

Bike in back of truck, tailgate-open, dip-bump in freeway, custom-black A. Homer Hilsen launched out, 3-4 cars had whacks at it and dragged it, here's whathappened. Somewhere in al of this is a testament to steel, right? It can be recycled. It could be repaired, although only the seatstays escaped. Happened on May 23.



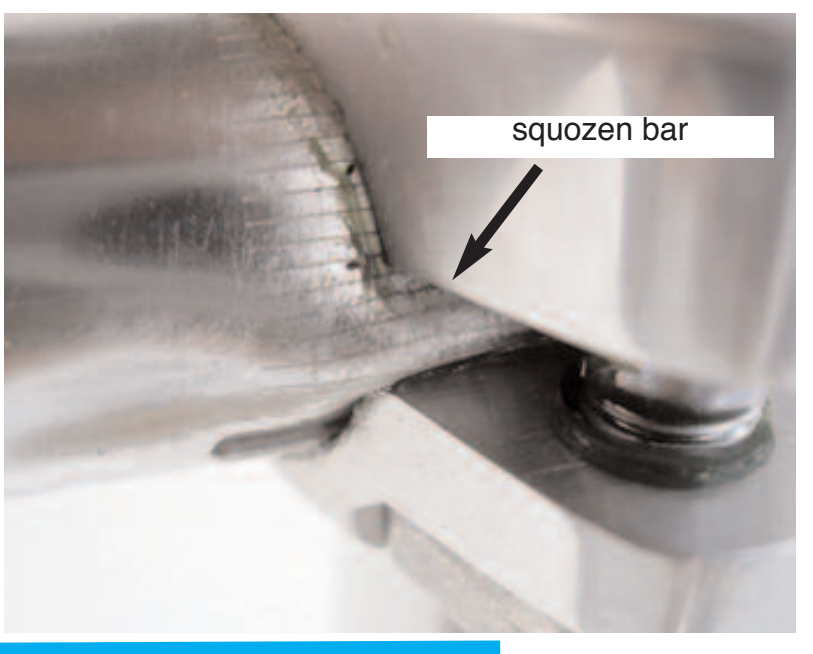
left, flattened 'jo fender. Above, the fork-rack rig.



Crank above, rack, bag, Honjo fender & fancy light right



fork crown, blade



squozen bar



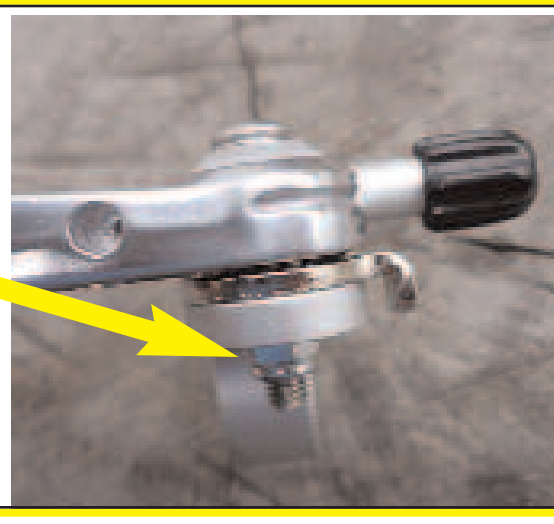
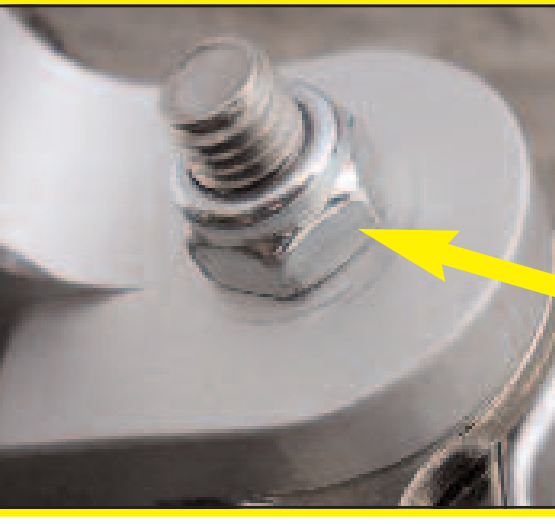
mating surfaces way off.



osteopath pushed it back into place. It's even better now, so no pins or anything. cast below.

Three weeks or so ago I crashed & broke my thumb and it's fine & all, but it curbs my posts here and writing anywhere a lot, and so this one's mainly pix. In 3-4 weeks I'll get the cast off and should be fine. I scoot around now, and not baf, but I sure look forward to my bike again.

**Splats News**  
 Here's V.2. They'll be symmetrical. Yesterday I scooted in the rain down to my X-ray appt i version 1 (different back), and they work great. These have a new attach system, in back and to secure the top. We'll prolly have two sizes. They'll be super plain, nearly featureless, ultra well-made, and as affordable as we can make 'em.



**Silver shifters on Paul Thumbies**

The pointed-out nylock nut is key; otherwise, loosening ensues. Ideally the lever would be dog-legged like a Shimano lever, but that's a First World Whine, that, and shown here it works fine. Shown with the plastic washer, but now they come also with the complex-and-yet-more-superb 3-pc washer set, as a supplement. Silver shifters are our pride and joy, and one of our best things. Amazing that people still buy friction shifters, but one try usually will convince anybody.