



This was shot moments after Capt. Kevin Krebs assembled his new Worksman bicycle. In the background is Saddam's former palace.

## THIS IS WAR BY ALAINA GONZALES

### Helping the war effort, one ride at a time

America's oldest bicycle manufacturer teams up with *Kickstand* to send a Worksman cruiser to a J.A.G. officer in Iraq

When Ann Krebs first contacted *Kickstand Magazine* she had a simple request: did we have any connections "willing to donate a cruiser (does not have to be nice or even new)" to her husband, Captain Kevin Krebs, stationed at Camp Victory in Iraq?

Ann explained, "He would like to have a bike there to ride around. He said that the BX/PX (their goods store) sells them when they get them in every so often but they go like hot cakes. He said he just wants a simple one-speed bike...nothing fancy."

Eager to help, we contacted our friends at Queens, NY-based Worksman Trading Corp. (aka Worksman Cycles) and asked them if they would be interested in lending a hand. The company was more than happy to oblige and they shipped a bicycle to Ann in Wyoming so she could send the cruiser, along with a care package, to Kevin.

"This is an exciting project. Rather than custom

making a cruiser, we are supplying a standard issue Worksman...we really did not need to do much in the way of modifications, as the bike is super sturdy already. Believe me, it will impress," said Worksman's Wayne Sosin.

The cruiser, model M2600, is made in the USA and features a fully lugged and hand-brazed industrial frame, exclusive Worksman clincher steel wheels, and a Shimano coaster brake, among other durable components. Because the bicycle's components are heavy duty, it should have no problem handling anything the Captain or Iraq can throw at it.

Founded in 1898 in New York City by Morris Worksman, a Russian immigrant, Worksman Cycles' mission is to provide the finest, toughest, American-made bicycles and tricycles in the world. For more info on the company, visit [worksmancycles.com](http://worksmancycles.com).

## where we'd like to be

# EVENTS

### Bike Florida

Bike Florida is a weeklong, fully supported bicycle camping tour along the state's scenic country roads. Leisurely paced, this year's tour is of Florida's greenways and blueways from DeLand to Flagler Beach to Daytona Beach to New Smyrna Beach. This is mostly a road bike event, but we imagine it's ripe for a cruiser contingent!



March 27-April 2 • [bikeflorida.org](http://bikeflorida.org)

### San Jose Bike Party

Have you ever wanted to ride around San Jose? This enormous ride is the envy of many people around the globe. Visit the group's site for route directions and helpful lists on gear and supplies.



Monthly • San Jose, CA • [sjbikeparty.org](http://sjbikeparty.org)



### Kansas City Tweed Ride

In the spirit of "The Golden Age of Bicycles," The Goodly Bros. Bicycle Restoration Project is hosting the inaugural Kansas City Tweed Ride - Velocipede & Tweed Indeed. Riders are encouraged to dress in their finest turn-of-the-century era wools, tweeds, silks and argyles. The event also included prizes for riders and their machines as well as refreshments of tea and biscuits.

April 3 • KC, MO • [kctweedindeed.wordpress.com](http://kctweedindeed.wordpress.com)

### The Bicycle Show

Pedal Nation Events presents a two-wheel-focused event to promote and celebrate all things related to bicycling. Exhibitors will be showing the latest in frames, gear, apparel and more, along with ride events and workshops.



April 10-11 • Portland, OR • [pedalnationevents.com](http://pedalnationevents.com)



### Blessing of the Bikes

Cyclists of all faiths (or lack thereof) are invited to bring their bicycles inside the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine for a short blessing and a dash of holy water. Hey, when was the last time you were invited to take your bicycle inside a massive Gothic Revival cathedral?

April 10 • New York, NY • [bicycleshows.us](http://bicycleshows.us)

### Ann Arbor Bicycle Show



With more than 7,000 bicycles on display this is considered the "biggest, oldest and best" classic bicycle show/swap in the USA don't miss event!

April 25 • Ann Arbor, MI  
[ann-arbor-bicycleshow.com](http://ann-arbor-bicycleshow.com)

