



## EVENTS



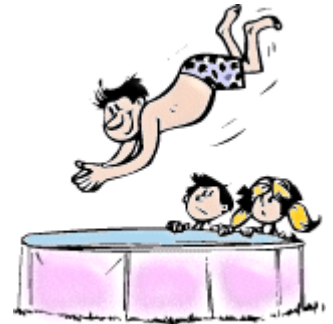
### 5th Annual Labor Day Melissa Ride and Pool Party Sept. 5, 2005

Joint Ride for PBA and DATES Members

PBA and DATES Members are invited to join Rusty and Belinda Nail and Marc and Susie Mumby for a holiday ride on quiet country roads. Meet at the Nail's home in Melissa for the ride start at **8 AM**. Mapped routes of approximately 25, 40 and 60 miles will be offered. If you

would like to join us after the ride for goodies from the grill, please bring a side dish to share & lawn chairs. Some soft drinks will be provided. The pool & hot tub will also be open for a dip after the ride, so bring a swimsuit and towel. RSVP by email: [belinda@planobicycle.org](mailto:belinda@planobicycle.org) or phone: 972-838-2768.

Directions: The ride start is located at 1613 Grandberry Drive in Melissa. Take US75 to SH121, exit # 45, 5 miles north of McKinney. Head east and turn right at first traffic light, Berry Road (CR 339) (land-marked by Kim's Corner Fudge Factory, Shell). Look for Berry Farms subdivision about 200 yards on your left. Turn left into the subdivision and make the second right on Dewberry and then next left on Grandberry. The Nails' house is on the right about an 1/8th of a mile down with circle drive and separate garage.



### The TROLS Big Adventure '05 Friday – Sunday, September 16-18, 2005 Jefferson, TX

#### Rally Agenda:

- **Friday, September 16, 2005**
  - 2:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Packet pickup in the Chez Lafayette B&B (garden)
  - 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm: Optional tandem spin to Lake o' the Pines for ice cream. 20 TROL unit ride, ice cream at lake lookout until 5:30 (map at packet pickup)
- **Saturday, September 17, 2005**
  - 6:30 am - 8:00 am: Optional breakfast buffet at Ole Tyme Restaurant and Market (316 N. Polk)
  - 8:15 am: Welcome briefing and ride start on Austin Street in front of the Excelsior House. Ride lengths are 39, 57, and 65 TROL Units
  - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Box lunch at Tall Pines Lodge
  - 4:30 pm: Social Hour upstairs at Carnegie Library
  - 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Dinner at Carnegie Library catered by Riverport Barbeque
- **Sunday, September 18, 2005**
  - 6:30 am - 8:00 am: Optional breakfast buffet at Ole Tyme Restaurant and Market (316 N. Polk).
  - 8:15 am: Ride to Caddo Lake State Park and back. 29 TROL Units. No official start.
  - After ride: Optional lunch on your own at the Hamburger Store

Questions? Call Reggie or Linda Bowers at (903) 663-2144, or e-mail: [txhobbit@yahoo.com](mailto:txhobbit@yahoo.com).  
Or visit our web site at <http://trols.home.att.net>

**DATES 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Century  
Sunday September 25, 2005  
Van Alstyne, TX**

DATES' present Texas' premier one-day event for TANDEM teams\*\* **featuring half, three-quarter and full centuries.** Award winning, "perfect" course with shaded country lanes, farms, small towns, rolling hills, *no-nada-zip traffic*: "It's like riding through pictures in touring company brochures!"  
Rest stops, maps, and SAG support.

When: Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Packets available 7:00 AM. Courses open 8:00 AM.

Registrations due by September 22<sup>rd</sup>

Where: Ride start is in downtown Van Alstyne, Texas 48 miles north of Dallas city center via US75

Cost: Free for DATES members, non-member teams \$9

Contact Tom & Brenda at 972-517-4534 or e-mail to <mailto:res1rrzi@verizon.net>

~See event flyer in newsletter for complete information~

**ZuZu Urban Adventure  
Sunday October 2, 2005  
Dallas, TX**

Date: Sunday Oct. 2nd

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: ZUZU Mexican Cafe,  
Mockingbird & Abrams, Dallas

Please join us for a ride around the Lake and neighborhoods of White Rock. We'll start at 9AM from the ZUZU parking lot at Abrams and Mockingbird and ride approximately 25 miles with options for shorter or longer distances. We'll lunch at ZUZU's after the ride.

Contact Tom & Grace at 972-867-9252 or email [tomhogan1@aol.com](mailto:tomhogan1@aol.com)

**October 2005 DATES-LINE Schedule:**

**Mailed by: September 27, 2005**

**Notices & Articles due by: September 23, 2005**

**North Dallas TOTS Ride  
(Tour Of The Stars)  
Sunday October 9, 2005**

**NAME:** "North Dallas TOTS (Tour Of The Stars)"

**DATE:** October 9, 2005

**TIME:** meet at 8:15am (to start by 8:30am)

**LEADERS:** Lee & Beckie Wilson

**CONTACT:** via email ([TheWilsons@purelyonline.com](mailto:TheWilsons@purelyonline.com))  
OR cell phone (972-977-9686)

**START:** Behind Kohl's at the NE corner of Prestion and Frankford – north end of the Arbors shopping center (mapsco 5G)

**DISTANCES:** 36 or 47 miles (depending on conditions and group consensus) with rest stop at the original La Madeleine in University Park

**LUNCH:** Stop at "John's Backyard Grill" (one mile from finish) to enjoy one of John's famous creations, such as the "Singin' The Blues Burger" or a "California Chicken, Dude." And/or relax after the ride at Lee & Beckie's house (half a block from the finish) for snacks and beverages on the patio.

**DESCRIPTION:** An interesting look at North Dallas – not just another urban ride. We'll ride past the homes of celebrities and local personalities as we crisscross an area with the highest concentration of disposable income in the nation. Why drive to the country to ride when Dallas has all this to offer? You'll pedal through well known neighborhoods and at other times not even believe you're still in the city. Who says Dallas is flat?

**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).



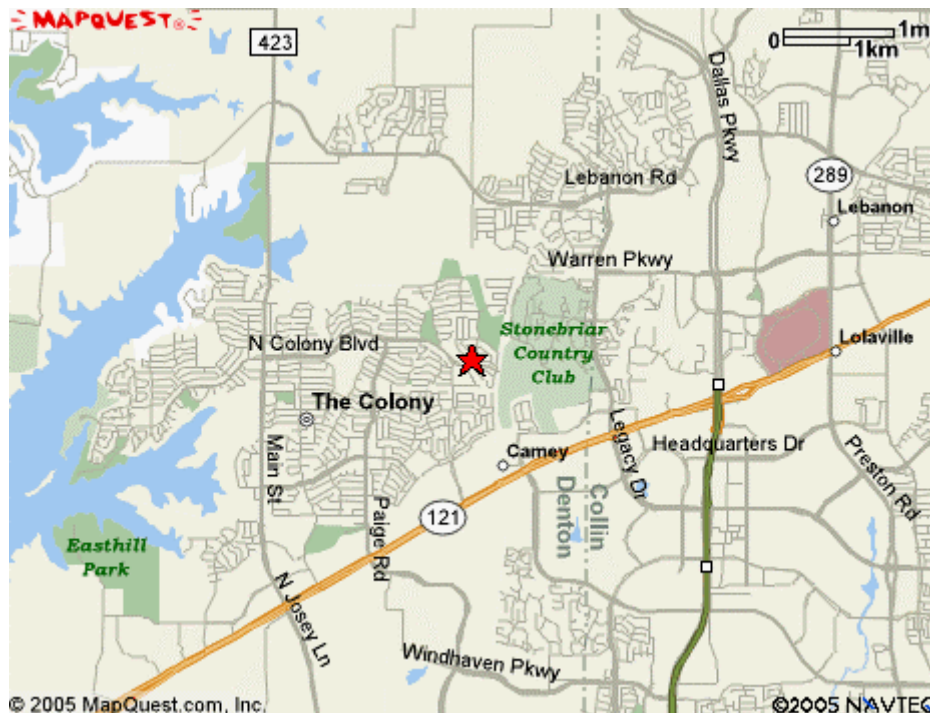
605 18th St., Plano, TX 75074  
(972) 423-4130  
FAX: (972) 516-0598  
HOURS: M-F 9:30-7, TUES 9:30-8  
SAT 9:30-6  
SERVICE OPENS AT 8:00AM M-F

## DATES Business Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2005 @ 5:30 PM

To be held at the home of Kevin & Linda Vinson. We will be grilling hamburgers, hotdogs, and bratwursts. Please RSVP and let us know if you will be bringing a salad, side dish, or dessert. Please contact Kevin or Linda at 972-625-6110 or e-mail to [Linda.vinson@eds.com](mailto:Linda.vinson@eds.com).

Directions to 7013 Fox Drive, The Colony 75056.



Even though State Highway 121 is a "North-South" highway, it actually travels "Northeast-Southwest". If you are traveling on SH 121 from the I-35 corridor, take SH 121 northeast to Morning Star. You will make a left onto Morning Star (this is the entrance into The Legends subdivision). From the US-75/Preston Road/Tollway corridors, take SH 121 southwest to Morning Star. Make a right onto Morning Star.

Whether you are coming from the east or west, take Morning Star straight north to North Colony Boulevard. This will be a "T" intersection. Make a right onto North Colony Boulevard. Take North Colony Boulevard east to Northpointe. This will be the first left after the Peanut Gallery Day Care. Take Northpointe north to Fox Drive. This will be the first left. Once on Fox Drive, we are the fourth house on the left.

Volunteers needed to plan the 2006 DATES Annual Meeting.  
Please contact: Don and D'Ann Hunt if you are interested.



**2005 Southern Tandem Rally**  
**September 30—October 2, 2005**  
**Kingsport, TN**



**Cycle the Valleys in  
 the Shadow of the  
 Blue Ridge  
 Mountains**

**Sept. 30 / Oct. 2**  
**2005**  
**Fri. Sat. Sun.**



Meadowview Marriott Conference Resort and Convention  
 Center ~ Kingsport, Tennessee

The Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Kingsport Bicycling Association and the 2005 Southern Tandem Rally committee welcome you to Kingsport, Tennessee, and the 2005 edition of the Southern Tandem Rally. During the three days you will experience rides that are perfect for tandems with multiple length ride options available each day. The rides will follow lightly traveled country roads over rolling terrain that will give you the opportunity to apply all of your riding skills. The rides will give a chance to experience and enjoy the wonderful people of East Tennessee.

While in the Kingsport area, we hope you will take time to visit and enjoy many of the features of the area. There is excellent and challenging mountain bike riding to be found within minutes of MeadowView at Bays Mountain Park and Warriors Path State Park. Go back to the early 1800's by visiting Exchange Place and Netherland Inn. Visit the home of the Lost State of Franklin at Rocky Mount. Ride to the top of Whitetop Mountain on one of the top rails to trails conversions in the US: the Creeper Trail in Abingdon, Virginia. There is much to do in the area. Maybe you need to come early and stay late!

2005 Southern Tandem Rally website [www.str2005.org](http://www.str2005.org)

Ms. Wanda Thorpe

Kingsport Convention And Visitors Bureau

P.O. Box 1403

Kingsport, TN 37662

800.743.5282

**TTT – Texoma Tandem Tour**  
**Saturday October 29, 2005, 8:00 am**  
**Denison, TX**

Join Pat & Charlie Jenkins for a Saturday ride through northeast Texas & southeast Oklahoma. We'll meet at the Loy Lake Park in Denison TX about 7:30am & begin at 8:00am sharp.

Directions: North on Hwy 75 to exit # 67 (Loy Lake, in Denison). Go West (Left) on Loy Lake Rd, under 75 & take the 1<sup>st</sup> right – entrance into Loy Lake Park.

Routes of 56, 75 & 100 miles are mapped. If you want/need other mileage options, let us know in advance & we'll have maps ready for you.

The long distance route will do a quick loop northwest of Denison, then cross the dam over Lake Texoma, into Oklahoma. Then we'll parallel the Red River east through Cartwright, Colbert & Achille, cross the Red River back to Texas at Sowell's Bluff. Then we'll start our westbound trek back to Denison. We'll travel on a wide range of roads from deserted country roads to semi-busy FM roads (and everything in-between). But, the few busy roads are complete with adequate shoulders. All other distances are partial versions of the same route.

This route offers the usual north Texas hills, but nothing real steep or long. The minimum elevation is 470 ft, maximum is 820 (and they are nowhere close to each other©).

Be aware that there are long stretches with no services available. However, extreme heat shouldn't be a factor in late October (we hope!). We will have plenty of water, Gatorade, marathon bars & other goodies available at the start & finish.

RSVP's are preferred to ensure we are adequately prepared, but not required. We will start promptly, so if you arrive late, we'll leave maps on our windshield.

Contact Charlie & Pat Jenkins at: 903.463.1516 (home), 903.624.9744 (cell), or email us at: [Dates@ntsk8.com](mailto:Dates@ntsk8.com)

**Southwest Tandem Rally 2006**

**Save the dates, April 28 – 30, 2006!**

**Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma.**

For more information on Lake Murray Lodge, please visit the

<http://www.brightok.net/chickasaw/ardmore/county/lmurray.html> website.

Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts

Hot Line: (214) 352-7446 or 1-800-875-5662

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



**Ride Review:  
Everyone loves a parade  
By Harry and Janette Thompson**

Six couples (Logan, Hudson-Croy, Vinson, Jenkins, Bloomer, and Thompson) started from Valley View on Saturday, August 20, 2005, for a summer ride through the farmlands of North Texas. We couldn't make it past the Buzz General Store at 7 miles before some had to stop. In no time at all we were at the 19-mile decision point. Only one team decided on the shorter 37-mile route and took the turn.

By the time we reached Grandpa's Snacks and Fuel in Forestburg, we had split with two teams riding ahead. That left just three teams to watch and participate in the Montague County Watermelon Parade. We arrived right before the start and had great seats for the assortment of floats, classic cars, tractors, ATVs, motorcycles, bicycles, and lots of horses that passed by. The local animal shelter was represented by a float complete with plenty of mutts. The highlight of the parade was when the Ford tractor broke down right in front of us and had to be pushed out of the way. At the end of the parade, teams Hudson-Croy, Bloomer, and Thompson filed right in. The spectators were delighted to see these fancy two-seater mechanical horses.

At about 45 miles we came upon a stranded tandem. Team Kemp had started late and was having a chain problem. Since they had ridden the short route, we were behind them. Herb Bloomer provided the mechanical expertise to replace the three bent links.

7 miles from the end we again encountered the Buzz General Store. This time we all scurried inside for ice cream and to get out of the heat. With a tailwind it was a short ride from there back to Valley View where the Jenkins' and Vinson's were patiently waiting as they had finished ahead of the main pack. We had ridden 56 miles and by now it was after 1:00 and we were roasted. Lunch was at Miguelitos in Sanger.

Special thanks to Herb Bloomer for his mechanical help and to Kevin Vinson for some much needed sag support on this very hot day.

DATES CLASSIFIEDS



Tandem For Sale -- 2003 Co-Motion Supremo. Perfect condition. Only 4,000 miles. Beautiful pearl white to royal blue fade paint. Not a scratch on it. Captain 5ft 8in Stoker 5ft 1in. Wound UP full carbon tandem fork, Chris King threadless headset, Chris King hubs with Salsa skewers, Velocity arrowhead wheels, Dura-Ace shifters and brakes, Ultegra cranksets, Dura-Ace 12-27 cassette (also extra 12-34 cassette) 2 Wound Up Carbon seat posts (also an extra RockShox telescoping seat post) Factory claimed weight 30 pounds without pedals. This is one sweet ride. We live in Wichita Falls but are in the Dallas area frequently. Can deliver in Dallas area. \$4,500.

Email [jimandjan@nts-online.net](mailto:jimandjan@nts-online.net) or phone  
940-696-9660 evenings.

**MINUTES:** DATES Business Meeting Sunday, August 14, 2005

**LOCATION:** Home of Tom and Diane Glenz, 329 Ellicott Dr, Roanoke, TX

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Team Vinson, Team Hudson/Croy, Team Kemp

**WEBMASTERS:** Kevin and Linda Vinson

**OTHERS:** Team Hering, Team Glenz, Team Carlson

**OUTLINE:** Opening – by Linda Vinson 7:10  
 Reports  
 New business  
 Next Meeting  
 Ride info  
 Adjournment

**REPORTS:** **Rides:** Hudson/Croy

1. Recap of four recent rides
2. Upcoming rides:
  - a. Thompson’s - 8/20
  - b. Vinson post H’nH - 8/28
  - c. Nails/Mumbys - 9/5
  - d. TROLS - 9/16-18
  - e. Shaddox - 100 ? 9/25.

**Membership:** Kevin Vinson

1. 79 teams
2. Discussion on encouraging membership and officering, Linda reported that Don and D’Ann will retire as Coordinators.
3. John McManus was suggested as being interested in becoming Coordinator.

**Website:** Team Vinson:

1. Kevin will maintain website for SWTR2006.
2. Kevin has CD’s with DATES photos back several years.
3. Website is not in jeopardy of disappearing as Kevin Borzak of Virgin 4 Technology supports us
4. Kevin has the website backed up twice.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Linda Vinson

1. Funds given to support Labor Day Ride.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Next Meeting:** Home of Team Vinson, The Colony, October 16, 5:30pm.

**Ride Info:**

1. No Halloween Tyler Ride this fall.
2. Bert/Sally Simpson offer to provide maps for post “Autumn in Bonham” Sunday ride but not lead.
3. Linda/Malcolm Cole offer to host Xmas ride early Dec.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:00.

**Adventure Racing/Mountain Biking/Off-Road Riding:**

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DATES Rides and Activities							
RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
Labor Day Melissa Ride	Monday Sept 5	8:00 AM	Home of Rusty & Belinda Nail 1613 Grandberry Drive Melissa, TX	Rusty & Belinda Nail Marc & Susie Mummy	972-838-2768 <a href="mailto:belinda@planobicycle.org">belinda@planobicycle.org</a>	25, 40 or 60 miles	Bring a side dish or dessert to share and lawn chairs. Also your swimming gear. Please RSVP
TROLS	Fri - Sun, Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	See Newsletter	Jefferson, Texas	Reggie & Linda Bowers	Reggie or Linda Bowers (903) 663-2144, or e-mail: <a href="mailto:txhobbie@yahoo.com">txhobbie@yahoo.com</a> .	TBA	Visit our web site at <a href="http://trols.home.att.net">http://trols.home.att.net</a>
DATES 4th Annual Century	Sunday, Sept. 25th	8:00 AM	Van Alstyne, Texas	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	972-517-4534 <a href="mailto:res1rrzi@verizon.net">res1rrzi@verizon.net</a>	1/2 Century, 3/4 Century or Century	See flyer in newsletter
2005 Southern Tandem Rally	Sept 30 through Oct 2 2005	See Website	Kingsport, TN	Wanda Thorpe	800-743-5282 <a href="http://www.str2005.org">www.str2005.org</a>	See Website	Visit <a href="http://www.str2005.org">www.str2005.org</a>
ZuZu Urban Adventure	Sunday, October 2nd, 2005	9:00 AM	ZuZu parking lot at Abrams & Mockingbird in Dallas	Tom & Grace Hogan	972-867-9252 <a href="mailto:tomhogan1@aol.com">tomhogan1@aol.com</a>	25 miles w/options for shorter or longer	Lunch at ZuZus after the ride
TOTS (Tour of the Stars) Ride	Sunday, October 9 2005	8:30 AM	Behind Kohl's at the NE corner of Preston & Frankford - north end of the Arbors shopping center (mapsc0 5G)	Lee & Beckie Wilson	972-977-9686 TheWilson's <a href="mailto:@purelyonline.com">@purelyonline.com</a>	36 or 47 miles	Lunch stop at John's Backyard Grill one mile from the finish
DATES Business Meeting & Social	Sunday, October 16, 2005	5:30 PM	The Home of Kevin & Linda Vinson - 7013 Fox Drive, The Colony	Kevin & Linda Vinson	972-625-6110 or e-mail to <a href="mailto:Linda.vinson@eds.com">Linda.vinson@eds.com</a>	N/A	See Newsletter
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2006 Southwest Tandem Rally	Fri - Sun April 28 - 30, 2006	TBA	Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma.	Rick & Kay Watson	TBA	TBA	For detail information, visit the 2006 SWTR web site.

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