

**DATES NEWS****DATES Business Meeting & Social  
RESCHEDULED**

**NOT** Sunday, June 1st

Summer holiday's are upon us. Be sure to share your tandem adventures while on vacation. However, as a result of the summer season, we are rescheduling the next business meeting.

NEW DATE to be scheduled in July. Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

**North by Northwest  
June 8th, 2003**

Meet Ronnie & Nanette Bryant at 8:00am in Valley View, Texas for routes of 60 & 35 miles. There are very few turns, not many cars and a few of "Ronnie's Rollers". The route goes through the tiny towns of Forestburg, Russton, and Era. Take Interstate 35 north past Denton to FM 922, turn left and go 1 block to the Valley View Town Square.

**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 need assistance in signing up, e-mail Warren Casteel at [warren@casteelsign.com](mailto:warren@casteelsign.com).

**To receive information on additional June and July rides sign up for ONE-List and watch your email!**

**July 2003 DATES-LINE Schedule:**

Mailed by: June 26, 2003

**Notices & Articles due by: June 20, 2003**

**Mark your calendars!!  
Historic Waxahachie Ride & Pool Party  
Sunday, August 17 - 8:30 AM**

George & Ginger Cole would love for you to join them on a leisurely ride through historic Waxahachie Sunday, August 17th. Meet at the Cole's house: 207 Rock Springs Drive, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

We will depart from the Cole's at 8:30 am and return to the house for lunch and swimming. Our ride on the Gingerbread Trail will take us past beautiful homes and the Chautauqua in Getzendaner Park. From the park we will meander down the new bike trail beneath towering trees to the downtown area. While we are at the town square you may want to stop and stroll through some of the Antique stores. We'll make a round trip from downtown on the bike trail to Lions Park. Then we'll be ready to head for the house "through the back door" for a mix of Gingerbread homes and new housing.

George will fire up the grill for lunch so be sure to bring your favorite cut of meat, fish or the ever popular tube steak. The Cole's will provide bottled water, soft drinks & tableware. Bring a side dish or salad to share. There is an extra refrigerator in the garage to keep your goodies fresh.

Please contact the Cole's to let them know you'll be there and what you plan to bring. Home: 972-938-1874, Work: 214-922-6375, e-mail [GnGCole@aol.com](mailto:GnGCole@aol.com). They will be happy to give you directions to their home.

Editors Note: If you would like to make a weekend of it or arrive early to minimize the drive, check out lodging options at: <http://www.waxacofc.com/lodging.htm>.

Reliable sources tell me the historic/restored *Roger's Hotel* on the Square is a great place to stay. It was used in the Academy Award winning movie *'Places in the Heart'*. It also has a great restaurant *Emory's*.

## DATES Around The World

Where are DATES members riding this year? Here are the ones we know about:

- Ronnie and Nanette Bryant - France in July.
- Chuck & Kris Carlson - San Juan Islands in August.
- Pete Holverson and Laura Roberts - Oregon in August.
- Jim & Rhonda Hoyt - France in July.
- Jay Lewis (w/o Becky Williams) - Currently riding across the U.S.
- John McManus & Brenda Cole - Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales in June & July.
- Harry & Janette Thompson - South Dakota in June.
- Rick and Kay Watson - Italy in September.
- Jim & Melody Yuhn - Ireland in July.

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## BIKEJOURNAL.COM

Bikejournal.com is a free website created in 2001 for cyclists of all levels, from the recreational rider to the hardcore roadie, to record and track mileage and up to 11 other interesting statistics from their rides. Journal data can also be saved to a spreadsheet file for keeping an offline record of rides. Dynamically updated tables allow members to compare their performance with other riders. The site also helps riders connect with bikers and clubs in their area. Clubs that add their organization to the site have access to a "club members only" area that can be used by their club members to view and compare miles within their club only. The purpose of bikejournal.com is to provide a fun and easy method of tracking rides and to encourage bicycling through the pursuit of personal goals and friendly competition.

### Inquiring Minds

Inquiring Minds want to know . . .

**Do you take your hills sitting down? What are your standing climb secrets on a tandem?**

Please share your standing climb tips or a favorite story. E-mail responses to [ddateseditor@aol.com](mailto:ddateseditor@aol.com). DATES Team input and another Inquiring Minds question will be published in the next newsletter.

### Feature Articles & Ride Reports

#### Shiner B.A.S.H.

by jane joyce

In mid May we tried the famous Shiner BASH ride which goes from Austin, Houston, or San Antonio over to Shiner Texas, home of the brewery. 85 miles of tail wind was our friend that day as we passed people all along the way. Good rest stops, well supported, well attended. No other DATES folks were there that we saw. Oh well, their loss I'm sure. The ride was relatively flat, but still scenic with rolling meadows very green and pretty and did I mention the tail wind? Well I guess a 20 MPH average speaks for itself. Effortless fun. A good days ride and big party at the end of the ride, shower truck, beer and some food. Too bad this starts so far from Dallas as we only saw friends from other cities. Put this one on your list for next year it's very well organized and a novel ride indeed.



ing manual. However, (see [www.torelli.com/owen/ang1.html](http://www.torelli.com/owen/ang1.html)) I have always considered myself more in the mold of Anquetil than Armstrong. Although on the ride back, the heat of the day was upon us (Laura says she's ready to hibernate), everyone completed the 77-mile trip, including Rusty the resourceful Rookie, despite a flat on the Venable velocipede.

### LEAKEY TANDEM WEEKEND

John McManus

We attended our first Leakey (pronounced "lay key") weekend. This was the fourth year this has been held over Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Edward Tasch of Austin, acting for himself and not any club or organization, coordinates it. In the previous sentence I used the term "coordinated" instead of "organized" because this event is only loosely organized.

There are maps. More maps than days to ride. And the maps don't show the names or numbers of the roads. Or the direction of travel. No queue sheets. Some teams started together on Saturday, most did the same route. On Sunday, it appeared that everyone did a different route.

But, you're riding in the Texas Hill Country so you can't go wrong. Saturday's ride is the well traveled (by bikes and motorcycles) Leakey, Vanderpool, Utopia, and Garner State Park loop. The East and West legs provide a lot of climbing. Particularly the Leakey to Vanderpool leg, which has two big, climbs. Big means 500 feet of climbing in about a mile and a half. The South and North legs are through pleasant valleys. Utopia has two great places to eat. You have choice of the Lost Maples Café with chicken fried steak and buttermilk pie or Garden Of Eat'en with yuppie sandwiches and espresso. We had preordered from the latter establishment but this was of little value since we arrived before they were ready. But no one was in a hurry.

On Saturday night we participated in the annual Leakey Shrimp Fest. This is on the tree-covered grounds of the Frio Canyon Lodge. It was a nice cool evening. Every resident, goat-roper, cowboy, hippy, Harley rider and cyclist in the county must have attended. But there was plenty of boiled shrimp, corn-on-the-cob and potatoes. Everyone was well fed and happy. After dinner, some of us wandered (waddled) down the street to an art gallery. I didn't think much of the art, but the Blue Grass band playing outside was great. We sat in someone's comfortable chairs and enjoyed the music.

On Sunday, Brenda and I rode by ourselves toward Camp Wood. We did the big climb and then had fun with the rollers on top. We turned around before the descent to Camp Wood because we wanted to test ride our single bikes fully loaded with four panniers.

On Sunday evening, the Mahoney's (HATS leaders) invited everyone for a cook your own outing. I think every tandem rider attended - there were at least 30 to 40 people and enough food for twice that number. It was another wonderful evening of eating, drinking and socializing.

Monday morning brought rain and most probably changed their plans. We continued to Utopia for more testing of our half-bikes.

The Leakey Weekend is enjoyable. But it is a far drive from Dallas for the amount of riding. DATES only had three teams attend this year: Pete and Laura and Lee and Becky and us. If you decide to go next year, be sure to BYOB and food for the cookout. Leakey is a long way from anywhere.

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# FRESH DATES

## Team Lefebvre

Plano, TX

**Captain:** Rich Lefebvre  
**Stoker:** Nikki Lefebvre  
**Joined DATES:** April 2003  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
     **Captain:** 10 years  
     **Stoker:** 3 years  
**How long tandeming?** 3 years  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** CoMotion CoPilot  
**How often do you ride?** Every other day  
**How far?** Average 30 miles per day during the week and 50-60 on the weekend days (we did 100k each day of this last weekend)  
**Usual route/area?** Rural Colin county  
**Favorite Ride?** Muenster  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** PBA

## Team Livings

Arlington, TX

**Captain:** Forrest Livings  
**Stoker:** Melissa Livings  
**Joined DATES:** April 2003  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
     **Captain:** 10 years  
     **Stoker:** >1 year  
**How long tandeming?**  
     **Forrest:** 6 years as stoker - as a youth Forrest spent many years behind his sweaty father on a tandem; 1 year as Captain.  
     **Melissa:** >1 year as Stoker  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** We enjoy doing activities together  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** KHS Tanemania Sport, which we are slowly converting to a touring bike.  
**How often do you ride?** Forrest rides daily. We sold one of our cars a few months ago so his bike is Forrest's primary means of transportation. Melissa rides about once or twice a week and together we ride at least once a week.  
**How far?** Routes vary between 8 - 25 miles  
**Usual route/area?** North Arlington and on longer routes, South Arlington.  
**Favorite Ride?** Easter Hill Country, Kerrville  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** Richardson Bike Mart and on the net looking for bike rallies  
**Anything else you'd like us to know about you?** We won't ride in June because of religious beliefs - No just kidding. Forrest will be in Mexico studying Spanish. But when July rolls around, you can bet we will be out there!

## Team Livingston

Dallas, TX

**Captain:** Henry Livingston  
**Stoker:** Debbie Livingston (aka "The Rear Admiral")  
**Joined DATES:** March 2003  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
     **Captain:** 15 years                      **Stoker:** 7 years  
**How long tandeming?** 7 years  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** It is such a great equalizer. Don't get me wrong, there are no free rides on a tandem as every stoker knows, but the tandem helps to assure no one gets dropped....ever.  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** A beautiful shiny red Santana Sovereign (can you tell we love it?)  
**How often do you ride?** As often as we can, at the very least both days every weekend. Henry also rides to and from work about 3 days a week on his single bike. Occasionally we ride our single bikes. I think Henry likes to do that to remind me of the Captain's responsibilities. I don't get to see quite as many things on the road when I have to do my own steering and gearing. I always appreciate getting back into my Stoker Seat after several miles on my single bike.  
**How far?** The distance depends on the time of day we ride, but we usually do between 30 and 50 miles.  
**Usual route/area?** We live right across the street from the 4-mile mark on the bicycle path that leads down to White Rock Lake, so we are big fans of riding the lake. Since they have improved the path eliminating the need to go through the intersection at Royal/Greenville we absolutely love riding that path and doing a few laps around the lake. We change up our laps to include most of the more challenging climbs and then pray for a south wind to blow us home.  
**Favorite Ride?** We are big fans of the MS150 Red River Challenge. It is always a great opportunity to ride with wonderful people while raising money for a good cause. We're hoping to eliminate the need to do the ride by defeating Multiple Sclerosis. We did a ride through Tuscany, Italy a few years ago which was fabulous. Henry has done Ride the Rockies several times (he's hoping to persuade me to do it on the tandem one day) and he loved both the challenge and the feeling of accomplishment. To date our biggest tandem accomplishment is completing RAGBRAI in the summer of 2001. It's a ride across Iowa with 10,000 other crazy cyclists. We had a ball, but never let anyone tell you that Iowa is flat! We managed to log over 18,000 feet of climbing in a week. We spent the rest of the summer with legs of steel.

**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** From John and Brenda McManus. Also, we would see members of DATES riding out at White Rock Lake. They always asked us if we were members of DATES, now our answer is DEFINITELY!!

**Anything else you'd like us to know about you?** Cycling is a large part of our life as is just about anything we can do together. We enjoy the company of other fun loving cycling enthusiasts and look forward to the time when we can be happy little globe wanderers viewing the world from our "trusty tandem steed".

**DALLAS AREA TANDEM ENTHUSIASTS**

**Double DATES Rides & Activities**

**Web Page: <http://www.doubledates.com>**

<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>Business Meeting and Social</b>	To be scheduled in JULY						
<b>North by Nortwest</b>	Sunday June 8th	8:00 AM	Valley View Texas Town Square	Ronnie & Nanette Bryant		35 - 60 Miles	I-35 north past Denton to FM 922, turn left and go 1 block to the Valley View Town Square.
<b>No Name II</b>	Late June		Watch for ONE-List notification of the details or check out the website	Carroll & Bobbie Mayhew			

**Upcoming Area Pay Rides**

<b>RIDE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>START PLACE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>
<b>Mesquite Rodeo Ride</b>	Saturday June 7	8:00 AM	Mesquite Rodeo Center in Mesquite. 10, 20, 40&60 miles. \$20 by May 24; \$25 after	<a href="http://www.mesquiterotary.org/">http://www.mesquiterotary.org/</a> <a href="#">Discounted Stoker Rate and separate start time.</a>
<b>12th Annual Collin Classic</b>	Saturday June 14	8:00 AM	McKinney North High School	<a href="http://www.collinclassic.com/">http://www.collinclassic.com/</a> Presented By The Fit Life Foundation Benefiting The Volunteer Center of Collin County. Discounted Stoker rate
<b>Fire Ant Tour</b>	Saturday June 14	8:00 AM	Gatesville, Texas CORYELL ACTIVITIES COMPLEX	Just east of the intersection of TX Loop 36 and US Hwy. 84. 10-mile, 30-mile, 50 mile, and 100K <a href="http://www.bicycletexas.com/fireant100k.htm">http://www.bicycletexas.com/fireant100k.htm</a>
<b>Peach Pedal</b>	Saturday July 12th		Weatherford, Texas	11, 27, and 40 mile and 100 K routes, Phone 888-594-3801 for more information
<b>Katy Flatland Century</b>	Saturday July 20th		Rhodes Stadium, Katy Texas	30 mi, 50 mi, 100 k, 100 mi, Phone: 281-550-2798 or visit <a href="http://www.northwestcyclingclub.com/club/rides/kfc2001.html">http://www.northwestcyclingclub.com/club/rides/kfc2001.html</a> for more information