

DATES NEWS**PILOT POINT SOUTH RIDE**
Sunday, March 2 – 9:00 am
Pilot Point Town Square

Join Herb & Sandra Bloomer for a 35 mile ride south of Pilot Point on mostly back roads. We will meet at the square in Pilot Point at 9:00 am. Call Herb or Sandra at 972-492-2727 if you need additional information.

Annual St PATRICK'S DAY RIDE
Sunday, March 16 – 9:00 am
Lancaster Town Square

Held most years since 1990, we will again meet at Lancaster Town Square, located at Hwy 342 & Main St in Lancaster. It's an hour drive from Dallas so leave in plenty of time. Approximately 40 miles of rolling countryside. Not much traffic, but lots of dogs. In typical Irish tradition, we finish the event with Mexican food. Maybe we can find some Guinness to go with it. Call John or Brenda if you have questions – 214.321.6085.

RIDE TILL YOU STOP...SHOP TILL YOU DROP...EAT TILL YOU POP... RIDE
Sunday, March 9 – 9:00 am
McKinney Town Square

Meet ride hosts Rick & Ann Dixon at a parking lot one block off the McKinney town square for a 30 mile (+/-) to 60 mile (+/-) ride through northeast Collin County. Some of the shops will be open on the square and there is plenty of window shopping. After the ride, we will eat on the square or at Sicily's Italian Restaurant on Hwy 380. There may not be restroom facilities at the staging area so tend to nature before the start of the ride.

Directions to start: Exit Virginia Parkway off of Central Expressway. East on Louisiana (Virginia Parkway goes west) to the town square. Tennessee St. is on the east side of the court house. Left on Tennessee 3 blocks to Hunt St.

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SAR X – Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6

DATES Captains! Forget Valentines! Forget your anniversary! Forget her birthday! But don't forget: Stoker Appreciation Ride Ten! Ten? Could it be? No! Yes! Perhaps, depending on how you count them! No matter, every one was a very special ride, to be sure.

This year's ride is scheduled for April 5th and 6th. We will as always have the SAR signature features:

- A SAG van for overnight luggage.
- A beautiful, quiet, scenic route from Weatherford to Glen Rose on Saturday.
- >>Upgrade<<Color 3-D topographic maps with GPS coordinates which will vaguely remind you of the route actually ridden.
- Pie in Tolar.
- Wet feet after we cross the Paluxy.
- Group dinner in Glen Rose Saturday night.
- Champagne and Stoker Poetry (tm) after dinner.
- A lovely ride back on Sunday.

We might have (we have had these in some years past):

- Outstanding wild flowers along the roads.
- Tail winds in both directions.
- A poem from a captain who's been married to his stoker for over 20 years.

Particulars: Gather at the Chamber of Commerce building, Hwy 180 at Santa Fe Street (the old railroad depot) in Weatherford around 8-ish on Saturday morning, load the SAG, get tandem tattoos and leave around 8:30ish, or whenever the stokers are ready. Ride to Glen Rose (just shy of 60 miles on the back roads. And when we say back roads, we mean BACK roads. (All paved.)

Saturday afternoon we square everyone away at the hotel, motel or romantic B&B of their choice (see <http://www.glenrosechamber.com/lodging.html>) and then gather everyone up for group dinner, champagne and the legendary reading of the poetry to the stokers.

Sunday morning we gather the luggage up and hit the road about 9ish for the ride home. Often teams have a late lunch together back in Weatherford.

Fine print: DATES member teams only (you may join on the spot, but you must RSVP), limit 20 teams, many teams have expressed interest in staying together at the new Best Western but there are lots of romantic B&Bs and we'll drop your luggage anywhere in town, you won't get lost if you follow me, RSVP ASAP and questions to: Tom Shaddox, res1rrzj@verizon.net 972-517-4534

PS: Interested in volunteering your large van for SAG duty? Contact Tom for particulars.

DATES Membership Renewal for 2003

Have you renewed your DATES membership for 2003 yet? If not, this will be your **LAST** issue of DATES-LINE.

Can't remember if you've renewed or not? Check the mailing label on this issue. "2003" printed on the label indicates that DATES membership records as of February 20, 2003 show you as renewed for 2003.

If not, send your **signed** renewal form along with your check for \$18 payable to DOUBLE DATES to membership coordinators:

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

Lone Oak Winery Ride Saturday, April 12 – 2:00 pm

Biking, Wine Tasting and BBQ. Now that sounds like a great combination for a Saturday afternoon ride and social event. Join Larry & Nancy Gingerich for a different kind of afternoon on Saturday (yes SATURDAY) April 12th starting at 2PM gathering at Lone Oak Winery.

Where is this place? Where else but on Lone Oak Road. You may have to pull out your map, but Lone Oak Road is an exit off 35N, north of Denton and Sanger. After you exit to the right (east for you really picky people) Lone Oak Road, the winery is about 5 mile east. After you go over the second bridge, which is Lake Ray Roberts, the winery is one mile on your left. There are other ways to get there and you may want to call or email us for directions.

Also, we need you to RSVP for this event so we have an idea of how much BBQ to make and wine to open. There is a charge of \$20 per couple which is all going to the great folks at the winery. If the weather is just right, we may eat and drink in the vineyard or in the winery. If the weather is bad for riding, we will still eat and drink.

Please let us know you plan to attend by dropping us an email at l.gingerich@kiowaonline.net or call us at 940.668.0987. Email is better.

Welcome New DATES-LINE Editors

Thank You, Tom & Grace Hogan, for volunteering to serve your club and take over responsibility for preparing and producing our newsletter (one of the club's main reasons for being according to our by-laws). All of you regular contributors – please continue to send your articles, product evaluations, photos, etc to Tom & Grace. And all of you latent reporters out there who

haven't sent in anything yet, they'd love to hear from you too. Send your newsletter submissions to them at ddateseditor@aol.com

**Think Spring
Think Easter
Think Texas Hill Country!**

Friday-Sunday, April 18-20

Although not officially a DATES event, many of our members join hundreds of other cyclists every year for the Texas bike clubs Hill Country weekend. After 28 years, the Easter Hill Country weekend is a ritual to many of us; our B&B or motel reservations are already made. Camping is also available. Although the "official" ride headquarters is in Kerrville, most DATES members stay in and ride out of Fredericksburg.

The big attractions are spring weather, an excuse to ride in Texas' most unique cycling area and wild flowers, primarily blue bonnets. For information on the "official" event see: <http://www.hbc.stevens.com/ehct/>.

The "unofficial" tandem rides will begin on Friday and Saturday at 9:00 am at the Gillespie County Courthouse. Sunday's ride usually begins at 8:00.

For more information contact John McManus (214-321-6085). In Fredericksburg during that weekend, call (830) 997-5894.

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DATES Business Meeting & Social
Sunday, April 13 – 5:30 pm

Two New Area Rides
Saturday, April 5

The next Date's meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm Sunday evening, April 13th at the home of Franklin & Tricia Kemp, 3004 Pataula Lane, Plano, TX 75074-8765. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Please let Franklin or Tricia know if you will attend and what you plan to bring. Give them a call at 972-578-9093.

Directions: East at Exit 31 (Spring Creek) off US75 (Central Expwy). North at Jupiter. East at Timber Brook. First right on Pool to Pataula.

Meetings are a great way to get to know your fellow DATES members better. So come on out and get involved in your club! We need you.

Can't go to Stoker Appreciation? That's certainly a disappointment, but NOT an excuse not to ride. Here's a couple of brand new rides in the area benefiting good causes. Check them out.

Tour Dallas, an urban adventure starting at the American Airlines Center in downtown Dallas offers routes of 8, 20 or 30 miles on city streets including Deep Ellum, Tension Park and the Downtown Canyon. They promise "fun, fellowship and food at the Finish Line Celebration". They also have numerous volunteer opportunities in preparation for the event. See their website at <http://www.tourdallas.org/home.html>

Aledo's Ride for Heroes, starts at Aledo High School and offers routes from 10 to 72 miles through "flat scenic ranch land and rolling hills". They also have a post ride meal served up by the Volunteer Fire Department & Jerry's BBQ. See their website at <http://www.aledobikeride.com/>



MEETING REPORT: DATES Annual Meeting
Saturday, February 8, 2003

Location: Baby Doe's Matchless Mine, Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Texas
 Attendees: 34 teams were represented

DATES Coordinator, Don Hunt, reported the Club held 6 meetings in 2002, contributed \$500 to TBC, hosted 38 rides, and witnessed the wedding of a Club team.

Don reviewed (for Treasurers, Team Boggess) the Income & Expense Statements as of Dec 31, 2002. The largest expenditures were for the Club newsletter and liability insurance. The budget for 2003 was presented and unanimously approved without change.

Don reported (for Ride Coordinators, Team McManus-Cole) that the Club sponsored 38 DATES rides and events. John Henbest, Assistant Ride Coordinator, recognized 2002 ride leaders and presented them with customized bicycle license plates. Two special awards were presented to Larry and Nancy Gingerich for Best New Ride of 2002 and to Tom and Brenda Shaddox for Outstanding Ride Leaders of 2002.

Membership Coordinator, Franklin Kemp reported that the Club currently has 130 teams.

DATES-LINE Editor, Carol Croy, recognized newsletter contributors during her term as editor and requested that members continue to support and submit articles to the incoming editors for 2003.

Webmaster, Kevin Vinson acknowledged Jeff Lucido who continues to host the Club website. Kevin reported that DATES took ownership of the DoubleDATES.com domain

name in 2002. He will soon be posting information about the 2005 DATES SWTR on the site.

John Henbest of the Nominating Committee presented each DATES office for additional nominations for the 2003 elections. Current officers, except Secretaries, Editors, and Ride Coordinators, were unanimously re-elected into office for 2003. John & Sandy Henbest were elected the new Ride Coordinators assisted by Tom & Diane Glenz. Tom & Grace Hogan were elected Editors of DATES-LINE, and Chuck & Kris Carlson were elected the new Secretaries. The former officers for these posts, John McManus & Brenda Cole, Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy, and Tony & Colleen Hering, respectively, chose not to run in 2003. See a current list of officers on the back of this newsletter.

D'Ann Hunt recognized the 2002 meeting hosts, and distributed gifts to each. Don recognized Warren Casteel for his tireless contributions to Club email distributions. Kris and Chuck Carlson were also recognized for calling all members and encouraging annual meeting attendance.

Don and D'Ann Hunt presented 22 door prizes, which were donated by Plano Cycling and Fitness, Richardson Bike Mart, Bicycles, Inc., and doubleHenterprises.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 13, 2003, 5:30 p.m. Franklin and Tricia Kemp's residence in Plano. Topics for meeting agendas are always welcome and due one week prior to the meeting date. Submit suggestions to Team Carlson or Team Hunt.

If you'd like a copy of the full meeting report, please email your request to Team Carlson or any other Club Officer listed on the back page of this newsletter.

13th Annual Southwest Tandem Rally
"TAKE ME BACK TO TULSA RIDING ON A TANDEM"
Friday – Sunday, April 25-27
Tulsa, Oklahoma

If you haven't already registered for this year's Southwest Tandem Rally (SWTR), **NOW** is the time to send in your registration form and make your hotel reservations. Hosted by the Tandem Contingent of the Tulsa Bicycle Club, this year it will be held April 25-27 in Tulsa, OK. Cost per team remains only \$185 and includes meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast, participation in all SWTR events, 12 ft Bike Cable with SWTR embroidered bag and Brass Master Lock and a Brunton Compass. Registration is limited to 125 teams and the deadline for registering is April 4, so sign up today!

Visit the rally website at:
<http://www.tulsabicycleclub.com/Tandem%20Rally/SWTR3003.htm> for registration forms and all the information about the rally.

Make your hotel reservations at the Doubletree Downtown 918-587-8000 x 380. Mention the Southwest Tandem Rally to get the special rally rate of \$79 plus tax per night. Or make your reservation online to get their best internet rate. Camping is also available.

The Saturday night banquet is Shake, Rattle & Roll with entertainment and 50's costumes optional.

Feature Articles & Ride Reports

Valentines Day Ride

6 teams actually reported to the starting line for the Valentines Day ride. It was 31 degrees and blowing snow as we drove through Dallas to get to the start point. As each van pulled up to the start point, the standard greeting was, "Don't you have any common sense at all!?"

As the time approached to start the ride, there were only two teams tough enough to actually do it. Teams Thompson and Glenz took off as 3 other captains cheered for them.



All the other stokers and one captain had climbed into one van and declared they weren't coming back out until breakfast. I'll let their names remain secret, but you might recognize some of the eyes in the picture below.



No matter! Whether we rode or drove to the Marriott, we all enjoyed our breakfast at Cielos.

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BIKING GERMANY'S ROMANTIC ROADS

By Kay Watson

When our friend, Gunter Walter, *professional tour guide extraordinaire* from Munich, Germany wanted to try his hand at leading a cycling tour through Southern Bavaria, we couldn't help but be excited about the prospect of a bike trip with this guy. After 28 years of escorting Americans on bus & walking tours through Europe's famous castles, cathedrals, shops, restaurants and hotels, he wanted to embark on a new adventure.

Rick & I helped get the word to cyclist interested in international travel via various bike clubs and publications. In July of 1995, we started our trek through the highways and byways of Southern Bavaria with ten cyclists from Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Michigan. We experienced two weeks of awesome scenery, scrumptious German cuisine, good beer, new friendships and plenty of castle and cathedral touring, as we pedaled our way through Southern Germany and Northern Austria.

July 2001, we again took off with Gunter and 16 other American cyclist to see Northern Bavaria. Couples came from Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, California and Oklahoma. We all met in Frankfurt to begin a 2-week adventure in the German countryside astride our metal steeds, a mix of tandems and singles.

On first day the riders rebelled and insisted on negotiating the busy airport property and winding our way through the metropolitan city of Frankfurt, instead of riding the first class tour bus Gunter had engaged for our comfort and safety. Fortunately it was a quiet Sunday morning in the city and we easily made our way to Gelnhausen, a beautiful little medieval city with an 11th century wall and 800 year old churches about 35 kilometers east of Frankfurt. Our group dinner was served at the oldest restaurant in Germany. They had been serving diners in this very structure since 1506. The next few days we traveled through perfectly maintained quiet lanes that ran through thick old growth forest, over steep (but short) grades, passing picturesque small farming villages from Hammelberg, to Muennerstadt (stopping mid-day at the famous German spa-community, Bad Kissigen), to Sesslock (another walled medieval city) to Bamberg. Bamberg was the largest city we visited; staying two nights to allow time to thoroughly see all the sights. Gunter includes all the city tours, sight seeing, admission to palaces, cathedrals and other points of interest in the very reasonable overall tour price. All breakfasts and most dinners with wine & beer were included as well. In Bamberg we visited the vast palatial estate of a 16th Century Prince Bishop. A couple of "Bad Boys" in the group slipped away from our young palace tour guide to

snap photos on the opulent red velvet throne, posing as tourists with delusions of grandeur.

In a local Bamberg bike shop, filled with biking antiques and ultra-modern machines, we discovered there had been some very ingenious ideas for tandem bicycles hidden away in the backstreets of Germany. One seated the riders side by side, pedaling independently and another had a double diamond shaped frame that defies my limited descriptive ability.



Team Watson stops for a break in Niederstetten

From Bamberg we ventured on to the small hamlet of Oschenfurt, situated amidst the rows and rows of grapes that traversed every hillside. This little berg was hosting a wine festival that attracted most of the locals, many German visitors and at least 18 American cycling tourists. We visited a local family winery complete with wine tasting and tour in the 500-year-old cellar. Seems most of the group left with silly grins and boxes of Franconia Wine.

We spent two nights in the little burg of Oschenfurt. On Sunday morning we took an optional ride into the vineyards and in the afternoon we boarded our faithful tour bus to Wurzburg for a city tour and visit to a 14th Century Palace of a former Prince Bishop from the region. The Palace was surrounded by fragrant, colorful gardens and another awesome Baroque Cathedral was positioned just outside the main palace.

The next day we were back on the bikes to Rothenberg, billed by the tourism publications as the "Medieval Jewel of the Romantic Road". We spent two days in this town of many wonderful historic sites, museums and shops. It was said to have been built around 970 AD with a rich and colorful history for many centuries to follow. Historians say it has barely changed since the

Thirty Years War. (What century was that anyway?) The earthen and stone city wall is one of the best preserved in all of Europe and still surrounds the city populated with its many gates and turreted guard towers. Tourists can climb to the catwalks and walk the walls just as guards did centuries before. The local "torture" museum certainly had some bazaar exhibits that made us glad we lived in a time when our only torture was riding up and down steep grades on skinny little bicycle seats.

From Rothenberg, the Southern most point on our loop, we started back North and West toward our journey's end. Our next stop was in the small, provincial town of Walldurn, famous for its beautiful pilgrimage church. On our 13th day in Germany we traveled from Walldurn to Aschaffenburg, one of the busiest and most modern cities we visited. Along the way we made several stops at the local bakeries for fuel. The selections of delicious baked goodies melted in your mouth, but unfortunately seemed to stick to other body parts. It just called for more riding in this perfectly manicured scenic paradise, on lightly traveled, smooth farm roads and bike paths, along wide, meandering rivers, bordered by lush forest and quaint little villages.



Taking a WELL DESERVED break atop a 3.5 mile relentless grade that started at 6%, went to 10% and was a whopping 15% near the top. But we made it!!

From Aschaffenburg we pedaled our way back to Gelnhausen and the lovely Inn where we spent our first night of the tour. This little group of now close biking friends had laughed, groaned, huffed and puffed our way through the region of Germany called Northern Bavaria. Many new friendships were forged and poignant moments shared. The weather for two weeks had been perfect with sunny, windless days filled with blue skies and mild temperatures.

Our daily mileage averaged 40-45 miles on this trip. Our longest point to point mileage was 69 miles, the shortest 26 miles. Gunter gladly provides maps for

those who want additional miles. He usually leads a ride on the non traveling days with mileage varying to suit the group. Likewise if anyone doesn't feel like riding the entire distance or just wants a day off the bike, you are always welcome to take the comfortable motor coach that follows the biking route.

In the large dining room of the Hotel Burgmuehle we reluctantly packed up the bikes just as it began to rain (no doubt an omen to go home) and got ready for the farewell dinner. Gunter, ever the showman, made the festivities a night to remember. Spoofing the "Oscar's", our tour guide presented each couple with a cleverly individualized award and "Gunter" trophy to take home with our many pleasant photos and memories.

We invite you to join us on Gunter's next bicycle adventure in Italy, September 25 to October 11, 2003. Starting in Florence we take the motor coach to Siena to begin our *Italian Odyssey*, cycling several days each in the Tuscany and Umbria regions. The tour will end in Rome where we will spend three nights enjoying the incredible kaleidoscope of history, art and culture. During our sixteen days in Italy we will spend one or more nights in Siena, Montalcino, Cortona, Perguia, Todi and Rome. The average riding distance is about 40 miles per day in Italy. The longest point to point will be 57 miles and the shortest 30 miles. Like previous trips, Gunter will provide maps and suggestions for additional miles for anyone interested. For more details and a brochure, contact Linda Walter at Regency Travel, 800-278-8924, lwalter@regencytravel.net or if we can answer any questions please feel free to contact Rick or Kay Watson from Ardmore, Oklahoma, 580-223-8180, cw7540@aol.com. We have traveled with Gunter Walter many times and he has always made our trip a safe and special experience. There will be plenty of fun, mixed with the right amount of substance and sightseeing. He has a motor coach for SAG and those non-cycling side trips. Any cyclist is welcome to bring a non-cycling partner or if you just want to opt out of cycling for a few hours or a few days that choice is always available.

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 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@casteelsgn.com and he will assist you.

NO NAME RIDE THE SHORT VERSION

by Colleen Hering

Six teams joined ride leaders, Bruce Hudson and Carol Croy, to do battle with Mother Nature's heavy breathing of up to 30-mph winds in Mesquite on Sunday, February 23, 2003.

Everyone was safely shielded in their vehicles to avoid the hardy gusts when we arrived at the starting spot for the ride. Finally, Bruce ventured out to offer everyone \$20 to go home. Despite eagerness to accept his whimsical bribe, we all agreed to ride. We experienced second thoughts when the wind pushed us forward a step or two as we stood in the parking lot. There was also some uncertainty as to appropriate layering. The wind had a chilly bite to it, but the sun was warm.

All seven teams cruised together for the first few miles, then spread out when we turned directly into the wind. The forceful blast solidified our decision to take the short course of 19 miles even if we would be riding solo. There were a few stretches of tree-lined roads that provided a pleasant retreat. Just before the turn-off for the longer routes, we met up with the stronger riders who were peeling layers of clothing.

Before we left the group, Team Hudson-Croy advised us to take a different road on the return trip to avoid the uphill we'd enjoyed on the way down. But, we didn't steer clear of hills completely—it's a cycling rule: on a loop course, what goes downhill must go back up eventually.

When my head wasn't down to avoid drag, what I saw of the scenery promises to be inviting in the spring. We are eager to ride the full route on this event when the wind dies down.

Thanks to Bruce and Carol for their good-natured leadership and for providing us with an opportunity to bask in the sun and to raise the bar for wind tolerance.

Happy Trails!

[Ed Note: By the time the medium route riders made their way back to the end of the route, the wind had shifted (not died down one iota) and we finished the ride with the last 5 miles or so directly into the wind. Ugh!]

Bicycles to Bring Internet to Laos Village

Villagers in Laos will soon be using pedal power to surf the Internet. A Vietnam War veteran is bringing custom-built computers -- running on bicycle-powered generators -- to the Southeast Asian country. More at WSJ.com

White Rock Creek Trail Needs Repairs Contact your City Council Person!

When was the last time you rode White Rock Creek Trail in its entirety? This is one of the best things the City of Dallas has ever done for cyclists (and rollerbladers and walkers), but the last time we rode it, the portion north of LBJ was under construction and completely closed off.

DATES member Lee Wilson explains that "the damaged trail is closed and blocks off anyone trying to access the trail from north of LBJ. This creates an unsafe situation by requiring any users to travel on the busy service roads and Hillcrest to bypass the barriers."

Word is that the city had planned to fix it but changed their minds, at least for the present time, because **NOBODY HAS COMPLAINED.**

If you live in Dallas (or even if you don't), please write to the city council members and the mayor and let them know that you want the trail fixed for spring and summer riding, roller blading and walking.

It really is an embarrassment to the city -- a newcomer to Dallas from Tampa said she was disappointed to move here and find a great trail for long-distance rollerblading that is not currently usable.

Please let the city know that we do want repairs and we do use our trails!

To write to any of the city council members or the mayor, go to

http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/dallas_city_council.html

Click on the person you wish to contact, and then click on "send an email".

Make your voices heard and let our city officials know that we appreciate our trails and want them to be maintained in useable condition.

Inez Road Race has Tandem Category Saturday, May 17

The Inez Road Race again includes a tandem category with three subcategories: men's, women's and mixed teams. The top 5 teams in each subcategory will receive a trophy.

The race distance is one lap of 27 miles. The course is wide open with adequate room for tandems. The terrain is relatively flat with a prevailing wind from the south. They say they are the only tandem race in Texas, so racers, this is your chance! For registration information see:

<http://txbra.org/events/event.asp?EventID=817>

CYCLING CHECKLIST

Here is the Granddaddy of Checklists for your next cycling adventure. Thanks to John McManus for sharing this with us. Stokers, you may need to add a couple of items. Pick and choose from the list as to what is relevant for the trip you are taking:

CYCLE CLOTHING	FIRST AID	PERSONAL HYGIENE
Arm warmers	Advil/Aspirin	Brush
Glove liners	Allergy medicine	Deodorant
Gloves (2)	Band-aids	Floss
Handkerchief	Eye drops	Nail clippers
Head Bank	First-aid kit	Razor
Heavy Gloves	Lip balm	Saddle Sooth
Helmet	Prescription medication	Shampoo
Helmet cover	Sterile wipes	Shaving cream
Jerseys, long sleeve	Sun block	Toothbrush
Jerseys, short sleeve (2)	Q-tips	Toothpaste
J-rags (2)		
Leg warmers	MISCELLANEOUS	BICYCLE EQUIPMENT
Long tights	Address labels	Camelback
Rain booties	Baggies	Handlebar bag
Rain hood	Bungie Cords	Helmet
Rain jacket	Cable & lock	Lights
Rain pants	Camera	Rear Bag
Shoes	Compass	Water Bottles
Shorts (2)	Film	
Socks (3)	Flash light	PARTS
Socks, liner	Lock	Cables
Thermal pants	Maps	Folding tire
Thermal tops (2)	Notebook and pencil	Misc hardware
Vest	Passport	Shoe cleats
	Power Bars	Spare tubes (2)
TOURING CLOTHES	Sunglasses	Spokes
Belt	Sunscreen	Tube repair kit
Handkerchief	Swiss army knife	Degreaser
Jacket	Tripod	Rags
Shirt	Umbrella	Polish
Shoes	Vanity Mirror	Lubricant
Slacks	Woolite packets	Hand cleaner
Socks		
Sweater	TOOLS	CAMPING
Underwear (2)	Bike Friday Kit	Flashlight
	Cassette remover	Ground Cloth
FOR AIRPLANE	Chain tool	Inflatable Pillow
Book	CO2 Carts	Sleeping Bag
Clothes	Crank extractor	Tent
	Mini Kit	Therma Rest Pad
OTHER	Pump	Therma Rest Seat
Airline tickets	Spoke wrench	
Money/Travelers Checks		Tandem Only
Passport		Chain tension spanner
		Drum brake remover
		S&S Tool

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

DALLAS AREA TANDEM ENTHUSIASTS

WEB Page: www.doubledates.com

Double DATES Rides & Activities

RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / E-MAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
Pilot Point Ride	Sunday, March 2	9:00 AM	Pilot Point Town Square Pilot Point, TX	Herb & Sandra Bloomer	972-492-2727	35 miles	See Article
Ride Til You Stop...Shop Til You Drop...Eat Til You Pop	Sunday, March 9	9:00 AM	McKinney Town Square (NE corner of Tennessee & Hunt), McKinney, TX	Rick & Ann Dixon	972-540-1574	30 to 60 miles	See Article
St Patrick's Day Ride	Sunday, March 16	9:00 AM	Lancaster Town Square Lancaster, TX	John McManus & Brenda Cole	214-321-6085	40 miles	See Article
Stoker Appreciation	Sat-Sun Apr 5-6	Meet 8 AM Ride 8:30	Chamber of Commerce Hwy 180 at Santa Fe Street Weatherford, TX	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	972-517-4534 res1rrzj@verizon.net	Approx 60 miles each day	RSVP, Make your reservation in Glen Rose, Captains - write your poem See Article
Lone Oak Winery Tour & Bar-B-Q	Saturday April 12	2:00 PM	Lone Oak Winery Lone Oak Road (east of I35 north of Denton & Sanger)	Larry & Nancy Gingerich	940-668-0987 l.gingerich@kiowaonline.net	35 to 50+ miles	\$20 per couple. RSVP via email at l.gingerich@kiowaonline.net or call us at 940.668.0987. See Article
DATES Meeting & Social	Sunday April 13	5:30 PM	Home of Franklin & Tricia Kemp 3004 Pataula Lane, Plano, TX	Franklin & Tricia Kemp	972-578-9093	NA	RSVP. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. See Article
Easter Hill Country DATES (et al) Rides	Fri-Sun Apr 18-20	Fri & Sat 9:00 AM Sun 8:00	Gillespie County Courthouse Fredericksburg, TX	John McManus & Brenda Cole	214-321-6085 John_J_McManus@yahoo.com 830-997-5894 in Fredericksburg	50+ miles Fri-Sat 30 miles on Sun	See Article
13th Annual SouthWest Tandem Rally	April 25-27, 2003		Tulsa, Oklahoma	Tulsa Bicycle Club			http://www.tulsabicycleclub.com/Tandem%20Rally/SWTR3003.htm See Article

Upcoming Area Pay Rides

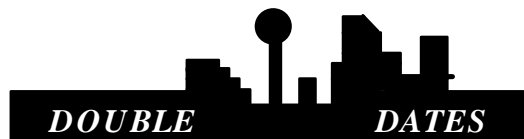
RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Spring Fever 2003	Saturday March 22	8:00 AM	City Park Sulphur Springs, TX	http://www.sspilotclub.org/
Tour Dallas	Saturday April 5	8:00 AM	American Airlines Center Downtown Dallas, TX	http://www.tourdallas.org/ Tandem discount
Aledo's Ride for Heroes	Saturday April 5	8:00 AM	Aledo High School, 1187 & Bailey Ranch Road Aledo, TX	http://www.aledobikeride.com/
Lancaster Country Ride	Saturday April 12	9:00 AM	Lancaster Town Square Lancaster, TX	http://gdbclub.org/gdb/lancaster2003.htm
Easter Hill Country Tour	April 18-20	Open	Friday: Fredericksburg High School, Fredericksburg, TX Sat: Schreiner College, Kerrville, TX	http://www.hbc.stevens.com/ehct/
Muenster Metric Century	Saturday, April 26	11:00 AM	Sacred Heart Community Center, Main Street 6 blocks north of Hwy 82, Muenster, TX	http://www.nortexinfo.net/gfest/bike.htm
Beauty and the Beast	Saturday, April 26	9:00 AM	University of Texas at Tyler, 3900 University Blvd Tyler, TX (Spur 248 off SE Loop 323)	http://www.hbc.stevens.com/ehct/

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