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the
durban
edition

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welcome to ISSUE WON

This is the first Issue.

Not really a magazine nor a 'zine' in the true sense. More of an attempt to draw the local BMX scene into a tighter more connected community. For a long time, we as riders have been separated by a lack of motivation and loss of direction. Yes we are scattered far and wide all over this beautiful country, however it does not mean that we cannot climb on a bus or plane and hangout in other towns, chill with like minded people or simply take in something new and exciting. To travel, is to breathe!

Ultimately the goal we hope to achieve with this, is to bring BMX closer, stronger and more connected than ever before. I really do think it is possible with this publication. Get it out there, show people what BMX is about, its fun and real! Drawing from sources far and wide, we hope to you bring a cool reading experience as well as some quality images provided by some of the best BMX photographers in the country.

We have issues! In this one, we explore Durban. To most of you, Durban is sun, sea and chilled out dudes... Well, we go a little deeper by showing you a side of Durban you do not get to see all that often. Plus we have some great features and photo's from further afield. We also bring you heaps of rad stuff from various events and happenings over the past few months in our great land.

So! Put the Playstation away, switch the phone off- for a few minutes. It's time to get BMX up and out there again!

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A word please...

So, what brought this on? Inspiration comes from the craziest of places. I spent a little while in Japan recently, man it's crazy out there! To keep it short, the way things are done in Japan is nothing short of admirable... I returned with a bean full of ideas and energy to get BMX Freestyle jumping in S.A once again.

I dedicated this first issue to the City of Durban. This City has made many things possible for me. Just look how far we have come!

I hope you enjoy what you see here! It is a collaborative effort from a bunch of us BMX dudes hoping to make South African BMX come alive again! -Schögn Lee

Let's go!

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Hails from Richards Bay. We see him in Durbs on occasion, this when he isn't sleeping in his car or getting liquored at his favorite watering hole till all hours. Loves girls, pasta and free WiFi (who doesn't?) Heine was in Durbs a couple of weeks ago, he spent some time with me shootin' the shit. Check out some of his photo's over on my blog: <http://bmxdirect.net/thanks-blog/>
Photo's and words: SL



5 things

you wouldn't know about this photo.

Like every other photo there is a background story. Unless you were there to witness how things were done, it's sometimes hard to understand how we end up with photo's like these and many others.

Amped to be in Durban, but bored to be sitting around at the house; Felix annoyed everyone enough to get us up and in the streets for a late session. Some of us were still working and others kicking about in-front of the TV. We loaded up the bikes and hit the streets of Durban...

Photo/words: SL • Rider: Felix Murray-Shum

1 The time was about 12.45am, the second stop of the night. I think we still hit 2 more spots after this one.

2 Those board shorts were famous. Eat, Sleep, Swim, Ride. Those boardies saw their fair share of Durban, without a single wash!

3 This was the last shot from this spot. A couple seconds later a guard unlocked that glass door and came running out after us. The clanging on the rail was the likely culprit to our presence.

4 What you don't see in this photo is a Chinese man, my friend Mr Chen, on the pavement taking photos, I was lying in the middle of the intersection, A.T holding the flash off to the left side and watching for cars.

5 Around the corner from this building is some of the more sketchier areas of Durban. Shooting at a place like this is a little stressful, you gotta watch your back, bike, camera gear, vehicle and for those pesky security guards.

15 years of BMX Direct

Started from the necessity of the lack of freestyle parts and accessories in South Africa, BMX Direct has come a long way from selling out the back of a car at the BMX race tracks more than 15 years ago. In any kind of business that is a long time. In BMX it's an age. That is a lot of bikes and riders touched by this small business operating in Durban.

Although it began as a one man band, BMX Direct is run by 3 guys; founder Schögn Lee aka Mr Hankey, Schögn takes care of the day to day stuff as well as the imports and distribution, website, video and media. He makes sure you get the finest brands and parts available in the BMX market place. Dane runs the Mail-Order department, and also takes care of you if you stop by the shop for something, if you want free stickers, he's your man. Leonard is the mechanic and does a bloody good job of re-building your wheels, greasing your headset or anything else you may need done on your bike.

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BMX Day Jozi #bmxday

From this day forward the **18th of July** has officially been dubbed as international **#BMXDAY** in the form of jams going down on every continent around the globe.

With support from **Monster Energy** and more, the streets of Johannesburg are going to be crawling with riders from around the country, hitting spots on a planned route around the CBD. Starting at the infamous Library Gardens. The idea of **#BMXDAY** is all about coming together to celebrate our growing scene in South Africa, see some old friends and make some new ones along the way. This is not a contest, although there will be plenty of giveaways and spot prizes up for grabs, as well as some interesting challenges thrown into the mix.

Until then, spread the word with your crews and check out the Facebook event page for the final details and location of the After Party. Lets show the rest of the world how we do it in SA!

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What's Happening!

Gravy and mash from around the continent.

Darren Oatley is back on the bike after a prolonged **shoulder injury**. He says it has been a reoccurring issue over the last few months, now after surgery he hopes the problem finally sorted. Get at Duck @yuungdurk • The **Shred skatepark** in Paarden Eiland opens this weekend, and from next week will have Bike Night every Thursday night, R30 to ride and no metal pegs. This is good news for the Cape Town scene! Find out more: @the_shred_skatepark • Leeroy Wildschutt is out of action for a little while. He has banged his shoulder pretty bad and dislocated a finger filming for his latest Mongoose edit. • Daylife's Dean Bailey is finally back on the bike! He cooked his foot on an up ledge at **Ultimate X** in Cape Town earlier this year. • The **Stay Mooked Crew** are working on a 2015 mixtape, look out for it near the end of the year. • Stuart Loudon is heading overseas later this year. He's looking to be in Europe for the beginning of the trails season @stuthewho



Colin Loudon has been working on a **BMX Direct/United** video project over the last couple months with Kevin Schnider which should be wrapped up soon. • The **Loot & Skabanga** guys have been hard at work on the new gear and stacking clips for another mixtape. Look out for a 2015 collab • Felix Murray-Shum has bought a suit. If you know Felix you'll know that that is highly irregular • Young Matt Duffy is out in the USA right now probably learning every gyro variation in the book. Get on his instagame here: @mattduffy_ • **Windhoek** finally have some land allocated to build trails. The local community have set aside some land for some jumps and a rhythm section. In unrelated news Red Bull BMX rider; Senad Grosic will be riding at the Tourism Expo in Windhoek on the 12th and 13th of June. • So, word is there will be a **flatland** class at this years Ghetto Jam. Not sure of what to make of that...



Merch

Werner over at **Daylife BMX** (Cape Town) called to say his next run of locally produced pegs, sprockets and stems are just about ready for release. He has a new website in the works too. Watch this space or head on over to daylifebmx.com • **Skabanga Crew** product is back on the production line, hit the webpage to view some winter goods and stay tuned for more product drops in the coming months. • **Etnies** have a brand new Chase Hawk model shoe out soon. It features a stiffer sole, mid-top, leather uppers. Available later this year. • **Stay Mooked** have just dropped their winter line of crewnecks and beanies. Available now: @staymooked



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What's next

Issue 2 is already is already firmly in the works. It is scheduled for an early September release. Look out for coverage from the **#BMXDay** event happening in Jozi. Recovery issues with Darren Oatley. Greg Illingworth and Colin Loudon get to ride this unbelievable top-secret concrete bowl in Hout Bay. Plus a few more exciting nuggets. Watch this space.

Wondering how to get your hands on the next copy of **Issue Won**? Get your local bike shop to give us a shout or holla at us on fb: [fb.com/issuewon](https://www.facebook.com/issuewon)

Event news

Here is the proposed schedule of events for the rest of 2015.

- Fox BMX Direct "No Pro's Jam" - June 28th Durban Beach Front Skate Park

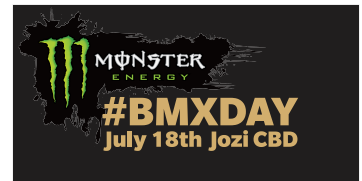


- Monster Energy BMX Day #bmxday - July 18th, Johannesburg CBD

- BMX Direct Ghetto Jam #10 11th, 12th, 13th December 2015 Durban Beach Front Skatepark

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Details of these events may change at anytime. Please check online for the most up to date information.



Giveaway!

The generous dudes at **Daylife BMX** have put together this wicked parts package for our first giveaway! Up for grabs: DL pegs, stem, sprocket, hubguard and DL Tshirt!

All you need do is **post a clip** of you on your bike **doing your favorite trick**, post it up on Instagram with the tags: **#daylifebmx #issuewon** Easy as that! Don't forget to follow @daylifebmx and @issuewon for regular updates. Winner will be announced on the brand new daylifebmx.com website in July.



I have been living in Durban for around 12 years. I moved here from a small City that you only ever hear about on the News; Bloemfontein. I'm not from there, in fact, far from it... Bloemfontein is a small City with no skateparks, no trails and barely any riders. It's a hot, dry place, where people are friendly and the streets safe, somewhat(I have been arrested there once).

As much as I love Durban, and I really do love this City, sometimes I can't stand the place. The roads, the crime the seasonal pricing, at times it's a hectic place. This is the Durban we love!

Words by SL, Photo by DD

Hits:

- The chow bruh! I love spicy food and Durbanites sure know how to cook-up a mean Mutton Bunny.
- The ocean. It's warm, never more than a few minutes from anywhere, and we have the dopest skatepark in the country right on the beach!
- The weather, it's always nice. In winter you don't even need a hoodie!
- My homies. Durban dudes are a little different. Maybe it's the thicker air or the slower pace of things. We don't really care if you think we can't drive.

Miss:

- December in Durban; it's like summer time traffic in the back of a taxi. Uncomfortable, overcrowded and hot.
- Yes, the taxis. I guess they suck wherever you go.
- Pigeons, they shit everywhere.
- The rust, my bike hates it more than I do!



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Maxime Charveron



It doesn't get hotter than this!

When you hear the words Ditch and Cape Town in the same sentence, the name Wayne Reiche is usually not far behind. He is the man who has led many expeditions to this place, and also ticked off some serious bucket list worthy things in the process. This spot is only ride-able once a year usually for a couple weeks in February/March. It is situated about 2 hours inland from the city, next to a rural settlement called Gouda. The conditions are extremely hot, dry and unforgiving but the near perfect transition on this ditch is what makes the trip so worthwhile.

Earlier this year some of the Vans Europe team were in town and really wanted to film and explore some of the lesser known sections of this place. During what was one of the hottest days of the trip we packed the bikes, along with Wayne's inventory of spades, brooms, cooler boxes and camera gear and we gunned it there with hopes to make it in time for the sundown session. The crew wasted no time clearing the rubble, and quickly shut down the section under a bridge that has serious repercussions if you are not on your A game...

Top Left: Colin Loudon - Wallride - We hit this fairly newly built "cheese wedge" section which is like a series of wallride's that turn into a hill bomb that has the power to destroy a pair of shoes in minutes. • Top Right: Kevin Kalkoff reaped what he sowed and the clips will show. He was the first one in shoveling stones and mud out the way to make a run up for the massive wallride under the bridge. • Below: Kevin Kalkoff Wallride Tireslide - Kevin did these wallride tireslide's with such precision and smoothness. • Poster: Maxime Charveron using the last light of the day to blast this one handed table in front an epic sunset.

Words by CL, Photo's by WR



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EXCLUSIVE



Andrew Taylor rides street?

I hate seeing friends suffer, and A.T was uncomfortable.... This gap was unusually ballsy for Andrew. You see, he had been eyeballing it for a long time. When it finally came to getting it done, the sky was already very dark and he was far from his comfort zone. Unfortunately for him, I wasn't happy with the first attempt, my timing was shitty on his hop. Like a true soldier he rolled back up that old iron bridge, and nailed it higher and cleaner than the first go! Well done mate. Well done,

A.T has a fresh new "Street Antics" Photo Feature online, go check it out right now: bmxdirect.net/atsa

Words and photo by SL.

Wild in Japan!

I arrived at Narita Airport after what must have been one of the worst flights I had ever experienced. It was already 8pm and I had not even collected my luggage yet. Damn airlines. None the less I was in Japan again, and I was mad-face stoked! You see I had been planning this trip for most of the year already and nothing was going to get me down! Tonight it was the 18th Anniversary Party of a Japanese Flatland clothing brand; 430. As with most things BMX, it's a bunch of friends doing what they love, and tonight was a huge celebration of the years accomplishments as riders and as a successful brand. I had partied with these guys the year before and oh-man, it gets wild!

Skip forward an hour-and-a-half and I was 3 train rides, and a taxi trip deep into downtown Tokyo. I was still good for time though as the party only kicks off at 11pm, well, it is more of a show first and then an after-party- if you get my meaning. Imagine a night club packed and pumping with hundreds of people out for a good time. You know you're in for a good time when you have some Pro BMX flatland riders in the mix, crazy freestyle dancing with skipping ropes, awesome hip-hop music, Mc's battling it out and even a dude with sword!(I have the video on my phone somewhere!)

I decided I would travel alot more this time around to make the most of my time in Japan. Last year I spent all my time in Tokyo, exploring and riding the city streets and meeting with many different riders and crews. It was great because I got to learn the ins and outs of the city and could get around easier(and cheaper) the next time around.

Part of the reason why I was late into Narita was because the flight from Fukuoka was delayed. Fukuoka is a sleepy City on one of the main southern Islands(Kyushu) of Japan. My stopover allowed me for a few hours of getting around the city on a hired bike. I sampled some food and scouted about for some other riders to connect with. It was a Tuesday, so I didn't have much luck with everyone being at work or school. Fukuoka is very green and very tidy. There are some really nice looking beaches too!



Tokyo is a blast, but I decided to keep it a short stay. It has an amazing flatland scene, the food is unbelievably diverse and it is a City that truly, never sleeps. At first the people seem hard and unapproachable, but that's a norm with most big cities. Once you figure out how to get past the language issue; which usually takes a smile and greeting "Konichiwa!" or a "can you help me..." with a lost look on your mug; things get easier. It almost became second nature to strike up conversation this way. You won't believe how many young ladies you can meet this way!

I found the best way to sample the local life is to immerse yourself in it, and what better way than ask someone if they have already eaten(the Japanese eat all the time!) and ask for a suggestion of where to go. Or even be a little forward and ask if you could join them, what have you got to loose?! I did this numerous times and found myself in many a restaurant, club, supermarket with a random local person that could barely speak English! Not so unapproachable after all! The Japanese have a history steeped in dignity and respect for one another. I found it refreshing how manners and being considerate for one another is commonplace. For example, when you walk into a business place, the person behind the counter would greet you directly- welcoming you to his/her store, same when you leave the shop, you are thanked for visiting.



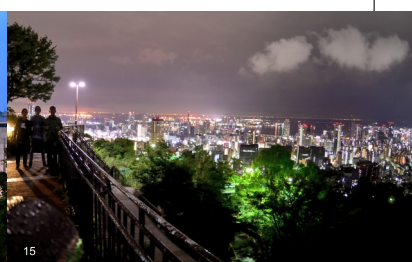


I got word of a contest happening down in Nagasaki over the weekend. I made some moves with a friend I had made in Tokyo. Hiroshi knows the local scene very well and rides flatland too. I arrived at the contest only to find out that Hiroshi had already pre-registered the 2 of us to ride in the open Expert Class. I had no choice but to throw the beast together and get warmed up! The last time I rode in a contest or under-pressure like that was in the U.K, 15 years ago! I had a shit-ton of fun that day, I don't think any of the locals had ever seen a skinny white boy ride so badly!

The venue for the contest was right on the sea side, set between these awesome rolling green hills and the ocean. Nagasaki is pretty close to Fukuoka, and that's where the after party was taking place. I didn't get to sleep at all that night and very little the next night, the dudes from Nagasaki love to eat, drink and hang out till all hours. At one point I was cruising the streets on my bike at 5am in search of somewhere to sleep. Fukuoka the second time round was nothing like the first visit!



I hooked a sweet deal on a flight from Fukuoka to Kobe and checked into a Capsule Hotel. I got in contact with some friends of friends, they showed me around the city a little. The "Kobe beef" steak is exactly as expensive as they say it is, I did manage to sample a little as well as some of the other local foods they had to offer, Kobe is a place I could live. The pace is slow and the weather nice. Feels alot like a small town but with a big city nearby....and that's exactly what it is. Osaka is across the bay from Kobe, and Osaka is huge. I was flying out of Osaka the next day so I decided to make my way across the Bay. Osaka feels like a very clean, very no-nonsense, have your money ready, business as usual kind of city. I did some shopping, found the only decent coffee shop in all of Japan, and got propositioned for some dinner with a random girl at the train station- she wanted help translating for some friends. Lucky I was hungry and spoke English!



1.Tokyo: Kotaro Tanaka at Club Asia • 2.Fukuoka • 3.Fukuoka Beach • 4.Me and my hired bike • 5.Tokyo flat sessions with Kazuki, Churu and Tamao • 6.Tokyo with Hiroshi & Storm • 7.Tokyo @ Hiroshi's pad • 8.Kobe! Great food! • 9.Nagasaki with Hiroshi and Dasuke • 10.Nagasaki Hoodscrew Flatland Jam • 11.Nagasaki • 12.Kobe Harbour/overpass • 13.Rental cruisin with Hiroshi & Yuna • 14. Downtown Osaka • 15.Kobe/Osaka long exposure with Doko and Sharlee • 16.Korean BBQ with Kazuki, Koh, Churu, Takumi and Tamao.

Story and Photos by: SL

The best Ghetto Jam yet!

Why Durban? Why December? Why pallets? Why nails, ply and power tools?

December is the busiest time of the year in Durban. The weather is ridiculous and the roads are chaos. What's more it's either cracking the flags or pissing for days on end. Why the hell would you want to have an event with all of that going on...

To be honest, I don't think I actually thought it through back then. You see, it's been 9 years since the first one went down on the Beach Front. That's longer than most of you have been riding, so forgive me already!

What I can tell you is, very little about the Ghetto Jam has changed since the first one in 2005. It's still fun, it still gets dudes on bikes together and it's still the best weekend of BMX in the country. Now, I'm not trying to convince you of all this; speak to anyone who has been to one and they will tell you it is a bloody good weekend of sun, BMX, splinters and swimming in the ocean after a long day of riding, smiling and chillin'.

There isn't much more to say about the matter, all the answers to your questions will be clear on arrival. I really do hope to see you in December!

Event: Ghetto Jam #9
Rider: Nicholas van Niekerk
Words: SL Photo by: EWP



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Nicholas van Niekerk

Ghetto Jam #9

Event: Ghetto Jam #9

Rider: Colin Loudon

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