

Team Spine News

2006 Begins with Tragic Loss of Teammate

The year began with news of a death. On New Year's Day, 2006, Team Spine's Dan Plummer was struck and killed by a tree that fell during a violent storm. Dan was out on a training ride when the tree was blown down onto him; teammate Eric Salzman, who was riding with Dan, stayed on the scene all day to alert and assist emergency crews.



Dr. Daniel J. Plummer was not only a tireless, fierce and selfless teammate, but a dear friend. He considered his teammates a second family and we felt as strongly about him.

Dan held an Sc.B. with Honors from Brown University and a Ph.D. from U.C. San Diego, where he had also served on the faculty of the School of Medicine. He authored or co-authored over 25 science articles and held numerous patents. In his personal life, he was an expert photographer and had another life as a recorded musical artist.

During the too-short time we had with him on the team, Dan won the state title in the tandem time trial, but he was more proud in his vital role in helping his teammates take many of their victories, including other district titles.

He is survived by his parents, Hugh and Marie; his brother, Scott; and his sister, Lisa.

A scholarship fund has been established in Dan Plummer's memory due to his passion for higher education. Please send donations to:


Walpole Scholarship Fund
Suite #9
3 West Street
Walpole, MA 02081

On January 15th, Team Spine organized a memorial ride for Dan. The ride passed by the site of the accident, where riders placed flowers, and continued on, following the route of one of Dan's favorite rides. Between 200 and 300 people from the cycling community participated. We have plans to hold an annual memorial ride every 1 January, departing at 9 am from Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, California.

Though Dan was an empiricist, the loss we face cannot be measured.

Please plan on joining us next year to honor his memory. We will be racing the 2006 season in his name.



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