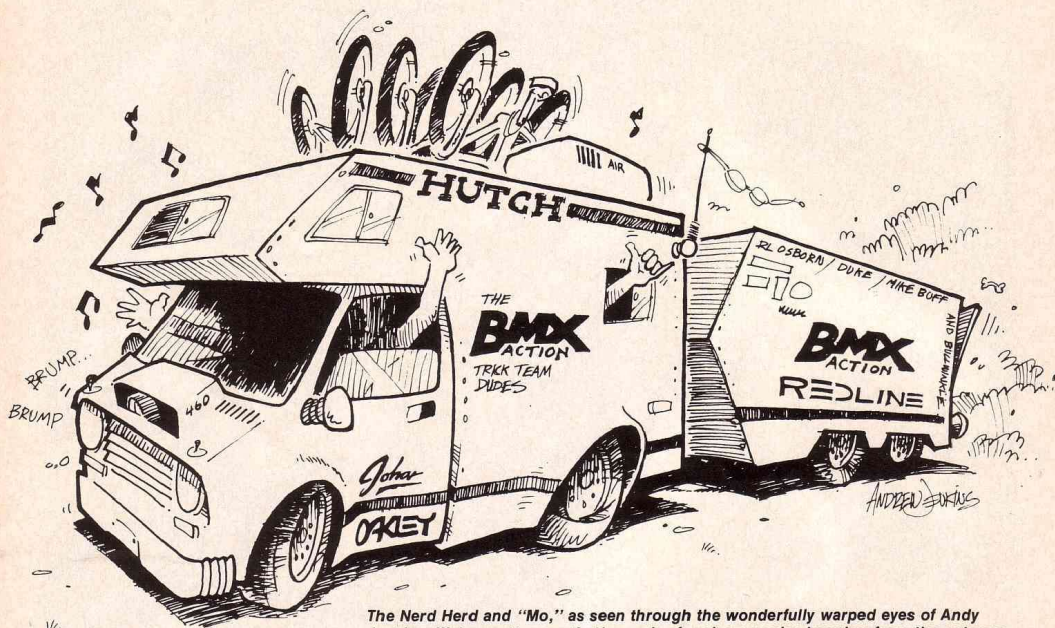


# What we did on our summer vacation...

## THE BMX ACTION TRICK TEAM '84 SUMMER TOUR.



The Nerd Herd and "Mo," as seen through the wonderfully warped eyes of Andy Jenkins. We're pretty sure that's a pair of racing goggles hanging from the antenna.

BY ANDY JENKINS

They're back after almost two solid months of life on the road, shredding the country with their radness, and laying 'em flat with their suave and debonair ways. And of course bringing with them tales of adventure and mass mayhem.

Yup, it's those hip potatoheads from So. Cal., those spreaders of the freestyle faith — the BMX ACTION Trick Team.

We envy the life of these dudes — travelling to new and unusual places like Peru (Indiana), Rome (Georgia), and Paris (Texas). Eating exotic foods (they found out Taco Bell was a national franchise), and meeting interesting people (we promised not to say anything about the girls). Traveling across the U.S.

of A. in a motorhome (for about eight million miles), and bringing home great memories (and a half ton of dirty socks).

How did they feel about being on the road for over 50 days? They loved it. Well, maybe with the exception of a REAL close call on the highway en route home. They were pulled over on the side of the road when an 18 wheeler swerved off the road and completely totalled the trainer and Mo, the name the Trick Team tagged on the motorhome.

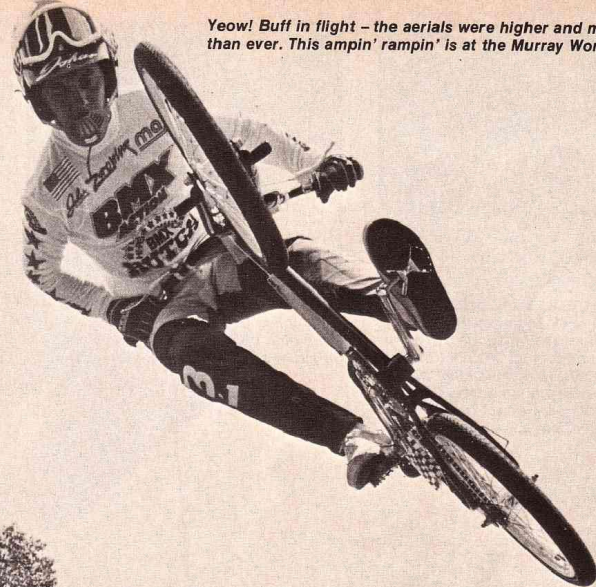
Luckily someone in the group was watching for oncoming traffic and everyone got away from Mo before the crunch.

R.L. commented, "The reason we were pulled over was because of engine troubles — Mo was fallin' apart, and the truck just finished the

job. Insurance is gonna cover it, so we'll get all new stuff by the next tour."

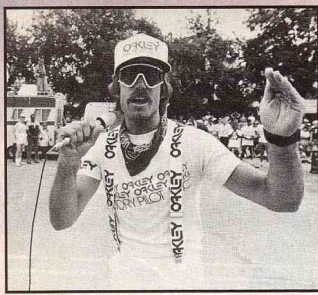
Back to the reason they left town in the first place — their trick shows. The BMX ACTION Trick Team is a joy and a blessing to behold, and if you EVER get a chance to check 'em out, DO IT. You'll hate yourself if you don't, 'cause they blaze! Every year their shows get cleaner, sharper and more INTENSE. This year was no exception. PLUS, just like always, they always come back with some RAD new tricks. Unreal stuff!

Enough talk — now for a RADICAL visual interlude. For your viewing pleasure we bring you — The BMX ACTION Trick Team's summer vacation . . . er, excuse us, we mean tour.

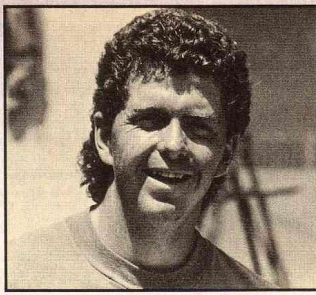


Yeow! Buff in flight — the aerials were higher and more radical than ever. This ampin' rampin' is at the Murray World Cup.

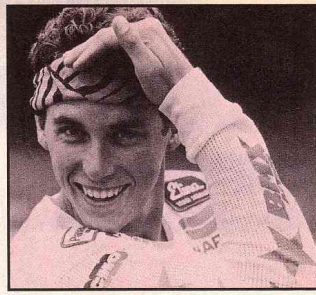




Of course the Trick Team wouldn't be complete without the infamous Duke. He did ALL the announcing, MOST of the driving, NONE of the complaining, and MOST all the swoopin' on babes. That's what you call a near-perfect traveling companion. Cool dude.



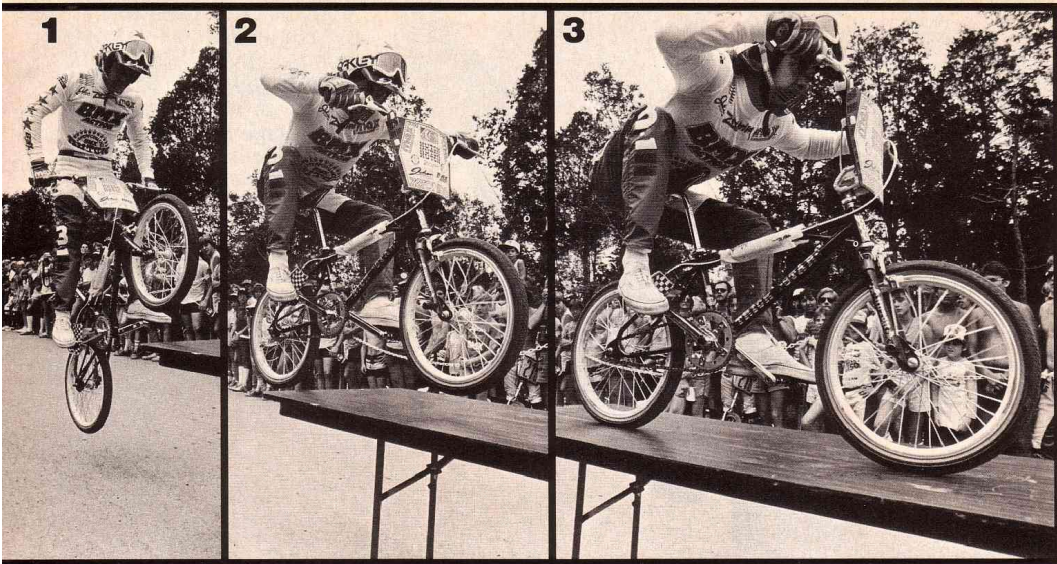
Buffy made up for all the complaining Dana didn't do, and Winkle, who is Buff's girlfriend's brother, did ALL the work.



Captain Osborn. While The Duke was driving, R.L., Buff, and Winkle would sit in the back of the motorhome and, get this, play video games on the TV and watch movies on the VCR. Them's pretty rough travellin' conditions.



Yup, the Trick Team was pickin' up both MASSIVE air and MASSIVE crowds. This crowd's in Rockville, Maryland. They were getting an average of 500 to 1000 people per show, but in Rockville, which was their biggest show, the spectator count was over 2000! Check out all the press people – the Nerd Herd were featured in the Washington Post (Isn't that the same paper that uncovered Watergate?). Not too shabby.



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Ah yes, Buffy's specialty, the ol' bunny-hop-onto-the-table-trick. For all you inquisitive folks, the table's top is 31 inches high. Nashville.



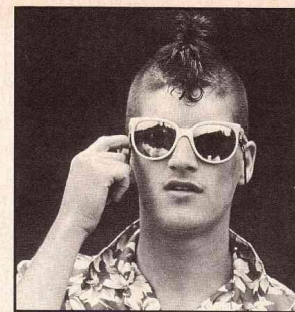
Did they have a good time? Do police crave handing out speeding tickets? Do monkeys swing from tree to tree? Does a bear poop in the woods?



X'ed up kick turn action from Raccoon Lips. You know how when you're doing a Wilton you crank the bars around 180 degrees with just one hand? Well, R.L. has a new variation where he just keeps going and spins 'em around in a complete 360 before setting the front tire down and riding out of it. You've got to see it to believe it.

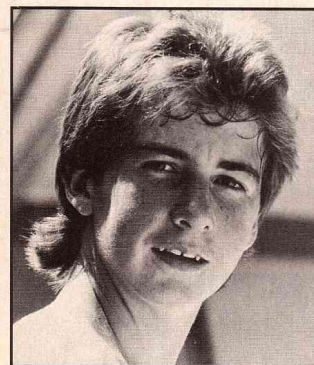


Classic gut lever - don't EVEN try this one with out your skid lid and pads, it's a total power move. After doin' about, oh, 1,257 or so on tour, you can bet R.L. has 'em wired.



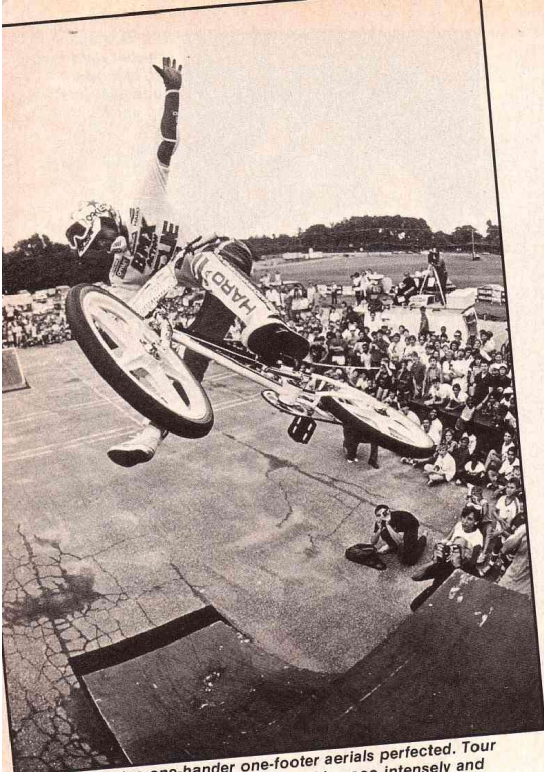
This rare Spiney-Crested Hard-Core Urbanite was spotted at one of the shows.

Buff-o-Matic usin' his new fork pegs to do front wheel hops somewhere back east. Mike pulled off the best practical joke of the tour when he put a huge bucket of ice water on top of a slightly open door - and Winkle, the head man of the tour's support crew, walked in. Voila. Instant ice water shower. You KNOW Buff was REAL. cautious about walkin' into rooms for the rest of the tour.



Hey, isn't that the infamous Winkle, who served as the main punching bag, equipment coordinator, victim of practical jokes, and tour T-shirt salesman? Yup. And did he love every minute of it? You bet. You know why they call him Winkle? It's 'cause when he was little his ears were so big everyone thought he looked like Bullwinkle.





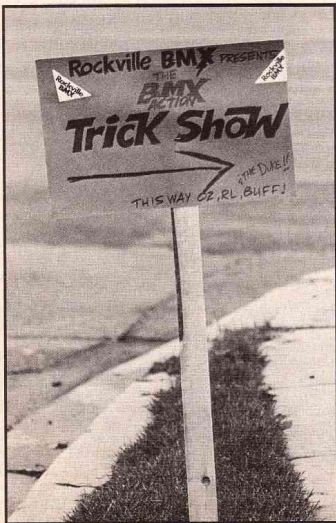
Yup, R.L. has his one-hander one-footer aerials perfected. Tour always does that to these guys - they ride sooo intensely and often that they wire new tricks ULTRA-FAST!



Just before shows start it's like a zoo. People taking their places, photographers gettin' in last minute mug shots. Hectic. Everything always falls together just before the action starts.



Towards the end of the tour their shows became machine like - complete precision and finesse. Rad Lad and a track stand variation.



When the Trick Team was in Maryland, EVERYBODY knew it. Cool signs, huh?



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