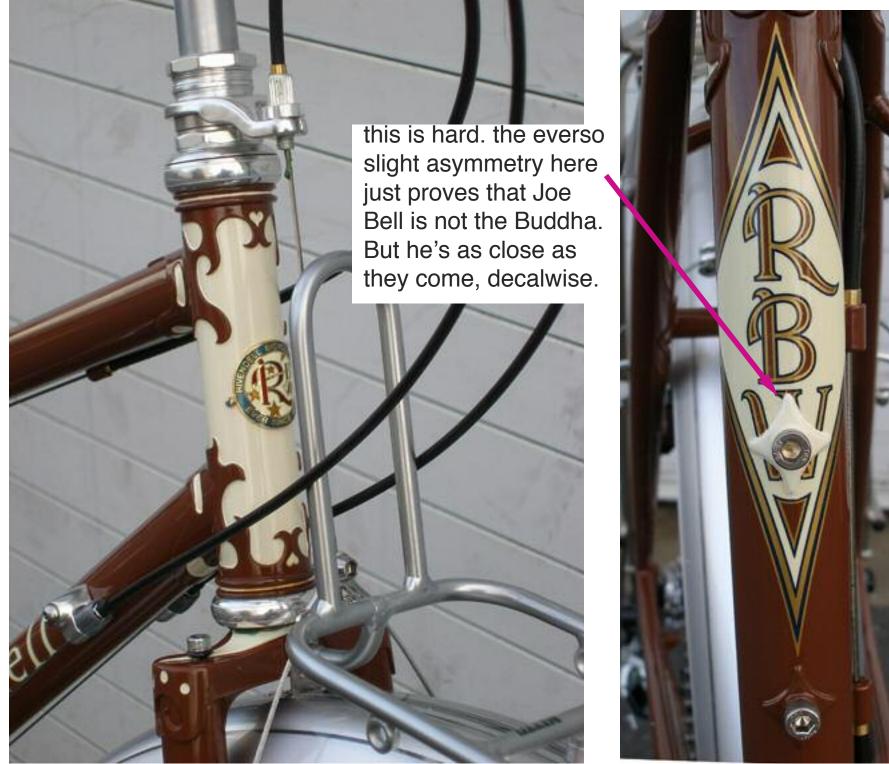
A customer ordered a custom mountain bike mixte, in some kind of brown, and you're seeing it at the same time or even maybe before he is. It's more impressive in bike than in pixels or whatever, and it rides great. Everybody here wants one, nearly, but nobody can afford it. Mark did a great job putting it together, and the other Mark (Nobillete) did his always clever and masterful work, and Joe Bell who always paints and applies decals well almost nearly stole the show with his seat tube decal-water bottle boss interferenc workaround.



this is hard. the everso slight asymmetry here just proves that Joe Bell is not the Buddha. But he's as close as they come, decalwise.



We haven't tried to sell customs since 2001, a whole decade ago. The orders trickle in, usually from those who already own a Hilsen or Atlantis or Rambouillet. The wait time is down to about 7 months now, and we can try again, with a paper brochure and more emphasis on our site. Customs start at \$3,000, but that's way too cheap for the actual cost of them. Starting 2011 they'll be \$3,500. It's the only way we can do 'em, but it doesn't take much of a look around to see the value there. By 2011 prices for fancy bikes, it's cheap. But if you order before Jan 1 with a non-refundable/non-transferable \$500 deposit, they'll still be \$3,000 for frame, fork, headset. We will accept just five more orders at this price, and only until the end of this year. Deposit holds it; we can work on the details next year,