



**NFB Ride - July 2  
Thank you Janette and Harry!!!**

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## National Federation of the Blind Ride

July 2, 2008

By Harry Thompson

22 Tandems met at White Rock Lake for our second ride with the blind on a hot July evening. After a little confusion (imagine 20 blind people getting off a bus in an unfamiliar place with group of strangers to lead them in a foreign activity) we were saddled up and off for a lap or two around the lake.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all who participated. 20 stokers came and with issues with two bikes we had just the right amount of captains and stokers. The captains did a heck of a job as there were some challenging stokers. Some stokers weighed more than twice their normal partner and some were clueless about how to ride a bike. Nevertheless, our captains were real troopers and made it work. I heard nothing but compliments from blind stokers and not a single complaint from a captain. I do not know how some kept those bikes upright with their paired stokers. You guys deserve a medal.

We should not forget our own stokers. We had a large contingent from our ladies auxiliary that were busy getting waivers signed, matching riders, passing out water, and everything else that makes this type of ride successful. They did a wonderful job of loading the stokers, putting their feet on the pedals, and telling them how to ride on the back of a tandem. Ladies, we could not have done it without you.

Special thanks to Rick Gurney and Plano Cycling. Rick brought all the pedals and personally installed and un-installed all before and after the ride. We even pressed him into service to ride when another bike had a problem. Rick was the busiest person in attendance.

Warren Casteel got the required city permit and negotiated with the Bath House into keeping the bathrooms open. He also personally recruited six captains to ensure we met my commitment to the NFB for the total number of stokers.

Based on my experience at the previous NFB ride, I volunteered to organize this event. However, the real credit goes to Janette for taking over all the laborious chores and making sure everything was checked off and we did not forget anything.

For me and all who participated, it was a very rewarding experience and we all enjoyed a little cycling and a great dinner together. There is no need to list all the participants because you know who you are. Philanthropy is its own reward.

Editors Note: Although philanthropy may be its own reward, Janette and Harry did an outstanding job in volunteering for and carrying out this project. They deserve our expressed thank you.



## *Red, White & Blue Ride*

**Friday July 4, 8:30 AM**

**Farmer's Branch, TX**



Roane and Juanita Logan again led the July 4<sup>th</sup> ride and hosted us after the ride at their house. The ride was a leisurely amble through North Dallas and the Park Cities, encountering three local Independence Day parades with lots of red, white and blue.

Back at their house, Roane grilled hot dogs and we had other traditional and not so traditional snacks and accompaniments, including watermelon. It was also great to cool off in the pool. 10 couples, including one from Austin and one from Round Rock, joined the fun. Also, at Harry and Jeanette's invitation, one of the representatives from the NFB ride two days before came along, while Janette rode her single.

It was fun ride and a great way to celebrate the Fourth! Thank you Roane and Juanita for opening your house and pool and leading the ride.

## *Post Hotter N Hell Ride*

Sunday, August 24  
Wichita Falls, Texas

**Date:** Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Where:** Boys and Girls Club parking lot; corner of Maurine St. and Beverly Drive

**Distance:** Approx. 30 miles, or less if the group chooses

**Ride Hosts:** Alan & Renee Kailer

**Contact Information:** 214-208-0267 or 214-914-2335

**E-mail Address:** akailer@hunton.com or akailer@aol.com

**RSVP's:** Appreciated, but not required

Join Alan and Renee Kailer for a late summer ride through the Wichita Falls country side. As always, expect smooth roads and no hills!

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We will begin at 8:00 AM from the Boys and Girls Club parking lot at the corner of Maurine Street and Beverly Drive. We'll ride at a relaxed pace through the country for approximately 30 miles.

To reach the Boy and Girls Club from downtown, head north on I-44 and turn west (left) at the Maurine Street exit. (Herb Easley Chevrolet will be on your right and La Quinta Hotel will be on your left.) The club is less than 1 mile from I-44.

For additional information on the HH100 events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, check out the schedule at: [www.hh100.org](http://www.hh100.org)

***DATES / PBA Annual Labor Day Ride***  
***September 1***  
***Melissa, Texas***  
***Rusty & Belinda Nail***

Joint Ride for PBA and DATES Members

PBA and DATES Members are invited for a holiday ride on quiet country roads. Meet at the Bob Miller Park in Melissa for the ride start at 8 AM. Mapped routes of approximately 25, 40 and 60 miles will be offered. If you would like to join us after the ride for goodies from the grill, please bring a side dish to share & lawn chairs. Some soft drinks will be provided.

Directions: The ride start is located on Berry Road in Melissa. Take US75 to SH121, exit # 45, 5 miles north of McKinney. Head east and turn right at first traffic light, Berry Road (CR 339) (land-marked by Kim's Corner Fudge Factory, Shell). The Park is just past the entrance to the Berry Farms subdivision, about ¼ of a mile.

**Notice:**

**September 2008 DATES-LINE:  
Notices & Articles due by: August 25, 2008  
We NEED your notices, ride reports,  
articles & [PICTURES](#) for the newsletter**

*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](mailto: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



## *Red River Redneck Roundup* October 10-12

This is from Rob Rowley over here in remote Red River County. We just completed our 3rd Annual Get-a-Way to Texas Tour, and we have begun to seriously plan for the 2nd Annual Red River Redneck Roundup (a tandem only event, and primarily a DATES event). We are planning the Roundup for October 10-12. We expect to have our plans "finalized" for this years ride by the end of August, at which time we will begin registering teams.

Please email me if you have any questions, or feel free to give me a call at 903-249-3483.

We look forward to seeing you again in October.



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*Southwest Tandem Rally*  
*Kerrville, Texas*  
**April 24-26, 2009**

The Texas Capital Area Tandem Society (TxCATS) is pleased to announce that the 2009 Southwest Tandem Rally will be held April 24-26, 2009 in Kerrville, Texas. The headquarters for the rally will be the Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center. Kerrville has a population of about 23,000 and sits on the banks of the Guadalupe River. Kerrville provides some of the best riding for all skill levels in the Texas Hill Country. The most notable off-bike attraction is the James Avery Craftsman Jewelry Headquarters that is less than four miles from the Inn of the Hills.

The registration web link will be available soon at <http://www.txcats.org>. The registration fee is \$235 per tandem team.

The Inn of the Hills is ready NOW to take your room reservations. Please call (800) 292-5690 and ask for the Southwest Tandem Rally group rate. We have blocked 100 rooms. The room rate will be \$99 for single & double occupancy, \$109 for triple occupancy and \$119 for quad occupancy plus appropriate taxes.

Here is the website for the Inn: <http://www.innofthehills.com>

If you have any questions please email [swtr2009@txcats.org](mailto:swtr2009@txcats.org) or call (512) 217-1280.

Dale & Linda Krueger

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## ***TEAM ZORN-ROACH***

Irving, TX

**Captain:** Roger Zorn

**Stoker:** Nancy Roach

**Joined DATES:** July 2008

**How long have you been cycling?**

**Captain:** 40 years

**Stoker:** 10 years with my deceased husband, Charlie Roach, who passed away approximately 4 years ago due to lung cancer.

**How long tandeming?** 10 years

**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Rodriquez

**Favorite Ride?** Hotter'N Hell

**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?** Past members of DATES when Rich and Beverly were riding along with Jim and Rhonda Hoyt that my husband and I were most active.

**Anything else you'd like your new club members to know about you?** I am extremely interested in selling my tandem, because my boyfriend, Roger doesn't like riding the tandem, and prefers to ride a solo bike with me.



July 4<sup>th</sup> Ride, hosted by Juanita and Roane Logan

DATES Rides and Activities							
RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
HHH Post Ride	August 24	8:00 am	Wichita Falls Boys and Girls Club Maurine and Beverly	Renee and Alan Kailer	(214) 208-0267 akailer@aol.com	30 miles	See Newsletter for Details
DATES/PBA Annual Labor Day Ride	September 1	8:00 am	Melissa, Texas	Rusty & Belinda Nail	-	25, 40 & 60 miles	See Newsletter for Details
DATES Tandem Tour	September 6 - 18	-	Nova Scotia	McManus Cole	John.McManus@yahoo.com	-	Contact John McManus for details john_j_mcmanus@yahoo.com
The TROLS Big Adventure '08	September 19-21	-	Jefferson, Texas	Kelly & Jimmy Duval	Jimmy or Kelly at 214-277-9952 or email at trolside@gmail.com	-	Visit website at <a href="http://www.trols.org">http://www.trols.org</a> for details and a registration form
Red River Redneck Roundup	October 10-12	-	TBA	Rob Rowley	(903) 249-3483 rob.rowley@yahoo.com	-	Details to come
Halloween Ride	October 24-26	-	Purtis Creek State Park	TBA	-	-	Details to come
Southwest Tandem Rally	April 24 - 26, 2009	-	Kerrville, Texas	Dale & Linda Krueger	(512) 217-1280 swtr2009@txcats.org	-	See Newsletter for Details




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