www.winstanleystbikes.co.uk/images/prod_12088.jpg

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Posted by Doctoro Doctoro - 19-07-2008 23:58

Bellissima!

Why can't you change the pedals, though?

(and what pedals do you use, incidentally? I'm an old-fashioned Look man myself - I'd think about upgrading to the Keo, but it's too handy to have the same ones on an old bike at home in Dublin)

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 20-07-2008 04:31

Basically they're a bugger to shift. I'm a Look man also. I was going to just take my old, scuffed ones off my Cinelli but do you know what, bollocks to it, I'm going to get a new shiny set this morning and stick it on the never never? I'm up so early because I'm excited and I thought it was only fair to let my wife have the bed for a bit (she had to sleep on the sofa last night, the Colnago was with me). Oh boy it handles like a dream. What a difference, even for an amateur like me. I finish work tomorrow in a job/school I loathe. Alpe D'Huez on Wednesday and 5 weeks hoilday. All the crap I've had to deal with over the past couple of months now don't matter.

Illic est a Deus

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 20-07-2008 21:19

Bought a decent pedal wrench today and I was able to change the pedals straight away. I went for a short ride today. Ah man - what a bike. It's as twitchy as a ferret with fleas and handles beautifully. Surpassed my previous fastest time on the flat with no warm up and minimum effort. Here comes the summer.

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Posted by Bafflin - 21-07-2008 22:41

Blimey. Bike porn alert. I'm pleased for you. And jealous.

(And curious as to what you did to get a £650 discount...)

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 23-07-2008 04:42

Well Baff, I did have to go upstairs with the mechanic. I also had to leave my 7 year old son in the workshop while I went for a test ride (I came back and he was chatting with the two mechanics - on the way home he wanted to know why the two men were arguing over Campag and Shimano - what did it all mean?)

I did ask the bloke why he knocked off £650. Basically he knew that was how much I was willing to spend. That was a 2007 model and it hadn't been sold. Colnago are tricky people to deal with apparently, in that they aren't keen to supply the dealers unless they sell all of their stock. He said they are also a nightmare to get hold of and that 'Nago (as he called them) wouldn't continue with him as a dealer unless he shifted the units, man.

I went out again on it last night. Wow, what a ride.

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 24-07-2008 15:45

<http://www.slanecycles.co.uk/ImageHandler.ashx?h=100&w=100&path=~/uploads/productimages/LOOKKeoSprintLANEOWhiteCromoAxle.jpg>

Bought a pair of these today. Pretty sexy I think. I was given a cheque as a leaving present from work. I'm not sure what they'll make of the fact that I bought white pedals, but it's what I wanted.

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Posted by Toro De France - 24-07-2008 17:53

New pants, please...

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Posted by loose cannon - 27-07-2008 09:32

Continental the tyre makers have a small range of clothes which are retro cool.

My only gripe is that they stopped making the GP3000 range which had some excellent colours, notably the magenta/grey tyres as used by the T-com team. Especially since I have a pair on my old magenta mercier and looks like I'll be very challenged to find a replacement pair when the time comes.

<http://www.conti-tyres.co.uk/conticycle/clothing.shtml>

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Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 03-08-2008 22:09

My 'new' bike:

http://photos-h.ak.facebook.com/photos-ak-sf2p/v208/27/46/618330147/n618330147_1585231_9195.jpg

The frame was donated by a mate and I bought and added the rest ... suits me fine as I try to get back into cycling properly!

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 04-08-2008 15:39

Is that a Lemond Jorge?

CHange the seat and you'll be laughing. Oh and the pump has to go as well. As for the pedals.....

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Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 04-08-2008 15:50

yes, it's a LeMond ... the pump was on for the first ride yesterday as I thought I had a slow puncture ...

I've never worn clip ons before, so I'm biding my time before getting some - what's wrong with the seat?

Oh, and the handlebar tape is cinelli - so that much is Italian ;-)

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Posted by Fausto Ptang - 05-08-2008 13:04

What's wrong with the saddle? Well nothing really, if you're a grand parent. Toughen up your perineum with one of these.

<http://www.wiggle.co.uk/images/prologo-choice-ti-1-4-med.jpg>

I use the blue one.

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Posted by Bafflin - 09-08-2008 20:12

Air holes to stop you getting all sweaty? What a Jessica.

Isn't that a San Marco Rolls on Jorge's bike? One of the world's great saddles?
