

ADVENTURE CYCLING'S SECOND ANNUAL BICYCLE TRAVEL PHOTO COMPETITION

After reviewing more than 700 submissions from all corners of the Earth, our second annual photo competition has come down to these seven images. Others were worthy, but these stood out as the most compelling of the lot. Stunning in their diversity, each manages to

capture the adventure, thrill, and beauty of traveling by bicycle. Enjoy. And next year, send us your best shots — maybe you'll see them printed here. For more info go to: adventurecycling.org/photocontest/



FIRST PLACE (above) The judges were unanimous in choosing this shot for the top spot. Without resorting to any digital magic, Horst Hammerschmidt captured this surreal scene of riders gliding on a thin layer of water on the Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest salt lake, located in Bolivia.

RUNNER UP (right) Cliche sunsets must be submitted to every photo contest, but Tom Allen captured something special in his shot from the Sudan Sahara. The crisp silhouette of bike and mosquito net are a visual treat.



HONORABLE MENTION (left) Peter McQueen snapped this photo of two Portland-bound riders climbing a switch-back on the old highway above the Columbia River Gorge.

HONORABLE MENTION (below) Shelter on a middle-school football field in Max Meadows, Virginia, by Jesse Merz, who started his TransAm ride as a solo cyclist but met up with a group that started in San Francisco. Said Jesse, "We rode together all the way to Yorktown and developed a very close friendship. The ride was without a doubt one of the highlights of my life, and I'm sure my new TransAm friends would agree."



HONORABLE MENTION (left, above) Scott Janowiak's shot of the Buckingham Fountain in Chicago reminds us that grand bicycle tours and vistas are not confined to the countryside. The skyline mimics the spine of a spectacular mountain range.

HONORABLE MENTION (below) Ellen van der Zwan took this photo on Ak-Baital pass at 13,500 feet on the Kyrgyzstan/Tajikistan border. "Snow fell on us the day before. At this altitude cycling is tough, the snow made it even tougher!"



HONORABLE MENTION (above) A cyclist rides below fluttering prayer flags in Tibet. Photographer Joe Cruz took the time and effort to find a unique viewpoint in what might otherwise have been an ordinary shot.

