

# Dog days of summer

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BATTLE MOUNTAIN — It was Friday morning, May 23. Everyone in town driving to work or taking their children to school noticed a big painted bus with the top loaded with at least 100 bicycles, towing a flatbed trailer with three big dog heads on it.

That's what makes it so much fun for Battle Mountain to be located along Interstate 80. This group of people happened to be friends with Steve at our local fireworks store and they were stopping in for a short visit while returning from their recent tour.

This group of young energetic people are known for their performances as "Cyclecide" Bike Rodeo. Bicycle crazed, the heavy pedal cyclocide rodeo embraces a radical view of the world of bikes and bike riding. All the bikes are custom made, untamed, reckless and out of control.

"We build our cycles out of junk bikes, or as it should be said, bikes that are wonderfully discarded by a disposable society, our bread and butter," said state rodeo spokesperson Jarico Reese.

Cyclecide was inspired by the creations of the Hard Times Bike Club out of Minneapolis, Minn. These cyclists have performed at "Burning Man," the well-known art festival in Nevada on the Black Rock Desert.

"It was there, out on the desert, that we made the bike that is more dangerous than the mechanical bull, "The Bucking Bike," stated Reese. "Since then, we have not stopped building crazy bikes, as we like to call them."

Other bikes they make include "Altercycles," choppers, tall and short tandems, tri-cycles, cart bikes and urban cycles like the "Suburban Intruder," a lawnmower bike.



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These bikes are all arranged in a show, with a carnival atmosphere displaying ultimate acts of lunacy. Witness the bicycle mosh pit of recklessness, bicycle bowling, bumper bikes, barrel racing and the running of the bikes. You can ride the bike rides, the Bike-a-Totter, Bicycle Carousel, The Rocking Bike, The Bike Against Itself and much more.

When asked what the purpose of the three doggie heads on the back of the trailer was, Reese commented, "We acquired them as our beloved icons, and we are taking them for a walk."

To find out more about Cyclecide and their tour, you can call (415) 695-1891 or visit their website: [www.cyclecide.com](http://www.cyclecide.com).