

Matthew B. rode from Boston , through Canada a lot and roundaboutedly until about 4,500 miles later he got here. I took some pictures, and...here's Matthew and his bike. A Waterford T-22 frame with a Bombadil fork. He wrecked his other fork. Should have ridden the Bombadil--not that the T-22 isn't a fine bike, but because it may have been a bit overloaded with the gear. He rode Rich's wheels over rough roads and trails and across fields in Montana that knocked him off his bike, and the wheels are still perfect. He doesn't clean his bike.



Hillegerg UNNA tent. Expensive, but as good as you can get.



Sugino triple, same as we put on 99 percent of our bikes, after 4,000+ miles.



The German Mirror he says is so light he expected it to last two weeks. Heavily abused the whole trip, still in fine shape.



This is what happens when you lube, as Matthew does, with canola oil.



Interruptor levers...Noodle bar, Nitto stem, MKS touring pedals.



Silver downtubers--not the normal superbe choice for loaded touring, but they worked perfectly the whole trip, no maintenance, even with cloggy drivetrain. Friction is like that.

Musa shorts



Matthew as rigged and in his normal riding clothes, as he rode from Toronto to California. He crashed his original fork, put on the fork from his Bombadil, and it worked perfectly. Also has MUSA shorts with him. Note the Mini-front rack and Wald basket, and Keven's Bag (now a SaddleSack XS). Matthew saw a mountain lion at 3 am as he was riding one night in Canada...thought it was a naked man crawling across the road until he saw the tail. And that about sums up his trip. Waterford Frame, the T-22, with Bombafork.