

**DATES NEWS**

**Joe Pool Cool Ride**  
**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 am**  
Lynn Creek Marina on Lake Joe Pool

The "Joe Pool Cool Ride", hosted by George and Pauline Patterson, starts at the Lynn Creek Marina (about 24 miles south of downtown Dallas) on Lake Joe Pool at 9 am on Saturday (yes – Saturday), November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Take I-35, then US 67 south from Dallas to I-20, then west to Greater Southwest Parkway. Signs will lead south to the marina.

Routes will be 25-40 miles across parts of three counties, with the option of climbing (ugh) and descending (yee-hah) the White Rock Escarpment, or "Big Ma-moo". We'll have optional stops at the Dallas Nature Center, a DQ in beautiful downtown Cedar Hill, and Britton Park. On a clear day you can see Ft. Worth skyline from Lake Ridge Parkway, so let's hope the weather cooperates!

Lunch will be at the scenic and scrumptious Oasis Restaurant at the marina. Call 214-342-2260 for more information; November weather is unpredictable, so check if there's a question. (No ride if raining.) Hope to see you there!

**Two Flags Ride**  
**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am**  
Grayson County Courthouse, Sherman, TX

The annual November Two Flags Ride is set this year for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Our newest newlyweds Tom & Brenda Shaddox will lead us on this delightful rural route of approximately 48 miles. We'll meet at the courthouse square in Sherman; please note the later start time this year. The ride gets its name from crossing over into Oklahoma (territory under a different flag) and has become a DATES classic. With the recent rains, we're hoping for above average fall color (and sunshine!) this year.

For our metric and half century riders who missed the infamous bridge on the shorter routes of the DATES Century of the Millennium, the Two Flags ride covers the north end of the full century route and crosses the bridge. Hope to see you there!

**Veterans Day Ride**  
**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm**  
Richardson Bike Mart – Garland Road Location

Jim & Rhonda Hoyt will lead us on a casual city ride of 35 to 40 miles. We'll leave from the Garland Road location of Richardson Bike Mart (9040 Garland Road, Dallas, TX 75218, 214-321-0705) at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The route is a surprise, but will include paying our respects at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Fair Park and a stop for lunch somewhere along the way. Maps will be provided. Come on out and get to know Dallas a little better and experience the unique delights of urban riding.

**Christmas Lights Ride**  
**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm**  
Snider Plaza

Meet at Snider Plaza (one block west of Hillcrest and Lovers Lane) on Sunday, December 8, 2002 at 5:30 pm and leave promptly at 6 pm. Scott & Mindy Mashburn will lead us through Highland Park for approximately 1 hour enjoying the lights and decorations. Feel free to decorate your bike and wear a holiday outfit. Bicycle lights are required! Everyone must have a headlight and (preferably flashing) tail lights.

After the ride, we will gather at Penne Pomodoro Italian Bistro, 6815 Snider Plaza Blvd. near the corner of Milton St., where we will have dinner. There will be appetizers, salad, choice of pasta, chicken, or salmon entree, and dessert for \$18.95 per person. Drinks are extra. If you don't want to ride, just come for dinner at 7 pm! Don't forget to bring your "white elephant" gift to dazzle, delight (or disgust?) the lucky recipient!

We'll also have a "mini-meeting" to discuss the details of the annual meeting.

Please RSVP to Scott and Mindy Mashburn at 214-904-9189 or e-mail [scott.mashburn@globalknowledge.com](mailto:scott.mashburn@globalknowledge.com) so we can get a head count for dinner. Come and wish your fellow DATES "Happy Holidays!"

**DATES Elections**

It is time to recommend, nominate, and/or volunteer for DOUBLE DATES officer positions for the year 2003.

So far we have:

- DATES Coordinators - Team Hunt volunteer
- DATES-LINE editors - ???
- Ride Coordinators - Team Henbest volunteer
- Membership Coordinators - Team Kemp volunteer
- Treasurers - Team Boggess volunteer
- Secretary - ???
- Web site - Team Vinson volunteer

Please nominate your team or others for any position.

Please, puhleese, give us some ideas for the positions that have no current volunteers.

Just because some teams have volunteered for some positions, don't be shy, volunteer for one and let's have a real election. A contest. Perry vs. Sanchez. Spend million\$ on your campaign. Make our upcoming annual meeting the "most interesting" ever. Or... just help your club and become an officer in DOUBLE DATES.

From all of us, our sincere appreciation to all teams who have served in the past year(s): Team HudsonCroy, Team McManus-Cole and Team Hering. Continuing thanks to all teams that have volunteered for another year: Team Hunt, Team Kemp, Team Boggess, and Team Vinson. DOUBLE DATES is a great club because of the willingness of the past and current volunteers to get involved and make it so.

Please respond to John and Sandy (Team) Henbest by email or telephone (972-625-5244).

**DATES-LINE Editor Farewell**

With more than a little bit of reluctance, Bruce and I have decided it's time to let someone else take the helm on our newsletter, DATES-LINE. For the past 3+ years we've done our best to bring you an interesting and informative newsletter. But recently we've noticed that each month's issue is just a carbon copy of the prior month. We are getting stale and the newsletter shows it. We have appealed, cajoled, badgered and begged and you all have come through so that every month we've been able to go to press on schedule with a full issue. But our creativity just isn't there any more. I guess we need a rest. So it's time to bring in a new team with fully flowing creative juices to breathe new life into our newsletter. All interested teams should contact Team Henbest (972-625-5244, jmhenbest@attbi.com).

**Electronic DATES-LINE**

Thanks to our outstanding Webmaster Team Vinson, we now can offer an electronic version of the full-blown newsletter. Each month the newsletter will be converted to a PDF file format and put out on the Double DATES website ([www.doubledates.com](http://www.doubledates.com)). Anyone who wants it can go to the website (click on the Membership tab and scroll down) and view or download the newsletter in its entirety – better even than the version mailed in that it will be in color (provided you print it on a color printer if you want a hard copy).

When you renew your membership (renewal forms will be sent out with the next newsletter), you'll have the option of receiving the newsletter electronically only. If you select that option, you will no longer receive the newsletter via US mail. You will be notified when the newsletter is available (earlier than you would receive it by mail) and you can read it online or download it from the Double DATES website. You'll have the most up-to-date info on what's going on and save the club the expensive postage costs.

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## Meeting Report: Business Meeting & Social Sunday, October 13, 2002

Location: Home of Kris and Chuck Carlson

Attendees: 10 teams were represented

DATE-LINE Editors, Bruce Hudson and Carol Croy, will publish a separate November newsletter rather than a combined November/December issue. ONE-LIST (DATES1 email) will be used to notify members of rides that are not submitted in time for publication. The full PDF version of the newsletter is now available on the DATES website. Kevin will put a counter on the web page to determine the number of "hits" the page is getting. The DATES renewal form will be included in the December DATES-LINE issue. Changes to the form will include a check box for members to select waiving receipt of a printed form of the newsletter. The form will also have a check box for members who wish to permit and submit a team photograph to be included on the website. Team Hudson-Croy has declined to run for re-election as Editors in 2003.

Reporting for Ride Coordinators, Team McManus-Cole, Don Hunt announced that Team Mashburn will lead the Christmas Lights Ride in December. The location and date will be announced. Team McManus-Cole has declined to run for re-election as Ride Coordinators in 2003.

Membership Coordinators, Franklin and Tricia Kemp, reported there are currently 115 team members. Tom Shaddox submitted three new member applications received as a result of his Century Ride. Team Kemp will run for re-election as Membership Coordinators in 2003.

Treasurers, Jerry and Laurie Boggess, reviewed the club's financial position. The Club is meeting its goal to operate at break-even cash flow. Team Boggess will run for re-election (for one more year) as Treasurers in 2003.

Secretaries, Tony and Colleen Hering, have declined to run for re-election as Secretaries in 2003.

Website, Kevin and Linda Vinson will continue to act as webmasters in 2003.

Hotline – Warren and Audre Casteel will continue to man the hot line and maintain DATES1 email distribution in 2003.

Dates Coordinators, Don and D'Ann Hunt, will run for re-election as DATES Coordinators in 2003, but welcome challengers for the office.

Team Henbest will run for the office of Ride Coordinators commencing March 2003. Team Glenz offered to act as Ride Coordinator backup.

Aspects of registering the DATES logo were debated. Teams Hunt and Carlson have agreed to unofficially seek legal

advice, but in the meantime it was unanimously voted to decline logo registration at this time.

It was unanimously voted that Linda and Reggie Bowers of TROLS be offered an honorary DATES membership (with completed and signed application), because of the great job they do organizing the TROLS rally every year. DATES members heavily attend the TROLS rally.

Committees for the annual meeting were formed as follows:

- o Location Committee: Kevin and Linda Vinson will find a location and will determine the optimal time and date for the annual meeting. The pre-pay method of payment for dinner will be used, again.
- o Nominating Committee: John and Sandy Henbest will request and track nominations for DATES offices.
- o Call Committee: Kris and Chuck Carlson will contact all club members to encourage attendance at the annual meeting.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 8, 2001, 5:30 p.m. (tentative date). Kevin and Linda Vinson in the Colony.

Topics for meeting agendas are always welcome and due one week prior to the meeting date. Submit suggestions to Team Hering or Team Hunt.

Submitted by Tony and Colleen Hering, Secretaries

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## Halloween Ride

Thanks to Warren and Audre Casteel for another great Halloween Ride. This year the Casteel's outdid themselves with porcelain-potties at the rest stops, an over-supply of Nutter-Butter's and tail wind both days. They must have scared off the cold and wet weather; we only had a little mist at the start and end on Sunday. And they were prepared for serious rain with three support vehicles ready to ferry us to dry destinations. As Chuck Carlson commented, "I feel like I'm on a commercial tour." Look out Backroads.

John McManus

## The 2002 Southern Tandem Rally *By Kevin Vinson*

Believe it or not, this is my first contribution to the DATES Newsletter, so wish me luck! Linda & I made the 10-hour trek to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi for the 2002 Southern Tandem Rally. Hank & Susan Holcomb of Diamondhead, Mississippi hosted this year's rally. We decided to attend this rally during the SWTR in Waco. A pamphlet announcing the rally was included in the packet. What a wonderful weekend it was!

We arrived in Bay St. Louis on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Casino Magic Inn and Tower provided lodging. When you drive into Bay St. Louis on US 90, you wouldn't know this casino even existed if not for the large neon marquis on the highway. The casino is tucked away off of the main drag and away from the coast, which was a pleasant surprise. Bay St. Louis has a population of approximately 8000 citizens and is located approximately 60 miles east of New Orleans and 30 miles west of Gulfport, Mississippi.

Old Downtown Bay St. Louis is situated right along the bay. Beach Boulevard runs along the bay and offers a beautiful view of the bay and adorable old homes. The intersection of Main Street and Beach Boulevard is the center of "Old Downtown". "Old Downtown" offers such attractions as restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and shopping. Linda and I took a relaxing stroll along the beach. It was a very calm evening, the moon reflecting off of the bay. After our stroll, we decided to take in one of the many restaurants located along Beach Boulevard.

As we made our way back to Beach Boulevard, we spotted a cute restaurant named The Central Station across the street from the beach. It was a quiet evening at the restaurant that night. We were seated in a little room off of the main area of the restaurant. We had the room to ourselves, except for a little gecko.

While setting at the table, Linda had noticed something on the windowsill. At first, Linda thought it was a plastic lizard until she noticed that it moved. For the rest of the time we were having dinner, the gecko was entertaining Linda. Linda even went as far as to try and feed it, but it wasn't interested in Linda's offering. Come to find out, it was monitoring the activities of an insect, which it eventually had for dinner.

As for our dinner, the food was very good and the service was excellent. This little restaurant had an excellent menu. Coincidentally, our waiter was a native Texan that moved to Bay St. Louis with his family three years ago. As a matter of fact, he was from Anna/Melissa area, north of McKinney.

After dinner, we took a little walk along Beach Boulevard. What a quaint little area. After that, we made our way back to the Inn for the evening.

On Friday morning, we went over to the Tower for breakfast. There is a restaurant in the casino that offers a breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffet. While in line, we met three of the teams from the Atlanta area. I even recognized one of the team captains by name from Tandem & Hobbs, the online tandem cycling forum, where he is an active participant in the online discussions. After the introductions, they invited us to join them for breakfast.

During the table discussions, Linda and I quickly discovered that these three teams were very strong. They invited us to ride with them and when we asked them what they average, they responded with a moderate 20 MPH pace. The group was very friendly and engaging. For Friday, there were two scheduled events. The first event was a tour of the StenniSphere NASA Center north of Bay St. Louis. When we told the group that we were going to attend the tour, one of the couples at breakfast asked if they could ride with us.

For the tour, we were supposed to meet at the Mississippi Visitor Center right off of Interstate 10. It's about a 30-minute drive to the Visitor Center. While at the center, we ran into Teams Boggess, Messina, Lucido, and Young (DATES members from Groveland, IL). From the center, we were transported to StenniSphere via a tour bus. We spent about two hours at the facility. We could have easily spent two more. It was very interesting to say the least.

While at StenniSphere, we were able to view live coverage of the Space Shuttle Atlantis and its return to Florida. There was a camera positioned in the cockpit of the Space Shuttle with a view of what the astronauts saw as they were making their approach to the runway. It's amazing what those astronauts are able to do with such a bulky vehicle. It was a very smooth landing.

After the tour, we made our way back to the Visitor's Center. From there we hooked up with the couple from Atlanta and drove back to the Inn to get ready for the 1:30 PM ride.

Hank & Susan Holcomb had three days of riding planned. Each day there were short, medium, and long distance rides. For the Friday ride, Linda and I chose the long ride, which was a 45-mile ride through Bay St. Louis, heading west through Waveland, Mississippi and back. The terrain was flat so the pace was very fast. There were approximately 12 teams that rode the long route. Half of those teams were from Georgia including the three teams we met that morning. Sure enough, they had their pace line going.

I am pleased to say that Linda and I held our own with them for most of the ride. For the long ride, there was a turnaround near an old marina in Waveland. While we were making the turnaround, one of the Georgia teams had a tube pop on them. The strange thing was, the team wasn't even on the bike. All of us decided to take a break and during that time, the tube popped. According to another team from Georgia, this was not an uncommon thing for this team. For some reason, they had been having problems with the rear tube.

Once the tube was changed out, we began the trip back to the Inn. Unfortunately for Linda and I, we didn't get off on the right foot. Once Linda had herself in place and rotated the pedals around for me, I clipped in and began my push off when I felt the bike lean to the right all of a sudden. After several seconds of fighting it, poor Linda was dumped on her seat. Fortunately, she was able to unclip herself before she was dropped. I have no idea what happened, but at least she wasn't hurt. As for the bike, it never went down. Go figure!

With the bad start, we spent the rest of the time playing catch up. We never were able to catch the lead pack (the Georgia teams). We got as close as 50 yards before we got hung up at a 4-way stop sign intersection. No matter, we had a great time and a wonderful ride. The scenery along the bay was very nice. Linda really fell in love with the beach and the homes that lined Beach Boulevard.

For Saturday's ride, Hank and Susan offered a 26, 36 or 46-mile route in the morning all ending in Diamondhead for lunch. Then a choice of 25, 30 or 35 miles back to Casino Magic was available in the afternoon. So you could select your own mileage for the day from 51 miles up to 81 miles or other combinations in between.

Linda and I took the 46-mile ride for the morning. For the most part, the route was very flat and the weather very good for riding. Again, we made it a personal goal

to keep up with the teams from Georgia. Again, I am pleased to say, we held our own. The ride took us to Diamondhead, Mississippi. The beginning of the ride took us along the bay through Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian. Once again, we saw some very old homes that were well taken care of. The route offered some very nice scenery.

The lunch was very nice. It was buffet style with plenty of food for everyone. After finishing up our lunch, we hooked up with Team Hunt. Originally, Linda and I had planned on doing the 25-mile ride back. After talking to Team Hunt, we decided to do a modified 30-mile ride back. It was a very nice ride. During the ride back, we hooked up with the couple from Auburn, Alabama. Part of the Saturday routes took us across the bay on the US 90 bridge. This bridge is a four-lane divided bridge, and since it is a US highway, there is a lot of traffic.

Anyway, while on the bridge, Team Hunt's competitive juices kicked in and the leisurely ride across the bridge turned into a sprint back to Bay St. Louis. Team Hunt and the team from Auburn sprinted out ahead while Linda and I brought up the rear. I took a glance at my computer and noticed we were moving along at approximately 25 MPH. The team from Auburn ended up pulling away. According to Don, his momentum was broken because D'Ann became fascinated with the fish jumping in the bay.

The team from Auburn was kind enough to wait for us on Beach Boulevard. From there, we made our way back to the Inn. Another day of good riding was completed. Once we took the bike back to the room, we threw on our swimsuits and went down to the pool and spa. We joined Teams Boggess, Messina, and Lucido in the spa. As time went on, more and more of the riders made their way down to the pool area. One of the Georgia couples has a 10-year old son. He became the life of the party at the pool.

Elliott is his name and he was kind enough to share his Nerf football with us. We ended up throwing that football around for about an hour. I think we made Elliott's day. One other thing to point out, Linda's inner child came out and she pushed Don into the pool, which at first is somewhat cool. Poor Don went in with his sunglasses. I imagine that Don will find a way to get back at Linda.

The day was capped off by a very nice banquet at the Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic. It was a very nice setting. It was a buffet-style dinner. The food was very good. After dinner, Charles Gray, executive director of the Hancock Historical Association, told a brief history of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Again, it was a very nice day spent with very nice people in a very nice place.

Sunday, the final day of the rally, the Holcomb's had mapped out three routes for all of us. Again, there was a short, medium, and long distance route for the riders to choose from. After our rides on Friday and Saturday, Linda and I decided we were going to do a very short, leisure ride. Since Team Hunt had spent two days riding on the Natchez Trace before arriving in Bay St. Louis on Friday, they suggested that we ride one of the Friday routes along the Bay instead of the planned route along US 90. Linda and I didn't have to think twice about that.

From the Inn, along with Team Hunt and Reggie & Linda Bowers of TROLS, we made our way to and along Beach Boulevard. This was a perfect way to spend the last day of the 2002 STR. Since this ride was much more leisurely as compared to Friday's hectic pace, Linda was able to take in more of the historic homes along Beach Boulevard. We made several stops along the route for "Kodak moments". The weather was a little overcast, which was great for the ride. We rode approximately 25 miles out and back.

Once we got back to the Inn, we put the bike back in the room and threw on our swimsuits. Since we were staying through Sunday, Linda and I made our way down to the beach with chairs and magazines in hand. We had the beach to ourselves. The clouds ended up clearing out and we spent about an hour and a half relaxing and reading. During our dinner at Trapani's Eatery on Friday evening, I mentioned to Linda that I wanted to return to have one of their famous muffalettas.

After a quick change in the car, we walked over to Trapani's and low and behold, there was Team Hunt and Team Bowers. They had heard us talk about the restaurant so they decided to check it out before making their way back to the Natchez Trace for another two days of riding. Team Hunt and Team Bowers were kind enough to invite us to join them since they had just placed their order. It was a great lunch with great friends. After lunch, all of us ventured into some of the quaint shops along Beach Boulevard.

After saying our good-byes, Linda and I made our way back to the Inn for some relaxation. During the weekend, we were told about another good restaurant along Beach Boulevard called Dock of the Bay. We had noticed that this restaurant was situated right on the beach and an outside deck overlooking the bay. We decided to see for ourselves. Before arriving at the restaurant, we had discussed that we were going to sit outside on the deck so we could take in the scenery.

When we arrived, there were no tables available and an older gentleman approached us and informed us that

he would let us know when a table became opened. He offered us seats at the bar while we waited. While we were seated at the bar, Linda and I both noticed some articles and pictures on the wall. One of the pictures was an old black & white of a musician with the letters "BS&T" on the picture. Looking at the picture closer, I realized the musician in the picture was the gentleman that greeted us at the door and the letters stood for "Blood, Sweat, and Tears". Come to find out, it was Jerry Fisher who was a lead singer for BS&T in the early 70's.

After Linda and I returned to our seats at the bar, Jerry Fisher came over and spent a few minutes chatting with us. He was a very engaging man. He explained how he ended up in Bay St. Louis and owning the restaurant. We had a nice time visiting with Jerry Fisher. Shortly after that, a table became available and Mr. Fisher escorted us out to the deck. As had been the case all weekend, the menu, food, and ambience were excellent. It was a great way to finish off a wonderful weekend of riding and sightseeing.

Come Monday, it was back to reality. We made the 10-hour trek back to the hustle and bustle of Dallas. Looking back, we had a wonderful time and met a lot of very nice people that we hope to see again down the road. As for our wonderful hosts, Hank & Susan Holcomb, they did a wonderful job of organizing this rally. As I stated earlier, next year's STR is planned for Tallahassee, Florida. For related stories on the 2002 STR, check out the links below.

<http://www.sunherald.com/mld/sunherald/4363700.htm>  
<http://www.precisiontandems.com/str02.htm>  
<http://home.att.net/~livingood.photos/trips/STR2002.html>

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If you have any trouble signing up, e-mail Warren Casteel at [warren@castesign.com](mailto:warren@castesign.com) and he will assist you.

#### December 2002 DATES-LINE Schedule:

Mailed by: November 26, 2002

Notices & Articles due by: Nov 19, 2002

**DALLAS AREA TANDEM ENTHUSIASTS**

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**2002 Double DATES Rides & Activities**

| <b>RIDE</b>                  | <b>DATE</b>       | <b>START TIME</b>            | <b>START PLACE</b>   | <b>RIDE HOST</b>                   | <b>PHONE # / E-MAIL</b>  | <b>DISTANCE</b> | <b>DETAILS</b>  |
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| <b>Joe Pool Cool Ride</b>    | Saturday<br>Nov 2 | 9:00 AM                      | Lynn Creek Marina<br>Lake Joe Pool                         | George &<br>Pauline Pat-<br>terson | <a href="tel:214-342-2260">214-342-2260</a><br><a href="mailto:pagepatt@netscape.net">pagepatt@<br/>netscape.net</a> | 25 - 40 miles   | See Article   |
| <b>Veterans Day Ride</b>     | Sunday<br>Nov 10  | 1:00 PM                      | Richardson Bike Mart<br>9040 Garland Road<br>Dallas, TX    | Jim & Rhonda<br>Hoyt               | 972-699-8449   | 35-40 miles     | See Article   |
| <b>Two Flags Ride</b>        | Sunday<br>Nov 17  | 9:30 AM                      | Grayson County Courthouse<br>Downtown Sherman, TX          | Tom & Brenda<br>Shaddox            | 972-517-4534   | 48 miles        | See Article   |
| <b>Christmas Lights Ride</b> | Sunday<br>Dec 8   | Meet 5:30<br>PM<br>Ride 6:00 | Snider Plaza<br>one block west of Hillcrest & Lovers<br>Ln | Scott & Mindy<br>Mashburn          | 214-904-9189   | Short           | Lights Required.<br>White Elephant Gift optional<br>RSVP. See Article |
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