



EVOLUTION OF BALANCE

## Evolution of Balance Award Announcement

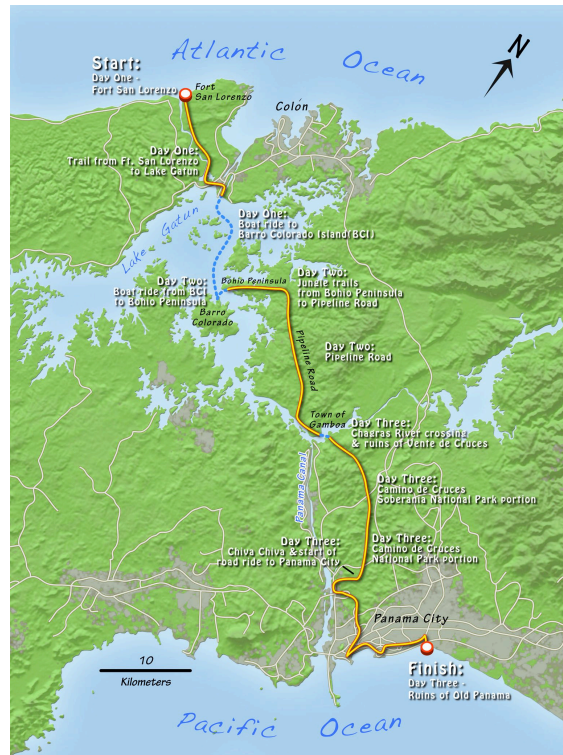
Mountain unicycling might seem like one of the most unlikely things you could do. Perhaps it is. But it depends on your perspective. It's only about as unlikely as whacking a ball into a distant hole, or people tackling you as you run down a field, or sliding down snow on sticks. At second glance, maybe there is something to this sport - something that has made several hundred thousand people take it up in the last few years.

Kris Holm launched the Evolution of Balance Award to support one-wheeled riders seeking creative mountain unicycling adventures. The award, also supported by Horny Toad Active Wear, Unicycle.com, and California-based rider Nathan Hoover, offers \$1700 cash and over \$1200 worth of KH uni gear and Horny Toad clothing. The response has been overwhelming. We have applications from riders in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, North America, and Australia proposing trips in their home countries and in Greenland, Central America, Alaska, and East Asia. The proposed trips push unicycling way beyond what the uninitiated might think possible, including backcountry traverses, mountain descents, and epic endurance tours.

Picking a winner has been incredibly difficult. We have chosen one that we feel has the best combination of qualified riders, creativeness, and adventure.

Steve Relles, Roland Kays, Perry Woodin, and Brad Stratton from Albany, NY, and Vince LeMay from Montreal, Quebec, proposed a trip in Panama to ride jungle trails from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Their route follows the ancient Gold Routes, a now obscure network of trails that for over 500 years formed a trade and smuggling route across Panama. To the best of our knowledge, they will be the first people to ride this route on any kind of cycle. Steve & crew will be heading to Panama in January 2009.

The Evolution of Balance Award will be offered annually to support the spirit of true adventure in mountain unicycling!



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