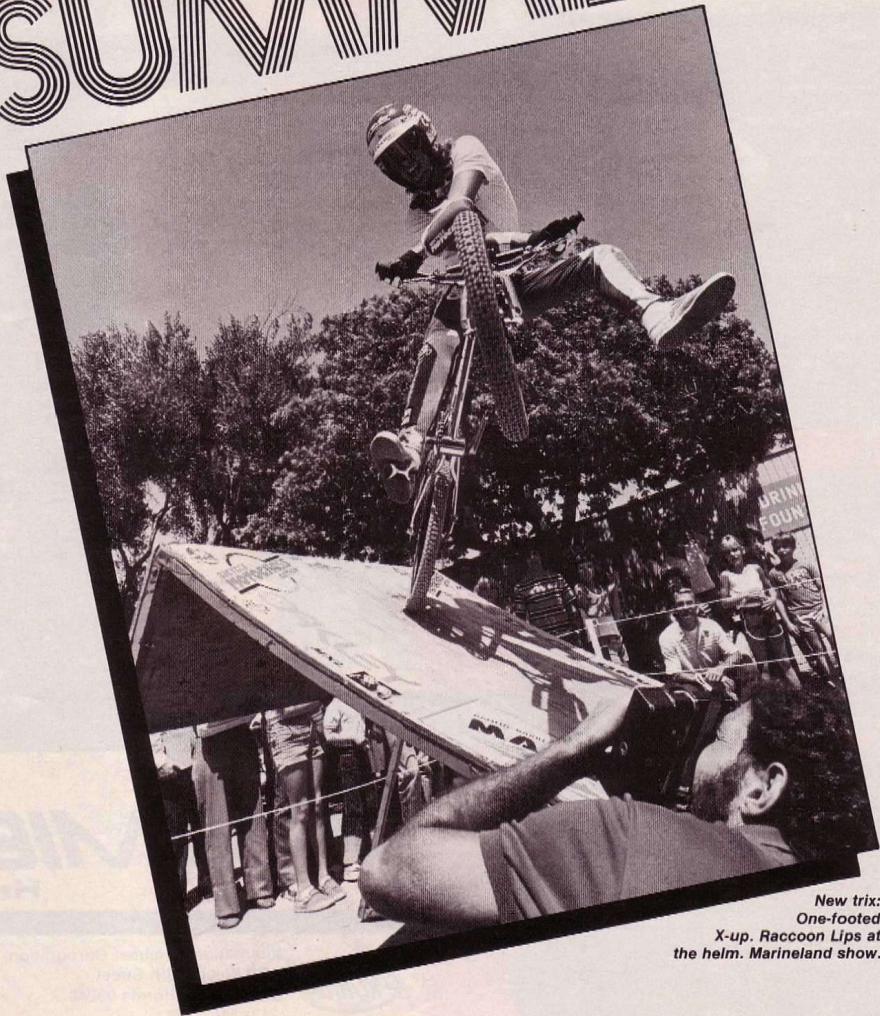
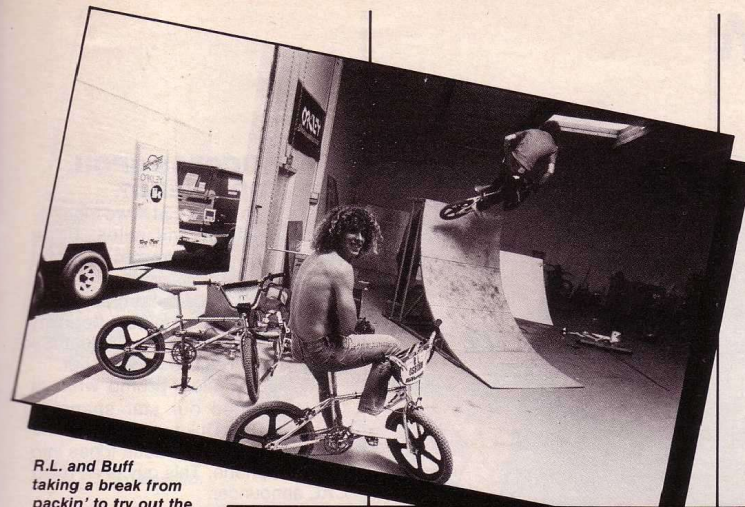


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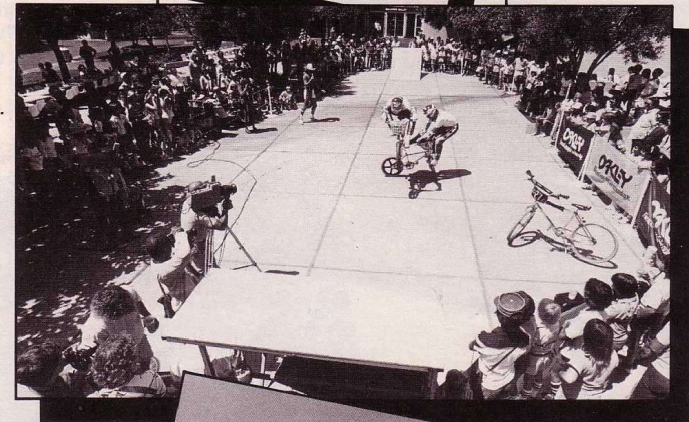
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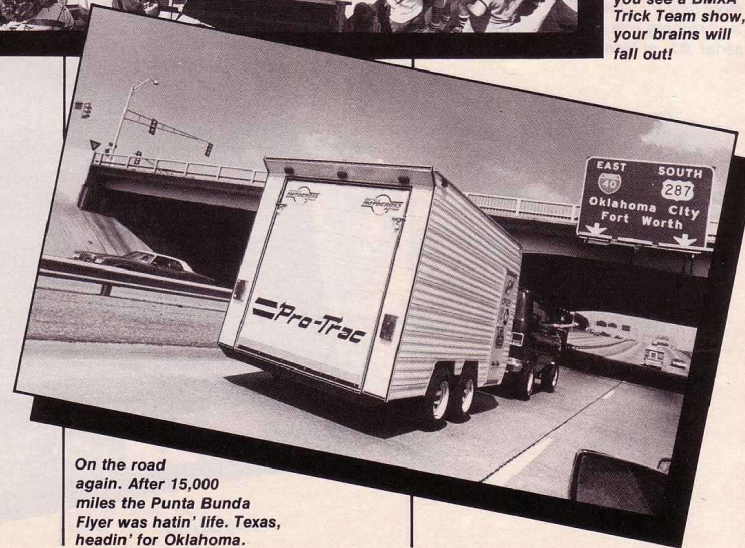
New trix:
One-footed
X-up. Raccoon Lips at
the helm. Marineland show.



R.L. and Buff
taking a break from
packin' to try out the
brand new rad ramps
from Rad Ramp.
(Buff, get a helmet!
R.L., get a haircut!)
Wiz Pubs warehouse,
somewhere in Torrance.



Buff bunny-
hopping R.L.'s
seat in Daytona
Beach. When
you see a BMXA
Trick Team show,
your brains will
fall out!



On the road
again. After 15,000
miles the Punta Bunda
Flyer was hatin' life. Texas,
headin' for Oklahoma.



More new trix: The superspooky one-handed ramp aerial. R.L. at Marineland.



Totally tabletopped and crossed-up. Mrs. Buff's fave son is unreal!

WILL SUCCESS SPOIL THE NURD HERD?

June 21 to August 21. Two months. Fifteen thousand miles. Forty shows. Set it up, take it down, and head for the next show.

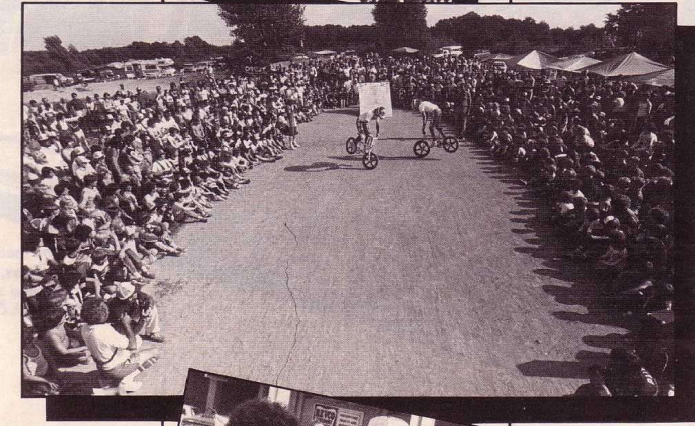
That's how R.L. Osborn and Mike Buff spent their summer, headlining the Oakley/Bicycle Motocross Action Trick Team Summer Tour.

The Duke, moto-promo whiz at Oakley, joined our star spangled crankers. The Duke coordinated the tour and spoke melifluous tones into the microphone. This guy is a RADICAL announcer.

The whole thing began when the Duke began thinking about trickifying his Oakley grip clinics. R.L. sug-



Texas ramp aerial. R.L. in Amarillo.



Choreographed rock-walks. North Pittsburgh.



Tons of autographs and mobbed a couple times. How sweet it is. Huh, you guys?

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gested the Trick Team and the rest is, as they say, hist-oh-ry.

Before leaving, the team had a couple of new rad ramps built by

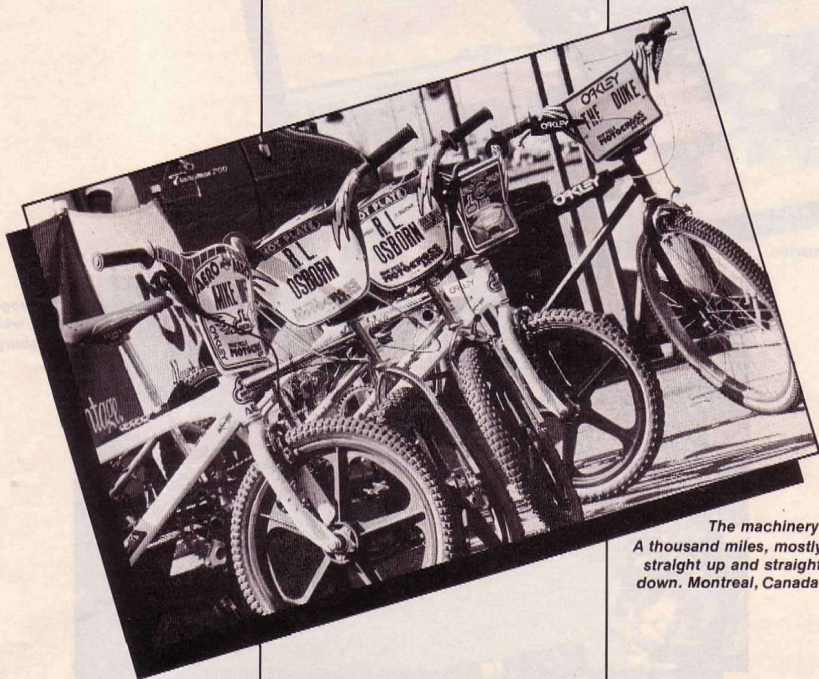
at one ABA National and several NBL War of the Stars races.

Most bike shop shows averaged about 200 spectators. One bike shop show in Milwaukee pulled about 500 viewers.

The typical show included a grip clinic, a talk on safety and safety gear, and a look at how the team set up their trick bikes. Then it was time

a trick or two at one show. Generally, the dudes into tricks didn't know too many stunts, mostly what they had seen in the magazine, but a couple of riders did teach the team a few new twists. A team quote: "There are trick riders out there for sure."

The BMXA Nurd Herd may be semi-absurd, but they're good about keeping their word. When they prom-



The machinery. A thousand miles, mostly straight up and straight down. Montreal, Canada.

(who else?) Rad Ramp. They were lighter, easier to transport, and spiffier looking. As an extra added bonus, the curve built into the small ramp made a great launching pad for some post-race fly-in-the-sky-and-land-in-the-lake antics. After one race and show in New Jersey about fifteen wet-head goobers were taking turns on the ramp, flying unreal distances into some lake. Sixty foot jumps, twenty-five feet high, were described with facial expressions of total innocence and absolute honesty by the Nurd Herd.

The gang averaged five shows a week with about a ten hour drive from one stop to the next average, once the marathon cross-country jaunts were out of the way. They visited shops, malls, local races, and picked up part of the Skyway/Patterson tour. The guys performed

to get rad and bad on the bikes for the bonkers final half of the 45 minute show.

Crowd response was super. Occasionally, a wise guy would start sounding off, but most of the loose lippers mellowed out when they saw how radical the show was.

The team drew a number of repeat viewers, folks who saw them at a race and later drove to a bike shop show.

Caravanning from shop to shop, the guys got a chance to check what's happening out there in Readerland, USA. They discovered their personal models, the SE P.K. Ripper and the Kuwahara, were really popular sellers. Most of the shops they visited were right up on the latest hot equip too.

Local rider interest in tricks was high. The team even tried teaching

ised to do a show, they showed up. They were late for just two shows, once when a trailer hitch broke, and once when they were given the wrong directions.

Mike and R.L. even found time to get in some Pro racing, trying two local races on the Patterson tour. At the first, Mike fell in the main while R.L. got a third. At the second race, Mike edged R.L. for the win and blew his winnings looking for a Taco Bell. Lack of Taco Bells across the nation was one of Mike's major disappointments.

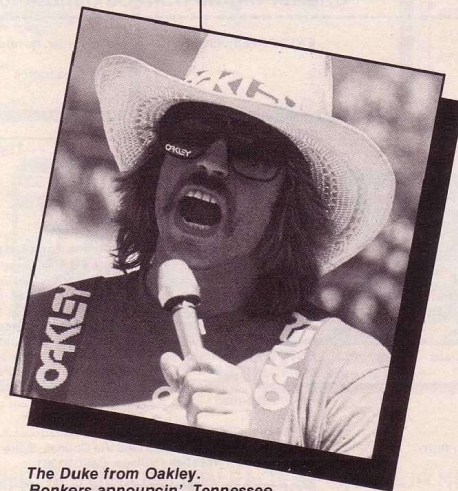
During the trip our rad lads let everybody know about the how-to trick book they were working on. Once that's out, they figure, trick riding should really take off. Feedback from the trip is that organized trick competition would draw plenty of participants. (Now that he has a little



R.L. Osborn, Captain of the BMXA Trick Team. Working on future freestyle competition.



Mike Buff, the pride of San Pedro High. Fame and fortune at a tender age. Amarillo.



The Duke from Oakley. Bonkers announcin'. Tennessee.

time, R.L. has begun putting together a freestyle competitive event. More on this later.)

Doing tricks definitely attracts the picture makers and takers. The Trick Team was featured on El Paso's PM Magazine television show and made spot appearances on various local TV news shows across the nation. They were also interviewed for an article that appeared in *US Magazine* in October.

Based on the response of this year's journey, the team is planning another tour next summer. They figure they'll be able to add a lot of new shows now that folks around the nation know more about them.

As performers, the guys even got a taste of the tough side of celebrity life. They got mobbed after one show. Really mobbed. Like: hey, how do we get outta here? It happened at a race in Miami while they were shaking hands and signing autographs. The crowd started pushing. Pretty soon the guys were standing at a forty five degree angle. Some kids were pushing and others were holding them up. What a spot.

So, after two gruelling months on the road, what are the results?

Well, two sharp talented guys have grown into two seasoned professional performers. Their show is honed to razor sharpness. They have developed a ton of rad new tricks.

Success for R.L. and Buff in particular and freestyle trick riding in general has hit like a tidal wave. New factory trick teams are being formed. Backyard trick riding is spreading like crazy around the world. Organized freestyle competition is just around the corner.

Since they got back, Buff and R.L. have been so busy that we've hardly seen them. They've been to Nashville to do a show for Murray and to Florida performing for Huffy. They've been on network TV twice. They are working on a TV commercial. They are working with Len Weed and Bob Osborn, putting the final touches on a how-to trick riding book that is going to blow everybody out of the water. They have shows scheduled for the Pontiac Silverdome, a big fair in St. Louis, and on and on.

In short, they're working their buns off. And they've barely scatched the surface.

We (the staff of BMXA) love these guys. It is exciting for us to watch and be a part of their success. ■