

**DATES NEWS****ANNUAL MEETING 2003*****Your Personal Invitation from DATES Coordinators, Don & D'Ann Hunt***

There are lots of good reasons to attend the DATES annual meeting on Saturday, 8 February at Baby Doe's:

1. The main reason is that you'll have a good time and enjoying really good food at a really nice restaurant in the company of really nice, friendly people.
2. The second reason is that this is the meeting where we elect and install our club officers for the next year.
3. The third reason to come is that the annual meeting is the second best time and place to meet other club riders. (The best place to meet the folks in the club is on a DATES ride.)

The agenda for the meeting will be pretty much the same as it has been in previous years:

- > Review club activities in 2002
- > Final Officer reports for 2002
- > Recognize 2002 ride leaders and meeting hosts
- > Elect officers for 2003
- > Review open old business items
- > Open the floor for new business
- > Ask for volunteer to host next meeting (April)
- > Door prizes
- > Adjourn

We will try to keep the business to a minimum and encourage the socializing to go on as long as you see fit.

Please come and spend an evening with us! Especially if you feel like you don't know any of the other club members. We can't help you correct that issue if we never get the opportunity to meet you!

**2003 DATES Annual Meeting & Dinner*****Saturday, February 8 – 6:00 pm – Baby Doe's Matchless Mine Restaurant***

Make your reservation and mark your calendar for the DATES Annual Meeting & Dinner to be held Saturday, February 8th, 2003 at Baby Doe's in Dallas. Join us for a scrumptious buffet as we nominate and elect next year's club officers, beg for Ride Host volunteers and give away fabulous door prizes. Here are the details:

**When:** Saturday, February 8, 2003  
**Where:** Baby Doe's Matchless Mine  
3305 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, Texas  
**Time:** 6:00 pm meet and greet  
6:30 pm dinner buffet  
**Cost:** \$20.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity)  
**RSVP:** Please send a check for the total in your party to Linda Vinson **by February 1st**. Make the check payable to Linda Vinson and mail to:  
7013 Fox Drive  
The Colony, Texas, 75056.

**Contact Info:** Questions can be directed to Linda Vinson at [linda.vinson@eds.com](mailto:linda.vinson@eds.com) or at 972-625-6110 (home) or 972-605-4103 (work).

**Menu:** Chicken Jack Daniels, Roast Pork Loin, Mixed Green Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Rice Pilaf, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Assorted Desserts, Bread, Coffee, and Iced Tea.

**Directions:** Baby Doe's is north of downtown, between the American Airlines Center and the Market Center.

**From Central Expressway/Plano/Richardson** – 75 south to the Lemmon Avenue exit. Turn right at the light. Go to Wycliff Avenue and turn left at the light. Go to Harry Hines Blvd. and turn left at the light. Go till you cross over north Houston, and Baby Doe's is the 2nd driveway on the right (Goat Hill).

**From 635 (LBJ Freeway) West/Irving/DFW Airport/35 South/Fort Worth** – South on I-35 (Stemmons) to the Oaklawn exit and turn left at the light. Go to the next light and turn right (southbound Harry Hines). Cross over north Houston, and Baby Doe's is the 2nd driveway on the right.

**North Dallas Tollway** – South on tollway to the Wycliff exit and take a right at the light. Go to Harry Hines Blvd and turn left at the light. Go till you cross over north Houston, and Baby Doe's is the 2nd driveway on the right (Goat Hill).

**South Dallas Area/35 North** – I-35 north to Oaklawn exit. Turn right onto Oaklawn at the light. Go east on Oaklawn to the first light and turn right onto southbound Harry Hines. Cross over north Houston and Baby Doe's is the 2nd driveway on the right (Goat Hill).

## Salute to 2002 Ride Leaders

A huge and heartfelt

# Thank You

from all of us to all of you.

Riding is what DATES is all about. Without you and your willingness to share your experience, knowledge and especially Routes, DATES would not exist. We salute you!

### **Herb & Sandra Bloomer**

Lake Ray Roberts Ride  
Two Flags Ride in Springtime

### **Ronnie & Nanette Bryant**

Easter Hill Country Thursday Ride  
North by Northwest

### **Chuck & Kris Carlson**

White Rock Lake Area Urban Ride

**Warren & Audre Casteel**  
Halloween Overnight Ride to Tyler

### **George & Ginger Cole**

Post Cow Creek Country Classic Pool Party  
Historic Waxahachie Ride & Pool Party

### **Rick & Ann Dixon**

Ride Til You Stop...Shop Til You Drop...Eat Til You  
Pop

### **Larry & Nancy Gingerich**

Lone Oak Winery Tour & Bar-B-Q

### **Tom & Diane Glenz**

Grapevine Ride

### **Jim & Janice Goins**

Hotter 'N Hell Post Ride

### **John & Sandy Henbest**

Geezer North  
Tour de Plano (West) for Geezers

### **Pete Holverson & Laura Roberts**

Impromptu

### **Tom & Grace Hogan**

Hogan's Ride, Pool Party, Brunch & Meeting

### **Jim & Rhonda Hoyt**

DATES Anniversary at the Super Bowl Ride  
Veterans Day Ride

### **Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy**

No Name Ride and Reprise

### **Don & D'Ann Hunt**

New Year's Day Ride  
Melon Patch DATES Weekend  
Numerous Impromptu

### **Roane & Juanita Logan**

Spring Campout & Riding Weekend  
Denton County Ride

### **Scott & Mindy Mashburn**

Christmas Lights Ride & Party

### **John McManus & Brenda Cole**

St Patrick's Day Ride  
Easter Hill Country DATES Rides  
A Good Day's Ride in the Country

### **Joe & Mary Messina**

New Member Ride

### **Marc & Susie Mumby/Rusty & Belinda Nail**

Labor Day Melissa Ride & Pool Party

### **George & Pauline Patterson**

Joe Pool Cool Ride

### **Tom & Brenda Shaddox**

Stoker Appreciation  
DATES 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Century - Century of the Millennium  
Two Flags Ride

### **RD & Lynn Vanderslice**

Ray Roberts Trailway Ride

### **Jeff & Lindy Venable**

Valentines Ride

### **Kevin & Linda Vinson**

Collin County Ride

### **Jim & Melody Yuhn**

Impromptu

## DATES Membership Renewal

Time to renew your DOUBLE DATES membership for another year. If you haven't already sent it in, please complete and sign the renewal form (enclosed in the last issue or available on the Membership tab of our website [www.doubledates.com](http://www.doubledates.com)) and send it along with your check for \$18 payable to DOUBLE DATES to membership coordinators:

Franklin & Tricia Kemp  
3004 Pataula Lane  
Plano, TX 75074-8765

"2003" on your mailing label indicates your renewal for the 2003 season has already been processed as of January 7, 2003.

## Winter Ride Notification

While Ride Coordinators Team McManus-Cole are enjoying summer weather down under, we have to deal with highly variable Dallas area winters. Your hard(ly) working BACKUP Ride Coordinators Team Henbest will try to read our weather crystal ball a week in advance, and if things bode well, arrange a ride a few days in advance of the weekend to be announced on the DATES E-mail distribution list (thanks to Warren Casteel). Nothing this weekend (January 12) because of predicted cold and possible rain.

This is just one more reason why it is so important to sign up to receive DATES E-mail. If you haven't already done so, do it today and don't take the chance of missing out on last minute notification of a super ride on a gorgeous day in winter!

Sign up today using the following instructions or on our website: [www.doubledates.com](http://www.doubledates.com)

### Sign up for DATES Email Distribution List

Receive up-to-the-minute information about scheduled & impromptu rides and other events and matters of interest to cyclists in general and tandem riders in particular. Go to web page [groups.yahoo.com/group/DATES1](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DATES1) and click on "Join This Group" in the upper right corner of the panel, then click on "Sign Up Now" to go to the sign up page.

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

## Candidates for 2003 DATES Officers *To be Elected at the Annual Meeting*

Your nominating committee (Team Henbest) has been hard at work lobbying (maybe twisting a few arms?) and the slate of candidates for DATES officers in 2003 is **FULL** of volunteers:

DATES Coordinators – Team Hunt  
Ride Coordinators – Team Henbest  
Secretary – Team Carlson  
Treasurer – Team Boggess  
DATES-LINE Editors – Team Hogan  
Membership Coordinators – Team Kemp

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the volunteers for agreeing to serve in 2003. You are what makes our club work.

Of course, nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting are welcome and encouraged.

## Electronic DATES-LINE Receive Notification via DATES Email List

This is it!! – The inaugural edition of an electronic DATES-LINE. Of the 63 teams who have renewed so far, 17 signed up for the electronic version only. They are saving the club the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter each month.

When the newsletter is posted to the DATES website each month, a notice will be distributed via the DATES Email distribution list that the newsletter is available for viewing and/or printing. If you are not already registered for the DATES Email distribution list, sign up today (details in the box to the left or on our website).

If you elect to receive the newsletter electronically only, you will no longer receive the newsletter via US mail. You will be notified when the newsletter is available (generally earlier than you would receive it by US mail) via the DATES Email list. You can then read it online (with photos in color!) or print it from the DATES website. You'll have the most up-to-date info on what's going on and save the club the expensive printing and postage costs.

If you have already renewed, but didn't sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter, you can still change your mind. Just send a note to Membership Coordinators Franklin & Tricia Kemp at [pwkemp@attbi.com](mailto:pwkemp@attbi.com) and let them know you want the electronic version of the newsletter.

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual GDB West End Ride  
Superbowl Sunday, Jan 26**

Join hundreds of other area cyclists who will ride from starting points all over the Metroplex to the West End for lunch on Superbowl Sunday. Rain or shine, hot or cold, the tradition lives on. Hosted by the Greater Dallas Bicyclists, this event has been known to attract over 1,000 cyclists. The ride is free, the people are fun, the cyclist-watching is unequaled anywhere – so don't miss this Metroplex tradition!

The Richardson Bike Mart is one starting point where the ride, with Woody leading this year, will begin at 9:30 am. It's approximately 40 miles round trip at a moderate pace. In years past, they've had maps so you could ride pretty much however you wanted.

Plano Cycling & Fitness is another starting point this year. Bikin' Mike Keel will lead the ride starting at 8:30 am. It's approximately 55 miles round trip at a moderate pace with a direct route to the West End and a meandering route through Turtle Creek, Park Cities, Preston Hollow, and Strait Lane areas before returning to Richardson and Plano areas.

Check out the Greater Dallas Bicyclists website [www.gdbclub.org/gdb/wstend03.htm](http://www.gdbclub.org/gdb/wstend03.htm) for numerous other starting places/times throughout the metroplex.

Don your layers of clothing, bring money for lunch and your bicycle lock and come on out and participate in this cycling tradition. It's a great way to kick off the new season!

**Feature Articles & Ride Reports**

**DOUBLE DATES Members:  
Do You Know Your Club?**

John McManus

Here's a quiz for all DATES members.

1. What currently active member formed a tandem club long before Double Dates?
2. Which club is oldest, HATS (Houston Area Tandem Society) or DATES?
3. What are the three principles on which our club was formed (none of which are still in practice)?
4. Which club initially organized the Southwest Tandem Rally? How many times has DATES hosted the rally?
5. When was the first DATES jersey developed? Who developed the current jersey?
6. Who organized the first annual Halloween Ride? In what year?
7. Why did Santana president Bill McCready publicly apologize to DATES in 1995?
8. How many DATES weddings have occurred? Which ended up on national television?
9. When was our web site developed?
10. How many tandem tours have been conducted under the DATES banner?

Answers to these questions, and many others you never thought to ask, are now on the DATES web site ([www.doubledates.com](http://www.doubledates.com)). Look on the home page for a link to **Official History of Double DATES**. Read all about it. And contribute to it – we hope to make this a living history. Send your comments, questions and historical contributions to John McManus at [John\\_J\\_McManus@yahoo.com](mailto:John_J_McManus@yahoo.com)



## RIDES LEADERS REPORT 2002

John McManus & Brenda Cole

Overall, this has been a good year for DATES rides. This is primarily due to the 25 teams who volunteered to lead rides. You are the people who make this a great club and We Thank You! We Thank You! We Thank You!

At the beginning of last year we set objectives for the Ride Coordinators function. Below we report our results compared to those objectives. We have met the most important objectives. We are satisfied with the progress and are sure that Team Henbest, assisted by Team Glenz, will carry us even farther in our ride activities in 2003. After all, that's why we all joined DATES – *to ride together.*

**PRIMARY OBJECTIVE: Schedule at least 30 rides in 2002.**

*Result: As of 1/1/2003, we've had 32 scheduled rides and approximately 6 impromptu rides. Objective met.*

### SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

- **Objective: Recruit more ride leaders, instead of asking more rides from each leader.**
  - *Result: Of the 25 ride leaders in 2002, 11 (44%) had not lead a ride in 2000 or 2001. Objective met.*
- **Objective: Develop ride leader guidelines and/or checklist.**
  - *Result: Published and available on [www.doubledates.com](http://www.doubledates.com) and look for a link under Rides and Events. Objective met.*
- **Objective: Establish system of maps and/or queue sheets for our best routes.**
  - *Result: In progress. Warren Casteel has provided the technology, but the ride coordinator is struggling with his training.*
- **Objective: Improve the quality of the ride.**
  - *Results: subjective – you be the judge.*

- **Objective: Provide more variety.**
  - *Results: Subjective – you be the judge.*
- **Objective: Assure all areas of the metroplex are included.**
  - *Results: Difficult to quantify.*
- **Objective: Focus on stand-alone tandem club rides (e.g. less piggy-backing on pay rides, rides with other non-tandem bike clubs).**
  - *Results: No change from prior years.*
- **Objective: Foster more participation with other tandem clubs in Texas.**
  - *Results: Only minimal success.*

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# **FRESH DATES**

**Team Harris  
Southlake, TX**

**Captain:** Donald Harris  
**Stoker:** Catherine Harris  
**Joined DATES:** October 2002  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** 8 years  
**Stoker:** 6 years  
**How long tandeming?** 6 years  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** Enjoy activities together  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Santana Team AL  
**How often do you ride?** Weekly  
**How far?** 50 miles, more or less  
**Usual route/area?** We are new to the Dallas/Ft Worth area, and haven't yet found one to call "usual"  
**Favorite Ride?** Same as above  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** HATS  
**Anything else you'd like us to know about you?** Not at this time

**Team Heppler  
Dallas, TX**

**Captain:** Brad Heppler  
**Stoker:** Tracey Ferraro Heppler  
**Joined DATES:** November 2002  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** 9 years  
**Stoker:** 4 years  
**How long tandeming?** We're newbie's. The last time we rode the odometer hit the 300 mile mark.

**Why did you start riding tandem?** We both like cycling and like the idea of getting to experience things that most folks don't.

**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Co-Motion Speedster

**How often do you ride?** We got married and purchased a home in the past year so we did not exactly have a lot of time for cycling in '02. We now hope to get back in the swing of riding 3-5 times a week for a 100-150 miles a week.

**How far?** Two laps around White Rock Lake and back home is 24 miles. When we do Tours/Rally, we go for the 100k option.

**Usual route/area?** White Rock Lake is 1.5 miles from our house.

**Favorite Ride?** Did not do too many in '02 but, the Giro D'Gap comes to mind as being the prettiest we did this year (a first year tour in Copperas Cove).

**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** While doing research to find out what tandem would be best for us. I guess you could say "google" suggested DATES.

**Anything else you'd like us to know about you?** Like I mentioned above, we are now trying to get back in the groove of riding daily. If anyone wants to hook up for weekday night rides around White Rock Lake, you are welcome to park at our house. We have a safe route to and from the lake.

**Team Schroeder  
Grapevine, TX**

**Captain:** Tim Schroeder  
**Stoker:** Roxanne Schroeder  
**Joined DATES:** December 2002  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** 6 years  
**Stoker:** 4 years  
**How long tandeming?** 2 months  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** (1) Friends have tandems and we wanted in on the fun. (2) Thought it would be a great way to stay together on longer rides (no choice now – like it or not!) (3) Good couple activity that involves exercise and the outdoors.  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Trek  
**How often do you ride?** Infrequently since we got it; Captain herniated a disk 1 week after purchase. But ready to go again.  
**How far?** 30-50 miles depending on terrain and our level of training at the time.  
**Usual route/area?** We live in Grapevine and for miles with no traffic to worry about we go to the Texas Motor Speedway and do laps on the roads around the speedway.  
**Favorite Ride?** Hill Country Rides  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** At Richardson Bike Mart, when we purchased our tandem  
**Anything else you'd like us to know about you?** We also run!

**March 2003 DATES-LINE Schedule:**  
 Mailed by: February 25, 2003  
**Notices & Articles due by: Feb 18, 2003**

**DALLAS AREA TANDEM ENTHUSIASTS**

WEB Page: [www.doubledates.com](http://www.doubledates.com)

**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>
<b>18th Annual GDB West End Ride</b>	Sunday Jan 26	Various	Various				<a href="http://www.gdbclub.org/gdb/wstend03.htm">Check out the GDB website for starting points and times in your area; See Article <a href="http://www.gdbclub.org/gdb/wstend03.htm">www.gdbclub.org/gdb/wstend03.htm</a></a>
<b>DATES Annual Meeting &amp; Dinner</b>	Saturday February 8, 2003	6:00 PM	Baby Doe's Matchless Mine Restaurant 3305 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas, TX	Kevin & Linda Vinson	972-625-6110 linda.vinson@eds.com		Make your reservations by Feb 1 See Article
<b>13th Annual SouthWest Tandem Rally</b>	April 25-27, 2003		Tulsa, Oklahoma				<a href="http://www.tulsabicycleclub.com/Tandem%20Rally/SWTR3003.htm">http://www.tulsabicycleclub.com/Tandem%20Rally/SWTR3003.htm</a>

**Upcoming Area Pay Rides**

<b>RIDE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>START PLACE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>
<b>Freeze Your Fanny</b>	Saturday Feb 1	10:00 AM	Doris McQueen Primary 6000 Airline Road - US Hwy 259 Longview, TX	<a href="http://www.bicycletexas.com/fyf.htm">http://www.bicycletexas.com/fyf.htm</a>
<b>Spring Fever 2003</b>	Saturday March 22	8:00 AM	City Park Sulphur Springs, TX	<a href="http://www.sspilotclub.org/">http://www.sspilotclub.org/</a>



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