

Pedaling for a Cause



Project Rwanda

A Tool and a Symbol of Hope

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In Rwanda, they ride wooden bikes. Wooden bikes with wooden wheels with car tires nailed on for traction and suspension.



(top) Ryan Wong, wearing the Project Rwanda colors, gets schooled in the Wooden Bike Classic, September 2006. Photo by Sarah Day. (bottom) The wooden bike that started it all. A worker makes his way up a steep grade in Rwanda while making a lasting impression on Tom Ritchey. Photo by Dan Cooper.