

What do you get the cyclist who has everything for Christmas? Your family and friends may wonder. You could be brazen and leave a copy of Cycle magazine on the coffee table, open to the review of something that's caught your eye, with a Post-It note stuck to it.

But if you've been a cyclist for years and years there may be nothing you particularly want or need. Or rather, the things you do need are mundane consumables like oil, brake pads, or a replacement chain. They're not exciting yet form part of a priceless gift: cycling! A functional bike means you can keep pedalling through to spring.

Well, assuming this winter isn't a repeat of the last one. What do I really want for Christmas? Roads and trails that don't disappear under sheet ice for weeks on end; days when the temperature climbs significantly above zero and stays there. If it turns all Arctic again I suppose there's always next year's rides to plan instead. But for now, I'm dreaming of a not-white Christmas.

Enjoy the festive season. And don't forget, in the Yuletide hurly-burly, to send in your voting form about the future of CTC. All will go into a prize draw, so you might end up with a surprise cyclingrelated present after all.



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