



Roane & Juanita Logan & Ally at the Gator Ride in Baytown Texas

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Pete's Redneck Heaven Ride

Sunday April 9, 2006

Mesquite, TX

Date: Sunday, April 9 2006
Time: 9:00 am
Where: Lowe's at Barnes Bridge Road & Galloway in Mesquite, TX
Distance: 55 miles with options for more or less miles.
Ride Hosts: Pete Holverson & Laura Roberts - 214-621-1531 or holvey1@aol.com

Bubba's back!!!

Where else can you find an Outlaw dirt track, catfish farm, shooting range and alligators on the same ride? As a special bonus we're discounting 10 miles off the long route: - We'll be doing 55 miles. But there are options for almost any distance you choose.

Pleasant weather in the 70's and light winds are possible. Heck, they even happened last year!

DATES Business Meeting & Social

Sunday April 9, 2006

Carrollton, TX

Date: Sunday, April 9, 2006
Time: 5:30 pm
Where: Home of Russell Tether, 2200 Southern Circle, Carrollton, TX 75006
Details: RSVP – Bring a side dish or dessert to share
Host: Rusty Tether – 972-416-8020 – rtether@comcast.net

Blueridge Ride 2006

Saturday, April 22 – 9:00 a.m.

Blue Ridge, TX – Town Square

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2006
Time: 9:00 am
Where: Blueridge town Square, Blueridge, TX
Distance: 74, 64 or 46 miles
Ride Hosts: Jim & Melody Yuhn – myuhn@yahoo.com

Nearly Annual Blueridge Ride in the Country

Join Jim and Melody Yuhn on Saturday 4/22 for a 9am departure from the Blueridge town square. Routes are the same as previous years with options of 74, 64 and 46 miles. Beautiful rolling rural scenery. Please RSVP in advance so we'll print enough maps.

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Southwest Tandem Rally 2006

April 28 – 30, 2006

Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma.



The 16th annual Southwest Tandem Rally is approaching fast!

As of April 2, Registration is 80% full. 100 teams have already registered. Only 25 spots remaining.

Registration must be received by April 7 to guarantee your jackets and/or vests. Don't wait until it's too late. Register today to ensure your spot.

- The SWTR official website is: <http://www.doubledates.com/SWTR2006/index.htm>
- Register online securely at: <https://www.ntsk8.com/swtr2006online.html>
- Or if you prefer to print & mail your registration, forms are available at:
 - http://www.doubledates.com/SWTR2006/SWTR_registration.pdf (PDF)
 - http://www.doubledates.com/SWTR2006/SWTR_registration.doc (MS Word)
- See who's registered at: http://www.ntsk8.com/swtr2006_participants.html

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Charlie & Pat Jenkins
 SWTR Registration
swtr@ntsk8.com
 903-463-1516

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 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
 - 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: 580-223-4044
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May 2006 DATES-LINE Schedule:

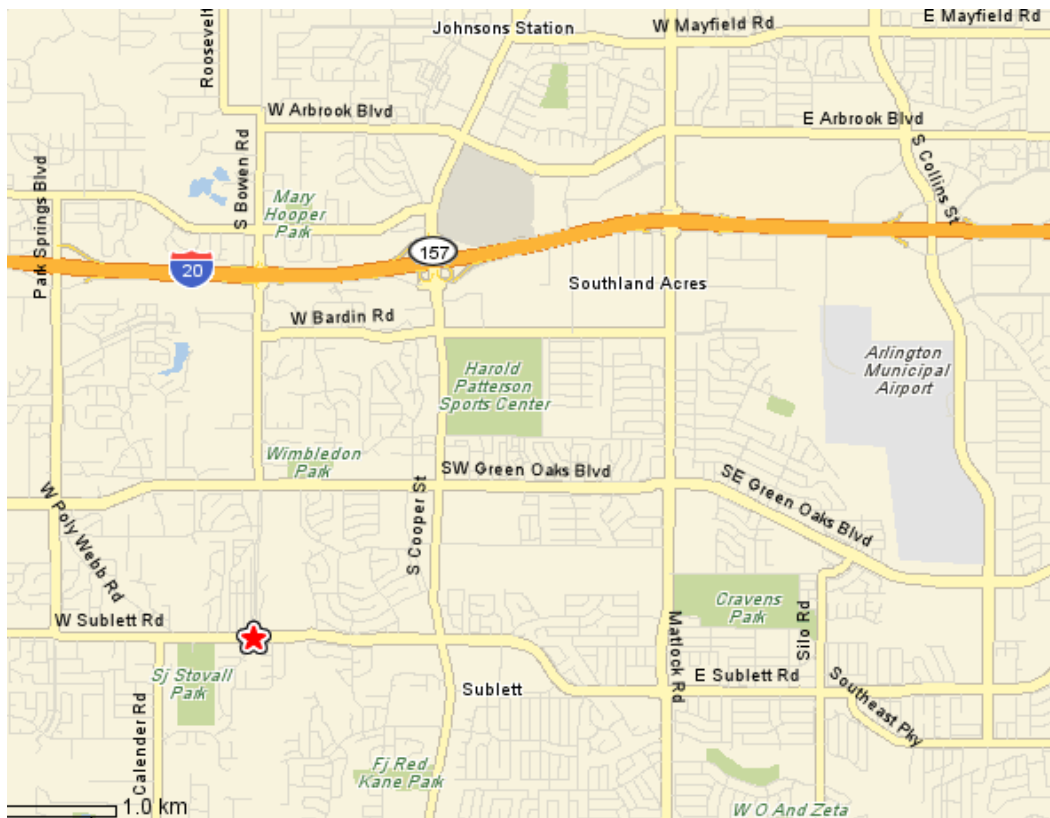
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Steve's Arlington to Venus Training Ride**Sunday, May 7 – 8:00 a.m.****Arlington, TX**

- Date:** Sunday, May 7, 2006
Time: 8:00 am
Where: SJ Stovall Park – Sublett Road, Arlington, TX
Distance: 52 or 40 miles
Ride Hosts: Steve & Donna Bishop – 817-861-8413
Road type: 15-20 miles of urban, the rest rural. Gas station with Krispy Kreme and Whataburger at the halfway point in Venus.
Directions: From I-20 and Cooper (FM157) in Arlington go west to the next intersection and exit on Bowen Rd. Take Bowen south (left) approx. 2 miles until it T's into Sublett Rd. Turn right on Sublett. SJ Stovall Park is 300yds on the left.
Lunch: Burgers and brats and beer at Donna and Steve's house. Take Bowen Road north 5 miles to Strait Lane. Turn right on Strait Lane to 2309. (Strait Lane is the third street on the right after the light at Lynnwood Drive and has a white street sign.)
Other: Showers available!

Please RSVP for Lunch.

Contact Info: Steve and Donna Bishop – (817) 861-8413
 2309 Strait Lane
 Arlington TX 76013



TROLS Big Adventure of 2006
Friday thru Sunday, September 15 – 17
 Jefferson, TX

The TROLS are now officially taking registrations for the “Big Adventure of 2006”. The Tandem Riders Of Longview (TROLS) are hosting another tandem weekend in Jefferson this September 15-17. If you have a tandem bike and like to cycle the rural wooded roads around Jefferson, visit our website at <http://trols.home.att.net> for details and a registration form. Due to accommodation limitations, registration must be limited to 50 teams, so register early to assure a spot. For a snail mail copy of the information and registration form, you can contact: Reggie or Linda Bowers at (903) 663-2144 or e-mail txhobbit@yahoo.com

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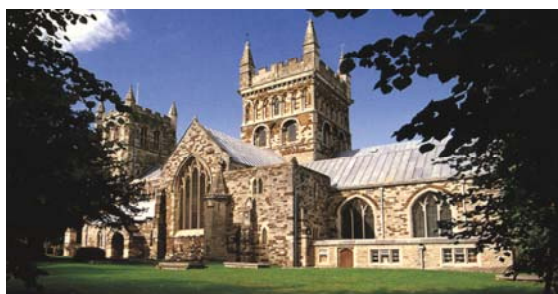
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DATES Annual Century
Sunday, September 24
 Location to be announced

Tom & Brenda Shaddox promises a new route for this years century. a.k.a. the “mountain course”. Mark your calendars & stay tuned. We'll print the details as they become available.

English Castles & Gardens
International Tandem Tour
June – July 2007
 England



Organized by John McManus & Brenda Cole (DATES & CTC)
Planned and led by Chris & Jenny Davison (CTC)

The English Castles & Gardens International Tandem Tour is FULL. Contact John McManus & Brenda Code to be added to the waiting list.

Get your DATES jerseys today & wear them proudly at the Southwest Tandem Rally.



Front



Back

DATES jerseys may be purchased at Richardson Bike Mart and Plano Cycling. You will have to ask for them, as they are not on display. They are reserved exclusively for DATES members. John McManus confirmed that Richardson Bike Mart currently has the following inventory available:

Size XS = 9, Small = 6, Medium = 15, Large = 11, XL = 18, XXL = 7, XXXL = 5

As quantities can change rapidly, be sure to check with Richardson or Plano to confirm availability of your sizes.

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Baytown Gator Ride
 Roane & Juanita Logan

The 3/04/06 Gator Ride in Baytown, TX

The Gator ride in Baytown didn't have any gators but we did however find a lot of Texas history. Approximately 1,100 riders participated and we were the center of attention pulling a dog with a big Texas flag on her trailer. The ride started downtown and we immediately hit the only hill on this part of the coast. The hill was the Hartman suspension bridge—6 lanes wide and an architectural masterpiece going over the Houston ship channel. Leaving the bridge the route went by mile after mile of oil refineries. Proof that oil is a major part of the local economy many of the riders wore company sponsored jerseys. Our route took us out of the present and into history to the base of the San Jacinto monument. Even though federal law prohibits any monument being taller than our Capitol's Washington Monument, Texas bragadocio succeeded once again



by having a slightly shorter

monument excluding the giant Texas Lone Star crowning the top. This is where Texas won their independence from Mexico in 1835 from General Santa Anna. This victory gave the US what would become Texas, Oklahoma, part of Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The landscape was dotted with historical markers of the various battles. Our adventure next took us by the battleship "Texas" that took part in the battle of Iwo Jima. Leaving the first rest stop we then loaded onto the Lynchburg ferry with about 150 cycles and two cars. The remainder of the ride was like typical touring rides in North Texas.

When we crossed the finish line the 3 of us were treated to greasy chili dogs. This may have been Ally's favorite part of the day. This ride gets our recommendation with unique scenery, solid volunteer support, good roads and food at the finish. Ride options were 100k, 43, and 33 miles. The ride is always the first weekend in March.

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Grayson County Spring Thaw Ride
Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy

There was no question of thawing on this glorious sunny Saturday morning. It was unseasonably warm for so early in March. Bruce says it was cold – and yes, we did wear our tights (some of us, at least) – but it was early March, after all.

Three teams – Yuhn, Kailer and HudsonCroy – joined Charlie & Pat Jenkins at Loy Lake Park in Denison. Why the turnout was so low is a ponderment when the weather was so nice. Pat & Charlie had fig newtons and other snacks and sport drink and water for us to take on our bikes because there weren't many convenience stores on the route.

Pat and Charlie promised about 20 miles of no drop riding to begin the ride. And they also promised that they would control it so that it stayed no drop. Now I'm the one who stood up and said I wasn't in favor of no drop rides because I want everyone to enjoy the ride, but the way Pat & Charlie did it was perfect. I think all 4 teams enjoyed the first 18 miles of leisurely riding together – chatting, laughing, getting to know each other a little better. And then at the 18 mile mark, the fast teams waved and we wished them well and they were off. Sly foxes, Pat & Charlie did control the no drop portion of the route. The map and cue sheet didn't start until the 18 mile mark!

We thoroughly enjoyed the rest of the ride with Alan & Renee Kailer, a team we'd only met once before. We missed a turn on some road with two names. I want to say it was Samuel Adams Road – but I think that's beer. Anyway we saw a road called Adams Road (or whatever the second name was), but it looked kind of gravelly and wasn't exactly the right name, so we kept going. Eventually we figured out that we'd missed the turn, but by then we were back on the route so we just kept going. We figured we had probably missed about 4 or 5 miles. Oh well! The wind was getting stronger and the Grayson County hills were worse than we remembered so no one was going to miss a few miles.

About 20 some miles into the ride, we decided we had to have a reststop to give our butts a break and enjoy some of the snacks Pat & Charlie had provided. Renee dropped hers on the ground, but picked it up, brushed it off and ate it anyway. Only on a bike ride! I found a crushed Omega 3 energy bar in our pack. My comment after the first bite was that it tasted like bird seed, but apparently it grew on me because I ate the whole thing!

Back on the bikes, we made our way back to Loy Lake Park. Our computers weren't working, but Alan said his showed 39.7 miles so got more miles rather than the fewer we were expecting.

Bruce & I had to rush back to the city, so we had to miss lunch at the Jalapeno Tree, but we sure enjoyed the ride and the company. Thanks Pat & Charlie for another great DATES ride.

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| 2006 DATES Century Ride (The Mountain Course) | Sunday, Sept 24, 2006 | TBA | TBA | Tom & Brenda Shaddox | res1rrzj@verizon.net | TBA | Watch website & newsletter |
| Unsupported Halloween Ride | Sat - Sun Nov. 4 - 5 | TBA | TBA | John McManus & Brenda Cole | john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com | TBA | Watch website & newsletter |
| Two Flags Ride | Sunday Nov 19 | TBA | TBA | Tom & Brenda Shaddox | res1rrzj@verizon.net | TBA | Watch website & newsletter |
| English Castles & Gardens International Tour | June - July 2007 | TBA | Wimborne England | John McManus & Brenda Cole | john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com | 40 - 50 miles each day | Registration is FULL Interested teams should get on the wait-list |

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