



## DATES in Georgia – GTR 2006



### “Pedals, Plains & Peanuts”

Americus Georgia was the host location for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual GTR. The weekend included visits to Habitat for Humanity’s Global Village, the civil war prison camp and national Park of Andersonville, and the town of Plains (home of Jimmy Carter). We were even treated to a gourmet lunch at Lake Blackshear / Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park. Roger & Eve certainly outdid themselves this time! This rally continues to be among our favorites.

*Read more about GTR in the August DATESline*

**Red White & Blue Ride**

Tuesday July 4, 9:00 AM

Farmer's Branch, TX

**Baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, and Tandems...Why Not?**

Join Roane and Juanita Logan again this year for a ride around Dallas on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This is a fairly short ride through Preston Hollow and Highland Park, passing by some beautiful Dallas mansions and new "castles." This ride is more laid back than the other DATES rides. There are a lot of people out on the 4<sup>th</sup>, which makes it an ideal time to show off your tandem. (Tandems always attract attention anyway.) Wear red, white & blue if you have it. Dress up your bicycle if you want to. Show your patriotism!

The ride will start at 9:00am at the Logan's house, 3403 Summer Place Court in Farmers Branch.

Believe it or not, we had a rain delay last year. We were forced to stay in the house and watch the Tour de France. Who knows what will happen this year, but the telly will be tuned in to the Tour de France just in case. Cool off in the pool afterward and have hot dogs and fixin's after the ride (what else does one eat on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?), so please RSVP at 972-620-1882.

Directions: From I-635, Exit Webb Chapel. North on Webb Chapel to Oakbrook. If you get to Beltline, you've gone too far. Right on Oakbrook. Right on Gatwick. Follow Gatwick around as it curves to the left. Left on Summer Place, which is a cul-de-sac. Please RSVP to ensure we have enough food.

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**National Federation of the Blind Ride**

Wednesday July 5, 2006

White Rock Lake – Dallas, TX

DATES members and tandem cyclists:

We have a unique opportunity to give something back to the community, and to humanity. As tandem riders we are unique in that we are the sole source for blind people who want to cycle. We were approached several weeks ago by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) to do a ride to accommodate visually impaired cyclists. The NFB will be having its national convention at the Hilton Anatole the first week in July. We will be doing a ride in which we provide tandems, captains, and support to set up bikes, with visually impaired riders on the back of the tandems. This is a great opportunity for the club to support the visually impaired segment of our society. Please show up and support this!

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 5, 2006  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM  
**PLACE:** White Rock Lake – the Bath House Cultural Center  
**RIDE LEADERS:** Jimmy & Kelly Jimmy Duval  
**ORGANIZER:** Warren & Audre Casteel backed up by Roane & Juanita Logan.  
**SUPPORT:** **Plano Cycling & Fitness** will provide their van, a mechanic, pedals, sports drink, bike fitting, and general support  
**DISTANCE:** Highly variable depending on the desires and abilities of the NFB riders. I think the maximum distance would be 1 lap of White Rock Lake (10 miles)  
**DINNER:** Alfonso's Italian, near the lake. **Please RSVP to Kelly so that she can give the restaurant a head count.** Some of the blind riders will be going with us

**BRING:**

>Your tandems

>Your stokers, if desired, for moral support, help in assisting the riders, and for companionship after the ride, AND, if time permits, maybe a lap around the lake before dinner. Stokers are welcome to bring their single bikes and ride with us!

>Extra helmets you might have – Most of the riders are not bringing their own. Plano Cycling will bring some, but we are not sure how many will be needed.

>Block pedals with or without toe clips. Plano Cycling will be bringing some, but having them on the bike to start with would be a plus. Bring you other pedals also – a few of the riders use SPD, but not many.

**COMMIT NOW!**

Please sign up to contribute to this event. There are 26 riders from NFB signed up now, and they expect around 30. Several tandems are signed up now, but we need YOU to be able to best do the ride, and for planning, so SIGN UP NOW!

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Thanks to Jimmy & Kelly, to Plano Cycling for their support, and to Roane and Juanita Logan for helping make this happen.

***Pilot Point Ride***  
 Sunday July 16, 2006  
 Pilot Point, TX

**Meet at 7:30 am, ride at 8:00 am.**

Start point:

Town Square (gazebo) in Pilot Point located on US 377, eleven miles north of US 380.

Distance options:

- **Short** - 20 mostly flat miles through horse farm country.
- **Regular** - 36 rolling miles through horse farm country and over the Lake Ray Roberts Dam
- **Long** - up to 53 miles by adding a 9-mile eastern loop, 8-mile western loop or both.

To get to Pilot Point's town square from US 377, turn west on Co. Rd. 1192, aka E. Liberty St. This is the same intersection where FM 455 goes east. There are restrooms nearby.

This is a fairly flat, peaceful ride on quiet blacktops that takes us through horse farm country and out to Lake Ray Roberts, where we ride across the dam or take a shortcut along the base of the dam (on the dry side). There is a rest stop/convenience store at mile 12, in Aubrey, where those wanting only 20 miles can begin their route back to the start. Those going on will discover a few curves and a couple of hills on the way to the Lake Ray Roberts Dam. There are 2 more excellent restroom stops on this part of the ride for those who love their coffee. We'll have a recommendation for a lunch stop at the ride's end.

Chuck

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***Collin County Ride***  
 Sunday, July 30 – 8:00 am  
 Erwin Park, McKinney, TX

Join Team Hudson/Croy on a country route that includes part of the old (well not that old, but prior to this year when they changed their routes) Collin Classic course and features plenty of rolling hills on country roads in beautiful countryside. Actually it will be more similar to this year's new Rolling Hills Challenge routes. Also some chipseal, but hopefully it's packed down enough by now that it won't be a problem.

We will start at Erwin Park in McKinney and have route choices of 30-something, 40-something and 60-ish or so (we haven't actually finalized the long routes yet). There is only one rest stop in Celina on the short route, maybe two on the medium (not sure about the longer route yet, but probably no more than three), so please plan accordingly and be sure to carry plenty of drinks and snacks.

Contact Bruce or Carol, 214-320-8708 or [HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net) for additional info. To reach us the morning of the ride, call Bruce's cell 214-674-2610.

Directions to Erwin Park in McKinney: From US 380, head north on FM1461 (about 7.1 miles east of Preston Road, SH289 and 2.4 miles west of US75). Go about 1.9 miles on FM1461 and turn right onto CR162 and then another quick right onto CR164. Go 1 mile and turn left onto CR1006. Follow CR1006 approximately 0.3 of a mile and make a right into Erwin Park. Follow the road through the park until you come to a T. Turn left and meet at the sheltered picnic area near the restrooms.

**Post Hotter N Hell Ride**

Sunday, August 27

Wichita Falls, Texas

**Date:** Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**Time:** Meet at 8:15 am, ride at 8:30 am**Where:** Boys and Girls Club parking lot; corner of Maurine St. and Beverly Drive**Distance:** Approx. 25 miles**Ride Hosts:** Kevin and Linda Vinson**Contact Information:** 972-625-6110 (Evening)/972-797-8647 (Daytime)**E-mail Address:** [linda.vinson@eds.com](mailto:linda.vinson@eds.com) or [vinsonkj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vinsonkj@sbcglobal.net)**RSVP's:** Appreciated, but not required

Join Kevin and Linda Vinson for a late summer ride through the Wichita Falls country side. As always, expect smooth roads and no hills!

We will begin at 8:30 AM from the Boys and Girls Club parking lot at the corner of Maurine Street and Beverly Drive. We'll ride at a relaxed pace through the country for approximately 25 miles.

To reach the Boy and Girls Club from downtown, head north on I-44 and turn west (left) at the Maurine Street exit. (Herb Easley Chevrolet will be on your right and La Quinta Hotel will be on your left.) The club is less than 1 mile from I-44.

For additional information on the HH100 events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, check out the schedule at: [www.hh100.org](http://www.hh100.org)

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# FRESH DATES

## Team Cortez-Mathis Richardson, TX

**Captain:** Sean  
**Stoker:** Chrissy  
**Joined DATES:** May 2006  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** Since I was a pup  
**Stoker:** Since I met the pup – 16 years off & on  
**How long tandeming?** April 2006  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** We've always wanted to tandem, but never had the motivation or the money. In March, Sean took a fall on his skateboard & that took care of it. Uncle Sam provided a nice tax return that went towards a great used tandem.  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Santana – 1990's??  
**How often do you ride?** Once or twice a week on the tandem, but we both commute on our singles – Sean daily & Chrissy once or twice a week.  
**How far?** 30-40 miles on the tandem  
**Favorite Ride?** We recently rode the Roadkill Rally in Ardmore & that was fun.  
**Usual route/area?** From Richardson to Sachse or Richardson to White Rock Lake  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** From John McManus when we bought our tandem

## Team Dudley Plano, TX

**Captain:** Chuck  
**Stoker:** Teresa  
**Joined DATES:** May 2006  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** Since 1999  
**Stoker:** Since 1999  
**How long tandeming?** About 8 months  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** We've always been curious about the tandem, always looked like fun. We rented one a few times to see if we would like it and we would be compatible. We fell in love with it immediately.  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Trek T2000  
**How often do you ride?** We ride the tandem on the weekend.  
**How far?** About 50 miles is a good ride for us.  
**Favorite Ride?** We just moved here from Austin, but we used to love our ride from Round Rock to Georgetown out on the old farm roads.  
**Usual route/area?** We haven't found one yet. We just like a nice ride where you can get a good cup of coffee or a nice cold beer afterwards.  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** Richardson Bike Mart (Jim & Rhonda)

## Team Fitch McKinney, TX

**Captain:** Mark Fitch  
**Stoker:** Michelle Fitch  
**Joined DATES:** May 2006  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** 1992  
**Stoker:** 1992  
**How long tandeming?** 1992  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** We can talk and stay together while we ride.  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Purple Co-Motion Co-Pilot  
**How often do you ride?** Once a week  
**How far?** 12-30 miles  
**Favorite Ride?** MS 150 Houston - Austin  
**Usual route/area?** McKinney – Lake Lavon  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** Another tandem on the road  
**Anything else you'd like your new club members to know about you?**  
 Looking forward to meeting up with other tandems. See ya on the road.

## Grapevine Ride (Valentine's Day Ride "Redux")

Hosted by Tom & Diane Glenz

Sunday, June 18th, 2006

Ride Report by Kevin Vinson

This ride was a makeup ride for the Valentine's Day Ride back in February. The Valentine's Day Ride is an annual DATES ride and is always hosted by Tom & Diane Glenz. Back in February when this ride was supposed to take place, the weather was very iffy that morning so Tom & Diane had contacted everyone that had RSVP'd and told them that we could still meet at the Cielo's restaurant for brunch without the ride. Linda and I took advantage of that offer and met Tom, Diane, and the Carlsons for a nice brunch. Just so everyone knows, the Valentine's Day Ride has always consisted of a 36-mile ride with a brunch at Cielo's in the Solano Marriott near Grapevine.

The "Redux" was no different. We met at Dove Elementary school in Grapevine. What a difference approximately 4 months make. The weather was gorgeous this particular morning. And what a turn out Tom & Diane had. I apologize in advance if my count is incorrect but the discussion I had with Diane regarding the number of teams, she said she had received 13 RSVPs. It would be a safe guess that all 13 teams that had RSVP'd were there. After Tom had covered the pre-ride details, it was time for all of us to begin the ride. Linda and I have done this ride at least twice and it's amazing how things have developed in and around Grapevine in the last few years.

Linda and I have always enjoyed this ride for the routes, the scenery, and the wonderful brunch at Cielo's. This ride gave a chance to socialize with teams we have known since we joined DATES and new teams we were meeting for the first time. It was a great group as is always the case with DATES rides. As I promised Kris Carlson I would do, I have to mention the little mix up we had while navigating the route. I have to go back to the pre-ride meeting first. During the pre-ride meeting, Tom Glenz conveyed to us that he was short on cue sheets and asked that anyone familiar with route if they could pass along their cue sheet to someone that was not familiar. Since Linda and I had ridden this ride twice before, and knew we would be riding in a group, we didn't feel the need to have a cue sheet.

That brings me to Kris Carlson. Team Carlson were the holders of the cue sheet in our group. We had arrived to a point in the ride where we were looking for a road that had a sign that stated "No Outlet". We were supposed to disregard that sign according to the cue sheet and Tom's pre-ride overview. So, we come upon this sign that states "No Outlet". Guess what we did. We heeded the sign's warning and turned around. We convened at this intersection and decided we needed to go straight. After crossing the highway, we realized this wasn't correct.

Looking back, we saw Tom & Diane leading some teams on the rode that had the "No Outlet" sign. So, we turned around again and made our way back to where we were. Once on track, we continued on our way, getting a good laugh at ourselves for our faux faux. Sorry Kris! At the 30-mile mark, we reached the Solano Marriott and Cielo's Restaurant. As always, the brunch was wonderful. After the brunch, all the teams gathered outside of the hotel and began the final six miles back to Dove Elementary school. Those last six miles seem to go by very fast.

Linda and I were in constant conversation with the other teams. It was such an enjoyable day on the tandem. Many thanks go to Tom & Diane for another wonderful Valentine's Day Ride. Linda and I suggested to Tom & Diane that they should host the Valentine's Day Ride in February as always but add another date to this same ride in June. Diane took it a step further by suggesting that the February ride would include lunch at Babe's while the June ride would include the brunch at Cielo's. We'll see!

Again, thank you Tom & Diane!

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Summer Solstice Ride  
Hosted by Charlie & Pat Jenkins  
Sunday, June 25th, 2006  
Ride Report by Kevin Vinson  
Edited by Linda Vinson



This was a first time club ride and what a debut it was! This ride was hosted by Charlie & Pat Jenkins. The ride was attended by Teams Hudson-Croy, Thompson, Duval, Carlson, and Vinson. We met at the Loy Lake Park at 7:30 AM with a planned 8:00 AM start. Loy Lake Park is located in Denison, just west of US-75. This starting point has been used by Charlie & Pat on past rides they've hosted. It's a very nice park with easy access off US-75. Charlie & Pat provided snacks, Gatorade, and bottled water.

The weather was very nice at the start. Shortly before 8:00 AM, Charlie gathered all of us around to go over the available routes. Contrary to earlier reports by Charlie that there weren't very many hills, Pat let it be known that Charlie was being a little conservative and that we should expect quite a few hills. Once the hills were exposed, Charlie covered the details of the routes. Route options were 43, 51, 67, & 76 miles.

Since I had to fly to California for business Sunday evening, Linda and I pretty much had decided on the 51-mile route. Once Charlie completed his presentation of the ride, everyone mounted their tandems. As Charlie had explained during the ride overview, all routes would follow the same course the first 22 miles. The 22-mile mark was a rest stop and shortly after that, we would have our choice of which route to pursue. Those first 22 miles took us through some very nice parts of Denison. Most people know that Denison is the birthplace of President Dwight Eisenhower.

While riding through the quaint downtown area of Denison, we saw the sign signifying directions to President Eisenhower's birthplace. We also saw a lot of cute old homes and some very nice new housing developments. Denison seems like a very nice town that has been able to maintain that small town feel while at the same time, is seeing a growth of sorts. For most of the first 22 miles, all six teams were together. At the 22-mile mark, we arrived in the small town of Bells. This was a first time visit for Linda and me. To be honest, I had never even heard of Bells, Texas.

In Bells, we made a stop at a local convenience store and gas station. As is always the case with Linda and me, we made our usual purchase of Gatorade while taking advantage of the snacks we brought with us. One of the snacks that Charlie & Pat provided for us was a "trail mix" that consisted of raisins, M&Ms, peanuts, and sunflower seeds. They were in little packets and were perfect for carrying on the bike. Pat told Linda that she had found those at Sam's. Definitely something to remember for future rides.

During the first 22-miles, the six teams became separated a little so the rest stop in Bells gave all of us a chance to regroup. After everyone had reached the rest stop and had a chance to take in snacks and drinks, it was time to resume our trek. At this point, it was decided that Teams Hudson-Croy, Thompson, Carlson, and Vinson would ride the 51-mile while Teams Duval and Jenkins would tackle the 76-mile route. Talk about cycling junkies, Charlie & Pat rode the 76-mile route on Saturday as well. I have a lot of respect for the two of them as cyclists. Before I forget, I would like to mention that Chuck Carlson had rode 76 miles on Saturday; Team Hudson-Croy rode 46 miles in the Cow Creek Classic in Waxahachie where Linda and I also were on our singles.

At this point of the ride report, the focus will be on the 51-mile route. Maybe Team Duval or Team Jenkins will have a ride report for the 76-mile route. By the way, Charlie pointed out to us during the ride overview that the 76-mile route was the most scenic. I think that was his way of getting everyone to ride the 76-mile route. Anyway, the 51-mile route did not disappoint. We (Teams Hudson-Croy, Thompson, Carlson, & Vinson) were very impressed with the route from a scenic standpoint. As for the roads themselves, they were great. Before I go any further, I forgot to mention the great work Charlie & Pat put in the ride cue sheets. From bold type font to large type font to color, the cue sheets were very professional.

Getting back to the ride, we were making our way along the 51-mile route when, according to the cue sheet, we were going to make a right on Rochelle-Cannon Road. We had reached an intersection that we thought was Rochelle-Cannon Road. Using the mileage chart on the cue sheet, we thought the road we were at was Rochelle-Cannon. All four teams convened and decided that we must be at Rochelle-Cannon. So, we made our right, looking for our next turn, which was supposed to be a little over a mile away and at the bottom of a hill.

Well, as you can probably guess by now, we never did find that road at the bottom of the hill. Come to find out, we were on US-69. I thought it was strange that Rochelle-Cannon Road had such nice, wide shoulders. Now I know why those wide shoulders were there. Just to let you know, that right we made on US-69 took us right into a headwind. We finally stopped outside of what we think was Bells. Again, we convened and decided that we had made our right-hand turn too early. So, we turned around and took advantage of the tailwind and made our way back to Savage Road, the road we were originally on.

With the tailwind, it did not take us long to reach Savage Road and make the right that we needed to get us back on track. So, our 51-mile route is now approximately 53 miles. As Charlie had pointed out in the pre-ride meeting, a lot of the roads we would be traveling would not have a lot of motorist traffic. He was so right. We were really enjoying the ride and the scenery. After getting back on track, one of the turns we were to be looking for was a right-hand turn onto Washburn Road.

At this point, we were riding with the Carlsons. We had decided that Charlie had made sure that the roads he mentioned in the cue sheet were marked with street signs. So, we are riding along, looking for Washburn Road when we come along the Washburn Cemetery. Right after the cemetery was a road on the right but we did not see any signs so Team Carlson and Linda & I continued on our way, looking for Washburn Road. Needless to say, after about a mile, we realized we had missed our turn. Several cows watched in amusement as we convened with Chuck & Kris to decide the next course of action. We decided to make our way back to the cemetery and the road we assumed at this point was Washburn Road.

We made the left onto "Washburn Road" hoping we were on the right road. Sure enough, we confirmed we were when we came across Teams Hudson-Croy and Thompson. They didn't seem too surprised to see us knowing what happened to us earlier while looking for Rochelle-Cannon Road. At this point, our 51-mile route is now approximately 55-miles. All of us continued on, paying even closer attention to the cue sheets. One thing we felt comfortable knowing was, the next several roads we were looking for were "T" intersections. There shouldn't be any problems with those.

At one point, we were looking for a "T" intersection at which we would make a left onto Calf Creek Road. We crossed what was either a state route or an FM route and came to a "T" intersection but the road sign said Sharp Road. Again, Team Carlson and Linda & I convened to figure out how we could miss Calf Creek Road when it was a "T" intersection. We decided we had nothing to lose by making a left at this "T" as the cue sheets had stated. It wasn't long when Chuck had pointed to a mailbox and there was the address, Calf Creek Road. Of course, we celebrated!

Shortly thereafter, we were looking for another "T" intersection. We came across a section of road that we could either go straight or veer to the right. Knowing that we were supposed to be looking for a "T" intersection, I decided to lead us straight. As soon as we went straight, the road changed to smooth black top and became considerably narrower. I heard Chuck exclaim, "Is this for real?" As we continued on we found that we were riding on a private drive way. We were taken to a nice home tucked away in the woods with a circular drive way.

After turning around in the circular drive way, we made our way back on course. Now, our 51-mile route had become approximately 56 miles. I was slowly approaching my earlier goal in the week of riding the 67-mile route for this ride. We had about 10 miles left at this point and I was beginning to feel the effects from my ride at the Cow Creek Classic. Plus, the temperature had risen considerably since the start.

The troopers we were, we continued on our trek back to Denison. We knew we were getting close to the Denison city limits when we came across some new housing developments. Again, these new developments were very nice. As for the hills on this route, there were no shortages of hills at all. We definitely got in some good hill training on this ride. Before we knew it, we had the park entrance in sight. Chuck, Kris, Linda, and I arrived back at the park shortly after 12:00 Noon. We all agreed that it was a great ride with some very nice scenery.

Our 51-mile ride had become 56.4 miles. No matter, kudos to Charlie & Pat for putting on such a great ride. Thank you so much for everything you did for this ride. Hopefully, there will be a ride report for the 76-mile route. We look forward to riding the Summer Solstice Ride again next year.

**August 2006 DATES-LINE Schedule:**

**Mailed by: July 31, 2006 –**

**Notices & Articles due by: July 28, 2006**

## North Texas Bike Ban

On Tuesday, June 13, 2006, cyclists filled the room at the Anna City Council public hearing about the bike ban on FM 455 in Collin County, north of Dallas. The Herald Democrat newspaper estimated that almost 100 cyclists gathered for the hearing.

Speaking on behalf of the cycling community were representatives from BikeDFW, Plano Bicycle Association, Texas Bicycle Coalition and two citizens from Anna who oppose the bike ban. The cyclists and speakers were polite and respectful throughout the meeting.

The speakers offered to work with the City of Anna to plan safe accommodations to all road users. Recommendations from the cycling community to improve the safety of the existing roadway included road markings and signage.

Speakers talked about the importance of bicycling as a physical activity and the need for our communities to help prevent the alarming rise of obesity. Cyclists also spoke of the importance of respecting the freedom for Texans to choose for themselves whether it is safe enough to ride on a road.

Ninety-five percent of the citizens in the packed room at Anna High School were there in support of removing the bike ban on FM 455. Only one Anna resident spoke in support of maintaining the bike ban. Two consultants hired by the City of Anna also spoke in support of continuing the bike ban.

The pleas of cyclists fell on deaf ears. With no discussion and no questions asked of the speakers, the Anna City Council passed a motion to stiffen the existing bike ban ordinance. The motion language increased the fine to \$200. The Council also chose to add the penalty of impounding the bicycles of offenders. The motion did remove a requirement that bicycles be registered with the City.

The Council also added the word 'temporary' to the bike ban ordinance with no explanation or discussion. The duration of temporary was not defined. Texas Bicycle Coalition discussions with engineers at the Texas Department of Transportation indicate that it will be a minimum of five years before the roadway in question can be widened.

Texas Bicycle Coalition, BikeDFW and Plano Bicycle Association are asking Texas cyclists to write respectful letters addressed to Anna Mayor Kenneth Pelham requesting the City of Anna repeal the bike ban ordinance.

The Honorable Kenneth L. Pelham  
City of Anna  
P.O. Box 776  
Anna, Texas 75409

If allowed to continue, this bike ban could threaten bicycle access in other Texas communities. It is imperative that we win the battle to overturn the Anna bike ban.

Please remember, you can help in several ways:

- 1) Write a respectful letter to the Mayor of Anna;
- 2) Join BikeTexas as a member to support our advocacy efforts; and
- 3) Continue to support your local club, and if you're in north Texas, join BikeDFW, the new north Texas bicycle advocacy group.

After the Council's action, cyclists expressed a clear resolve to continue the campaign to overturn the Anna bike ban.

"BikeDFW will form a committee to focus on the Anna bike ban here in the Dallas area and work closely with Texas Bicycle Coalition," according to Michelle Holcomb of BikeDFW.

Holcomb announced that the committee will be chaired by Gail Spann, former chair of Texas Bicycle Coalition and a member of numerous bicycle organizations. Members of other DFW bicycle clubs and related organizations will be asked to join the committee. Visit BikeDFW to learn more about the committee.

Rusty Nail, speaking on behalf of Plano Bicycle Association, pledged to continue working with Texas Bicycle Coalition and BikeDFW until the Anna bike ban is overturned. Nail said, "This issue is bigger than any one of us. If the cycling community continues to work together, we will succeed."

## DATES Rides and Activities

RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
<b>Weekly White Rock Lake Ride</b>	Every Wednesday	6:00 PM	White Rock Creek Trail at US 75 & Forest Lane	Juanita Logan	214-686-3750 (cell) or 214-576-1986 (work).	Approx. 22 miles.	The route consists of 6 miles down to White Rock Lake, 9.3 mile loop around White Rock Lake, and 6 miles back up the trail. Could get in some hills as well if anyone is interested.
<b>Red, White, &amp; Blue Ride</b>	Tuesday July 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Roane & Juanita's 3403 Summer Place Ct Farmers Branch, TX	Roane & Juanita Logan	972-620-1882	Short urban ride	Wear red, white & blue, decorate your bike and show your patriotism! Hot dogs & pool party after the ride. Please RSVP.
<b>National Federation of the Blind Ride</b>	Wednesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Bath House Cultural Ctr White Rock Lake Dallas, TX	Jimmy & Kelly Duval	<a href="mailto:kellyd@purelyonline.com">kellyd@purelyonline.com</a>	Captains needed to pilot blind stokers around the lake. Stokers needed to add encouragement, enthusiasm and whatever else might be needed. Sign up today!	
<b>Pilot Point Ride</b>	Sunday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Meet 7:30 AM Ride 8:00	Town Square Pilot Point, TX	Chuck & Kris Carlson	972-248-8481 <a href="mailto:c.carlson@sbcglobal.net">c.carlson@sbcglobal.net</a>	20, 36 or up to 53 miles	See Newsletter or website
<b>Collin County Ride</b>	Sunday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Erwin Park McKinney, TX	Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy	214-320-8708 <a href="mailto:HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net">HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net</a>	30-something 40-something & 60-ish	See Newsletter or website
<b>Valley View Ride</b>	Sunday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Valley View, TX	Harry & Janette Thompson	TBA	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
<b>TBD</b>	Sunday August 20 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	TBD	Mitch & Leslie Frank	TBA	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
<b>Post-HHH Ride</b>	Sunday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Meet at 8:15 AM, Ride at 8:30 AM	The Boys & Girls Club parking lot at the corner of Maurine Street & Beverly Drive in Wichita Falls, Texas	Kevin & Linda Vinson	Contact Linda or Kevin at 972-625-6110 (Evening) or e-mail to <a href="mailto:linda.vinson@eds.com">linda.vinson@eds.com</a>	Approximately 25 miles.	See DATES-Line Newsletter for details or click on the <a href="#">Post-HHH</a> link. For maps and cue sheets, click on the <a href="#">Map-CueSheet</a> link.
<b>Labor Day Melissa Ride</b>	Monday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Rusty & Belinda's House Melissa, TX	Rusty & Belinda Nail	TBA	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
<b>TROLS Big Adventure</b>	Fri – Sun Sept 15 – 17	TBA	Jefferson, TX	Reggie & Linda Bowers	(903) 663-2144 <a href="mailto:txhobbit@yahoo.com">txhobbit@yahoo.com</a>	TBA	Registration is FULL. Contact Reggie & Linda to be added to the waiting list
<b>2006 DATES Century Ride Mountain Course</b>	Sunday, Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	TBA	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	<a href="mailto:res1rrzj@verizon.net">res1rrzj@verizon.net</a>	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
<b>Self-Contained Halloween Ride</b>	Sat-Sun Oct 28-29	TBA	TBA	John McManus & Brenda Cole	<a href="mailto:john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com">john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com</a>	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
<b>Two Flags Ride</b>	Sunday Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	TBA	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	<a href="mailto:res1rrzj@verizon.net">res1rrzj@verizon.net</a>	TBA	Watch website & newsletter
<b>English Castles &amp; Gardens Tour</b>	June - July 2007	TBA	Wimborner England	John McManus & Brenda Cole	<a href="mailto:John_J_McManus@yahoo.com">John_J_McManus@yahoo.com</a>	40-50 miles each day	Registration is FULL. Interested teams should get on the wait list.

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