

Feature
SHOW TIME

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EUROBIKE 2011

Dave Atkinson of road.cc reports from the world's biggest bike show: Eurobike in Friedrichshafen, Germany. It took place from 31 August to 3 September – in halls and Zeppelin hangers

Top left: Messe Friedrichshafen, EUROBIKE, www.eurobike-show.com

1. SITTING COMFORTABLY?

This looks like a standard road seatpost. In fact the post is two separate semi-cylinders, and the seat clamp is on pivots. You adjust your seat angle and the two cylinders slide against one another; tightening the seat clamp

sets everything in place. The carbon leaf springs at the top of the post give you 20mm of suspension travel. One for a long audax, perhaps? Expected price: £150. [canyon.com](#)

2. RACER 'GUARDS

SKS's Raceguard has long been a favourite quick

fix for rainy days, but their new system, the Raceguard Long, looks like a big improvement. You fit small metal tabs to your brake bolts and dropouts, and the 'guards clip on and off in seconds. They feel much sturdier than standard Raceguards. [sks-germany.com](#)

interesting. BB gears take the weight from wheel to frame whilst keeping the maintenance-free internals. The Pinion system needs a dedicated frame design and weighs 3.7kg, but you get the benefit of 18 gears with a range of 636%. It's still in development. [pinion.eu](#)

best looking, mounted via a spacer insert below the stem. Hope expect the system to cost £300. [hopetech.com](#)

5. POWERED PEDALLING

There's always a ton of e-bikes at Eurobike. One of our favourites was the



3. 18-SPEED BB

Hub gears were everywhere, but this bottom bracket gear system by German outfit Pinion was really

4. DROP BAR DISCS

Hope were one of several companies showing off a converter to run hydraulic discs from a road lever. Theirs was definitely the





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Cube ePO, which uses a battery hidden in the seatpost for a clean and tidy look. The bike is available in urban, utility and 29er MTB flavours, and the drive system is nearly silent. Price? Nearly £2,500... cube.eu

6. SUPERNOVA EFFICIENCY

Supernova's new dynohub is a wonderful thing. Not

only is it more efficient, they claim, than any other hub on the market, but it also has a rotating ring to turn the dynamo off so there's no resistance when you don't need power. supernova-lights.com

7. CINELLI LASER

Cinelli have made a strictly limited run of their classic Laser Pista steel track bike from the Nineties to

celebrate its 21st birthday. Fifteen of the 21 being made are already sold – at an eye-watering €7,500 for the frame and fork. cinelli.it

8. SMARTER ROHLOFF SHIFTER

This Gilles Berthoud shifter is a big aesthetic improvement on the Rohloff one, but it's also designed so that it can be fitted at the top of a drop bar as well as on a flat bar: it comes to pieces to slide round your drops. It costs €119 and is in production now. gillesberthoud.fr

9. GENTLEMAN'S BIKE JACKET

Brompton's Oratory jacket won a Eurobike award. The cotton jacket features a completely waterproof coating, lapels and cuffs that turn up and down to reveal reflective highlights,

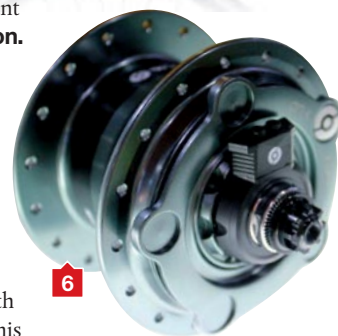
and a stowable fluorescent tail at the rear. brompton.co.uk

10. STREET BIKE RENAISSANCE

There were plenty of big manufacturers showing bikes with mudguards, hub gears and chainguards but with a fresh, modern look. This BMC Urban Challenge is one example, but Specialized, Cannondale, Dahon, and Giant had similar machines ready to go. bmc-racing.com

11. BRIGHT IDEAS

Lupine's three main light models – Betty, Wilma and Pico – are all now available as a torch unit with an integrated battery. Easier to fit and remove than a cabled system, the lights feature impressive outputs – increased from last year – and run times



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of up to 150 minutes on full beam. lupine.de

12. REBUILDABLE BIKE TOOLS

Lezyne's new range of workshop tools are rebuildable. You can replace the chain on the chain whip if it wears out or the bits on the Allen key if they round off. In fact, each Allen key tool comes with a spare set of bits, so you're effectively getting two tools. lezyne.com



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WORDS DAN JOYCE PHOTOS BY CTC AND MANUFACTURERS

CYCLE SHOW 2011

What will the trends be at Britain's biggest cycle show? **Dan Joyce** has a few suggestions, and picks out a handful of products for a closer look. The show is at Birmingham's NEC from 30 September to 2 October

1. TYRE EYEING

New tyres are a barometer of the popularity of different kinds of cycling, and we like checking them out anyway. Both Schwalbe and Continental should have tyres specifically for e-bikes. Schwalbe should also be showing their new Marathon Mondial

touring tyre (pictured) – a replacement for the Marathon XR. Continental underscore the fact that 29ers are migrating from cross-country to 'all mountain' with a 29in version of their chunky Rubber Queen tyre. Schwalbe: E1, schwalbe.co.uk. Continental: G63, conti-tyres.co.uk

2. ESPECIALLY FOR SPORTIVES

Sportives have exploded in popularity in the UK. While you can ride one on any road, audax or touring bike, it's interesting that we're now seeing bikes specifically intended for them. Dawes have two, distinct from their audax bikes: the £1k Sportif

SL is a carbon-forked aluminium bike with Shimano 105 gearing. Stand L51, dawescycles.com

3. CLASSIER COMMUTER WEAR

Few things normalise transport cycling more than clothing that doesn't make you look like a

day-glo sportsperon. Like Brompton's Oratory jacket, the Water Off A Duck's Back coats combine classic looks with waterproof, breathable fabrics and hidden cycling features. They're not cheap, though. Stand CSG11, wateroffaducksback.co.uk





>4. MARVELLOUS MOUNTAIN TRIKE

There's much more to this outdoor wheelchair than fat tyres. It uses lever drive – like hand-operated treadles – that transmit power to the wheels via chains. Gearing (which could be altered with different sprockets) is fixed wheel that can be disengaged for coasting downhill. There are twin disc brakes and suspension for each wheel. It even folds. Stand A51, <http://80.68.90.51>

5. 29ER FORKS: MORE AND BIGGER
Big-wheeled mountain

bikes are no longer niche. RockShox have seven 29er forks for 2012 (twice that if you include various options). We're particularly interested in the 140mm-travel Revelation 29, which has a tapered steerer, 20mm Maxle Lite dropout, and a 'Dual Position Air' spring, which will let you reduce the travel (and bar height) by 30mm when climbing. (26in version pictured.) Stand D1, sram.com

4. GPS TRICKLEDOWN

GPS technology continues to trickle down and become more affordable. Garmin's new Edge 200 is essentially a simpler version of its Edge 500. There's

no HRM or cadence, but it records speed, average speed, time, and distance, and the route (via a breadcrumb trail). You can share route data online, and of course you can swap it between bikes easily. It will cost about £130. Stand K31, garmin.com/uk

6. CAMPAGNOLO GOES ELECTRIC

Electronic shifting is already on sale in the form of Shimano's Di2 Dura-Ace and now Ultegra groupsets; Campagnolo's will appear in Super Record shape next spring. Using stored energy to make gearshifts easier goes against the human-powered spirit of cycle racing, if you ask us – but they didn't, and it's coming. And it is quite interesting. Stand F11, campagnolo.com



Right: by Nick Rearden, www.road.cc



A GRAND DAY OUT

»It's not too late to attend The Cycle Show, which takes place this weekend at the bigger venue of Birmingham's NEC. The tenth edition of the UK's biggest bike show is open to the public from Friday 30 September to Sunday 2 October, from 9.30am-6pm each day (5pm on Sunday).

CTC members can buy tickets at a discounted price: just £11 in advance, instead of £15.50 on the door. Visit cycleshow.co.uk/ctc and enter 'CTC' when prompted.

Find out what will be the bike shops next season. There are 500 top brands on display, including Bianchi, Campagnolo, Continental, Garmin, Hope Technology, Castelli, Peugeot, FSA, Colnago, Look, Hed, Condor, Rose, Dawes, SRAM, Zipp, Felt and many more.

TEST BIKES, SHOP, AND VISIT CTC

You can test ride bikes as well as window shop. There's a try out track for road and commuting bikes, and a 1km mountain bike track (top). It has both



fast flowing and technical sections, and includes tabletops, rock drops, bermed corners and a pump track. There are test tracks for younger children too.

As well as finding out more about new products, you can buy some things. The new look Cycle Store has a wide selection of clothing, accessories, lights and shoes on sale.

CTC will be at The Cycle Show too (pictured). Visit us on stand K33.