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John & Ron's Birthday Ride
Saturday February 24, 2007, 9:30 am
Willow Park, TX
John McManus & Ronnie Bryant

Join John McManus and Ronnie Bryant on a fun ride, that just happens to be their birthday ride. Meet at the Northeast corner of I-20 and Ranch House Rd in Willow Park just east of Weatherford. Park in the far eastern parking lot of the strip shopping center. Look for Ronnie & Nanette's silver Mazda Van. Routes of 35 and 55 miles will be available. Several convenience stores are available on both routes. Lunch will be at the Jubilee Trailhouse after the ride. Meet at 9:30, Ride at 10:00

2007 DATES Annual Meeting and Dinner
Sunday February 25, 2007, 5:30 pm
Dallas, TX

Join us for a scrumptious buffet and meet new members or reconnect with old friends at the annual dinner and meeting. The club officers will provide an overview of 2006 and we'll plan for 2007 and elect new officers.

When: Sunday, February 25, 2007

Where: Blue Mesa Grill, 7700 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75225

Time: 5:30 PM social with cash bar
6:00 PM dinner buffet served

Cost: \$27.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

Menu: Chips and salsa, stuffed mushrooms, warm crab dip, slow roasted chicken, roasted beef tenderloin, and red chile crusted salmon accompanied by spring salad, corn, garlic mashed potatoes and oven roasted vegetables. Soft drinks, lemonade, tea and coffee are included with an assortment of desserts.

RSVP: Please send a check for the total in your party to Linda Vinson by **February 20th**. Make the check payable to Linda Vinson and mail to: 7013 Fox Drive, The Colony, Texas, 75056.

Your RSVP and payment must be received by February 20th in order to give the restaurant an accurate head count for billing purposes. No RSVPs or payment will be accepted after February 20th.

Contact Info: Questions can be directed to Linda at linda.vinson@eds.com or at 972-625-6110 (home) or 972-605-6000 (work).

Directions: Blue Mesa Grill Dallas, Lincoln Park is located in the shopping center across from Northpark Mall on Northwest Highway. It is next to The Cheesecake Factory. Driving directions can be found on the Blue Mesa website at: <http://www.blumesagrill.com/about-us/locations/>

2007 PAC Tour Desert Camp – Tandem Week
Saturday March 17 thru Saturday March 24, 2007
Tucson & Sierra Vista, Arizona
 By Ronnie Bryant

Want to get in shape for the DATES International Tandem Tour? Have you always liked the 3 day Tandem Rallies, but wanted them to be a little longer? Tired of riding in the cold in Texas? I have the answer for you.

Co-Motion and PAC Tours are sponsoring a 6-day tour in the Arizona Desert.

This tour is not limited to Co-Motion's. There will be Santana's, Bike Friday's, Cannondale's, Litespeed's, Trek's, Seven's etc. The tour travels from Tucson to Sierra Vista the first day and then there are 4 days of loop riding from the hotel in Sierra Vista. On the final day you ride back to Tucson. Dates for this event are March 17th through March 24th.

Nanette and I did a similar tour last year and it is a blast. This year we are going back and the Jenkins are going with us. It would be great if more Dates teams were there as well. I can't say enough of the support provided by the PAC Tour folks. Included in your registration is breakfast and lunch each day and snacks on the road, and 7 nights of hotel. Dinners are on your own as is Airfare. Below is the itinerary and for more information go to <http://www.pactour.com> and click on Arizona Desert Camp.



Day 1	Tucson to Sierra Vista	84 miles
Day 2	Coronado Loop	46-60 miles
Day 3	Mule Pass – Tombstone	45-62 miles
Day 4	Elgin or Sonoita Loop	60-75 miles
Day 5	South Bisbee Loop	45-60 miles
Day 6	Sierra Vista to Tucson	86 miles

2007 Southwest Tandem Rally
Friday April 27 thru Sunday April 29, 2007
LaGrange, Texas
 By Susan Mahoney

The members of the Houston Tandem Society (HATS) are pleased to invite you to charming La Grange for the 17th Annual Southwest Tandem Rally. Renew old friendships and make new ones as you join fellow tandem enthusiasts April 27-29 for three exhilarating days of cycling in some of Texas' most scenic countryside.

Registration and lodging information will be available soon but mark your calendars NOW!

2007 Georgia Tandem Rally
Friday May 18 thru Sunday May 20, 2007
LaGrange, Georgia
By Kevin Vinson

I wanted to take a moment to let the members of DATES know about an annual tandem rally that has really gained a lot of popularity over the last several years. Linda and I attended our first GTR last year and provided a write up in the August 2006 edition of the DATES-Line Newsletter (<http://www.doubledates.com/Archives/Aug2006.pdf>). Below is a message that Roger Strauss, co-coordinator of the GTR, sent out recently.

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Hello GTR Riders:

We know that many of you were not at the Southern Tandem Rally where we announced the location for GTR 2007, so we would like to get you up to speed. GTR 2007 will be held in LaGrange, Georgia the weekend of May 18-20, so mark those calendars now. LaGrange is located 70 miles southwest of Atlanta, right off of Interstate 85.

What's new this year? Just about everything! We've beefed up our ride schedule on Friday to give you even more riding options. We will ride to Pine Mountain and world-famous Callaway Gardens, where you have the option to spend the day there on your bike if you wish. We've got three ride choices on Friday--an easy one (33 miles) and two challenging ones (44 or 63 miles) for those wanting more miles and climbs. Saturday's ride will "Loop the Lake" with options of 35-85 miles as we ride around West Point Lake, which is on the Georgia-Alabama border. Sunday's ride will take us to the rural areas north of LaGrange.

On top of all the good riding, we've also got a full slate of social events planned as well. From our ice cream social on LaGrange's square to our Saturday dinner at Butts Mill Farm, we've made sure that your social calendar and your stomachs will be full, even though your legs might be feel empty!

Rally registration begins on January 16, 2007. Remember that GTR 2006 filled up in a record 23 days and indications are that demand should be as high or higher in 2007. So if you are coming, remember the words of advice that were given at GTR 2006: **REGISTER EARLY**.

Stay informed and up to date with all of the GTR 2007 details at:
<http://www.georgiatandemrally.com>

We hope that everyone has a safe cooler-weather riding season and that you all will be able to join us in LaGrange at GTR 2007!

Roger Strauss
Eve Kofsky
Elliott Strauss
Georgia Tandem Rally Ride Directors

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Keep an eye on the DATES web site for more information!

Two Flags Ride Report **Chuck Carlson**

This ride has always been one of our favorites. Great roads. A few hills. And lunch at an Oklahoma bait shop/general store/restaurant. They may rent videos too. I don't remember for sure. But I do remember the lunch. It was really good and we were not the only ones there. The place draws a crowd. Well, considering it's bait shop/general store/restaurant, it draws a crowd. There were four other people. But the buffet line had just opened and more were coming in as we left. It's a tons-of-food-all-you-can-eat lunch. Two buffet lines worth. One hot and one cold. Great biscuits. Perfect for bikers.

Getting there was the fun part. Ride leaders Tom and Brenda Shaddox had shortened the traditional route, which meant fewer hills and no stop in Bells. That was good. When you're going for big lunch at a bait shop/general store/restaurant, you really don't need a snack stop at a gas station as an appetizer. The few hills left in the route served that purpose perfectly so we arrived just across the border in OK-land ready for some food.

After lunch we headed back toward Sherman, happy that Tom and Brenda had also removed some hills from the return route. It's easy to overeat a bit at a bait shop/general store/restaurant and it weighs you down some on ascents. Then we came to the exciting part of the ride.

When I told Kris I had volunteered us to write the ride report, she said I was on my own. All she recalls from the ride is that it was fun, we had lunch in Oklahoma and she fell down. That last bit was the exciting part of the ride.

We ran over a dog. Well not completely. I managed to get our front wheel up on top of the dog because it had fallen in its scramble to reverse directions to chase Pat and Charlie. But it got back up at the precise moment our front wheel was on top of it, sending us to the tarmac.

I remember my head hitting pretty hard and I definitely felt my shoulder hit. And the dog running away hurt some, too. Kris and I both had a little road rash and she ended up with a sore pinky, which turned out to be a small fracture – the kind they don't cast or splint. She just tapes it to the next finger and goes on. That was a good learning experience for her when she stubbed and broke her toe six days later on the Thanksgiving weekend ride. Well, not on the ride. In our room at a B & B on a bed leg.

Everyone was very helpful when we went down. Nobody ran over us and we were up and back on the bike in about ten minutes or so. Back in Sherman, we loaded up the bike and headed to a pharmacy for those crack-and-chill ice packs. They really work.

Thanks to Tom and Brenda for a great ride and to our fellow riders, teams Bryant, Hudson-Croy, Cole-McManus & Jenkins for picking us up and getting us back on the bike.

Be sure to do this ride next time it happens because it's a good one. But if you see five dogs coming at you from the front, brake for the dogs. One is sure to go down in front of you and they don't run over easily.

February 2007 DATES-LINE Schedule:
Mailed by January 31, 2006
Notices & Articles due by: January 29, 2006

RANDONNEURING - Equipment by Ronnie Bryant

This is the 2nd article in a series about Randonneuring. The first article dealt with definitions and explanations of Randonneuring. This article will discuss equipment. Keep in mind that there are a lot of different options and what I will focus on is what works for me.

Bicycle

Fit – The bike must fit well. On rides of 100 miles or more any minor fit issue will become a major issue. If you are having trouble with your hands going numb, your neck and shoulders becoming sore, or your saddle area having problems, try changing the length and height of your stem and handlebars. If you are having pain behind your knee try lowering your saddle. If you are having pain in the front, try raising your saddle. Do not raise your saddle more than 1/16th of an inch at a time and if you raise your saddle, make sure your hips do not rock back and forth.

Saddles – some people swear by Brooks leather saddles. I have not had good luck with these. Each person is different. I have found that a wider “sit bone” area works best for me.

Frame – I have found that most steel bikes seem to absorb road shock the best and still have lateral stiffness needed to long climbs out of the saddle. A bike should have enough clearance to run wider tires (up to 35mm).

Gearing – I recommend a triple front chain rings with at least a 27 X 12 rear cassette and most likely a 11 X 32 or 12 X 34 for climbing mountains. Most Brevet organizers are sadistic and like to throw in the toughest climbs as far into the ride as possible. I remember several climbs at BMB, 500 miles into the event, climbing a 15% grade in my 26f x 32r passing people walking their bikes.

Wheels – The new low spoke count paired wheels are not recommended for most of these events. I ride 36 spoke wheels for my single and 40 spoke wheels on the Tandem for any long events. Most low spoke count wheels make up the strength lost from lower spoke counts by making the rim much stiffer and heavier. This makes for a rougher ride and puts the majority of the weight on the outside of the wheel where it takes more effort to get the wheel up to speed. You will be amazed at the increased comfort by using 30mm tires and inflate them to 85 to 100psi.

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Lights

Riding in Brevets will have you riding in the dark. Safety is the prime directive. You must be seen and you must be able to see where you are going!!! If you are going to be riding in the dark for more than 2 hours at a time and have some money to spend then get a Schmidt Dynohub. This system is a front wheel generator hub. We use this dual light system on the Tandem for rides longer than 200K. You will have to supplement this system with a battery powered light as when you stop the lights go out. We use a Princeton TEC EOS mounted to our helmet to assist on high speed descents and looking for street signs, reading cue sheets, fixing flats, and to shine in car drivers eyes when they are coming out of side streets. For rear lights we try to have at least 4 red lights fastened at different levels. Redundancy is good for rear lights as you won't know when one of them goes out.

Clothes

Our first 200K in 2007 was on January 1st and it was around 34 (7 AM) at the start and barely got to 50 before the ride was over (5PM). We wore a long sleeve wool jersey with a Pearl Izumi jacket over it. We wore wool socks with a Grabber insole and a Grabber toe warmer without shoe covers and our feet were comfy. RUSA rules require that you wear a reflective vest and ankle reflectors before sun-up and after sun-down. Riding as many miles as most Randonneurs ride you will get caught in the rain. We have rain jackets made by Marmot that have zippable pits under the arms and a hood that goes under your helmet. We have rain pants that we got at REI and put on shoe covers and pull the rain pants over the shoe covers. We are still searching for the perfect glove to wear in the rain.

My next article will address training and the qualifiers.

Kyle's Tech Tips

ON-THE-ROAD-REPAIRS

On occasion, it is necessary to make repairs to your bike on the side of the road. If you need to stop on the side of the road for any reason, there are a few things to be prepared for. The most important is your safety. While stopped, be aware of your surroundings. Watch out for fellow cyclists and motor vehicle traffic. Always be sure that you are out of the roadway and not creating any hazard to yourself or others. Next, you will need to carry a few tools. These include: your I.D. and medical info, a spare tube, patch kit, tire levers, multi tool, tire boot (temporary fix for a torn tire), a chain tool and anything else that might be specific to any of the components on your bike. The other stuff you might consider to take along with you is some spare spokes, chain pins or a connecting link, cleat hardware and a few zip ties. Hopefully you won't encounter any major issues, but if you need to make a repair that seems questionable, stay safe by walking your bike or call for a ride.



Kyle Carlson
Plano Cycling & Fitness

Trek Travel
Girona Explorer 2005
By Kevin & Linda Vinson

Note: The first draft of this journal was completed in December of 2005. The second draft was completed in June of 2006. This final draft was completed in November of 2006. As you can see, this journal has definitely been a work in progress. I hope everyone enjoys our journal.

Welcome to our celebration of 20 years of marriage. This is a journal of our trip to Girona, Spain for 6 days of cycling through Trek Travel. It was a little over a year ago (2004) that Linda and I were trying to figure out what we would like to do to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary (August 10th, 2005). We knew we wanted to go to Europe.



Since I had already been to Europe on business in 1999, I knew how difficult it was to see the sights without the assistance of a tour guide. I expressed my desire to Linda to see Europe through a travel group such as Tauck Tours. Tauck Tours has always been the preferred tour group used by Linda's parents.



Linda was reluctant to see Europe with a travel group such as Tauck Tours. Linda felt that if she was going to tour Europe with a group, she wanted to be with people that we had something in common with such as cycling. That is where Trek Travel comes into play.

We first heard about Trek Travel two years ago (2003) when Richard & Nikki Lefebvre of DATES (Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts) traveled to France for a cycling tour during the Tour de France. The tour group they used was Trek Travel. After their trip, Richard shared his journal with the DATES club. From what we read about Richard & Nikki's tour, we were very impressed with Trek Travel.

Shortly after we started planning our trip, we found out that several couples from DATES were also planning trips to France during the 2005 Tour de France through Trek Travel. In February 2005, we made it official with Trek Travel. On February 21st, we received our confirmation from Trek Travel for the Girona Explorer Tour.

Once we received our confirmation, it was time to start planning the logistics of the trip. By the middle of August 2005, we had our flight reservations and hotel arrangements for pre-tour and post-tour made. When making the arrangements, we decided that we wanted to spend a couple days/nights in Barcelona, Spain before joining the tour in Girona. After the tour, we would spend one night in Barcelona before making our way back home.



Read Kevin & Linda's Journal online & Experience the entire tour.
 Go to: www.doubledates.com/Club_Photos/TrekTravel-GironaExplorer2005.pdf

HELMETS OFF! to Year 2006 Ride Hosts

We enjoyed another year of great DATES cycling thanks to the many teams who were willing to organize a ride and share one of their favorite routes with the rest of us. Our heartfelt

THANKS to all of you:

New Year's Day Ride
Kevin & Linda Vinson

Valentines Day Ride
Tom & Diane Glenz

John's Birthday Ride
John McManus & Brenda Cole

Grayson County Spring Thaw Ride
Charlie & Pat Jenkins

Westward Ho!
Ronnie & Nanette Bryant

St Patrick's Day Ride
Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy

Stoker Appreciation Ride
Tom & Brenda Shaddox

Pete's Redneck Heaven (Bubba's Back!)
Pete Holverson & Laura Roberts

Blue Ridge Ride
Jim & Melody Yuhn

Southwest Tandem Rally
Rick & Kay Watson
Charlie & Pat Jenkins

Arlington to Venus
Steve & Donna Bishop

DFW Airport Ride
Roane & Juanita Logan

Red River Road Kill Weekend
Rick & Kay Watson

Summer Solstice Ride
Charlie & Pat Jenkins

Red, White & Blue Ride
Roane & Juanita Logan

National Federation of Blind Ride
Jimmy & Kelly Duval
Warren & Audre Casteel

Pilot Point Ride
Chuck & Kris Carlson

Collin County Ride
Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy

Bedford/DFW Airport Ride
Harry & Janette Thompson

Denton County Ride
Mitch & Leslie Frank

Morning after Hotter-N-Hell
Kevin & Linda Vinson

Labor Day Melissa Ride
Rusty & Belinda Nail

TROLS
Reggie & Linda Bowers

2006 DATES Century
Tom & Brenda Shaddox

TOTS (Tour of the Stars) Ride
Lee & Beckie Wilson

Slice of Dallas Campout
Tom & Brenda Shaddox

Unsupported Halloween Ride
John McManus & Brenda Cole

Two Flags Ride
Tom & Brenda Shaddox

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

They are reserved exclusively for DATES members



NFB Ride Ron Burzese - Austin, TX

The following letter was received from Ron Burzese, after the 2006 NFB Ride:

I attended a national convention of the National Federation of the Blind in Dallas. There were about 2,900 in attendance at the Hilton Anatole hotel. All week, there were seminars, exhibits, and meetings.

The NFB is a powerful group of successful, blind people who have been reaching out to help each other get more out of life. I have been a member of this grass-roots organization for over 11 years now, and I always get a real shot of encouragement from the convention.

The NFB is very active in promoting the skills of blindness that reduce it to just another characteristic of a meaningful, fulfilling life. The group is well organized and has done a lot in legislation to ensure opportunities for the blind to have careers, families, and a productive role in society.

It was at an NFB convention, that I realized that I could possibly become a cyclist again. At such a seminar in 1997, I heard a blind truck-driver tell his story. I remember thinking, Okay, he is not physically driving the truck, but I would have to say that he is a trucker. The rest of my cycling story is for another post. I need to say, though that I did not ride much from 1994 to 1998, when I rented a Santana Vision. Since then, I have become more of a cyclist than I had ever imagined.

So, over the last 66 years, the NFB has done so much for the lives of blind persons, but the conventions have seemed comparatively weak in the emphasis of the importance of fitness in one's life. First, more important subjects had to be addressed, such as basic civil rights, education of ourselves and the public, and the like. Now, we are able to move on to matters of more fun. Well, this year, a division for sports and recreation was started. We had a four hour seminar discussing the blind in different activities from playing football, ocean swimming, mountain climbing, etc. I had the privilege of speaking about tandem cycling.

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Even better, there was an actual ride set up for one of the evenings we were in Dallas. I would like to thank Kelly Duval, of Plano Cycle, Warren Casteel, and the Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts (DATES) for a first-class ride at White Rock Lake. There were about 25 of us blind riders. Most were first-timers, but there were a few of us who were cyclists. Plano Cycle had set up a tent, complete with refreshments. The application sent out a few months in advance asked me about my riding experience. So, I showed up with my shoes and helmet to meet my pilot, Alan Hunt, a racer in his mid 50's. We just rode like we had known each other for years. We circled the lake three times, doing some informal intervals, but mostly enjoying each other's fellowship and the glorious creation. It was a welcomed change from living in a hotel to hearing water flow through the dam while I was on a bike in the fresh air. There was also a thrilling section of the trail where the pavement dipped down abruptly. I just love that feeling of the bike dropping out from under me. No matter which lap we were on, or whichever our approach speed, the dip was a cheap thrill. Alan had an early 90's Santana Visa riding on rails via 700x23 Vredsteins pumped to 135 psi! There were also lots of Co-Motions (including a ti Java), Santanas, Cannondales, and Burleys. The entire group then convened at an Italian restaurant for dinner.

Everyone seemed to have a great time. No one went less than one ten-mile loop of the lake. Some went 2.5., though two seemed to be the average. The pilots were all well seasoned and lent their experience to help the newbies get properly acclimated. I heard several stokers comment on how much they enjoyed the ride. A few admired the skill and confidence of their pilots. Hopefully, more than a few stokers will pursue riding tandem in the not too distant future.

Next year, the NFB Convention will be in Atlanta during the first week of July. The Lord willing, I will be there, anticipating an encounter with the legendary Mark Livinggood!

One other thing to think about. The convention has a huge exhibit area. Now is the time for one of you tandem dealers to be planning to reserve a booth. I would love to help with this venue. Wouldn't it be great to have an entry level tandem and a more serious road tandem available for people to gain a first-hand understanding of how far the modern tandem has come? I had been a cyclist (on my well-healed road singles) since 1982, yet my concept of tandems was still in the flex-wagons of the 1970's. I would think one could change this perception enough to even sell a few of them. Let me know how I can help make this happen. If not a dealer, perhaps a manufacture can send me a few bikes to assemble for the display. I would be happy to work the table. I do not know the cost of renting an exhibit space, but can find out for you.

Sincerely,

Ron (passing the torch given me)
Austin, TX
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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.

DATES Rides and Activities & Various Tandem Rallies

RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
John & Ron's Birthday Ride	Saturday February 24 th 2007	9:30 AM	Willow Park, TX	John McManus Ronnie Bryant	john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com ronnie.bryant@nursefinders.com	35 or 55 miles	Meet at the Northeast corner of I-20 and Ranch House Rd in Willow Park just east of Weatherford
DATES Annual Meeting And Dinner	Sunday February 25 th 2007	5:30 PM	Blue Mesa Grill	DATES	Linda Vinson 972-625-6110 or 972-605-6000 linda.vinson@eds.com	N/A	Please send a check for the total in your party to Linda Vinson by February 20th . Make the check payable to Linda Vinson and mail to: 7013 Fox Drive, The Colony, Texas, 75056
PAC Tour Desert Training Camp Tandem Week	March 17 – 24 2007	TBA	Tucson, AZ	PAC Tour	(262)736-2453 (BIKE) info@pactour.com	See Newsletter	Go to website: www.pactour.com
2007 Southwest Tandem Rally	Friday April 27 through Sunday April 29, 2007	TBA	LaGrange, TX	Mike & Susan Mahoney (HATS)	<u>TBA</u>	TBA	Watch website & newsletter for updates & information
Georgia Tandem Rally	May 18 – 20 2007	TBA	LaGrange, GA	Roger Strauss Eve Kofsky Elliott Strauss	770-565-4150 info@georgiatandemrally.com	See Website	Go to Website: www.georgiatandemrally.com
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 DATES website & newsletter

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It's that time of year again, time to renew your Double DATES membership for 2007.

2007 DOUBLE DATES RENEWAL

It is time to renew your membership. Renew NOW and participate with DATES members in 2007.

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3. Make out a check for \$18.00 payable to "DOUBLE DATES"
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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 _____