



Stoker Appreciation Ride 2006

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Steve's Arlington to Venus Training Ride

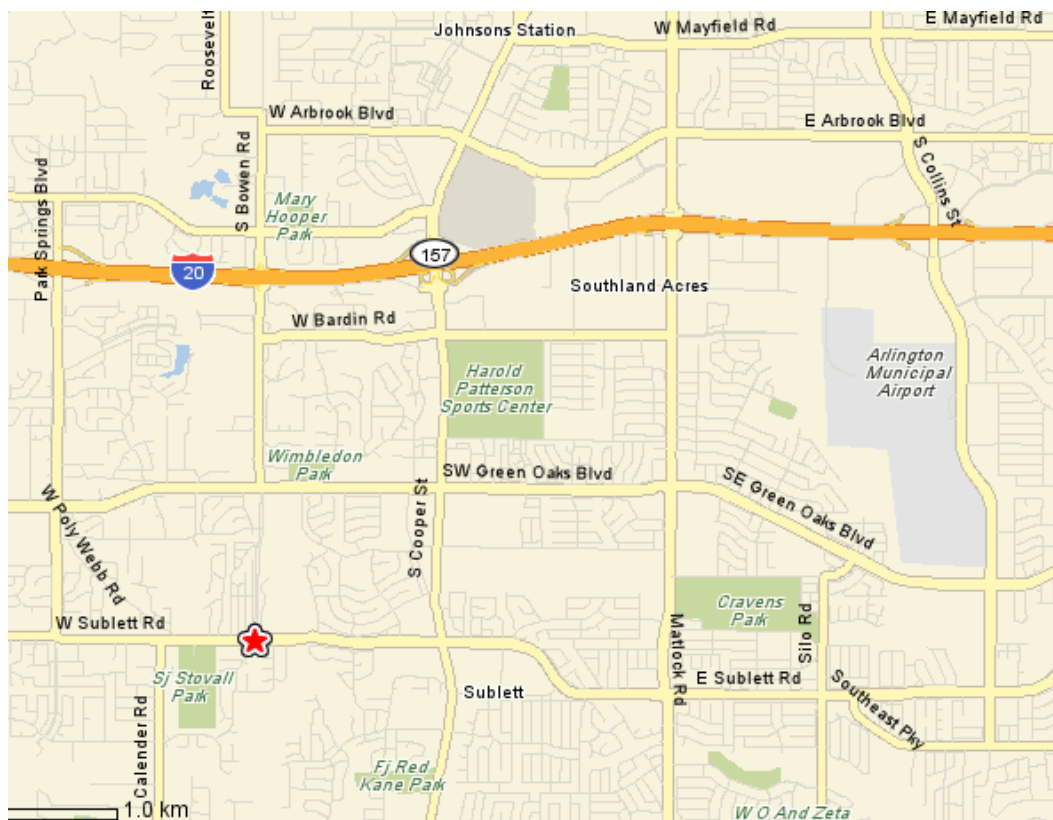
Sunday, May 7 – 8:00 a.m.

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



DFW Airport Ride**Saturday, May 13 – 8:30 a.m.****Farmers Branch, TX**

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2006
Time: 8:30 am
Where: 3403 Summer Place Court,
Farmers Branch, TX
Distance: 50 +/- miles
Ride Hosts: Roane & Juanita Logan
972-620-1882

Wanna get away? (Oops wrong airport). Join Roane and Juanita Logan for a ride to the D/FW airport. This route can be made into several distances (50 plus or minus), and the airport roads are good, with long stretches and little traffic.

We will meet at Roane & Juanita's house, 3403 Summer Place Court in Farmers Branch, and depart at 8:30am. After the ride, hot dogs and pool time. (Or just hot dogs if you're waiting for the pool to warm up to just the right temp.)

Please RSVP 972-620-1882 so we'll know how many to feed.

St Patrick's Day Ride**Rescheduled****Sunday, May 21 – 8:30 a.m.****Lancaster, TX**

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2006
Time: 8:30 am
Where: Lancaster, TX – Town Square
Distance: 25, 41 or 60 miles
Ride Hosts: Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy
214-320-8708 or cell: 214-674-2610

Okay – Mother Nature rained (poured) on our parade in March, so we'll just try it again in May. It just wouldn't do to miss a St Patrick's Day celebration in what ever month we can manage. Join Team HudsonCroy for the almost annual St. Patrick's Day Ride. Meet at Lancaster Town Square, located at Highway 342 and Main Street in Lancaster, TX. We'll ride at 8:30 am. We have route choices of 25, 41 or 60 miles (mostly borrowed from GDB's Lancaster Country Ride). These are nice routes with relatively low traffic and varied scenery. And of course, we'll follow tradition and celebrate St Pat in May with lunch at Benevides after the ride. Call Bruce or Carol at 214-320-8708 (cell: 214-674-2610) for additional information or if the weather is inclement that morning (surely NOT twice in a row!).

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 need assistance in signing up, e-mail Warren Casteel at warren@casteelsign.com.

June 2006 DATES-LINE Schedule:**Mailed by: May 31, 2006 - Notices & Articles due by: May 26, 2006**

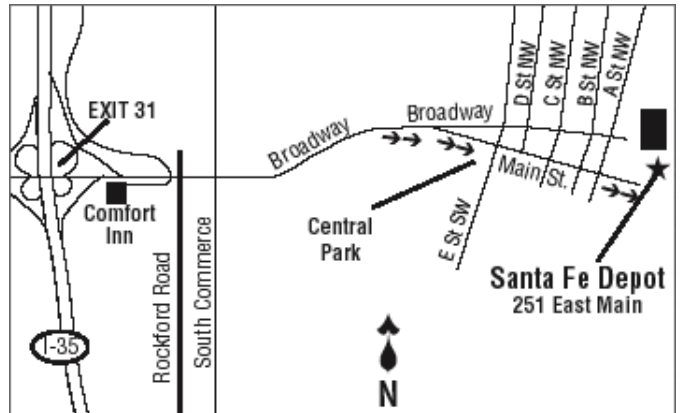


Red River Road Kill Rally Weekend
Saturday & Sunday, June 3 & 4
Ardmore, OK

Saturday June 3 – The annual Red River Roadkill Rally starts at 9:00A. Distances of 20, 40 or 60 miles are offered. The ride begins at the Historic Santa Fe Depot in Downtown Ardmore and includes the scenic tour of the Southern Oklahoma countryside and Lake Murray. End your tour with complimentary food and drink at the fun-filled finish line festivities. Contact Ardmore Main Street Authority, 251 east Main, Ardmore, 580-226-6246. Full details are at: www.ardmoremainstreet.com.

Tandem registration fees = \$25 (if postmarked by May 26), or \$35 after May 26. Single bike fees = \$20 (after May 26 = \$25). Children under 12 = \$5

Sunday June 4, 8:30 AM – Join Rick & Kay Watson for 35, 53 or 63 miles. The ride will start approximately 7 miles north of Ardmore at Springer School. Take I-35 north of Ardmore to Exit 40 (Hwy 53 East). Go 1 mile, turn left on Hwy 77. Go 1/2 mile to Springer School parking lot – on right.



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We will ride by Turner Falls, Lake of the Arbuckles and Chickasaw National Recreation area park.

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

The TROLS are now taking registrations for "The 2006 Big Adventure"

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 full details & 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

**Mark Your Calendars
For these popular DATES events:**

Red, White & Blue Ride: – Tuesday July 4

Post HHH Ride: – Sunday August 27

Labor Day Ride: – Monday September 4

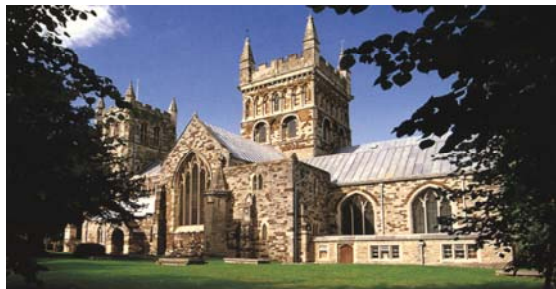
DATES Century: – Sunday September 24

TOTS Ride: – Sunday October 8

Unsupported Halloween: – November 4 & 5

Two Flags Ride: – Sunday November 19

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



**John McManus & Brenda Cole
Chris & Jenny Davison**

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

FRESH DATES

Team Pflueger

Grand Prairie, TX

Captain: Al

Stoker: Lori

Joined DATES: April 2006

How long have you been cycling?

Captain: 17 years

Stoker: 17 years

How long tandeming? 15 years

Why did you start riding tandem? To encourage the stoker (Lori) to become a stronger cyclist.

What kind of tandem do you ride? Calfee

How often do you ride? 5-6 days a week

How far? 30 – 100 miles each ride

Favorite Ride? Too many to mention

Usual route/area? New to the area. Mainly ride around Joe Pool Lake area which is close to home

Where/How did you hear about Double DATES? Online

Anything else you'd like your new club members to know about you? Just that we enjoy riding with anybody, anywhere, anytime. We are rapidly trying to get in shape after a long winter of snow skiing.



Stoker Appreciation Ride
Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy

This year's Stoker Appreciation Ride was fraught with challenges before the ride even started. On Friday evening when Tom went to pick up the van he had reserved for the SAG vehicle, they didn't have a van or anything else that would accommodate a tandem bicycle. In the last few days before the ride, three teams had to cancel. On Saturday morning, Tom brought the maps, but forgot the cue sheets. And three more teams were no shows.

But the show must go on. We were down to 4 teams plus ride hosts, Tom & Brenda Shaddox. All the teams except one had ridden the route multiple times, so the cue sheets weren't expected to be a problem. Larry & Sherry Harris, long time DATES members who hadn't ridden with DATES in many years, volunteered their Suburban for the SAG wagon and Away we went!

As has so often been the case on the Stoker Appreciation Ride, the weather was gorgeous. Sunny, warm and beautiful. Unfortunately, Tom didn't get the winds to cooperate as well as he has done several other years. They again changed direction from Saturday to Sunday, but this year it meant headwinds much of the way. But it's a great route, good company and we had all day to get there, so who can complain about a little wind?

The wildflowers weren't as spectacular as some years – guess we didn't have enough rain. But the wildlife was abundant. We saw guinea fowl, emu, calves, colts and baby goats, llamas and a wild turkey. We even saw what I thought was a mom-to-be ostrich sitting on her nest, but I was corrected that it was a dad-to-be doing the sitting. That's sure something I hadn't seen before.

The "Let's Eat" restaurant with the chef is still in Bluffdale and their food is still great! This year all teams opted for the 3 miles of gravel and those of us who'd done the extra miles of highway to get there last year agreed the gravel was better.

As usual everyone took turns driving the SAG vehicle. And such a nice SAG vehicle it was. Harris' luxury Suburban was great! Thank you again so much. In the entire two days, we only missed one turn and that was when we were driving the SAG. Fortunately we had just passed Tom & Brenda and they called the SAG cell to let us know we were off course.

Even our Saturday night dinner and champagne poetry reading presented challenges. The restaurant now has it's liquor license, so our bottles of champagne had to remain in the cooler. This time Ronnie & Nanette Bryant to the rescue! They were staying in a lovely cabin just outside of town so they invited us to come over there for the champagne and poetry. And what a lovely setting on the porch surrounded by lovely woods. Every captain had a poem and the poetry was of the same high caliber we've come to expect. All the stokers felt much appreciated, I'm sure.

Even with all the challenges, somehow this ride is always a wonderful time and this year was no exception! Thanks Tom & Brenda for hosting SAR again. Let's do it again next year!

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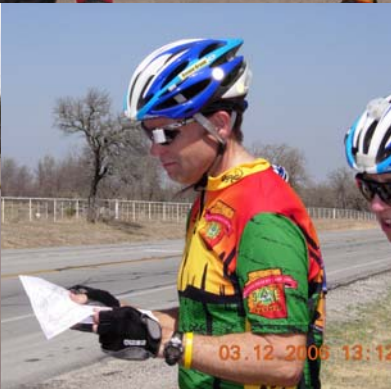
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Dallas Morning News Article

Check this out! Several weeks ago, Paula Lavigne of the Dallas Morning News sent out a survey to bike clubs located throughout the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex. DATES was one of the clubs that received the survey. The survey was completed and returned to Paula in time for her article in the March 29th edition of the Dallas Morning News. To read the entire article, please go to: <http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/fea/columnists/plavigne/stories/032706dnlivbikegroups.680df5c8.html>. If you have login credentials with the Dallas Morning News online, use your login to access the article. If you don't have a login, follow the links to create a login. If you have any problems, please contact Kevin Vinson at vinsonkj@sbcglobal.net.

SWTR2006

The 16th annual Southwest Tandem Rally was a huge success. If you weren't there, you missed a good one. Despite the rain on Friday, and mid-day Saturday, the weather was perfect. The routes offered plenty mileage options: 10, 28 or 38 on Friday, Multiple options on Saturday ranging from 35 to 76, and 24 or 30 on Sunday. 110 teams (224 tandem cyclists) from 22 states & 2 countries were there. Some traveled more than 2000 miles to attend. The entertainment was great. We didn't really expect anything different from Jay & Becky, but the ventriloquist/comedian kept us all laughing as well. Below we've copied just a few of the comments we've received. However, we expect some ride reports for next issue☺.

We had such a good time this weekend. The routes were wonderful, the mix of people outstanding, the food delicious, the games entertaining, the entertainment hilarious. We got drenched both Friday and Saturday and still have nothing but good things to say about the weekend.



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18th at Central Expwy(75)

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

We had a great weekend and really enjoyed riding with you

Thanks for all the work you did to make the weekend a success. It was perfect.

We had a great time at SWTR!

We thought the routes were great and the cue sheets were extremely easy to read and follow. The road signs at critical intersections were another plus!

Great rally! Really enjoyed it.

We spent a very nice weekend at the SWTR in Ardmore, OK. Great roads and great people. Thanks for a great rally!

I wanted to let you know that the boys and I had a great time at the SWTR. We met a bunch of great folks and the food, organization, and location was just perfect! Yes, we did get rained on a bit after lunch, but for me, that's half the fun (although my 7-yr old would likely disagree). Nevertheless, the afternoon sunshine helped us forget the rain in a hurry.

DATES Rides and Activities

RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
Steve's Arlington to Venus Training Ride	Sunday May 7	8:00 AM	SJ Stovall Park Sublett Road, Arlington	Steve & Donna Bishop	817-861-8413	52 or 40 miles	Burgers, brats and beer after the ride at Steve & Donna's house. Please RSVP for lunch.
D/FW Airport Ride	Saturday, May 13	8:30 AM	3403 Summer Place Ct. Farmers Branch, TX	Roane & Juanita Logan	972-620-1882	50 plus or minus	Hot dogs and pool time after the ride. Please RSVP
St Pat's Day Ride in May	Sunday, May 21	8:30 AM	Lancaster Town Square Hwy 342 & Main Street Lancaster, TX	Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy	214-320-8708 HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net	25, 41 or 60 miles	See Newsletter for full details
Red River Roadkill Weekend	Saturday & Sunday, June 3 - 4	9:00 AM 8:30 AM	Ardmore, OK	Rick & Kay Watson	580-223-8180 cw7540@cablone.net	20, 40, 60 35, 53, 63	See Newsletter for full details
Red, White, & Blue Ride	Tuesday, July 4th, 2006	TBA	TBA	Roane & Juanita Logan	972-620-1882	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
Post-HHH Ride	Sunday, August 27th, 2006	TBA	TBA	Kevin & Linda Vinson	TBA	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
Labor Day Melissa Ride	Monday, September 4th, 2006	TBA	TBA	Rusty & Belinda Nail	TBA	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
TROLS Big Adventure	Fri – Sun September 15 – 17	TBA	Jefferson, TX	Reggie & Linda Bowers	(903) 663-2144 txhobbit@yahoo.com	TBA	Registration is limited to 50 tandems. Register early!
2006 DATES Century Ride Mountain Course	Sunday, Sept 24, 2006	TBA	TBA	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	res1rrzi@verizon.net	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
TOTS Ride	Sunday, October 8th, 2006	TBA	TBA	Lee & Beckie Wilson	TBA	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	res1rrzi@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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