



Red River Redneck Roundup - 10/12-14/2007



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**DATES 'Lake to Lake' Fall Century
November 10, 2007
Bonham, TX
Charlie & Pat Jenkins**

What: DATES Fall Century Ride (and other distances)
 When: Saturday, November 10, 2007 @ 8:00 am
 Where: Start at Lake Bonham, just north of Bonham TX
 Distances: 100, 76, 55 or 29 miles
 Lunch: Included in the middle of the route
 Ride Hosts: Charlie & Pat Jenkins

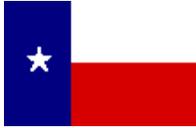
Join fellow DATES members at Lake Bonham (4 miles north of Bonham, TX) for a tandem ride in the country...complete with maps, Q-sheets, refreshments, lunch, rest stops & SAG. We'll meet at 8:00, and leave shortly thereafter.

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)!

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

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Two Flags Ride
November 18, 2007
Sherman, Texas
Tom & Brenda Shaddox



Two Flags is a GO! for 2007. Award-winning DATES ride, now in its 10th year. Or 14th.

Meet: Grayson County square, downtown Sherman, TX, ~8:45. Ride leaves about 9am.

We'll use last year's improved flatter route, riding Cardiac Hill, the Widow Maker, Seven Hills Lane and the Red River Escarpment. We will cross the Carpenter's Bluff Bridge, if it's still standing.

Lunch at the Silver Dollar Grocery, Bait Shop, Pizzeria, Dance Hall and Buffet, across the Red River via Carpenter's Bluff bridge in Oklahoma.

About 50 easy miles, all over very quiet, scenic back roads. Reasonably accurate maps, amusing que-sheets.

It's been years since we've had bad weather on this ride. We're overdue.

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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**

Plans for the DATES Thanksgiving ride (Friday thru Sunday in East Texas) are firmed up and we have 8 teams registered, But it is not too late to join us. If you think you can participate, call John McManus at 214-321-6085.



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Notice:**December 2007 DATES-LINE:****Notices & Articles due by: November 26, 2007****We NEED your notices, ride reports, articles & PICTURES for the newsletter!**

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 – Bring a side dish. Coordinate with Rhonda

Planning for DATES 2008
Roane and Juanita Logan

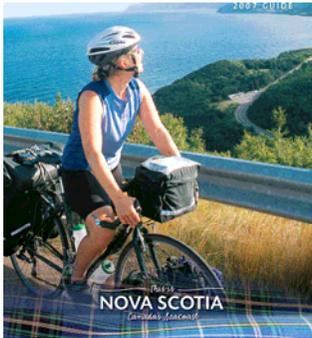
November is here, and the weather is still perfect for riding. It doesn't look like I'll get much of a winter rest. Actually, Roane and I have missed more rides than ever this year, due to "out of order" bicycle and/or body parts. We have missed seeing you all as much as usual, so we'll just have to look forward to a knock-out cycling year in 2008.

Our last club meeting in 2007 will be on December 2 at the home of Jim & Rhonda Hoyt. We hope you will be able to join us for a short ride, followed by a good meal, usually put together with the help of delicious culinary contributions from members, and a business meeting. It is time for us to begin thinking about DATES 2008.

We need to begin scouting for a location for the annual meeting, usually held in February. We could really use your help in this area. If you are familiar with a restaurant or hotel/facility that has a private room which will hold about 50-60 people, and of course offers good food and drink, please contact Roane or Juanita or any of the officers. Your suggestions would be most welcome. If you will make a suggestion, we will be happy to make the contact and discuss details with them.

It is also time for us to select a Nominating Committee whose responsibility is to put together a slate of 2008 officers. If you are interested, please contact Roane or Juanita. The only requirement is that committee members may not be officers.

Roane can be reached at 214-686-5577, and Juanita at 214-576-1986 – both are cell phones. We hope to see you on December 2 for the ride and meeting. Please remember to bring a dish if you are able and to contact Rhonda for menu suggestions. Happy riding.

ANNOUNCING:**A DATES TANDEM TOUR IN MARITIME NOVA SCOTIA
SEPTEMBER 6 THRU 18, 2008 STARTING & ENDING IN HALIFAX**

Nova Scotia has 4,750 miles of seacoast and we'll cycle both the Southern and Northern shores. Think of sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, pristine lakes, dramatic coastal headlands, lush farmland, quaint fishing villages and lighthouses. We should have light traffic since most tourists leave this tourist destination by Labor Day. Average 43 miles per day; longest day is 58 miles. Three layover days, all with good optional rides. Fairly easy riding as we never climb more than 2,500 feet in a day.

The first 5 days we follow the Atlantic along the rocky South Shore, visiting Peggy's Cove, the Aspotogan Peninsula, Chester, Lunenburg, and Liverpool (on the Mersey!). Then cross the province's low spine through the wilderness of Kejimikujik National Park to reach historic Annapolis Royal, on the Bay of Fundy. Continue through the rich orchards of the Annapolis Valley to Wolfville, site of the world's highest tides. Two nights in Lunenburg (18th century core preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Annapolis Royal (Fort Anne, tidal power generating station, re-creation of the 1604 French settlement) and Wolfville (astounding tides, extensive Acadian dykes, Grand Pré memorials to the Acadian displacement).



I've booked very nice country inns for 7 of the nights. One night we'll stay in cabins in the woods about a mile off the highway. The remaining nights are in great hotels.



This tour (routes, lodging, etc.) was designed by a friend of mine in California. He has run it twice for Bicycle Adventure Club and it's gotten great reviews. We're limited to 12 tandems. Priority will be given to DATES members. If Nova Scotia sounds like fun and meets your schedule, please let us know. We'll open it to other tandem riders on November 15. Price has not yet been determined but I hope we can do it for about \$3,000 per team.



A Tale of Two TROLS

Warren Casteel

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; the temps were low, the humidity was high; the hills went down, then we climbed, it is the Queen of Rides, it was going away.

We have been so fortunate to have the King & Queen of the TROLS, **Reggie and Linda Bowers**, organize this ride for the past ten(10) years. The smooth flow and hospitality of this event is a salute to their hard work and organization. The attendees this year, and from previous years, presented them with a substantial gift certificate so that they can take a trip to somewhere of their liking – we are betting it is not the hills of East Texas! Mike & Susan Mahoney did a great job tracing the history of the ride and the contributions of Reggie and Linda after TROLS, the Longview tandem club, went away.

This year was one of the best. The weather was cool in the mornings, with even a few arm warmers in the peloton. After a few years of B & B's, we did the Inn at Jefferson with many other teams, including our favorite Tucson Tandem Team, Don & D'Ann Hunt. Fueled by the Mexican food next door on Friday night, and a pretty darn good hot breakfast at the motel, we started our sojourn. Being not the fastest tandem out there we had a great time chatting with everyone as they passed us! It is always great to see the Frank family at these events. Leslie and her son rode singles and Mitch & Natalie rode a tandem. As a pace settled in we rode primarily with Larry and Nancy Gingerich (the "Princess" who can do almost a whole ride without ever touching the handlebars) and Harry and Jeanette Thompson. Jeanette will be retired by the time this goes to press. We wish her the best as she learns to take it a bit easier, becomes a speed demon on her single, and thus powers Harry up every hill!

The ride was, as always, excellent, with little traffic, good roads and enough rollers to make things interesting. I won't bore all of you with the ride details – suffice it to say the fast teams rode fast, and the others of us just pedaled along in peace and tranquility! Ronnie and Nanette did a modified ride – not short but not long, as. Ronnie said, "It is all about the REST STOPS!" The long route people caught us not THAT far before lunch at the rest stop, where Mike Mahoney commented, "It is hard to ride 65 miles on a 30 mile butt." We know he learned that smooth talkin' in law school.

The battle of the lightest weight high performance tandems is a dead heat now between Teams Minnerly and Hollansworth. Both have new Co-Motion Macchiato tandems – in the 26 pound range. I am not certain, but Jeff and Darla may be 3 ounces ahead of Steve

and Sonia! Most of the rest of us can work on weight in other ways! Having lunch in the woods at the lake is always a pleasure, as is only having to ride a few miles back into town.

The Saturday night dinner was the always good BBQ accompanied by good wine compliments of the BYOB policy – we love it! It was a fine evening, but bittersweet realizing it would be the last time we would do it.

Skipping ahead, Sunday morning awakened a touch warmer and we all had a good ride out to Caddo Lake. After a photo op at the gate to the park, we rode back with the Bishops, taking it easy and having good conversation.

So, with Reggie and Linda retiring, what will we do on the third Saturday in September? The sense of loss was evident in the room Saturday night at dinner.

WELL!!! . . . Why not the same thing “BACK, under new ownership”? Jimmy and Kelly Duval of Allen, TX have stepped up to organize the ride next year. It will be the same weekend, in Jefferson, the trains will still blow their horns in the middle of the night, we will still eat BBQ, they will run out of the good deserts for those of us who enjoy our wine and wait until the last to get dinner, and we will enjoy the hospitality of Jefferson and a fine ride. We wish Kelly & Jimmy the very best of luck and appreciate their effort. They have big shoes to fill, but I can think of no one better to do it. So mark your calendars – September 19 – 21, 2008.

So, as we started – It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, and now, again, the best of times. (Sincere apologies to Charles Dickens!)

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• Read the DATES Google-Groups discussion forum:

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Red River Redneck Round-up by Susie Mumby

Wow, a free tandem rally? YES, the email message we received was true! DATES members Rob and Kay Rowley, who live in Clarksville, invited other club members to come up their way to participate in the first ever Red River Redneck Roundup scheduled for Oct. 12-14. 17 tandem teams signed up with no registration fee. The teams were provided excellent maps, splendid (and unique!) rest stops, and sag service.

Most teams paid to stay at an inn, B&B or motel. Thanks to generous cabin owners, accommodations and breakfast also were made available at no charge for seven teams! These teams paid only for lunch and dinner organized at local restaurants. Free snacks and libations were served at the private saloon on the newly renovated town square. Talk about hospitality! In addition to the Rowleys, the rally was sponsored by The Historic Red River County Chamber of Commerce, Diane Peek, James and Pam Vaughan, and a host of local citizens interested in promoting tourism in their area.

It was only a two hour drive to Clarksville where we were treated to beautiful clear weather with lows in the 60s and highs in the 80s. Team Mumby arrived too late to do the on-your-own ride Friday afternoon or dinner at Rio Verde.

On Saturday and Sunday we had mass starts with county sheriff cars escorting us out of town and across highways. The routes were excellent with little to no traffic on flat to gently rolling prairie that was pleasantly broken up by groves of trees. Saturday we had ride choices of 55 or 70 miles. Everyone stopped at the first rest stop, which was at a classic mansion. The owners welcomed us indoors where we could use the facilities and marvel at their gorgeous Texas-sized, chandelier from Czechoslovakia.

Those of us on the long route stopped for a tasty lunch at the Junction restaurant in DeKalb.

The next rest stop was at Peek Farms where we hand fed and petted longhorns! We had to be careful not to get slimed though – those long horns slobbered like crazy!

Saturday evening we all enjoyed happy hour at the saloon and dinner at the Italian Bistro on the square. We reunited on the square Sunday morning for the start of the 28-mile ride. Afterward we enjoyed one last post-ride visit with our tandem friends before we reluctantly headed back to the big city. Those Red River County people have got us hooked; we'll gladly pay to do this rally again next year!

DATES Rides and Activities

RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
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, 76, 55 or 29 miles	Fully Supported Including lunch & rest stops No charge for DATES members
Two Flags	Sunday November 18 th	9:00 AM	Sherman, TX	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	972 517-4534	~ 50 miles	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	Bring a side dish & RSVP
DATES Tandem Tour	September 16 th – 18 th 2008	TBA	Nova Scotia	John McManus & Brenda Cole	John.McManus@yahoo.com	TBD	See Newsletter for details

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