

DATES Members' Summer Adventures



Ronnie and Nanette Bryant
(taking the picture)
in Michigan



John McManus and Brenda Cole
in Olympic National Forest



Chuck and Kris Carlson found the
most exciting thing in Scotland
to be the Costco!



Thompsons and Yuhns
in Michigan

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Mystery Cyclist Revealed!



Q: Who was that mystery cyclist pictured in last month's DATES-Line?

A: We had 3 members* correctly identify the photo as being our one and only DATES Coordinator, John McManus. Our club bigwig states that the photo was taken during a bicycle relay race in 1963 when he attended Lamar Tech (now Lamar University) in Beaumont. When interviewed recently, John explained:

".....we didn't want the frat rats to win everything so we entered for the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (student chapter). We had two "secret" plans to win the 25-mile relay race: (1) we ate honey when we trained and (2) this is hilarious - we lubricated the chain with baby oil. Well, maybe it wasn't so bad, we came in second! The other three team members all got masters degrees - one from

MIT. And one got a PhD and became a professor. All I did was become a bike rider. ☺ "

And what a bike rider he is!

*The first person to guess correctly was Mindy Mashburn, then Roane Logan, and Kay Watson.

DATES CYCLING WEEKEND IN JEFFERSON (FORMERLY TROLS) September 16-18

Ronnie Bryant asked me to pass along a message regarding the DATES cycling weekend in Jefferson. For those of you who are going to be in Jefferson the weekend of September 16th, please RSVP to Ronnie at the following e-mail address: ronnierbryant@me.com

Ronnie plans on sending out routes and other info and would like a list of the attendees.

Uptown TOTS (Tour Of The Stars) Sunday, October 2, 2011

TIME: 8:30 a.m. start

LEADERS: Lee & Beckie Wilson

CONTACT: TheWilsons@purelyonline.com or 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: 31.7 miles

ROUTE: TOTS Route - Uptown Edition <http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/tx/dallas/655124511185052498>

LUNCH: After the ride somewhere nearby (group consensus)

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?

POINTS OF INTEREST:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=211814531241874238480.0004a7533758517b0fecd&msa=0&ll=32.858393,-96.80603&spn=0.126173,0.187626>

Carl & Peggy Sewell, car dealerships - 4726 Drexel (\$2.3 Million);

Troy Aikman, former Cowboys quarterback - 4425 Highland Drive (\$24 Million);

Jerry Jones, owner Cowboys - 4400 Preston (\$14.2 Million);

Karen Katz, CEO Neiman Marcus - 4369 San Carlos (\$712k);

Hexagon house by Frank Lloyd Wright - 9400 Rockbrook (\$6.2 Million);

Former home of Raymond Nasher, sculpture gardens - 4701 Miron Drive (\$4.9 Million);

Robert Schlegel, owner Pavestone - 4404 Valley Ridge (\$10 Million);

Tom Hicks, owner Rangers - 5555 Walnut Hill (\$35 Million);

Mark Cuban, owner Dallas Mavericks - 5424 Deloache Avenue, Dallas, TX (\$17 Million);

Former home of Norman Brinker - 10235 Strait Lane (\$4.2 Million);

Ross H. Perot - 10444 Strait Lane (\$16 Million);

Charley Pride, legendary country music artist - 5476 Northaven (\$2 Million);

George & Laura Bush - 10151 Daria Place;

Future home of George W. Bush Presidential Library;

Kalita Humphreys Theater - designed by Frank Lloyd Wright;

Former home of Stevie Ray Vaughan, legendary Blues guitarist - 4344 Travis

2011 Gateway to Texas Get-a-Way Tandem Tour October 7-9 Clarksville, Texas

It is once again time to start planning and registering for the 2011 Gateway to Texas Get-a-Way Tandem Tour. This will be our fifth anniversary for the tour, which is hard to believe. We once again had a great tour this past June, which was the sixth anniversary for our four-day tour, and we are looking forward to another great tandem tour in October, along with some cooler weather.

The overall format this year will remain exactly as it has been for the last two years. The registration fee will cover supper on Saturday evening, entertainment on both Friday and Saturday evenings, an open bar (beer and wine) on both Friday and Saturday evenings, and breakfast both Saturday and Sunday for those not staying at the Courthouse Inn (breakfast is included there), and other incidental expenses. As was the case in previous years, riders will be responsible for lodging (except those camping or staying at cabins), lunch and Friday Night's dinner.

Schedule:

Friday (10/07)

Check-in/Registration will be anytime after 12:00 at the Red River County Chamber of Commerce (101 N. Locust on the Square). Additional directions will be provided at registration to specific accommodations depending on preference (B & B/Red River Inn/Cabins-see below).

A short ride of 20-30 miles will be planned for Friday afternoon, with no specific start time.

Dinner will be on your own; however, we will be providing an open bar (beer and wine) at Rio Verde. A restored saloon (circa. 1895) in historic Downtown Clarksville will be open for mingling and getting acquainted from 6:00 to 7:00 & 8:00 to 10:00. Availability of the 101 1/2 Saloon is contingent upon the status of the property as of October as it presently is available for sale. Other arrangements will be made if the Saloon is not available.

Saturday (10/08)

Breakfast will be provided at your lodging location between 7:30 to 8:30.

For the ride, we will hold a mass start at 9:30. This will allow any riders who want to drive over from Dallas on Saturday to attend. While there will be a mass start, riders who want to start earlier or later will have that option (anytime between 8:30 to 10:00). Two ride distances will be available for 40-45 miles and 70-85 miles. This is a reasonably flat, but very scenic and fun ride with minimal traffic. The routes will be marked and SAGed with rest stops every 15-25 miles.

Dinner will be catered and will be served at 7:00 at the loft over the Corner Gallery, which is located on The Square. The 101 1/2 Saloon will also be open from 6:00 to 7:00 & 8:30 to 10:00 or after. Please see note above.

Sunday (10/09)

Breakfast will again be provided at the location of your accommodations, but will be served earlier to allow time for the ride and time to get home at a reasonable time (6:30-7:30).

The ride on Sunday will start at 8:00 and will cover a distance of 25-35 miles.

Accommodations:

The Courthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast located in downtown Clarksville is the most charming option. Space is limited to 6 teams. Please call 903-427-0801 or 903-427-5435 to make your reservations. Please indicate that you will be participating in the Tandem Rally as they have blocked all rooms for us for the weekend.

The Oaks, which is B&B style without the breakfast. This is a lovely restored old farm house with two bedrooms. It is great for two teams who enjoy each other's company. Please call Ann Evetts at 903-427-5570 for reservations.

Cabins are situated on the lake at Clarksville Country Club about 6 miles north of downtown. These will be available at no charge; space is limited to 5-6 teams. Please notify me (Rob) via email of your interest in these accommodations. There are also two camper hookups at the site of two of the cabins at the Country Club as an additional option this year.

Camping at the Rowley Ranch (about 10 miles east of town) which includes space for 3 to 4 campers or tents. All hookups are available including outdoor hot water showers. Campfires/cooking out/grilling out are all OK and one or more grills will be available for general use, if desired. Please notify me (Rob) via email of your interest in these accommodations.

The Red River Inn (903-427-2278) is locally owned and is on par with a Motel 6. They offer remodeled and nonsmoking rooms, some with mini refrigerators and microwaves. The rooms aren't plush, but they are nice and clean. My family frequently stays there.

Breakfast will be provided on site at all locations (Oaks Breakfast will be provided at the Red River Inn).

Cost:

\$75 per team which includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, entertainment Friday and Saturday evening, and dinner on Saturday.

Support:

Saturday and Sunday rides will be supported (sponsor patrolled) and maps provided. Rest stops will be provided at 15-25 mile intervals on Saturday only.

Clarksville/Red River County:

Population is 3,800 and 12,700, respectively. Clarksville was founded in 1833 and Red River County was the gateway into Texas for the first settlers, including Davy Crockett and Sam Houston. The roads are well maintained, reasonably flat, with only minor to modest traffic.

Registration Form:

This ride is limited to the first 30 teams who sign up for the ride prior to October 1, 2011. Registration will be accomplished by notifying Rob Rowley, the ride coordinator, via email (rob.rowley@yahoo.com), with the following information:

Team Name: _____
 Captain's Name: _____
 Stoker's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Numbers: _____
 Email Address: _____

Overnight Accommodations:

Bed and Breakfast____(You need to make your own reservations at the numbers noted above)

Red River Inn____(You need to make you own reservations at the number noted above)

Cabins____(Available to the first 5 teams requesting these accommodations)

Camping____(Available for the first 4 teams requesting these accommodations)

A standard release will be required to be signed at the time of registration at the ride.

Contact Names:

Rob Rowley 903-249-3483 (rob.rowley@yahoo.com or clarksville.admin@lrcmail.com)

James Vaughan 903-427-3858 (jwvaughan@cebridge.net)

Red River Chamber of Commerce/Diane Peek 903-427-2645 (redrivercc@1starnet.com)



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New Member Ride and Cookout

Sunday, October 16, 2011 10:30 a.m.

Location - Flag Pole Hill Pavilion at White Rock Lake
Hosts - Mitch and Leslie Frank

One or more loops around White Rock - 11 miles, 21, 31, suit yourself! We'll ride from the pavilion to the trail - once at the trail it is a pretty flat 10 mile loop. Hill options can be provided.

We will grill hot dogs following the ride - water, soda, and condiments will be provided. If you would rather have something other than a hot dog, feel free to bring your own selection and we can grill it. Regular members, please bring snacks, a side dish or dessert to share. We'll be looking for a few helpers for set-up, grilling and clean-up - light duty! New members - just bring your bike. We look forward to spending time with you!

The Flag Pole Hill pavilion is covered - we can still picnic in a light rain. If it's a poor day for riding, we'll post a cancellation notice on the website. Or you can call Franks early that morning at 214-893-8990 (Leslie) or 214-395-6112 (Mitch).

Additional information will be in the October newsletter. Mark the date on your calendar - plan to come out and enjoy the day!

We consider new members to be those who have joined the club in the past 12 months or thereabouts.

Please RSVP to Mitch and Leslie Frank at leslie@franksalot.net or 214-893-8990, so we can get a count of members planning to attend. Hope to see you there!

Notice:

October 2011 DATES-LINE:

Notices & Articles due by: September 25, 2011

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

DATES Business Meeting
Sunday, October 23rd
5:30 PM

Hosted by: Lee and Beckie Wilson

The next DATES business meeting will be held at the home of Lee and Beckie Wilson: 4611 Travis Street, #1400, Dallas, TX 75205

We will have a potluck dinner before the meeting, so please plan to arrive at 5:30 pm so that we can get the buffet organized and socialize during dinner. John will start the business meeting at approximately 7 PM.

Additional information will be provided in the October newsletter, but please mark the date on your calendar. We'll need RSVPs next month, so that we have a headcount for dinner. Recommended side items to bring: snacks, salads, desserts, and your beverage of choice.

Hope to see you there!



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972-335-7600

DATES Ride to Venus

Sunday, July 24th

Hosted by Nanette & Ronnie Bryant

Ride Report by Kevin Vinson

Linda and I have had the good fortune of doing this ride with Nanette and Ronnie in the past on our singles. The latest was this past spring when we had the strong winds out of the south. The four of us were trying to think of a good route we could ride where we would have the strong south winds at our back on the return.

Needless to say, Linda and I were excited about this ride on the tandem. The route offers up some great country riding with little or no traffic and a good mix of flat and rolling terrain. As in the past, the ride would start from Bicycles, Inc. in Arlington. On the drive to Arlington, Linda and I were trying to guess how many club members would be participating.

Much to our surprise, there were several vehicles already in the parking lot when we arrived. By the time we gathered for the picture, we had a very good showing. Considering the drive some of the club members had to make, this was a very impressive turn out.



New club members, Theresa and Steve Goff, participated in their first DATES ride. It was great getting a chance to meet Theresa and Steve. We also met Liz and Mike Francis' kids. Mike was riding with his daughter on the tandem while Liz joined her sons on their singles. We also had 3 couples from the FWBA club. As you can see from the picture above, we had a large contingent of cyclists.

The agenda called for everyone to meet at 7:00 AM for a 7:30 AM start. This Bicycles, Inc. location is in south Arlington. Once Nanette and Ronnie went over ride logistics and the above picture was taken, all of us made our way out of the parking lot in a southerly

direction. Route options of 23, 42, and 61-miles were available to the riders. The group was split between the 23 and 42 mile routes. With this being late July and we were in the midst of consecutive 100-degree temperatures, everyone decided it would be a good idea to finish the ride before the heat set in.

The 23-mile route would take the riders to the little town of Lillian and back to Arlington. If memory serves me correctly, the earthquake that we recently had here in Texas was near Lillian. The 42-mile route would take us to Venus and back. Even though no one took on the 61-mile route, Linda and I have ridden that route with Nanette and Ronnie on our singles. It's a very good route with a nice climb south of Venus.

For all of us, we rode through the southern portion of Arlington and Mansfield before getting out in the rural areas. We had our share of dogs on the ride which is usually the case in rural Texas. One encounter with a couple of dogs provided a little excitement for us on the route. Chuck & Kris Carlson had to lock up the brakes to avoid a crash due to these two dogs coming at us. Chuck did a great job of handling the tandem and keeping him and Kris upright. Fortunately, that was the only close call anyone had.

It was in Lillian where our large group split up. It was pretty much a 50-50 split between the two routes. For the 42-mile route, we continued south to Venus. The official rest stop was located in Venus along US Highway 67. Venus is located directly south of Arlington and southwest of Midlothian. After about a 20 minute stop, everyone got back on their tandems and started the trip back to Arlington.

We followed the same route back until we reached Lillian. In Lillian, we made our way east and then north running parallel with the route we took south from Mansfield. As we neared Mansfield, we were back on the route that we took from the start. Everyone from the 42-mile route pretty much arrived at the Bicycles, Inc. parking lot at the same time.

The post-ride agenda offered up lunch at Fuzzy's Tacos. We had two large tables at the restaurant. It was a great way to cap off a nice morning of tandem cycling. It was great seeing such a good turnout. Many thanks go to Nanette and Ronnie for hosting a great ride. I have a feeling this ride will be on the calendar again in the near future.

DATES Austin Ride**August 20, 2011****Ride Hosted by Michael Portman and Cora Shinaberry****Report by Alan Kailer**

We were planning on going to Austin the weekend of August 19-21 to visit our son and his fiancé, spend a relaxing weekend and try to ride on Saturday morning. Surprisingly, two days before we were going down there, Kris Carlson sent around an email from some of our newest DATES members, Michael Portman and Cora in Austin. Michael and Cora were planning a ride in Austin on that Saturday morning and wanted to know if any DATES members wanted to join them. We responded and arranged to meet them for the ride.

Because of the heat, Michael and Cora wanted to get an early start. So, amazingly enough my stoker got up at 5:15 a.m. so that we could meet Michael and Cora at 6:30 to start the ride. I haven't named my stoker because she said that if I told anyone that she volunteered to get up at 5:15 for a ride it would ruin her reputation. Her excuse was that there would be someone besides me to talk to.

We left our hotel about 6:00 and picked up our son, who also, amazingly, was also willing to get up at that time. At our 6:30 start, the temperature was about 80° and it was still dark. We had not brought any lights. Fortunately, they both had flashing rear lights on their helmets and Michael had a great strobe-like headlight. They live close to West 6th and Lamar, so we rode south on Lamar, to the MoPac service road and onto Southwest Parkway. This road is broad and not all that heavily traveled, with a nice shoulder. All this area has become very developed. We lived in Austin in the mid-70s and knew a couple who had a ranch in this area. It was all ranchland, with small roads and no development at all. Now, one of the major developments is named after that couple's ranch and includes hundreds of homes, stores and other development. From the Southwest Parkway we joined Highway 71 and headed northwest. Unfortunately, much of this road was unexpectedly under construction and was down to two lanes with barriers to our right. On the other hand, much of the construction area was on a downhill, so we were not going that much slower than the rest of the traffic. Also, it lasted less than a couple of miles and then we turned back to the east on Bee Caves Road, where we took a Starbucks break.

From the Starbucks we went east on Bee Caves to Loop 360, south back to the MoPac service road, returning to downtown via Barton Springs Rd and the Pfluger pedestrian bridge over Lady Bird Lake. The ride was about 32 miles, it was very humid and, being the Hill Country, there were quite a few hills, which Michael and Cora went up faster than we did. That area southwest of Austin is apparently very popular with cyclists. We probably saw over a hundred others in groups and singles during our ride.

After the ride, we joined Michael, Cora, our son and his fiancé at 24 Diner for breakfast, brunch or lunch, as we chose, of good old Austin comfort food. It was a great ride and great time. Thank you Michael and Cora! Hope to see you on another ride soon.

| DATES Rides and Activities | | | | | | | |
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| RIDE | DATE | START TIME | START PLACE | RIDE HOST | PHONE # / EMAIL | DISTANCE | DETAILS |
| DATES Cycling Weekend in Jefferson | Sept. 16 - 18 | -- | Jefferson, Tx | Ronnie Bryant | ronnierbryant@me.com | -- | RSVP and Contact Ronnie Bryant for Details |
| Uptown TOTS (Tour Of The Stars) | Sunday, Oct. 2 | 8:30 am | Behind Chili's at the NE corner of Travis and Knox – in the Uptown area near Travis Walk (Mapsco 35Q) | Lee & Beckie Wilson | TheWilsons@purelyonline.com or 972-977-9686 | 31.7 miles | See Newsletter |
| Gateway to Texas Get-a-Way Tandem Tour | Oct. 7-9 | -- | Clarksville, Tx | Red River Chamber of Commerce | See contact information in Newsletter | -- | See Newsletter |
| New Member Ride and Cookout | Sunday, Oct. 16 | 10:30 a.m. | Flag Pole Hill Pavilion at White Rock Lake | Mitch and Leslie Frank | leslie@franksalot.net or 214-893-8990, | -- | See Newsletter Please RSVP |
| DATES Business Meeting | Saturday, Oct. 23 | TBD | Wilson's 4611 Travis Street #1400 | Lee & Beckie Wilson | 972-977-9686 TheWilsons@purelyonline.com | -- | See Newsletter |
| Halloween Ride | Oct. 29 - 30 | TBD | TBD | Scott & Mindy Mashburn | -- | -- | To Come |
| See more rides on the DATES website: http://www.doubledates.com/ | | | | | | | |

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