



DATES-LINE



February 2006



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DATES Annual Meeting & Dinner February 19, 2006

Join all your DATES friends at Bugatti's Ristorante, February 19, 2006 at 6:00 pm for the annual meeting & dinner. Bugatti's is located at 3802 W. Northwest Highway, tucked in the southeast corner backing onto Marsh Lane. Their phone number is 214-350-2470. The menu will consist of a salad and choice of grilled salmon with dill cream sauce, Pasta Duo (lasagna, Ravioli) or Chicken Marsala with Chocolate Mousse for dessert. The cost will be \$25 per person, (includes tax and gratuity). A cash bar will be available.

Top 5 reasons to attend:

1. We will partake of fine food and drink.
2. You will have the opportunity to see each other all cleaned up and smelling fresh. No helmet hair. See if you can recognize everyone in "real clothes".
3. Good camaraderie.
4. The chance to talk in complete sentences to each other without being out of breath from that last hill.
5. No karaoke.

This is a great time to bring new ideas to the group's attention, reflect on the fun we had last year, and show our appreciation to those who made it happen. We'll talk about upcoming rides, (after all...that is what we all have in common!). Some business will be conducted – club officers may give reports covering 2005, and finally: this is the annual meeting where we elect the club officers.

We hope you will join us. The more the merrier. Please remember to RSVP...ASAP!!!

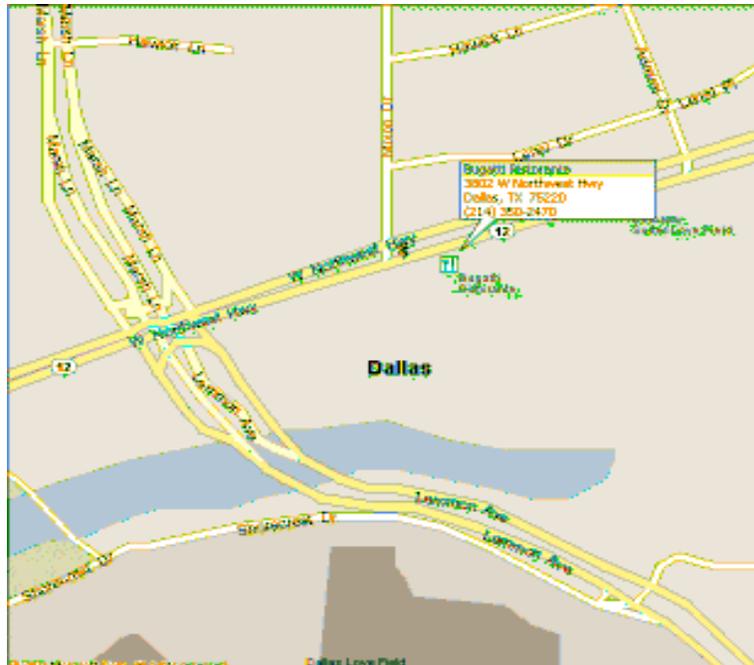
Don't wait until the last minute, RSVP Today!

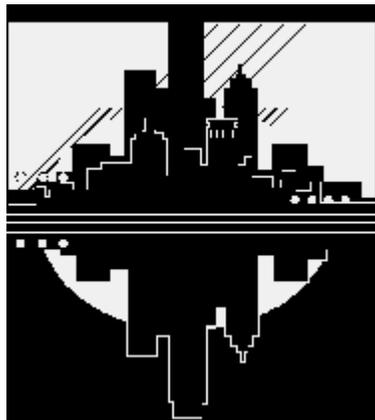
DATE → February 19, 2006
LOCATION → Bugatti's Ristorante,
 3802 W. Northwest Highway
TIME → 6:00 pm
COST → \$25 per person
RSVP → Roane and Juanita Logan:
 972-620-1882
jlogan@boardwalkag.com
 RSVP must be received no
 later than February 15.
 Send a check payable to
 "DATES" and mailed to:

Roane or Juanita Logan
3403 Summer Place Court
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

OR:

Cash for the exact amount will be accepted the evening of the dinner...but you **MUST** RSVP. If you RSVP but do not show, you will be billed for the dinner.





Greater Dallas Bicyclists

21st Annual

WEST END RIDE

Superbowl Sunday

February 5, 2006

One of the great cycling traditions of the Metroplex is almost upon us. Super Bowl Sunday is the day cycling enthusiasts from all over the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex participate in the West End Ride. Hundreds of cyclists from all over the metroplex ride from various locations around the area to the West End where they eat lunch, reconnect with old cycling buddies, enjoy each other's company and then return to their starting point. It's amazing to see the West End full of lycra-clad cyclists. If you haven't experienced this event, it is a must do. If you have, then you know you want to participate again. And yes, you will be home in time for the game if that's a priority!

Our own John McManus is credited with starting this tradition way back in ancient history. Bruce & I (weather permitting – we're kind of wimps when it comes to rain, cold and wind) will be joining the ride lead by our own Rhonda Hoyt starting from Richardson Bike Mart, SE corner of Coit & Campbell at 9:30 am on Sunday, February 5.

There will also be a group led by Bikin' Mike Keel leaving from his Training Center adjacent to Plano Cycling and Fitness at 9:30 AM Sunday February 5 riding to the West End for the traditional Super Bowl Ride.

Come on to the Bike Mart, Plano cycling or to any other starting point around the Metroplex and meet us in the West End for lunch. Check out the Greater Dallas Bicyclists website www.greaterdallasbicyclists.org for information on other starting points.

Bring a bike lock and join us on Super Bowl Sunday for an experience you won't soon forget!

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Valentines Day Ride
Sunday February 12, 2006
Grapevine TX

When: Sunday, February 12, 2006
Meet Time: 9:30 am
Start Time: 9:45 am
Where: Dove Elementary School – 1932 Dove Rd. – Grapevine
Route: 36 miles
Brunch: Cielos in Marriott Hotel at Solano

Directions:

Take your easiest route to Grapevine
In Grapevine, Hwy TX-114 and Hwy 121 merge, stay on Hwy TX-114 W.
Merge onto TX-114 W.
Take the exit toward WALL ST/FM-1709/E SOUTHLAKE BLVD. 0.2 miles
Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto E TX-114. <0.1 miles
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto S PARK BLVD. 1.1 miles
Turn RIGHT onto DOVE RD. <0.1 miles
End at 1932 Dove Rd, Grapevine, TX 76051-2702 US

Take a trip through the hills, windy roads and farms of Grapevine, Southlake, West Lake, Keller, Haslet and Roanoke. You will see horses, Longhorn cattle and wild flowers. The speed limit on most of the roads is 30 MPH, and the drivers are courteous. We will eat at Cielos in the Marriott Hotel. You can enjoy the buffet brunch or order off the menu; then bike about 6 to 8 miles back to Dove Elementary School.

RSVP – I need to give the restaurant a head count

Diane & Tom Glenz – 817/490-9226 or dtglenz@yahoo.com

John's Annual Birthday Ride (*gets longer every year!*)
Saturday February 18, 2006
Mabank, TX

Date: SATURDAY, February 18th 2006
Time: 9:30 am
Where: Mabank (TX) Middle School. Take highway 175 from Dallas. Exit at highway 198.
Turn right (South) The school is on your right, just past the Shell service station.
Distance: 66 miles
Ride Hosts: Cole/McManus Phone/Email: 214.321.6085 or john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com

Allow 1 hour and 15 minutes from Dallas to Mabank. This is one of John's favorite routes and he gets whatever he wants on his birthday. We'll have lunch at the new cafe in Edom. Allegedly, they have better buttermilk pie than The Shed Cafe across the street. Please r.s.v.p. so we know how many are coming.

Westward Ho!

Sunday March 12, 2006

Fort Worth, TX

Date: Sunday, March 12th 2006
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Wells Fargo Bank - 101 Jim Wright Fwy N, Fort Worth, TX 76108
Distance: 30 or 50 miles, with longer options available
Ride Hosts: Ronnie & Nanette Bryant, RonnieRBryant@hotmail.com 817 680-9404

Join Ronnie & Nanette for this ride that snakes along Lake Worth and through some rolling country roads of Parker County. Distances of 30 and 50 miles with longer options available. The ride starts at the parking lot of the Wells Fargo Bank at the southeast corner of Loop 820 and White Settlement Road in western Fort Worth. Maps will be provided.

Grayson County Spring Thaw Ride (No-Drop and more)

Saturday March 4, 2006

Denison, TX

Date: Saturday, March 4th 2006
Time: Meet at 9:30, ride at 10:00 am
Where: Loy Lake Park – Corner of Hwy 75 & Loy Lake Road (exit #67), Denison, TX
Distance: Various, ranging from approximately 25 through 60 miles, exact distances TBA
Ride Hosts: Charlie & Pat Jenkins
dates@ntsk8.com
 903.463.1516 or 903.624.9744

Join Charlie & Pat Jenkins for a relaxing ride on lightly traveled rural Grayson County roads. The initial 20 miles (approximately) will be **NO-DROP**. After 20 miles, choose your distance & ride at your desired pace. Yes, we will ensure that the no-drop portion remains no-drop!

Directions: North on Hwy 75 to exit # 67 (Loy Lake Road, in Denison). Go West (Left) on Loy Lake Rd, under 75 & take the 1st right (immediately west of 75) – entrance into Loy Lake Park / Frontier Village, then your 1st left through the gate towards the lake.

More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

RSVP's are always appreciated, although not required. Above all...show up & ride!

March 2006 DATES-LINE Schedule:

Mailed by: February 28, 2006

Notices & Articles due by: February 24, 2006

PLANO
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www.planocycling.com
 972-423-4130

Join
Plano Cycling Team Ticket
for the MS150 this year!
May 6th & 7th

info@planocycling.com
 18th at Central Expwy(75)

Mon-Fri 9:30-7:00
 Saturday 9:30-6:00
 Tuesday 9:30-8:00

The map shows the location of Plano Cycling + Fitness at the intersection of Park Blvd and 18th St, near the Central Expwy (I-75) and George Bush Turnpike (190).

Southwest Tandem Rally 2006

April 28 – 30, 2006

Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Fellow "Tandemists" we invite you to join us for three days of cycling in picturesque South Central Oklahoma at Lake Murray Lodge, near Ardmore, halfway between Dallas and Oklahoma City. You will discover that Oklahoma really does have hills, lakes and trees as you cycle through the heartland on the scenic low traffic, paved roads.

Saturday's routes will vary from 15 to 50 miles one way to the lunch location and similar distances will be offered for the totally different routes back to the lodge. After the ride, bike games will be organized near the lodge. Saturday evening will be filled with good food, dozens of pictures, capturing your riding adventures, entertainment and fun door prizes.

Rick and Kay Watson are the rally on-site organizers and welcome your questions or comments at cw7540@cableone.net or 580-223-8180, 3891 McClain Road, Ardmore, Oklahoma

73401. The Watson's have been involved in tandeming for nearly 20 years and organized the two previous SWTR events at Lake Murray, as well as a local one day ride, Red River Roadkill Rally, now in its 13th year.

**Registration:**

- \$200 per tandem team, received by April 7
 - Note: Registration is on a first come, first served basis and is limited to 125 teams
 - Contact Charlie & Pat Jenkins for registration → 903-463-1516 or swtr@ntsk8.com
 - Registration forms, online registration, and complete details available at: <http://www.doubledates.com/SWTR2006/index.htm>

Rally Headquarters:

- Lake Murray Lodge will serve as the SWTR2006 headquarters. Bike storage is available at the lodge.

Reservations (be sure to mention: SouthWest Tandem Rally):

- Lake Murray Lodge: 1-800-257-0322 or www.oklahomaparks.com (click on drop-down to select park)
 - Lodge rooms are \$55 per night +tax.
 - Cabins sleep 2-8 and range from \$48 to \$165 per night.
 - Campsites with full hookups may also be reserved through the park office: 580-223-4044
- Lake Murray bed and berth - floating villas: 580-223-0088 or www.oklahomabedandberth.com

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Fredericksburg Cycling Now

Winter Cycling

Sometimes one's frame of reference makes all the difference. We arrived in Fredericksburg exactly three year's ago this week, and returning to our home state of Texas from the Hamptons on Long Island in the dead of winter affirmed our relocation decision. (Granted, had we moved in the heat of August we might not have been so sanguine). Long Island winters are somewhat temperate compared to a few midwestern climes that we have also endured, including Cleveland and Detroit. So on Long Island we pretty much rode year-round, except in times of accumulated snow, which dotted the calendar from December through April, and when the temperature dropped below about 25 degrees (f). In central Texas, by contrast, the cold snaps usually last little more than a day or two. And most are not that cold at all. We do have wind to contend with, especially as the days get longer, but compared to much of the country, we have it very good here. (Recent temperatures in the 80's illustrate this fact as well.) So on those days when you must don your full tights, booties, and full gloves, do so knowing that these crummy conditions will not last long. Usually, by Valentines Day the worst weather is well behind us and Spring begins to blossom.

What is more, neither the Cowboys nor the Texans made the playoffs, so while folks up north watch TV while riding their trainers in their basements, you can come to Fredericksburg and ride outside on great roads!

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CycleTexas.com – PO Box 2172 – Fredericksburg, Texas 78624 – 830 456-1149

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Mark Your 2006 Calendars for these popular events:

SAR: the Stoker Appreciation Ride: Saturday and Sunday, April 1st and 2nd, 2006. We're setting the date early this year so everyone can get a room. An annual highlight on the DATES ride calendar; two day ride from Weatherford to Glen Rose and back. RSVP to Tom Shaddox: res1rrzj@verizon.net, then reserve your favorite B&B or a room at a Glen Rose motel now. ---> Limit 20 teams <--- SAG, wild flowers, great Saturday lunch stop, group dinner, Stoker Poetry (tm) & champagne. Captains: most stokers love B&Bs, but there's also the new motel in GlenRose: America's Best Value Inn and Suites, almost across the street from the nice Best Western: <http://www.glenrosetexas.net/accomodations.html>

DATES Century ride, 2006: The Mountain Course, a fresh challenge. Sunday, September 24th.

The New Year Eve Party that never ended, AKA New Year's Day Ride

Jeff Venable

Based on who asked to write something about the ride I assumed that I could revert back to my rambling style full of digressions. But for the new comers to the club (less than ten to 15 years) I will mention that we (about 9 teams) met on a lovely New Year's Day to ride what is arguably about the best short route that the club does. The roads are traffic free and the scenery is magnificent. Afterwards Team Vinson invited everyone to their home for food and beverages. Perfect hosts, great maps, a magnificent ride and a wonderful day. Some wind, but nothing major. Sorry if you missed the ride or the meal, they were fantastic! Wow! That felt like I was at work...now for MY ride report...Where were the Bloomers and their new bike? No drop? How come everyone had showered before I finished? Thank goodness Carol knew the route and was willing to ride with us to keep us from getting lost. We had great cue sheets...I mean they were even in color! I never looked at the cue sheet...or was it that I had the 20 mile cue sheet???

Okay, Linda (the current lady that I am torturing with my wonderful personality and charm) wanted to go to a New Year's Eve Party. She knows that I love to wear my tux and we found a party that had an open bar, plated meal, an open bar, live music, dancing, and an open bar at a local hotel. Did I mention that not only did they have dancing and live music, but an open bar? Thank goodness that I don't drink much. Well we checked into the hotel, received our wristbands and assigned table, #45. All sounded great. We went upstairs to our room and got dressed. I foolishly brought my black tux. How I missed the opportunity to wear my white dinner jacket is beyond me...whatever, we dressed and I chose my martini glass studs and links...I should have worn my white dinner jacket, and did I mention that there was an open bar at this party?

Linda and I were taken to our table where we met Gary and PJ...I don't remember the other two couple's names as I sort of went to the bar and never made it back to my table...did I mention that they had an open bar? Well while in line to get drinks who should I see but John McManus (I only promised myself that I would not use names for those who rode the ride as I am so bad with names). There are 4 bars, and John went to the farthest bar from their table. What bad luck for me! That was the beginning of the never ending NYE party. Well right after seeing John I saw Rick Watson! Now he lives in Oklahoma. I was really impressed to see him down in Dallas. Well for some reason John came back and told me that one couple was sick and probably could not sell their tickets and there would be an opening at their table...and sort of invited me over. Not sure if he meant it or not, but I delivered a drink to Linda and drug her over to table 22 to meet John, Brenda, Rick and Kay. Okay I introduced her to the Jim and Rhonda Hoyt as well. Linda recognized the other couples from seeing them riding at the lake. Linda and I run marathons so we spend quite a bit of time at the lake running, and several members of the club ride bikes at White Rock Lake and she recognized them ... pretty neat trick as I can't recognize half the people that I have ridden with for years when they are not in riding garb, much less with their bike.

Well this was going great! I ended up at a table where I knew people and got to watch Rick and Kay show off on the dance floor. Once the alcohol kicked in the rest of the table was dancing...as were the couples sitting at the table. I do remember wearing a feathered tiara as a beard for pictures I think...or was that another bad dream???

John informed me that "they" were doing the club ride tomorrow and that there was bet whether he would make it there. The "they" turned out to be John/Brenda and Rick/Kay. I said that we'd think about it, as we'd only have to get up at 6:00 to make it. We always get up earlier than that to run so it wouldn't be too bad, and I never use an alarm so hopefully I would not even wake up! Well when we came back to our table just after 1:00 nobody was there, not even the centerpieces. Clearly we had stayed too late (somehow we did make off with the hat from one of the vanishing center pieces...not sure when we took that - did I mention that they had an open bar?). I decided that the band had quit playing when I saw them carrying their instruments out in the hallway. The DJ was still playing music, the crowd was getting younger, the music getting harder, and Linda was drinking straight vodka...from three glasses at once. I figured that seeing that everyone else that was riding had their riding clothes and bike with them, and that Linda and I had to get home, find a bike, clothing and what not that we should be on our way too.

We were clearly the first ones in the restaurant that morning. It was dark when we left the hotel and my eyes were almost focusing. Life was good, and I was glad that I was only riding, not running (I ran a marathon last year on New Year's Day – my first one in ten years). Man if I had to run I would have died, but I could ride a tandem any day! Well we drove to my house, took the rear bench seat out of my van, knocked the cobwebs off one of my tandems, scraped off an much dust as we had time for and I filled my camelbak with fresh water...it is sort of a sealed system so why bother cleaning it first...I did notice that it had been a long time since I had ridden, there was a Hotter N Hell Hundred number on the camelbak...from 2003! My butt hurt just thinking about riding. Thank goodness that there was a 20 mile option!

Well I got dressed and we headed to Linda's to get her some riding clothes. Things were not looking good. The more I woke up the more I knew that I was making a minor error in judgment. The leather on my riding sandals was cracked. My camelbak still had a 2003 ride number on it. 2003! Not good. I only hoped the tires were flat due to losing air, not flat as in a flat tire complete with a hole in the tube as in my haze I had not checked for tubes or anything in the trunk. I just took it on faith that there was something of value in the trunk and that we'd pump up the tires and just go...I wondered if the bike would even shift. Strange the things that you worry about. Two flat tires and I am worried if the bike will shift?

We made it to Pilot Point in plenty of time. I saw lots of familiar people, no Team Hoyt, no Team Bloomer, actually nobody from the party. I pumped up the tires, knocked off some more cobwebs and decided that I would see if the bike would go. As I put on my riding gloves the gloves started falling apart from dry rot. Not a good sign. I went to put on my helmet. Another bad sign, the padding was rotting and glue that held the padding on was gone – well at least dried out and not working any more. Where were the slow teams or my former friends to bail me out??? I was feeling more like I had made a huge mistake, rather than just a minor mistake...I was feeling hung over just thinking about the ride! My head is killing me right now! Oh, I knew that if they did not have a 20 mile option that I'd die. Thank goodness for the short option. I have never taken the short option in my life, but today was an exception. I was doing it for Linda's butt. I could go further, but it would kill her. That's my story and I am sticking to it!

I rode the bike around the square. It shifted!!!!!! I was totally amazed. We may just make this 20 mile ride after all. Linda got ready and adjusted the seat for her (did I forget to mention that Linda and I don't ride tandem...or singles, or whatever). Well we took a spin around the parking lot. No crashes! We raised the seat a little more and were ready for a no drop 20 mile ride. Life was getting better. Even the water out of my camelbak tasted fine...assuming that I could taste at all. I did enjoy my breakfast, great pineapple, a nice omelet with lots of stuff in it...first omelet that the cook to order chef made that morning! Actually all the wait staff was very nice to us, wondering which party that we part of. I asked if we looked that bad, and she lied that we didn't look bad at all. Right. Well the Watsons got to Pilot Point, and John and Brenda had gotten there before them. No Bloomers, but I'd survive with only four of five couples that had ridden with me for years. Better that the Bloomers did not see me ride 20 miles anyway. I hate letting people see me in my weaken state of not riding centuries...and I miss my triple!

Have you ever been delighted that you had an early mechanical? Well the ride started off well...except that nobody wanted to ride just 20 miles so we just went along with the crowd and did the 35 mile option. We may get a tad sore before it was over, but it was a no drop New Year's Day ride. I had done enough New Year's Day rides to know that it would be slow and casual...but I could still use a shorter route. The weather was magnificent for a ride and only I was looking to go short. I caved in and joined the group as it was a no drop ride and we could be socialible and ride with the group. We mounted up...I was afraid that I'd miss hearing John shout, "Slap leather!" I mean we were all mounting our rusty...I mean trusty tandems. Thank goodness, John got "slap leather" in before we left. It was going to all okay. Not 20 miles, but an easy 35 with no drop. Well life was going along very well. A couple of miles into the ride Linda told me that her pedal was loose. I looked down, the pedal was fine...maybe her tennis shoe was lose, or was it taking two extra glasses of vodka to make her martini not taste all watered down? I was not sure. Then she told me well I was right, the pedal is fine, the thingy that the pedal attaches to was lose. I again looked back all proud that I could look down and back and not pass out or puke...did I mention that they had an open bar at this party? Well she was right! Her crank was just about completely off. I think that the dust cap could

have been just about all that was holding it on. Well I had a mechanical early! What luck!...I'd get back to the ride start with only riding a handful of miles! It was going to be a great New Year ride after all!

I looked in the trunk...yuck! What a mess, but no crank wrench...I had taken off the dust cover just in case there were self extracting crank bolts. I have never seen dust covers when you have self extracting crank bolts, but with me, who knows what you may find. First I lost Bear at RBM, and then I lost Tony at Plano. I probably had done my own work on the bike since then...it had been so long since I had ridden I am not sure when anybody last worked on my bike. I think that it was Tom Bruni back in Maryland...creative bike builder and fun guy to chat with. Whatever, I will blame this loose crank on me even though I did have him work on my drive chain while I lived in Maryland (actually it was the crank on the timing chain side anyway...but I may have changed by timing chainrings as they do wear out).

There was excitement was in the air! I was going to get to cut this ride short. The entire group was stopped waiting to figure out what my problem was. No way to make this thing work. Without a rear crank there was no way to propel the bike. Life was grand! Then Tricia said that her husband was talking to farmer to see if he had tools. What was Franklin thinking! I didn't want any help! No fear mate, this may be an American bike, but it is all metric. No farmer is going to be able to help me. Dang! Who'd bet that he could come up with a 14mm socket that wasn't too thick to fit inside a crank and tighten the bolt? I was horrified! The party that would never end was never going to end. John tightened my crack and I was off with the group...much sadder and more dejected that ever. I think that I sulked the rest of the ride...not even a Pop Tart at the rest stop could brighten my mood. My life was over...and the no drop group dropped me like a hot potato after the rest stop. Life was going to get worse before it got better. I no longer even cared that the party had an open bar. I did not care that the juice at breakfast was excellent, that the pineapple was sweet and juicy. My sandals were cracked, my camelbak was stiff, my gloves were disintegrating, and John even helped that evil farmer put my crank back on. No takers on the 20 mile route. Life was not as bright as the weather. But then we started riding with the Kemps and occasionally catching up to get directions from Carol, as she knew the route. We rode as the "dropped three tandems" on drop free ride and enjoyed more of a wonderful day than any of the other riders.

The dropped three all headed to the Vinson's for food and drink...lots of good cookies! There were a couple of teams there that could not make the ride there as well. I talked marathons with the fellow runners and marathoners in the group (funny how I was the only runner that rode that day, okay Team Vinson runs also). It was a wonderful outing even if not what I had expected...did I mention that the Bloomers did not come? They have a brand new bike; perfect for those slow New Year's Day 20 mile rides. I missed them. It was great to get out and see everybody again. Not many left from 15 years ago, but the new group is a lot of fun as well...is the old group even still members??? I bet not.

And that is the New Year's Eve party that never ended...well until 4PM New Year's Day, when I went home and took down my Christmas lights. The longest party that I have ever been to, and did I mention that they had an open bar?

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Wants YOU

Now is the time for YOU to lead a ride. You CAN do it! Leading a ride isn't hard. You probably already have most everything you need.

1. Pick a route. Even the route that you ride all the time will be something new and different for many others in the club. Or use an existing route. Many of the long time members will be happy to help you pick a route.
2. Pick a date and contact the Ride Coordinators to get it on the calendar. There are NO rules about when DATES rides occur. DATES rides may be any day of the week and any hour of the day. It is completely up to the ride leader.
3. Prepare a cue sheet and map. This is really just a matter of driving (or riding) the route to get the mileage and make sure you have all the street names and turns accurately recorded. If you're using an existing route, the cue sheet may already exist.
4. Provide a notice about your ride to the newsletter editor and ride coordinator.
5. Scout the route a week or so in advance of the ride date just to find out if any of the roads are under construction or any other unexpected conditions now exist.
6. On the day of the ride, pass out the cue sheets and maps and give the pre-ride briefing where you alert the group to any construction or any other conditions they should be aware of while they are riding. Then get the ride started.
7. Make sure everyone who starts the ride also finishes the ride. Hopefully this can all be done by cell phone, but occasionally it may mean driving the route to assist a broken down bike.
8. There is NO requirement for pre or post ride activities. If you want to suggest a restaurant for breakfast, lunch or dinner, that's entirely up to you.
9. There is NO requirement for rest stops. However, if your route does not include access to convenience stores, this should be noted in your ride notice so everyone can come prepared. If you want to provide sport drink, energy bars, etc., the club will reimburse you up to \$25 when you submit your receipts to the treasurer.
10. Have FUN! After all, that's the whole idea.

Contact Carol Croy or Bruce Hudson (214-320-8708, HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net) to put your ride on the ride calendar TODAY!

It's that time of year again, time to renew your Double DATES membership for 2006.

2006 DOUBLE DATES RENEWAL

It is time to renew your membership. Renew NOW and participate with DATES members in 2006.

1. Fill in the name and address information below. (PLEASE PRINT)
2. Read and sign the Liability Release. All riders over the age of 18 must sign.
3. Make out a check for \$18.00 payable to "DOUBLE DATES"
4. Send your renewal form to:

Kevin & Linda Vinson
 7013 Fox Drive
 The Colony, Texas 75056-4458

Captain: _____ Stoker: _____

Street _____ Apt. # _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

- Check here to receive an electronic version of DATES-LINE newsletter; hard copy will not be mailed.
 Check here if you are interested in becoming a "Bike Buddy" to a new member team.

LIABILITY RELEASE

All riders must sign a waiver of claim below to become members of DOUBLE DATES. Parents or guardians must sign for riders under 18 years of age.

I acknowledge that by signing this document, I am releasing the DOUBLE DATES, its members, officers, and agents from liability. This release is a contract with legal consequences, and I have read it carefully before signing.

I acknowledge that cycling is an inherently dangerous sport and fully realize the dangers of participating in group rides. I fully assume the risks associated with such participation.

For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, assignees, and successors in interest (collectively "Successors"), I hereby waive, release, discharge, hold harmless, promise not to sue, and indemnify the Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts, its members, ride leaders and officers (collectively the "Released Parties") from any and all rights and claims including claims arising from the released parties' own negligence, gross negligence or intentional conduct, which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me, and from any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in or association with an event sponsored by Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts.

I understand and agree that situations may arise during a ride, which may be beyond the immediate control of the leader(s), and I must continually ride so as to endanger neither others nor myself. I accept responsibility for the conditions and adequacy of my own bicycle equipment. I will wear a helmet that satisfies the requirements of the ANSI Snell regulations that can protect against serious head injury, and I assume all responsibility and liability for the selection of such a helmet. I have no physical or medical condition, which to my knowledge would endanger others or myself if I participate in Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts rides or would interfere with my ability to participate in such rides. I agree that should I or my successors assert my claim in contravention of this agreement, the asserting party shall be liable for the expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the other party or parties in defending.

I understand that a parent or responsible adult must accompany all riders under the age of 18 on any Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts ride. If I am a minor, my parent or guardian also is signing on my behalf and we both agree to be bound by the terms of this waiver and release.

SIGNATURES OF ALL RIDERS

_____, Captain Age _____ Date _____

_____, Stoker Age _____ Date _____

_____, Other rider Age _____ Date _____

_____, Other rider Age _____ Date _____

DATES Rides and Activities							
RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
Super Bowl Sunday Ride	Sunday February 5	9:30 / Various	Richardson Bike Mart, Other locations	Rhonda Hoyt / Various	972-231-3993 rhonda@bikemart.com	40 miles	Ride to the West End for lunch and return. Bring a bikelock. See www.greaterdallasbicyclists.org for other starting points.
Valentine's Day Ride	Sunday February 12	Meet 9:30 am Ride 9:45	Dove Elementary School 1932 Dove Road Grapevine, TX	Tom & Diane Glenz	817-490-9226 dtglenz@yahoo.com	36 miles	Ride about 28 miles. Eat brunch at Cielos in the Marriott Hotel. Then 8 miles back to the starting point. Please RSVP.
John's Annual Birthday Ride	Saturday, February 18	9:30:00 AM	Mabank Middle School Mabank, TX	John McManus & Brenda Cole	214-321-6085 john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com	66 miles	Ride from Mabank to Edom, eat lunch and return. Please RSVP.
2006 Annual Meeting & Dinner	Sunday February 19	6:00 pm	Bugatti's Ristorante	N/A	972-620-1882 or jlogan@boardwalkag.com	N/A	RSVP to Roane and Juanita Logan by February 15
Grayson County Spring Thaw	Saturday March 4	Meet 9:30, Ride at 10:00 am	Loy Lake Park Denison, TX	Charlie & Pat Jenkins	903-463-1516 903-624-9744 dates@ntsk8.com	Various: 25 – 60	First 20 miles is NO-DROP . After 20 miles, choose your distance & ride at your preferred pace
Westward Ho	Sunday, March 12	10:00 AM	Fort Worth, TX	Ronnie & Nanette Bryant	817-680-9404 RonnieRBryant@hotmail.com	30 or 50 miles or more	Wells Fargo Bank - 101 Jim Wright Fwy N SE corner of Loop 820 & White Settlement Rd
Stoker Appreciation Ride	Sat - Sun, Apr 1 & 2, 2006	TBA	Weatherford, TX	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	res1rrzj@verizon.net	65 miles each day	Captains - make your motel or B&B reservations in Glen Rose, write your poems and chill the champagne. RSVP
2006 Southwest Tandem Rally	Fri - Sun April 28 th - 30 th , '06	TBA	Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma.	Rick & Kay Watson	Registration: 903-463-1516 swtr@ntsk8.com	TBA	For detail information, visit www.doubledates.com/swtr2006.html
2006 DATES Century Ride (The Mountain Course)	Sunday, Sept 24, 2006	TBA	TBA	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	res1rrzj@verizon.net	TBA	Watch website & newsletter

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