

... SPOTLIGHT ON ...

Jerry's Bike Barn in Berwick

Jerry Morin opened a bike repair shop in Berwick last summer, a few years after retiring from a corporate job. The business gives him a way to keep busy and earn a little money while pursuing his passion for bicycling.

Morin always enjoyed working with his hands to repair cars and other machines. "When I turned 50, I started biking in a lot of long distance charity rides, partly for health, partly for enjoyment," Morin said. He's done the 350-mile AIDS Ride and the American Diabetes Association's New England Classic bike ride, covering 550 miles in seven days.

After retiring from Eastman Kodak, Morin took a month-long course at the Barnett Bicycle Institute in Colorado Springs. He outfitted the barn near his home with counters and workbenches and quietly set up shop last July. He's only recently begun advertising.

Morin's son, a hospital administrator, helps him at the

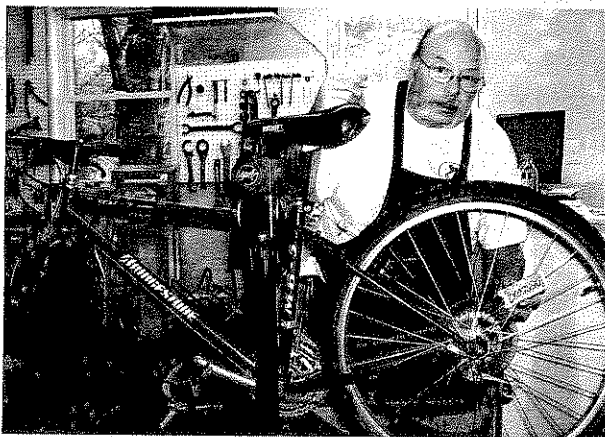
shop on weekends. Otherwise, he works alone. While Jerry's Bike Barn is too small to stock bikes for sale, Morin will special order anything that his customers request.

"I have low overhead...so I'm able to keep my per-hour cost low," he said. Morin services all types of bicycles, from low-end, department store models to carbon-fiber bikes, comfort bikes, kids' bikes and mountain bikes.

Morin joined the Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) and went through BCM's Bicycle Safety Teacher Training course. During the spring, he taught a bicycle safety class at a school in Old Orchard Beach.

Morin also volunteers as a wrench at charity events such as the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure rides in Kennebunk and Portsmouth and the New England Classic. "I'm willing to go out on any charitable tour and offer my services," he said.

Jerry's Barn is located at 27 Tyler Lane, Berwick. For more information, call 752-0580 or visit www.jerrysbikebarn.com.



Jerry Morin started Jerry's Bike Barn in Berwick after retiring from the corporate world. Photo by Gail Morin

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