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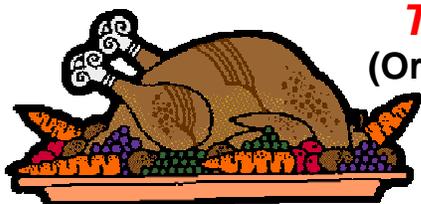


TWO FLAGS RIDE
Sunday, November 19
Sherman, TX



The ride will gather at the courthouse square in Sherman for hot chocolate around 8:30, and roll on course 9ish. This year's ride will follow an improved route which is a few miles shorter (~45) than in years past and include three more nice down hills and a second converted rail bridge, plus eliminate a steep climb. Lunch at the Silver Dollar Buffet/Grocery/Bait Shop/Dance Hall. Beautiful fall foliage, tail winds.

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THANKSGIVING WEEKEND DATES RIDE
 (Or "Roll Off Your Thanksgiving Spare Tire" Ride)
Friday – Sunday, November 24-26
Pittsburg, TX



For the past couple of years the McManus/Coles and/or Watson's have hosted a DATES Club Ride the weekend after Thanksgiving Day (**Friday 11/24, Saturday 11/25 & Sunday 11/26/06**). To keep the tradition, we have agreed to host the ride again this year HOWEVER, it is going to be in a new location with all new routes.

If you joined us at Copperas Cover in previous years – you know we were treated royally by some of the local bike riding Chamber of Commerce folks. Unfortunately, most of those key local hosts have moved on to "greener pastures". John & Brenda suggested a little rural area in East Texas that was part of a route on the 2000 SWTR Pre-Tour.

We are planning to headquarter in **Pittsburg, TX at the Carson House Inn & Grille, 302 Mt. Pleasant Street. (903-856-2468 or www.carsonhouse.com)**. If you want to come along – make your reservations at the Inn or some other local sleeping establishment.

The plan is to meet in Pittsburg around 9:30A on Friday 11/24 to do roundtrip rides of approximately 50 miles either from Pittsburg to Winnsboro or Pittsburg to Gilmer. There is also a 39 mile option to Mt. Pleasant for one of the ride days. We will get the details worked out for all three days and post it on the DATES Ride Calendar and do a follow up article. Pittsburg is approximately 2 hours East of Dallas.

It is always fun to get together for lots of talking, eating and riding with DATES buddies. Come join us and burn off those pounds you know you will pack on at Thanksgiving Dinner.....

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TTT – Texoma Tandem Tour
Sunday Dec. 3, 2006, 8:30 am
Denison, TX



Are we crazy?!?!? Hosting a ride in December? Probably! However, last year on December 3, the temperature reached 82! Yeah, okay...this was a bit above normal. But, the average highs for this date are still in the low 60's. Perfect cycling temps!

Join Pat & Charlie Jenkins for a Sunday ride in Texomaland. We will be riding in northeast Texas & southeast Oklahoma. The route has been modified this year to include some breathtaking views, more convenience store stops, and lunch on the route. We'll meet at the Loy Lake Park in Denison TX about 8:30am & begin at 9:00am sharp. Lunch will be at Pompano's Waterfront Bar & Grill, overlooking Lake Texoma.

We'll offer distances of approximately 40, 60 & 80 miles. However, we can easily modify the routes as desired, if you want/need something different.

RSVP's are preferred to ensure we are adequately prepared, but not required. We will start promptly, so if you arrive late, we'll leave maps on our windshield. Contact Charlie & Pat Jenkins at: 903.463.1516 (home), 903.624.9744 (cell), or email us at: Dates@ntsk8.com

Christmas Lights Ride
Sunday December 10, 2006, 6:00 pm
Dallas, TX



We will gather at 6:00 pm in the Snider Plaza parking lot near Penne Pomodoro. Headlights and taillights are required and a small flashlight for reading the cue sheet is recommended. Festive decoration of bikes are encouraged. We will ride through Highland Park enjoying the sights and lights. This is a great ride and even though it is urban with lots of turns, we stay together as a group and move slowly enough to really enjoy the company of fellow tandem teams! After our ride we will return to Penne Pomodoro for dinner at 7:30 pm. If the weather is bad (it won't be) or you just don't want to ride, join us for dinner. There will be a gift exchange for all that wish to participate. Please RSVP to Malcolm or Linda Cole at 214-826-6779

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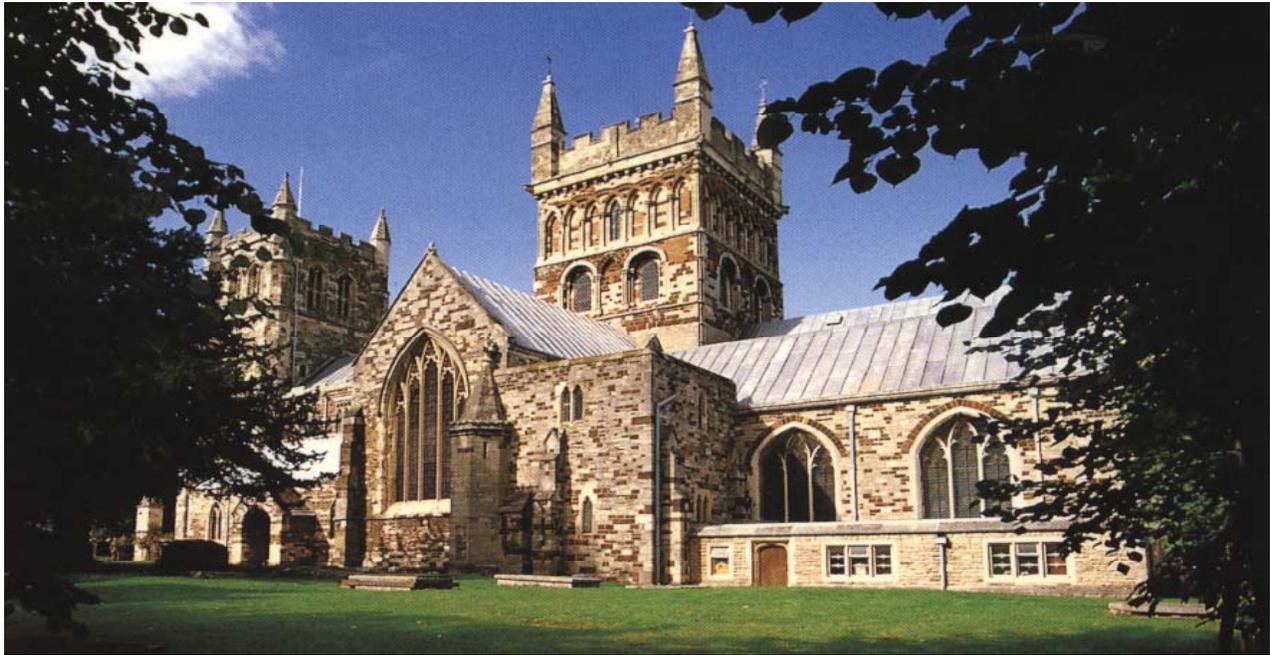
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***English Castles & Gardens
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June – July 2007
England

Attention: We now have spots open for this tour
Contact the ride leaders TODAY for details



Wimborne's Cathedral – 1300 years old and known as the Minster.

John McManus & Brenda Cole / Chris & Jenny Davison

DESCRIPTION

Our classic tandem cycle tour of one of the loveliest parts of the UK has everything. Country lanes take you through charming villages on low traffic roads. At every turn you will find a new gem to explore. You will cycle from a tiny 10th Century chapel to a towering 1000 year old cathedral. We offer you a happy fusion of great back road cycling and the time to enjoy the history and beauty of the scenery.

Your tour leaders will be Chris and Jenny Davison from Dorset. They have cycled tandem here for 40 years and look forward to sharing their love of this wonderful cycling countryside. Our lodgings are at comfortable quality hotels with character and history.

We start our tour in the town of Wimborne in the pretty county of Dorset. We can join British CTC cyclists on a ride through 'old world' villages. We lodge at a homely city center hotel in Sherborne where we can view the family home of Sir Walter Raleigh. We continue through Glastonbury to a night stop in the charming cathedral city of Wells.

With a full day in Bath you will be led on a memorable walking tour of this stunning World Heritage city – the Roman Baths, Abbey and spectacular Royal Crescent. Our tour then visits Longleat, the glorious stately home of the Marquis of Bath, where we take morning coffee. We then ride to the wonderful gardens at Stourhead before finishing our ride in the Saxon hill town of Shaftesbury.

At Salisbury you can climb the spire of England’s tallest cathedral. Join us on a guided history walk of this fascinating city. Then we will cycle or bus to see the prehistory marvel of Stonehenge.

We reach the English Channel at the intriguing harbour village of Lymington. We take a short ferry ride to the Isle of Wight to cycle this pretty ‘bicycle island’. You will visit the village of Cowes which is so well known to the world’s yaghting fraternity.

Cycling the New Forest (‘New’ in 1215AD) with its cute wild ponies, brings us back to Wimborne for our celebration supper at the Kings Head. Before packing the tandems there should be time to tour the 1300 year old Minster cathedral with its Astronomic clock and ‘Chain Library’ of ancient books.

Note: This tour description is for illustration only and will be modified as necessary.

If you have not yet cycled in England this is a must do tour.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- This is not an easy tour. England has many, many hills, some of which are quite steep. We rode the length of Great Britain a couple of years ago. This was our most difficult tour ever – a lot harder than going over the Pyrenees.
- The luggage vehicle is a luggage vehicle, not a sag wagon. However, in the event of an emergency, it will be used as required. Plan on riding every day, even in the rain.
- Since we’re not paying for “hand-holding” service, don’t expect it. For instance, you’ll probably have to carry your own luggage to and from your room.
- Riders will start each day at a time of their choosing; don’t expect a mass start. Don’t expect to follow other riders. Follow the map! You’ll be provided Cue Sheets and a Digital Map.
- You’ll have to find your own lunch spot. You’re only problem will be to determine which pub has the best grub.
- We’ll have a social hour each night to review the day’s events and discuss tomorrow’s route. We’ll share the responsibility of providing snacks for the happy hour.

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QUALIFICATIONS

- This tour is for adult tandem teams only.
- Tandem teams must be experienced cyclists. Organizers reserve the right to reject applications from teams who don't have the necessary experience and/or level of cycling.

COSTS

- Estimated costs are \$4,200 to \$5,000 per team. This will be determined by the Pound Sterling to U.S. Dollar conversion and the number of participants. The tour is being run on a "non-profit" basis and any excess refunds will be reimbursed after the tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 12 nights lodging (You pay for lodging in London after the tour.)
- 12 breakfasts
- 6 dinners
- luggage van & driver
- Local British guide
- Scouting the route
- Transfers for you and your tandem to and from Heathrow airport
- Maps and Route Sheets



COST COMPARISONS

Commercial companies provide luxury and many services but you pay for them. This proposed tour is similar to the Bicycle Adventure Club tours that we go on. We take our bikes and handle our own luggage. We stay in comfortable, but not luxury, hotels. But this makes the trips affordable – one third to one half the cost of a commercial tour.

Typical cost of European tours (\$ **per person** per night)

- Trek Travel \$650
- Backroads \$540 - \$740 (depending on the level of accommodations)
- Santana \$355
- DATES \$175 - \$210

CANCELLATION POLICY (per team)

- Until April 1, 2007, you will be assessed a \$100 penalty plus charges which other riders may incur due to your cancellation if a replacement cannot be found. For instance, if we have 15 teams and you cancel (now 14 teams), the fixed costs to the others increase and you would be assessed a penalty of an additional \$150. Total cancellation in this example would be \$250.
- Starting April 1, 2007, you may or may not be reimbursed for cancelled lodging, depending on (1) whether or not we can find a replacement for you and (2) the cancellation policies of the hotels.

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NOTE: Riders can return to Dallas on July 7, July 8 or July 9 – or later.

Slice of Dallas Ride Report Malcolm & Linda Cole

October 21 a group of three teams left from Richardson Bike Mart for an urban ride through Dallas. Two teams on tandems and a third team (Tom and Brenda Shaddox) graciously split between a single bike and driving sag. The weather was perfect and the traffic light and slow. We had maps but this was an easy ride for stokers as we stayed together and Tom led the way. Most of the time I didn't even have the correct page in front of me. We wound our way through neighborhoods and Tom filled us in on interesting bits of history mixed with folklore. A differing opinion on the speed of an oncoming truck led to the most amazing stoker escape I have ever seen. There was no crash and the captain even had to be told she had abandoned the bike!! Lunch at a sidewalk café in the West End could have been Paris but we were right



here in Dallas. It never occurred to me to ride through downtown but this was really fun. Another stop in the Bishop Arts District found us at The Soda Gallery. This shop really is a trip through time as we all found a childhood favorite soda to enjoy. Tom managed to find what he termed an "almost flat route" with the biggest hill just as we ended our ride at Cedar Hill State Park. We found great campsites with lake views and set up the tents. Dinner was a real treat planned by Tom and Brenda. We were introduced to Dutch oven baking with a fresh berry cobbler baked right in the campfire. (It was fabulous and I highly recommend you sign up for this ride next time it is offered just for the cobbler.) The return trip on Sunday was cold but comfortable with a jacket. A different route back led us to other interesting sights in Dallas. The drivers around us were friendly and we



saw so much riding on a bike through areas we are used to driving mindlessly through via cars. The ride, food, and camping couldn't have been nicer. Thank you Tom and Brenda for such a great ride! This ride will be offered again and you all really should try it!



FOR SALE

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DATES jerseys are available at Richardson Bike Mart .

You will have to ask for them, as they are not on display.

They are reserved exclusively for DATES members



Tech Tips

All too often I have clients who ask what the best chain lube is for their bike. Though there are so many great lubricants on the market, I have found that the longest lasting and cleanest lube for the chain is Rock-N-Roll Gold. If you are not using it yet, pick some up the next time you are at the bike shop and you'll be glad you did. Please follow these directions for the best results:

- Put the chain on the big ring, in the front, and the small cog, on the back.
- Apply the lube on the chain, over the top of the cog. Let a nice flow (don't be too conservative) onto the chain, remember you're going to clean, and lube at the same time.
- Freewheel the chain backwards, and wipe off all of the dirt and grit that has come up to the surface. Remember, you can't wipe off the chain too much, so make that chain shine.
- Shift the chain off the big ring, so you can wipe off the chain ring, to clean up the little bit of residue left behind.
- For best results, lubricate after your ride or at least allow your chain to sit a few hours before riding. If necessary, you can ride at once.
- Allowing the lube a chance to fully set-up gives the lube a bit more life.



Remember, to wipe off you chain after riding regardless if you're going to re-lube or not. This keeps the chain clean and looking great.

Kyle Carlson
Plano Cycling & Fitness

December 2006 DATES-LINE Schedule:
Mailed by November 30, 2006
Notices & Articles due by: November 27, 2006

Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts (DATES)

MINUTES: Business Meeting & Social, Sunday, October 15, 2006

Location: Home of John McManus and Brenda Cole in Dallas, Texas

Attending Officers: Charlie & Pat Jenkins, Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy, Roane & Juanita Logan, John McManus & Brenda Cole, Janette & Harry Thompson, Kevin & Linda Vinson

Attending Teams: Tricia & Franklin Kemp, Lee & Karolyn Millhollin, Tom and Brenda Shaddox

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Coordinators: Roane Logan opened the meeting by thanking John and Brenda for hosting the meeting.

Secretaries: Minutes from the April 4, 2006 business meeting were unanimously approved.

DATES-Line Editors: Brenda said that the newsletter looks great.
There was no further report regarding the DATES-Line.

Membership: Kevin Vinson reported that the club has 81 active teams. He mentioned that several of the new teams have been added as a result of memberships from Plano Cycling and Fitness and Richardson Bike Mart, which DATES very much appreciates.

Webmasters: Kevin Vinson informed the group that Version 4, the company that has been hosting our website at no charge, notified us by letter dated August 31, 2006 that beginning October 1, 2006 the monthly charge will be \$25 plus tax, depending on our usage. Kevin has been in touch with the person who hosts the Plano Bicycle Association website and will get more information about whether DATES could be hosted through the same entity. This change might mean that our website could be more interactive. Kevin will pursue this possibility and will investigate other aspects of changing internet service providers. The group agreed to continue paying Version 4 the required \$25 per month until such time as another provider was approved. Kevin will have more information by the next meeting.

Kevin noted that he had renewed our domain name and paid the \$15 annual fee.

Ride Coordinators: Carol Croy reported that there have been lots of good rides since our last business meeting. The group discussed various upcoming rides that have been scheduled and will be posted in the DATES-Line.

Treasurers: John McManus stated that in past years, DATES has contributed \$500 to the Texas Bicycle Coalition. There was discussion regarding continuing this yearly \$500 contribution, and the motion to do so passed unanimously.

DATES extends its deepest sympathies to Jim and Rhonda Hoyt on the loss of their son Chad Hoyt. The group unanimously agreed to contribute \$1,000 toward the trust fund being set up for the children of Chad Hoyt.

John mentioned that the official DATES policy has been to allow \$25 reimbursement for any expenditures of a ride leader and \$50 for a business/social meeting (receipts required in each instance), with larger amounts subject to prior approval by the coordinators or treasurers. Over the

past 1 3/4 years, the average reimbursement per ride has been \$45 and per meeting has been \$102. John requested the group adopt a clear, workable policy regarding reimbursements. The topic was discussed and it was suggested that we increase the amount allowable per ride to \$50 and the amount per meeting to \$100. If a ride leader or meeting host believes they will incur expenses exceeding these amounts, they may seek prior approval. This motion was passed by a majority of votes. This information will be posted on the ride leader guidelines and on the FAQ sheet on the website.

Nominations for next term: Juanita Logan indicated that she and Roane will ask a team to coordinate the nominations for the 2007 officers.

Annual Meeting: There was considerable discussion about the possible location of the DATES annual meeting, which is traditionally held in February. Linda Vinson and John McManus agreed to chair this committee and to investigate various venues. Various other members volunteered to look into possible caterers or venues that they thought might be possibilities for the annual meeting.

Miscellaneous: Harry Thompson talked about what a worthwhile experience it was for DATES to co-host, along with Plano Bicycling and Fitness, the ride for the National Federation of the Blind. Harry suggested that DATES look into whether there is a local chapter with which DATES could coordinate another ride, perhaps on an annual basis. Harry agreed to look into this possibility. Tom Shaddox said he has checked with a number of hotels and bed and breakfasts in Glenrose and all now seem to require a two-night minimum stay during the springtime when DATES holds its Stoker Appreciation Ride. The group discussed various possibilities, including staying in another town that does not have this requirement. Tom will pursue these suggestions. Lee Millhollin suggested DATES consider holding a different type of ride called geocaching. Each team would have a GPS (global positioning system) and would participate in the equivalent of a treasure hunt. It was agreed that this could be interesting and certainly something different for the club. At this time, it is not known how many teams have GPS units for their tandem.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Harry and Janette Thompson,
DATES Secretaries.

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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.

Notice to Ride Leaders:

Ride Leaders may be reimbursed by the club for a maximum of \$50 per ride for expenses such as copying maps or providing refreshments. Submit receipts to the DATES Treasurer. If you anticipate expenses to be more than \$50, you MUST get permission in advance from the Board.

DATES Rides and Activities

RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
Two Flags Ride	Sunday Nov 19 th	Meet at 8:30 am Ride at 9	Courthouse Square, Sherman, TX	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	res1rrzj@verizon.net	45 miles	Meet at 8:30 for hot chocolate. Modified Route. See newsletter for details
Thanksgiving Weekend Ride (or "Roll Off Your Thanksgiving Spare Tire" Ride)	Fri - Sun 11/24 - 26	Around 9:30 Am Friday	Carson House Inn & Grille 302 Mt. Pleasant Street Pittsburg, TX	Rick & Kay Watson and John McManus & Brenda Cole	cw7540@ cableone.net K 580-504-7522 R 580-618-0410 John_J_McManus@ yahoo.com B 214-460-3283 J 214-460-3275	TBD	Make your reservation at the Inn (903-856-2468 or www.carsonhouse.com) or some other local sleeping establishment.
TTT Texoma Tandem Tour	Sunday December 3 rd	Meet at 8:30 am Ride at 9	Loy Lake Park Denison, TX	Charlie & Pat Jenkins	903-463-1516 (home) 903-624-9744 (cell) dates@ntsk8.com	40, 60 or 80 miles	Lunch at Pompano's Bar & Grill, at Lake Texoma
Christmas Lights Ride	Sunday December 10 th	6:00 PM	Snider Plaza	Malcolm & Linda Cole	214-826-6779 mpcole@sbcglobal.net	TBA	See website & newsletter
English Castles & Gardens Tour	June - July 2007	TBA	Wimborner England	John McManus & Brenda Cole	John_J_McManus@yahoo.com	40-50 miles each day	See website & newsletter

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