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**2010 Ride Leaders -  
THANK YOU!**

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**Valentine's Ride****Sunday, February 13, 2011**

Westlake, TX, Teams Bryant &amp; Thompson

DATES Valentine's Ride, Sunday, February 13, lead by Ronnie & Nanette Bryant, 817-925-6632

Meet at 9 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel / Solana, 5 Village Circle, Westlake. Ride at 9:30 a.m., for routes of 35 or 50 miles. Treat our Valentines to a wonderful brunch at Cielo's (inside the Hotel) after the ride. Park in front of Diego's. The brunch is \$15.95 per person.

Driving Directions: From DFW follow Hwy 114 West 9 miles from DFW Airport. Exit at Solana Blvd./Kirkwood Blvd. Turn left on E Kirkwood Blvd. Take a left on Village Circle. Park in front of Diego's.

**DATES 2010 AND 2011****John McManus**

I'm very pleased with our club this past year, which was our 20th anniversary. We had many of the oldie but goodie rides: including the Stoker Appreciation, the Halloween Ride, Lonesome Dove, TOTS and The New Member Ride. There were 25 club rides in all so I hate to mention just a few. We also put on two big events: the incredibly successful Southwest Tandem Rally and the National Federation for the Blind Ride. DATES became affiliated with Bike Texas and BikeDFW. We also got our club in a better legal and financial position by becoming recognized as a new Domestic Nonprofit Texas Corporation. Oh yes, we also had our first official social, a wine tasting. We celebrated the year with our annual meeting in January and were very pleased with Siciliano's food and service.

None of this would have happened if it weren't for a large number of members who contribute many hours and much talent to the club's organization and activities. In fact, I think this is what makes us different from many other tandem clubs. SO THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all you do.

With 2010 being such a good year, can we do even better in 2011? I think so. But once again, it's up to each member. What ride are you going to organize this year? The possibilities are unlimited. If you're new to all of this – or if you just want help and guidance – contact Chuck and Kris Carlson or any of the officers. We'll be more than glad to help. Best wishes for tandeming in 2011.

## John's BIG BIRTHDAY Ride

Sunday afternoon, February 20. Call for start time

Recognizing that some of the *younger* DATES members may not be able to do the distance, John's big birthday ride will be only **70 kilometers**. (Anyone wishing to do the **REAL** distance can join John on Monday, his **REAL** birthday.) So we'll ride 70 k, 43 miles, and then have a party. But NO presents, please. Obscene and insulting cards are expected and appreciated.

- Start at 922 Easton Place, Dallas.
- An optional route of 30 miles is available – different start point.
- If there is precipitation or maximum forecast temperature is less than 50 degrees, we'll forget the ride and party only.
- We need a head count for dinner which is why you must call for the start time. RSVP to Chuck & Kris Carlson at 972-248-8481.



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9040 Garland Rd.  
214-321-0705

### RICHARDSON

1451 W. Campbell Rd.  
972-231-3993

### FRISCO

8820 John Hickman  
972-335-7600

## **DATES Wine Tasting**

### **Saturday, February 26, 2011**

Chuck and Janet Kirklen have arranged a DATES wine tasting at Landon Winery in McKinney on Saturday, February 26, 2011. Landon Winery was just named BEST WINERY in Dallas by the WFAA A-List.

The tasting will be conducted by winemaker and cyclist Bob Landon, and his assistants are also active cyclists, so we all speak each others' languages. Landon actually produces wine at their location on the square in McKinney, so we'll be able to talk Bob Landon into going into the back room and showing us all that's going on. He's very entertaining and the DATES crew should really enjoy it.

Price includes tasting fee, six (6) tastes with notes and pairings, cheeseboards (can't have wine and cheese without cheese, right?), tax, and gratuity. All that for only \$20 each.

Please RSVP to Chuck or Janet Kirklen so we can get Landon a final count. This should be just about as much fun as you can have off a bike!

**Date:** Saturday, February 26, 2011

**Time:** 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Place:** Landon Winery ([www.landonwinery.com](http://www.landonwinery.com))

101 N. Kentucky Street

McKinney, TX 75069

**RSVP:** [chuck.kirklen@pragmatx.com](mailto:chuck.kirklen@pragmatx.com) or call the KirkLens at 972.985.7931



## BAYOUS, BIKES AND BLUFFETT RIDE

**Date:** Sat. April 16 and Sunday April 17th  
**Times:** Sat- 8:30 am Sun-10:00 am  
**Leaders:** Brent and Becky Burt 318-393-7361(Brent) 318-272-3473 (Becky)  
**Start:** On Front Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana  
**Distances:** Saturday 51.4 Miles (out and back to The Bayou Folk Museum and the Kate Chopin House with a tour) Lunch back in Natchitoches at the Pioneer Pub 812 Washington St.  
Sunday 33.8 Miles (out and back to Melrose plantation with a tour of the plantation)  
**Accommodations:** Bed and Breakfast Inns throughout town and several hotels available. Visit [natchitoches.net](http://natchitoches.net)

Please RSVP to [brent@showcasekitchenbath.com](mailto:brent@showcasekitchenbath.com) for restaurant and house tour planning.

Y'all come on over here to lovely Louisiana for a fun-packed weekend this spring. Natchitoches (pronounced Nakatush) is the oldest town in the whole Louisiana Purchase (est. 1714). This charming town is full of history\*, good food and great shopping. The weekend includes two great out and back rides within the Cane River National Historic Area with two tours of historic homes. Saturday after the ride will be lunch at the Pioneer Pub (think poboys, gumbo, crawfish). Then either explore this interesting town or just step across the street to the Natchitoches Jazzfest. The Friday and Saturday Festival lineup includes Louisiana's own LeRoux (remember New Orleans Ladies?) Big Sam's Funky Nation, a New Orleans band guaranteed to get your groove on and for all you Parrot heads its Bluffet. Not Buffet but a fantastic Buffet tribute band.

So get your "fins up," your bikes tuned, come hungry and get yo self on over here for a good time on the bayou.

\*See <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/caneriver/index.htm> for more.

### Notice:

March 2011 DATES-LINE:

Notices & Articles due by: February 24, 2011

We NEED your notices, ride reports,  
articles & [PICTURES](#) for the newsletter

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# 2011 Southwest Tandem Rally

## *The Best Little Tandem Rally in Texas*

April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011 in La Grange, Texas

Texas is a big state, with long distances between major cities and their airports. When you find a place central to Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Ft. Worth and Dallas, and it has charm, low trafficked roads with good surfaces and beautiful scenery, you have a location perfect for a tandem rally. And though the name Paris conjures up ooh-la-la, and the last SWTR was full of fun and frivolity in Paris (Texas), how about someplace with a naughty reputation this year? Someplace known for something salacious...like the Chicken Ranch? Come join the Houston Area Tandem Society in a weekend of Ooh La La in the Texas town known for excitement - La Grange!!!

The Houston Area Tandem Society (HATS) is proud to invite you to La Grange, Texas, for a weekend of wholesome cycling through lovely rolling hills packed with historic "painted churches", bluebonnets and Texas's most beautiful scenery. Central to all of Texas's major cities, La Grange is just a little over an hour from Houston, Austin and San Antonio, and just a couple of hours from the intercontinental airport of Dallas/Fort Worth. Leave winter behind and come enjoy Spring in the wildflower capital of Texas...La Grange. And bring your swimsuit if you are from above the Mason Dixon - the pool will be open.

The 2011 Southwest Tandem Rally will be hosted in La Grange, Texas, by the Houston Area Tandem Society (HATS) on the weekend of April 29th, 2011. Y'all come join us!

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<http://www.tandem-hats.org/swtr2011/index.html>



2011 DOUBLE DATES RENEWAL

It is time to renew your membership. Renew NOW and participate with DATES members in 2011.

- 1. Fill in the name and address information below. (PLEASE PRINT)
2. Read and sign the Liability Release. All riders over the age of 18 must sign.
3. Make out a check for \$25.00 payable to "DOUBLE DATES"
4. Send your renewal form to:

Kevin & Linda Vinson
7013 Fox Drive
The Colony, TX 75056-4458

Captain: Stoker:

Street Apt. # City: State: Zip:

Home Ph: Work Ph: Fax: E-mail:

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 \_\_\_\_\_



DATES Rides and Activities							
RIDE	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	RIDE HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
Valentine's Ride	Sunday February 13,	Meet at 900 a.m. Ride at 9:30 a.m.	Marriott Hotel / Solana, 5 Village Circle, Westlake	Ronnie & Nanette Bryant,	817-925-6632	35, 50	Brunch after the Ride See Newsletter for Details
John's BIG BIRTHDAY Ride	Sunday afternoon, February 20	Call for start time	922 Easton Place, Dallas.	Chuck & Kris Carlson	972-248-8481	30, 43	RSVP to Chuck & Kris Carlson at 972-248-8481 See Newsletter for Details
Wine Tasting	Saturday, February 26	4:00 pm	Landon Winery McKinney, Texas	Chuck & Janet Kirklen		--	See Newsletter for information
Bayous, Bikes and Bluffett	April 16 - 17	-	Natchitoches, Louisiana	Brent & Becky Burt	318-393-7361(Brent) 318-272-3473 (Becky)	-	See Newsletter for Details
Easter Hill Country	April 22 - 24	-	Kerrville	-	<a href="http://www.ehct.com">www.ehct.com</a>	-	See website for details
Southwest Tandem Rally	April 9 - May 1	-	La Grange, Texas	Houston Area Tandem Society	<a href="http://www.tandem-hats.org/swtr2011/index.html">http://www.tandem-hats.org/swtr2011/index.html</a>	-	See website for details
See more rides on the DATES website: <a href="http://www.doubledates.com/">http://www.doubledates.com/</a>							

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