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TOTS (Tour of the Stars)**October 7****Dallas, Texas****Lee & Beckie Wilson**

TIME: 8:30am start

CONTACT: via [email](mailto:TheWilsons@purelyonline.com) (TheWilsons@purelyonline.com) OR cell phone (972-977-9686)

START: Behind Chili's at the NE corner of Travis and Knox – in the Uptown area near Travis Walk (mapsco 35Q)

DISTANCE: ~35 urban units

LUNCH: After the ride at the "Highland Park Pharmacy" – a Dallas tradition since 1912, this old-fashioned soda fountain and lunch counter (and yes, pharmacy) comes highly recommended by D Magazine. And/or relax at Lee & Beckie's condo for snacks and beverages on the balcony with a view of the Dallas skyline.

DESCRIPTION: An interesting look at North Dallas – not just another urban ride. We'll ride past the homes of celebrities and local personalities as we crisscross an area with the highest concentration of disposable income in the nation. Why drive to the country to ride when Dallas has all this to offer? You'll pedal through well known neighborhoods and at other times not even believe you're still in the city. Who says Dallas is flat?

Stay informed of ALL the DATES Rides & Events:

• 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

• Read the DATES Google-Groups discussion forum:

- <http://groups.google.com/group/doubledates>

• See the DATES website:

- <http://www.doubledates.com>

*Red River Redneck Roundup
"Free" Tandem Rally*

October 12 - 14

Clarksville, Texas

Rob & Kay Rowley, James & Pam Vaughan

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Dear DATES Members,

Thanks to all the DATES members for your wonderful response to the Red River Redneck Roundup to be held the weekend of October 12-14 in Clarksville, Texas. We have some great routes and plans for some good times after the rides on Friday and Saturday nights. We presently have 16 confirmed teams for the ride, which is one beyond our planned cutoff. We do still have a couple of campsites available, if anyone is interested in camping. We will be sending out additional ride information to all confirmed teams in the next few days. Also, we are starting the ride a little later than usual on Saturday (9:30 am) to allow time for any riders who might want to drive over Saturday morning. Any teams that plan on riding on Saturday only and any teams interested in a campsite for the weekend, please drop us an email (rob.rowley@yahoo.com) so we can plan for your participation.

Confirmed teams please watch your email for upcoming information on registration location and final information on the RRRR.

See you soon!

Rob & Kay Rowley



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Pete's Redneck Heaven Ride (Part III)**October 21, 2007****Mesquite, TX****Pete Holverson & Laura Roberts**

(Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the cooler)

October 21, 8:30am. Meet at Lowes (corner of Barnes Bridge and Galloway, Mesquite)
Pete Holverson's cell phone 214 621 1531

Much the same route as previous years, with some possible minor tweaks depending on road conditions.

55 miles main route, plenty of options for more or less.

3rd Annual Unsupported Halloween Ride**October 27 & 28, 2007****Kaufman to Tyler & Return****Ronnie & Nanette Bryant****3rd Annual Unsupported Halloween Ride**

Date: Saturday & Sunday, October 27 & 28

Leaders: Ronnie & Nanette Bryant

Distances: 80 or 50-60 miles each day – more or less



The Halloween Ride is rapidly approaching. If you are going and have not made your Hotel reservations please call and do so soon. We will be canceling the un-reserved rooms on October 5th. We will pre-ride most of the route and will post the specifics afterwards. The long route start will be in Kaufman and will be approximately 80 miles each day. The short route's start location & mileage will be announced shortly. We will send out maps and cue sheets with exact distances and start times after our pre-ride.

Please RSVP to RonnieRBRyant@gmail.com and let us know you are coming. We will send you full details and cue sheets.

Details of the ride:

Self Supported 2 day ride through the East Texas rolling Hills and Piney Woods to our destination in Tyler. Lunch (on your own) stop on Saturday in Edom at the Bakery. Happy Hour at the Comfort Inn in Tyler (bring your own libations and snacks). Dinner at several local restaurants in Tyler (on your own). Reverse route on Sunday with brunch stop at the Bakery in Edom. Make your reservations at the Comfort Suites, 903-534-0999. Twelve queen suites have been blocked under the name "DATES" for \$90 and will be held until October 5th.

What is included? Maps, cue sheets and a fun time.

Ronnie & Nanette 817 680-9404



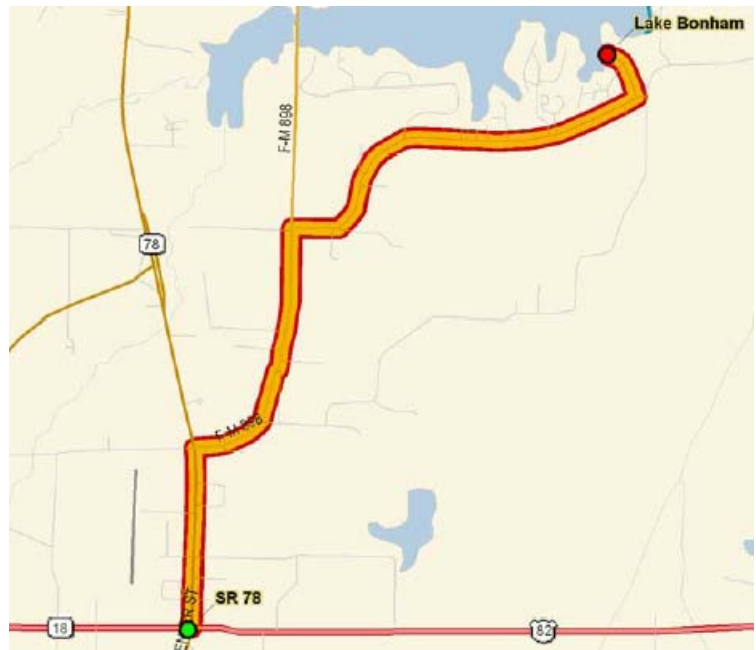
What: DATES Fall Century Ride (and other distances)
When: Saturday, November 10, 2007 @ 8:00 am
Where: Fannin & Lamar Counties, starting in Bonham TX
Distances: 100, 75, 50 or 25 miles
Lunch: Included in the middle of the route
Ride Hosts: Charlie & Pat Jenkins

Join fellow DATES members at Lake Bonham (4 miles north of Bonham, TX) for a tandem ride in the country...complete with maps, Q-sheets, refreshments, lunch, rest stops & SAG. We'll meet at 8:00, and leave shortly thereafter.

Directions: Take your best route to Hwy 82 & 78 in Bonham. Go north on 78 for approx. 1 mile, turn right on FM-898, take 898 to 3 (approx. 1 1/4 mile) right on Recreation Rd 3, take 3 to Lake Bonham entrance. Turn left & find us (we'll make sure we're easy to find)!

We've mapped routes of the following approximate distances:

- Full Century (100 miles)
- 3/4 Century (75 miles)
- 1/2 Century (50 miles)
- 1/4 Century (25 miles)



Lake to Lake Fall Century Ride details (continued from page 5)

All distances are approximate, and may vary by \pm 5 miles or so. The 1/4 Century will be a remote start. Meet at Lake Bonham for directions. All routes are new (and flatter than our usual routes). Most roads will be lightly traveled FM roads. We will be in the country for the entire ride (all routes). There will be a few small country stores available, but not many. We will ensure that our rest stops are placed accordingly where needed.

There is NO CHARGE for DATES members (your membership \$\$ at work☺). If you are not a DATES member...what are you waiting for? Membership is only \$18 per year, per team! You must be a DATES member to participate in this ride. We will have membership forms available at the start, or go to www.doubledates.com & select "Membership" for full details & downloadable application form. Join DATES in November & your membership is good for 14 months.

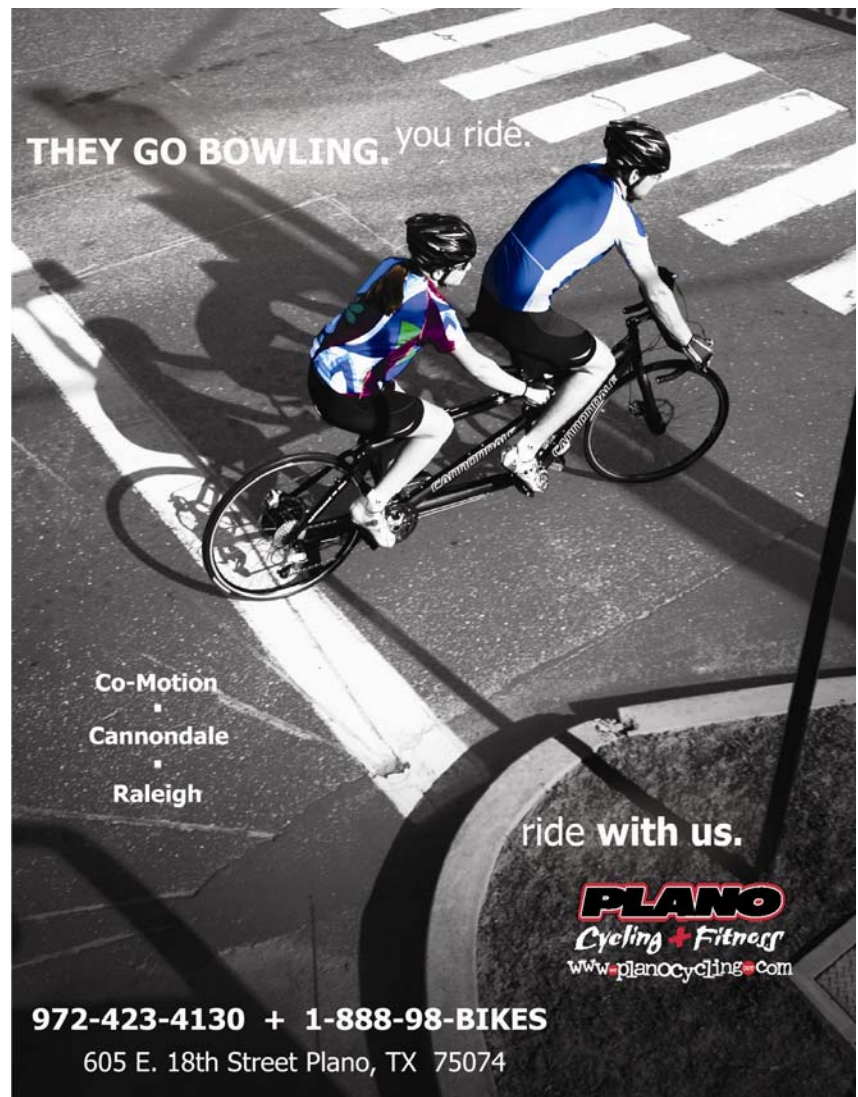
RSVP's are required. Please contact Charlie & Pat Jenkins at:

- (903) 463-1516 – home
- (903) 624-9744 – cell
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Two Flags Ride
November 18, 2007
 Sherman, Texas
 Tom & Brenda Shaddox

Watch for full details in next month's
 DATES-line

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*Thanksgiving Weekend - East Texas DATES Ride***Thanksgiving Weekend, 2007****Winnsboro, Texas****John McManus & Brenda Cole****DATES Thanksgiving Weekend*****“MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW”*****John McManus & Brenda Cole**

DATES members have been celebrating Thanksgiving (e.g. “working off the turkey”) for at least five years now. This started in the Hill Country because of a fluke (or **bribed**) drawing at Hotter ‘N Hell resulting in a free weekend by Rick and Kay Watson. Anyway, after several fun years in Copperas Cove we moved closer to Dallas last year and stayed in Pittsburg in East Texas. We had at least 8 DATES teams as well as Tandem Club of America editors Jack & Susan Goertz. It was a WONDERFUL event – everyone had a GREAT TIME. And those of us who hadn’t been to this part of East Texas for several years remembered that East Texas has wonderful tandem terrain.

The only downside to last year’s event was the train track next to the lodge in Pittsburg. So this year we’re moving to the Hubbell House in Winnsboro. John & Brenda have used this B&B for their tours since 2000 and recommend it highly. So make your plans NOW. Plan on arriving in Winnsboro on Thursday or early Friday morning. Make your reservations at the Hubbell House. They have blocked 8 rooms for us and there are more if needed. Also let John know you’ll be there. Notify him at John.McManus@yahoo.com. ***This is an event not to be missed – it’s REALLY FUN.***

***DATES RIDE...Lunch...& Business Meeting*****Sunday December 2, 2007****Richardson, Texas****Jim & Rhonda Hoyt**

Sunday December 2. Ride at 9 a.m. Lunch & Meeting afterwards.

Meet at Jim & Rhonda’s, 1309 Dumont Drive, Richardson, TX 75080

RSVP → (972) 644-1466



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Tours

DATES Tandem Tours is a new retirement "project" by DATES members John McManus and Brenda Cole, to organize tandem tours for DATES members and friends. Although John organized the first DATES tour way back in 1991, and he and Brenda organized pre-tandem rally tours in 2000 and 2005, the concept of regular (annual) tours didn't come about until the end of the highly successful England tour in 2007. It is now apparent that our club has quite a few members who are anxious to tour. And with John retiring from Bicycle Adventure Club leadership in March 2008, he needs more projects.

DATES_TT concepts:

- Tours will be moderately challenging and designed for experienced tandem teams. We shy away from boring flat routes but we also stay away from the mountains. Expect a lot of hills.
- Average mileage will be 40 to 50 miles per day with a maximum of 75 miles.
- This is a non-profit venture and tours will be moderately priced compared to commercial tours. We will not have guides to carry our luggage and clean our bikes. Everyone cleans and repairs their own bike and carries their luggage to and from the luggage vehicle.
- International tours will be 16 day duration (Saturday through Sunday), including travel time. We also intend to include 2 days at the end to explore an international city. Domestic tours will be shorter, typically 8 to 12 days.
- We will identify cultural sites along the way; these are tours, not rides for hammer-heads.
- We'll have a social hour every evening and discuss the next day's plans. Group dinners will be included where appropriate.
- When a tour is announced, DATES members will have priority booking for 30 to 60 days. If the tour is not full at that point, we'll invite other tandem friends. However, these tours are not open to the general public. Depending on the location, tour size will be 10 to 15 teams.
- **DATES_TT** preliminary schedule is:
 - September, 2008: *Coast of Maine or Nova Scotia – maybe self-contained*. These alternatives are being investigated.
 - September, 2009: *La Toscana e Umbria regioni d'Italia*
 - Fall, 2010: *Châteaux de la Loire Vallay en France*

Notice:

November 2007 DATES-LINE:

**Notices & Articles due by:
October 26, 2007**

We NEED your notices, ride reports, articles & PICTURES for the newsletter!

PBA/DATES Labor Day Ride
Hosted by Rusty & Belinda Nail
September 3, 2007
By Kevin Vinson

This ride was a first for Linda and me. The PBA/DATES Labor Day Ride is an annual cycling event for PBA and DATES members. In years past, Rusty & Belinda have always hosted this ride at their home. Due to the popularity and growth of the event, they moved it to Bob Miller Park in Melissa.

A few days before the ride, Linda and I decided to ride our singles. There were two ride options offered, a 39-mile and a 62-mile. The ride was slated to start at 8:00 AM. We were amazed at the turn out for this ride. I could definitely see why Rusty & Belinda moved the event to Bob Miller Park.

Unfortunately, I do not have an exact head count and I wouldn't know where to start in regards to estimation. As for DATES members, the club was well represented. What was very nice about this event was, for the route options, there were multiple pace leaders. It was very well organized.

My route choice was the 62-mile while Linda chose the 39-mile. It was a great day for riding with a nice cloud cover and mild temperatures for this time of year. Once Rusty provided the instructions for the rides, the 62-mile group led the riders out of the park. The 39-mile route took the riders from Melissa through Chambliss, Valdasta, Westminster, Blue Ridge and back through Valdasta, Altoga, and back to Melissa.

Since I rode the 62-mile route, I will provide a little more detail about the ride. This route took us through the same little towns as I mentioned for the 39-mile route but was extended to Leonard. Fortunately, we did not have to ride the "Hills of Leonard". For some reason, I decided to join the faster pace 62-mile group that was led by Rusty Nail. Team Jenkins, Team Bryant, and Team Mumby were part of this group.

Like Linda and I, Team Mumby were also on their singles. The route out to Leonard was very nice. There was very little traffic and with some nice "Texas rollers". The pace was very nice. I was amazed how fast time went by along with the miles. Our rest stop was in Leonard. Once everyone took care of biological breaks and re-fueling, the group began the trek back to Melissa.

We back tracked the route out until we reached the route that took us to Blue Ridge. Again, the pace was very nice. Like before, the route was great with very little traffic and a few more hills. At about the 50-mile mark, Rusty started experiencing a problem with a slow leak in the rear tire. Twice we stopped for Rusty to air up his tire. At about the 56-mile mark, Rusty decided he could no longer nurse the rear tire.

There were about five of us that stopped to assist Rusty with the changing of the tube. Once the tube was changed, we began the home stretch back to Melissa. Unfortunately, I was no longer able to keep pace with the other five cyclists so I decided to back off and just ride my pace to finish out the ride. Earlier in the ride, at approximately 15 miles, my computer went out on me. With that in mind, I had no idea where I was at mileage wise. Fortunately, I had my trusty cue sheet that Rusty & Belinda provided.

The final 6-miles were good. Again, the route was great. When I got back to Bob Miller Park, Linda had already put her bike in the truck. Once I got everything put away, we made our way over to the park pavillion for the cookout. The buffet was unbelievable. We spent the time visiting with Tony & Colleen Hering since we hadn't seen them in a while. After the lunch, we hung out with Teams Hering, Bryant, Jenkins, and Hudson-Croy talking about the ride and upcoming DATES rides.

I highly recommend this ride to everyone. Rusty & Belinda do an excellent job of hosting this ride. From the ride itself to the after-ride picnic, it was a great event. I'm not surprised it has grown each year. Many thanks go out to Rusty & Belinda.

North by Northwest Ride
Hosted by Ronnie & Nanette Bryant
September 23, 2007
By Kevin Vinson

This is a ride that has been around for a while and has been led by different teams during that time. This ride starts from the quaint downtown square of Valley View. For those of you who aren't familiar with Valley View, it is located off of I-35 north of Denton and Sanger. The route options for this ride were 35 and 55 miles.

Since Linda and I had competed in a sprint triathlon the day before in Denison, we (mostly Linda) had decided on the 35-mile route. There were 7 couples (Teams Bryant, Jenkins, Vinson, Carlson, Thompson, Hudson-Croy, and a couple that were members of DATES several years ago; unfortunately, I don't remember their names. My apologies for not remembering the names!) plus Pete Holverson on his single.

Everyone met around 8:00 AM for an 8:30 AM start. Once the instructions and cue sheets were handed out by Ronnie & Nanette, we made our way out of the square. As I stated earlier, Linda and I were going to ride the 35-mile route. As the ride began, we found ourselves riding with Pete Holverson and the couple whose name escapes me at this time. Again, my apologies!

It wasn't long before we were joined by Ronnie & Nanette. This ride takes us west from Valley View on FM 922. It was at the FM 922 and FM 51 intersection just east of Era that Linda decided we could ride the 55-mile route. So, with that settled, we continued on our way to Forestburg where our designated rest stop was located.

In the past, Linda and I have ridden the short and long routes. Both routes are great. The roads are so smooth with nice scenery and some challenging hills. As the ride went on, it ended up with us riding with Ronnie & Nanette. We had a great time visiting with Ronnie & Nanette. It seemed like we were talking the entire 55 miles. From FM 922, we caught FM 1198 north.

This route offered up some nice "Texas rollers". We took FM 1198 to FM 1630 west. Again, we had a mix of "Texas rollers" and some nice flat sections. One other nice thing was the light traffic and some great vistas. We took FM 1630 west to FM 2382 south. This was a challenging section of the 55-mile route. This section took us to our designated rest stop in Forestburg. It was in Forestburg that everyone met up.

After re-fueling in Forestburg, we began the trip back to Valley View. We took FM 922 east. As was the case with this route, we took on several "Texas rollers". During the early part of this section of the ride, Ronnie & Nanette were telling us about an old general store that was located in Rosston. When we arrived in Rosston, we stopped at the old general store to look around. This store was built in the mid to late 1800's.

We spent about 10 minutes walking around. From Rosston, we finished up the ride back to Valley View. Since it was a Sunday, we were not able to take advantage of the ice cream shop in Era. Once everyone was back to Valley View, we gathered up our things and made our way to Miguelitas in Sanger for some very good Mexican food.

We really enjoyed the lunch with Teams Bryant, Thompson, and Hudson-Croy. This ride is another one of those great DATES rides. I encourage everyone to try and make this a part of your cycling calendar in the future. Many thanks go out to Ronnie & Nanette for hosting a great ride.

DATES Rides and Activities

RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
TOTS	Sunday October 7 th	8:30AM	Travis and Knox Behind Chili's	Lee & Beckie Wilson	972 977-9686	35 miles	See Newsletter for details
Red River Redneck Roundup	Friday - Sunday October 12 - 14 th	See Newsletter	Clarksville, TX	Rowley's and Vaughan's	(903) 249-3483, (903) 427-3858 rob.Rowley@yahoo.com	TBA	See Newsletter for details
Pete's Redneck Heaven Ride (Part III)	Sunday October 21 st	8:30 AM	Mesquite, TX	Pete Holverson & Laura Roberts	(214) 621-1531	± 55	See Newsletter for details
Unsupported Halloween Ride	Saturday-Sunday October 27 - 28 th	TBA	Kaufman, TX	Ronnie & Nanette Bryant	817 680-9404 Ronnierbryant@hotmail.com	60 or 80 miles each day	Kaufman to Tyler and back
Lake to Lake Fall Century	Saturday November 10 th	8:00 AM	Bonham, TX	Charlie & Pat Jenkins	(903) 463-1516, (903) 624-9744 broncopat@sbcglobal.net sk8erbyker@gmail.com	100, 75, 50 or 25 miles	Fully Supported Including lunch & rest stops No charge for DATES members
Two Flags	Sunday November 18 th	TBA	Sherman, TX	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	972 517-4534	TBD	See newsletter for details
DATES Semi- Annual Thanksgiving Weekend	Friday – Sunday November 23 rd -25 th	TBA	Winnsboro, TX	John McManus & Brenda Cole	John.McManus@yahoo.com	TBD	See Newsletter for details
DATES Business Meeting, Ride & Lunch	Sunday December 2 nd	9:00 AM	Richardson, TX	Jim & Rhonda Hoyt	(972) 644-1466	TBD	Watch Newsletter for details
DATES Tandem Tour	September 2008	TBA	TBA	John McManus & Brenda Cole	John.McManus@yahoo.com	TBD	Watch Newsletter for details

Tandem Rallies

Southwest Tandem Rally	Friday – Sunday April 26 th – 28 th	TBA	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa Bicycle Club	wetandem2@cox.net 918-446-3255	TBA	http://www.denlynmor.com/SouthWestTandemRally2008.htm
Northwest Tandem Rally	Friday – Sunday July 4 th – 6 th	TBA	McMinnville, OR		nwtr2008@verizon.net	TBA	http://www.nwtr.org/2008/
Midwest Tandem Rally	Friday – Monday Aug 29 th – Sep 1 st	TBA	Springfield, IL	CATS	chicagotandems@mchsi.com (630) 556-3182	TBA	http://www.mtr2008.org/

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