



*The World's Toughest Bicycle Race*

## Team Save Buzzards Bay

In June, Jim LeBelle and Tim Bryant of Westport, MA, Chaney Becker of Taos, NM and Chris Lake of Yarmouth, MA, will embark on an extraordinary journey that will test the utmost limits of their physical endurance, mental resilience and commitment to a cause. Recently Jim had the good fortune of joining forces with his racing friends Tim, Chaney and Chris who together they have set a new goal to not only compete yet win the 4-person category in the Race Across America 2009! In addition they are very pleased to announce their charity title sponsor The Coalition For Buzzards Bay.

As competitors in the 2009 Race Across America (RAAM), they will hop on a bicycle and pedal on their



own power with a team of 10 crew members across the length of the American continent, 3,000 miles from Pacific to Atlantic, stopping to sleep only when necessary.

Jim started cycling competitively at the young age of seven. He raced BMX and Mountain Bikes professionally and has enjoyed expert level Road bicycle racing from 30 to 35 years old. Jim is now married and a father of an eight year old daughter and 5 year old son. He will be 36 when he competes in RAAM 2009. It is Jim's love for

cycling and genuine desire to set goals and succeed which is a very powerful inspiration. He and his wife own and operate Village Bicycle, Westport, Massachusetts' family bicycle store. During a wellness seminar they provided for the community Jim became motivated to accomplish his life-long goal to compete in the Race Across America.

Tim Bryant lives here in Westport with his wife and two young boys. Tim is a talented Architect with his primary office in New York City. He shares the same tremendous love for cycling, community, environment and vision for our beautiful beaches, shoreline and spectacular farm landscape that you can only find in Southern Massachusetts.

Chaney Becker lives in Taos, New Mexico where he and his girlfriend operate a vacation rental home business. Chaney is an avid cyclist and enjoys racing in the warmer months. Chaney is a native Westport resident and his mother still lives here in town. He looks forward to helping support our race goals while helping preserve and protect the Buzzards Bay watershed.

Chris Lake is a student of mechanical engineering at UMASS Dartmouth and works at Village Bicycle. Chris lives in Yarmouth, MA and has been a strong supporter of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay having already completed last year's Watershed Ride to help raise money for Save Buzzards Bay. Chris will have

a mission on the team to help lift the overall average speed during some of the toughest sections of terrain. This will be the most challenging cycling event he has ever entered and said he can't wait to help the team win.

Jim, Tim, Chaney and Chris will be racing with a goal to increase awareness for cycling in our community and to raise money for the Coalition For Buzzards Bay to help us protect & preserve the watershed. When they are 65 years old they know this will be something they won't regret. "Hopefully this will inspire our children to chase their dreams and live life with great ambitions." Team SaveBuzzardsBay.org wants to prove that anything is possible when you set your mind to it and anyone can overcome struggles so that you can live your dream.

Our website is [www.TeamSaveBuzzardsBay.org](http://www.TeamSaveBuzzardsBay.org)

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