



eBob Trailers Competes in Cargo Bike Championship

Contributing author this month is Coalition member Bob Huddart. He was first inspired in 2007 to create an electric powered bicycle trailer in response to the limited options available in electric bicycles. Bob began creating prototypes in 2014 and is currently selling three models of trailers. He uses a variety of local shops and services for fabrication and does the final assembly at his home. Bob views eBobs as one piece in the sustainability puzzle, and the mission at eBob Trailers is to provide a line of safe, reliable, and enjoyable electric back-of-bike cargo trailers, reducing the environmental impact of daily transportation and encouraging outdoor adventures in riders of all ages and abilities. Bob is looking for people to test ride his product in order to video and post on facebook and youtube.

To learn more about the trailers go to: <https://www.facebook.com/ebobtrailers>, their website www.ebob.ca or telephone or email Bob Huddart at 250-338-0751 or bob@ebob.ca

As a part of Bike to Work Week, Comox Valley native Bob Huddart decided to go to Vancouver on June 2nd, with an eBob Trailer, to participate in Modacity's Cargo Bike Championship event at Creekside Park. Arriving a little early, he took a couple of hours to enjoy a 20km ride along the sea wall and forest trails of Stanley Park. The rain had stopped and the weather was perfect for the rest of the day. At 4:00 pm dozens of electric and non-electric cargo bikes gathered for the cargo bike races. The format for the race was to complete 3 laps and, on each of those, to collect an additional item to carry. Bob won his first race, thus qualifying for the finals against 3 other motorized bikes.

As an Olympic mountain biker, Kiara Bisaro, once explained to Bob, weight to strength ratio determines the best competitors and he noticed that Stef Lee, a scrawny Brit competitor, looked good in that category with a Bion X powered cargo bike. Other final competitors included Past Hornby Island Bike Race organizer and top provincial trials rider, Tig Cross who made it to the finals in a carbon fibre rocket with a 72v 220 ah and Lauren, a school teacher and outdoor enthusiast originally from Courtenay, but now living in Squamish. First place went to Stef the Brit by a bike length, followed by Bob, an overweight man in his 60's with his eBob Trailer who concluded that equipment really does make a difference.

Bob sends thanks to the organizers of the event, Ben, who helped Bob during the races with loading his cargo, to all the people he met during the race and afterwards at the Bike to Work Week event in the park, and to Milton who took an interest in eBobs as a way to ride again with his daughter after an accident left him walking with a cane.



Above: Bob Huddart in racing form in Vancouver. Want to see eBobs in action here? They will be participating in the Canada Day 150 parade and in their booth in Simms Park on July 1st.

