

Croatia Is NOT Flat

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Who's idea was this anyway?
The challenge of riding in a land far away.
We gathered to propose an attractive route,
From Venice through Slovenia to Zagreb—what a hoot.

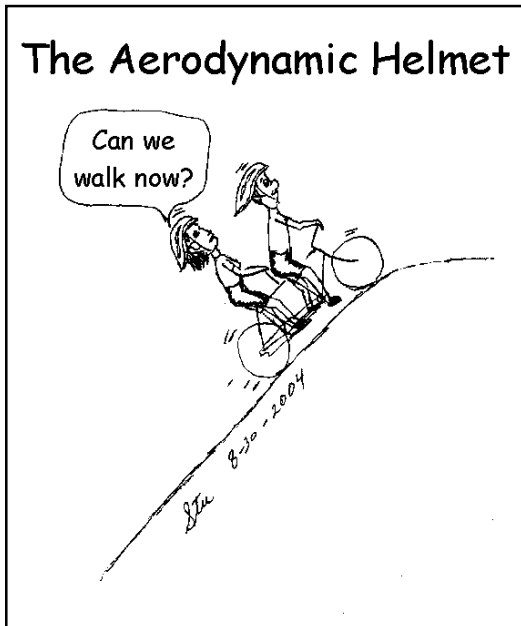
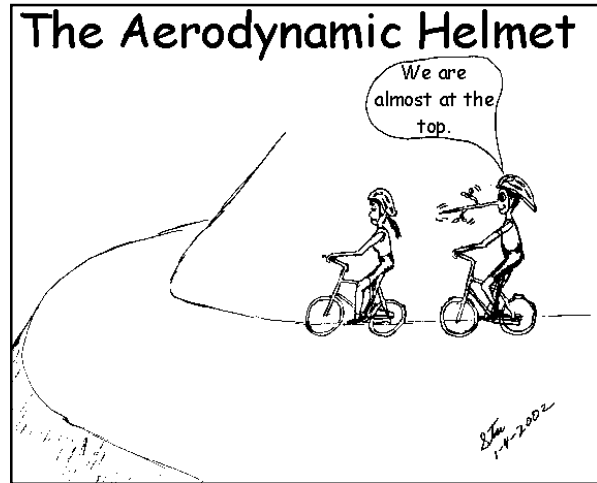
Nineteen Cronies arrived in Croatia
By plane, train and car with stories to amaze ya.
Decked out in jerseys of red, white and blue.
The first night it rained now what will we do?

Our Spanish lead guide — Juan by name
Would hold a meeting each night to explain;
The route will be only 60 Ks more or less,
With a 15% grade and just a few rollers at best.

No problem he would say,
It's a "piece of cake" and a beautiful day.

Andro and Juan each morning would put down
White chalk arrows to guide us through town.
We passed fields with farms and quaint villages galore.
The natives were friendly — could you ask for more?

We'd view sights that were simply amazing,
From Roman ruins to cathedrals and sheep on hills grazing.
A picnic lunch of bread, tomato and Pag cheese,
Andro had obtained from the locals with ease.



Most of the roads were narrow and steep
But views of the Adriatic and ferry rides can't be beat.
The people were friendly and the seafood delicious.
Now how many vegetarians are there with us?

Up the mountain in pouring rain,
"It is what it is" was Juan's frequent refrain.
Then down and down a 12% grade at that
Remember, Juan would say, Croatia's not flat.

We pedaled through Kirk and Zadar and Split,
Then on through Sibinik, Kortula and Duvrovnik.
With cappuccino and latte filling our veins,
At day's end Gelato -- the best reward remains.

Viewing Dubrovnik's red tiles in the afternoon sun
Would be our memory for a job well done.
Only 630 Ks and not so hard to achieve,
"A piece of cake" — my friends and Cronies Believe!!