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Comments: I grew up on a bicycle. As a young man with 2 working parents living in a small town. I would spend days in the summer on the bike. It was my freedom. When school started it was my transportation to and from school. It was also was the means for my first job. A paper route. That job paid for several new bikes. When turning 16 the bike days were gone. It was cars and life till around 45 years old. Then diagnosed with high blood pressure, over weight and joint problems. Advised by my Dr to exercise and lose weight. Found out some friends were riding road bikes. Bought a road bike and joined them. After a few years. Also purchased a Mountain Bike. We would ride road in the summer. When weather cools bugs and snakes go away. We move to woods.

In my late 50s the knees finally gave out. I give cycling the credit for them lasting as long as they did. Had one knee replaced in July the other in November of the same year

Returned to road riding the following spring. For the following few years struggled but still maintained riding.

Some days would go out with friends. After the usual 30 minutes or so to warm up. Would have to say. Sorry guys knees don't have it today. Go ahead catch you next time. I would let then go on. While turning around and going back in. Frustrating and disheartening.

Spring before last the research started on Ebikes to resolve this issue.

Purchased my first one that spring. A road bike. It changed everything. I call it my equalizer. Good knee Days. No boost or little. Bad days i can adjust for it. Get to ride with friends and no worries. Started looking for the cool weather solution. Purchased the mountain bike late summer. Love both bikes.

Before the Ebikes. At 62. Thought the quality bike riding in my life was over.

After a year and and one half with the bikes. I can see many more years of riding.

I would like to continue to have the option to ride my mountain bike with my friends on trails. Please support class one ebikes on trails. I need my equalizer. AS they age I can also see my friends moving also to one.