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## 1986 Charlie Cunningham Indian #CBC

Charlie Cunningham built this Indian mountain bike for himself around 1986 as a "mid-length" model, with shorter than normal stays. It was an unusual frame setup in that it got a tall 7" headtube with the intention from the start that the bike would be used with drop handlebars, thus minimizing the height of the stem. Being a personal bike for someone that is a finesse rider, the frame was built with a lightweight tube set normally found on the Cunningham Team race bikes. It is likely the only bike Charlie ever set up for himself with WTB/Specialized RM-2 drop bars, as he preferred bars with a lot less flare. The bike shows a lot of personal details and special modifications, about 50 in total. This bike appeared in some promotional material, and was used by Charlie on a fair amount for extended rides, including a trip to Baja. More recently this bike participated in the 36th Pearl Pass Tour.

More information about Charlie Cunningham bicycles can be found on the Charlie Cunningham Photo Archive page.

## The Build

Year: 1986 S/N: #CBC

Frame: Cunningham Indian

Fork: Cunningham Type II, 110 Spacing

Stem: Cunningham LD

Headset: Modified Edco Competition

Bottom Bracket: Cartridge Bearing Grease Guard Handlebar: Modified WTB / Specialized RM-2 Shifters: Modified Suntour Power Shifters

Front Derailleur: Shimano M700 Rear Derailleur: Shimano 600 SIS Brake Levers: Modified Shimano 600 Front Brake: Cunningham Rollercam Rear Brake: Cunningham Rollercam Crankset: Specialized Touring

Chainrings: Specialized Sugino 28-36-44

Pedals: Suntour XC Compe

Hubs: Wilderness Trail Bikes Grease Guard

Rims: Specialized GX23

Tires: Specialized Hardpack 2.2

Wheel QR: Cunningham Slow-Release
Seatpost: Cunningham Fixed Angle
Saddle: Specialized Lambda
Seatpost QR: Cunningham

Bar Tape: Velox
Chain: Suntour Gold

Cogs: Modified Suntour Winner Pro Freewheel

Bottle Cage: Specialized





































































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