



The "Almost Monthly Mid-Cities Ride" is Always Interesting!

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fresh dates

Captain: Leonard Chochrek

Stoker: Denise Chochrek

Joined DATES: February 2008

How long have you been cycling?

Captain: 20 years off and on

Stoker: Same

How long tandeming? Since
October 2007

Why did you start riding tandem?

Denise has MS and has lost some of her balance. Riding a tandem allows her to stay in cycling. We also enjoy doing things together and you can't get more together than this.

What kind of tandem do you ride?

Trek 2000

How often do you ride? We have been training for the MS 150 so we ride every weekend.

How far? Average of 30 miles

Favorite Ride? The MS 150 was amazing

Usual route/area? We ride from Lewisville to Flower Mound and that is around 25 miles.

Where/How did you hear about Double DATES? Richardson Bike Mart

Anything else you'd like your new club members to know about you? We really like seeing other tandems and look forward to riding with the DATES. When we aren't cycling, we are in our kayak, tandem of course.

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Ride Report

May Mid-Cities Ride

May 3

The Bryant's and the Thompson's led another great Mid-Cities ride on Saturday, May 3. These have been pretty leisurely rides beginning from Le Peep in Bedford. This month we had five tandems and a single. We cruised up to Roanoke for a breakfast burrito and a long break. Across the street from the breakfast burrito place, we stopped to look at the restored original fire engine for Roanoke. On the return trip, some of the stokers decided to try riding the bull shown on the front page, but it didn't move as fast as the tandems, so they had to get back on the bikes for the rest of the trip.

These rides have been great fun. Thanks to the Thompson's and Bryant's for leading them "almost monthly."



Message on
Ride of Silence
May 21
White Rock Lake

Below is a message we received from Gail Spann, the Event Director of the Ride Of Silence:

I want to thank each and every one of you that participated in the Ride of Silence at White Rock Lake last night. It was a real statement to have all the tandems with empty stoker seats and helmets strapped on to the empty saddles! Wow.

I will never forget seeing the tandems lined up in front of the Bagpiper as he played TAPS. It was a very visual reminder of the tragedy of losing cyclists. Bicycling magazine did a photo shoot on some of us and will be interviewing us for an article, I will be sure to thank DATES for their contribution and involvement.

I am exhausted today, but a strong feeling of a job well done and of being with great people last night has left me with a sense of well being.

I salute all of you, it is an honor to know you.

Gail Spann
Ride of Silence Event Director, White Rock Lake. The "Mother" ride.

For additional information, please visit the main website (www.rideofsilence.org); the Public Service Announcement filmed at Dallas' White Rock Lake event (www.rideofsilence.org/ROS_2008_PSA); the blog (<http://rideofsilence.blogspot.com>), or the memorial page map (<http://www.rideofsilence.org/memori-am-map.php>).

DATES EASY RIDER Ride of Southern Oklahoma
Sunday, June 8th, 8:30 AM

Rick and Kay Watson,
Ardmore, OK
580-223-8180 or cw7540@cablone.net

We will start the ride at Cedarvale Fried Pie Restaurant parking lot, just north (and over the mountain from famous Turner Falls). Please RSVP so we can make arrangements if you plan to join us for dinner & dessert Saturday evening.

Directions to Sunday Ride start: Take I35 North of Ardmore to Exit 51, then go left on Hwy 77 across the Interstate (west) – to restaurant parking lot on the left. Total Ride distance is approximately 45-50 miles (new flatter, easier route maps in progress).

We will ride by beautiful Lake of the Arbuckles and Veterans Lake in the Chickasaw National Recreation area park. We will lunch in the park before heading back.

DATES members are also invited to come to Oklahoma one day earlier and join us for the Red River Roadkill Rally in Ardmore, Oklahoma (less than 100 miles North of Dallas on I35). Saturday, June 7, 8:00AM

Voted one of the "Best little pay rides in Oklahoma or Texas ", routes are 20, 40 & 60 miles, with rest stops approximately every 10 miles.

Early entry (postmarked by May 31) - tandem \$30, single \$25, child under 12 \$5; later entry – tandems \$35, single \$30, child \$5.

Start location Santa Fe Depot on East Main – call 580-226-6246 for registration information or download the PDF form from the Ardmore Main Street Authority "Calendar of Events" at: <http://www.ardmoremainstreet.com/calendar.htm>

Let's make it a fun DATES weekend – come up for Roadkill Rally ride on Saturday, stay over Saturday evening social time (hotel #'s below), dinner at the ever favorite "Two Frogs Grill" and the Watson's invite you for dessert and coffee afterward. Sunday we will drive a few miles north of Ardmore and start the ride beyond the beautiful Arbuckle Mountains near the community of Davis for a new EASIER ride, lunch in the Chickasaw National Recreation Park, Sulphur, OK and return to our cars in the early afternoon.

Hotels in Ardmore: Best Western 580-223-7525, Days Inn 580-226-1761, Comfort Inn 580-226-1250, Hampton Inn 580-223-6394, Holiday Inn 580-223-7130, LaQuinta Inn 580-223-7976, Microtel Inn 580-224-9485. Lake Murray Lodge 580-223-6600, Springhill Suites 580-226-7100

Pilot Point Ride
Sunday, June 22
Chuck and Kris Carlson

Time: Meet at 8:15, ride at 8:30.

Start point: Town Square (gazebo) in charming Pilot Point located on US 377 eleven miles north of US 380.

Distance options:

1. Short is 20 mostly flat miles through horse farm country.
2. Regular is 36 rolling miles through horse farm country and over the Lake Ray Roberts Dam.
3. Long can be up to 50 miles by adding a 9-mile eastern loop, a 5-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 near the town square.

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. 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 few hills along the route that goes over the Lake Ray Roberts Dam. There is at least one additional restroom stop 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.

For more info, call Chuck or Kris Carlson at 972-679-1200 cel, 972-248-8481 hm.

Notice:

June 2008 DATES-LINE:

Notices & Articles due by: June 25, 2008

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

***Second National Federation
of the Blind Ride
Wednesday, July 2***

Harry Thompson

DATES has agreed to host another ride for the National Federation of the Blind, which is holding its annual meeting in Dallas in early July. The date set for the ride is Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at White Rock Lake. The tentative start time is 6:00 p.m. with dinner afterwards, perhaps at the same Italian restaurant we used in 2006 (Alfonso's).

We will have a real assortment of stokers; from those who have never been on a bike to those who have spd shoes and wear camelbacks. Some will do one lap around the lake and some will do two. Last time some did three. The one consistent thing is that they will all be enthusiastic.

I would like to commit to 20 tandems and captains. (We can get as many stokers as we have bikes.) I know that a Wednesday afternoon is not convenient for everyone, but it is our chance to share our love of cycling with those less fortunate. One evening of riding will go a long way to satisfy the philanthropic needs of our club. When we hosted this event two years ago, everyone that I talked to had a very positive experience and wanted to do it again.

We are not leaving out our DATES stokers. We want them to share the experience. They can ride singles or help with the administration.

I will communicate more details as they become available. If you are ready to commit to this day, please let me know and I'll put you down. If you know someone not in DATES who has a tandem, share the love and get them to sign up. We need to know how many tandems we can count on before we open up registration to the attendees at the meeting of the National Federation of the Blind.

Let's make this a special event for our friends who would otherwise not have the chance to experience the world on a bicycle. I guarantee you will feel good about it.

If you have not already responded, you can confirm your attendance to Harry or Janette Thompson at hjthompson@tx.rr.com; or 817.358.0820. Please contact them now!

Red, White & Blue Ride**Friday July 4, 8:30 AM**

Farmer's Branch, TX

Juanita and Roane Logan

Date: Friday, July 4
Time: 8:30 am
Location: 3403 Summer Place Court, Farmers Branch, TX

Get your red, white & blue on for a ride around Dallas on the 4th of July. The ride takes us through Preston Hollow and Highland Park, and we usually catch several 4th of July parades on the route. This ride is more laid back than the other DATES rides. There are a lot of people out on the 4th, 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, too. Show your patriotism!

The ride will start at 8:30 am at the Logan's house, 3403 Summer Place Court in Farmers Branch.

Cool off in the pool afterward and have hot dogs and fixin's after the ride (what else does one eat on the 4th of July?), so please RSVP at 214-686-5577 or email jlogan@boardwalkag.com. We'd love to have you.

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.

Mid Cities 'Almost Monthly' Tandem Ride

Sunday, July 13

Bedford, TX

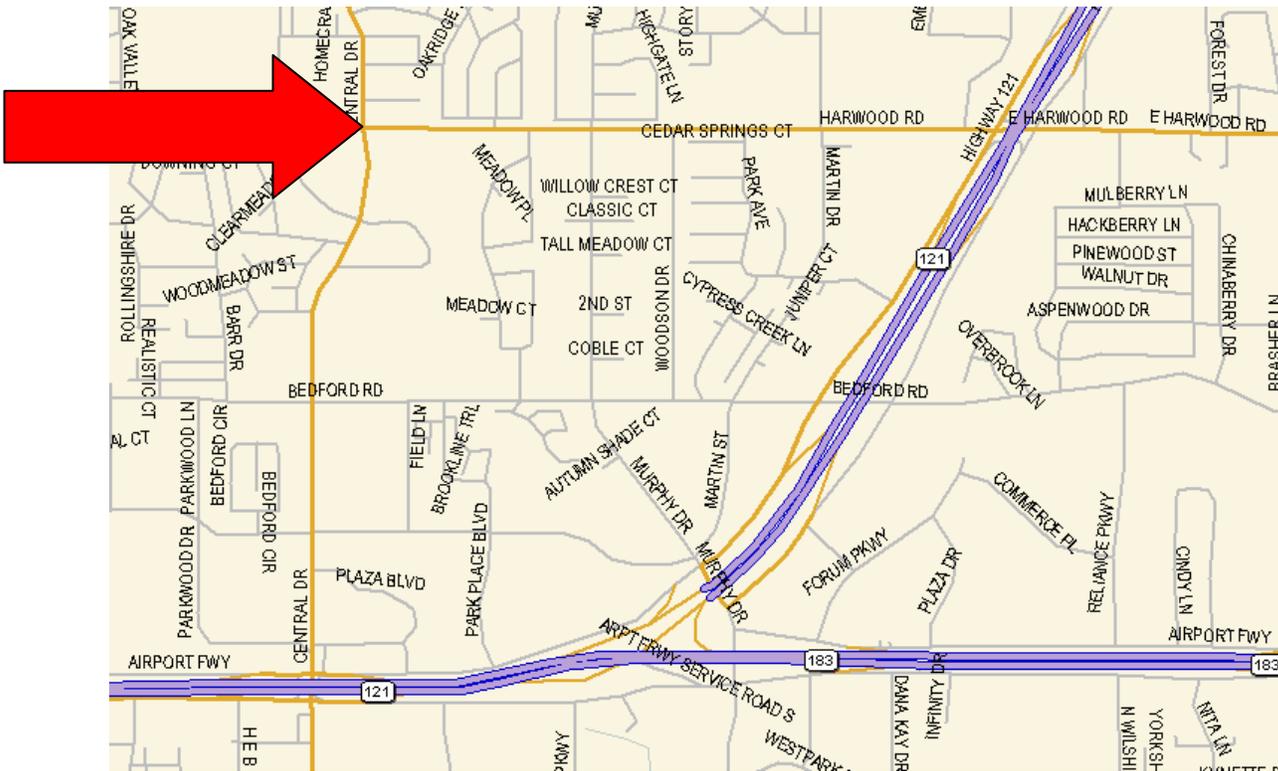
Teams Thompson & Bryant

Leaders: Harry & Janette Thompson, Ronnie & Nanette Bryant
Date: Sunday, July 13
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Bedford, TX

The next Mid Cities 'Almost Monthly' Tandem Ride will be Sunday, July 13. Meet at 9 am and ride whenever everyone is ready. Distance and route to be determined by the group and the weather. We might stop for a bagel, or we might stop for a donut, or we might stop for a breakfast burrito or might not stop at all. The group will decide. We might have lunch at a local restaurant after the ride.

Meet in the Le Peeps parking lot at the corner of Harwood and Central Drive in Bedford. Take Airport Freeway west of DFW Airport to the Central Drive and go north to Harwood Rd - Le Peeps is in the Kroger Shopping Center on the Northwest corner. If the weather is iffy call the Bryants at 817 680-9404 or the Thompsons at 817 358-0820.

Check the newsletter, web site or emails for the next installment of this ride.



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Mexican Food Ride

Sunday, July 27

Cedar Hill

Alan and Renee Kailer

Date: Sunday, July 27

Time: 8:30 am

Location: Cedar Hills, TX

Alan and Renee Kailer will lead the second edition of a ride following the routes of the Cedar Hill "Head for the Hills" rally held earlier in the year. Meet at the Minyard's store on Beltline, just East of Highway 67 (From downtown Dallas, go South on I-35, bear right on U.S. 67, exit at Beltline and turn left onto Beltline). There are 64 mile and 41 mile routes. For those interested, we can eat at one of the Mexican restaurants located nearby. Of course, Alan thinks every ride should end with Mexican food.

The TROLS Big Adventure '08
September 19-21, 2008

Jefferson, TX
Kelly & Jimmy Duval

Hello DATES members!

We have taken over the TROLS ride for 2008.

The following is the announcement that we are now officially taking registrations for the TROLS Big Adventure of 2008.

In the early years, this ride was hosted by the Tandem Riders of Longview (TROLS), and continued to be hosted by the two remaining "Tandem Riders of Longview," Reggie and Linda Bowers. This year we are hosting another tandem weekend in Jefferson this September 19-21, and we would like to invite you along on our Big Adventure 2008. We will keep the same name, but we have to change the meaning because we are not Tandem Riders of Longview. For 2008, TROLS now stands for Tandem Ride Outside of Longview.

If you have a tandem bike and like to cycle the rural wooded roads around Jefferson, visit our website at <http://www.trols.org> for details and a registration form.

Even though the "official" registration deadline is Aug 15th, prompt registration is encouraged because of the limited number of teams our accommodations can support. So register early and join the fun!

For a snail mail copy of the information and registration form, you can contact Jimmy or Kelly at 214-277-9952 or email at trolsride@gmail.com

Please pass the word on to other tandem riders you know wishing to be a part of for the TROLS Big Adventure of 2008 in Jefferson, TX.

Hope you can make it!

Kelly & Jimmy Duval

DATES Rides and Activities							
RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
DATES Easy Rider Ride of Southern Oklahoma	Sunday, June 8	8:30 am	Near Davis, OK	Rick and Kay Watson	580-223-8180 or cw7540@cableone.net	45 - 50 miles	See Newsletter for Details
Pilot Point Ride	Sunday, June 22	8:15 am	Pilot Point Town Square on US 377 eleven miles north of US 380.	Chuck & Kris Carlson	(972) 679-1200 cel, (972) 248-8481 hm	20, 36 and up to 50 miles	See Newsletter for Details
Second National Federation of the Blind Ride	Wednesday, July 2	6:00 pm	White Rock Lake	Harry & Jeannette Thompson	(817) 358-0820 or hjthompson@tx.rr.com	Varied	See Newsletter for Details Contact Harry or Jeannette to confirm participation now!
Independence Day Ride	Friday, July 4	8:30 am	3403 Summer Place Court, Farmers Branch, TX	Juanita & Roane Logan	(214) 686-5577 jlogan@boardwalkag.com	TBD	See Newsletter for Details Please RSVP
Mid Cities 'Almost Monthly' Tandem Ride	Sunday, July 13	9:00 am	Le Peeps, Central & Harwood, Bedford, TX 76021	Bryants & Thompsons	(817) 680-9404 (Bryant) (817) 358-0820 (Thompson)	TBD	No-Map, No-Drop The group will determine pace and specifics at the start. See Newsletter for Details
Mexican Food Ride	Sunday, July 27	8:30 am	Minyard's on Beltline, East of Highway 67, Cedar Hill, Texas	Alan & Renee Kailer	(214) 208-0267 (Alan) (214) 914-2335 (Renee)	41 and 64 miles	See Newsletter for Details Lunch at Mexican restaurant after the ride
DATES Tandem Tour	September 6 - 18	-	Nova Scotia	McManus Cole	John.McManus@yahoo.com	-	Contact John McManus for details john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com

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