



**DATES Annual Weekend "Ride" in Ardmore
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Round and Round The Lake Ride Series

The Round and Round the Lake Ride Series will continue on Wednesdays, June 10 and June 24 at 6:00 p.m. Ride leaders, start locations and restaurant choice will be announced before the rides.



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2nd Annual Southwest Missouri Tandem Weekend Springfield, Missouri June 5,6,7

We wish to extend an open invite to all: The 2nd Annual Southwest Missouri Tandem Weekend will be June 5,6,7 here in Springfield, Missouri.

We have great rolling terrain and some really nice views. Plans have been made for stops at the Tyler Ridge winery, and a Friday night social at the famous Springfield Brewing Co. The Saturday evening banquet will be catered by Houlihans in the DoubleTree by Hilton

Please check us on Facebook at Tandems Of the Ozarks
<https://www.facebook.com/tandemsoftheozarks>
Or on the web site, <http://www.tandemsoftheozarks.com/>

Brief Event Schedule:

Friday: Our weekend will begin with Registration at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Then 2 route options to loosen up the legs. Both routes will take you by the Fellows Lake water reservoir with a stop at the Tyler Ridge Winery. Wine tasting and snacks will be provided.

Saturday: We will have 2 route options that will take us southeast of Springfield for more rural travels on rolling hills. We will return on bike routes thru the Historic Walnut Street and C Street district of Springfield's downtown area.

A stop on C-Street will give you many things to explore. The C Street Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, please feel free to explore the street! It has so much to offer, including Springfield's oldest tavern, newest brewery, eclectic eateries, artisan bakeries, and more. You can enjoy locally crafted chocolate and coffee while exploring vintage shops, historic event spaces, Pedalers Bicycle Museum and the longest footbridge in the country with a view of the Frisco Rail Yard.

Sunday: We will head north of town for a 32-mile round trip to Fair Grove for snacks and treats at a local eatery well know for snacks.

John & Jean White
Hope to see you in Springfield this June

DATES Independence Day Ride, Cook-out, and Swim Saturday, July 4

Meet @ 8:00 AM, Ride @ 8:30 AM
Home of Roane and Juanita Logan
3403 Summer Place
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Join Roane and Juanita for the traditional, no-drop ride on July 4th. We will start from our house in Farmers Branch, cross LBJ on Welch, and ride our favorite route through Dallas. We usually catch a couple of parades, including the Hockaday and the Highland Park/University Park 4th of July Parades. The route is approximately 30 miles through some beautiful neighborhoods on excellent roads, and there usually isn't much traffic on the holiday.

Afterwards, we'll dine on good ol' American food and cool off in the pool. BYOBBS. That's bring your own favorite beverage and bathing suits.

Lots of kids are out riding their bikes on the 4th, and they really get a kick out of the tandems. Put on the red, white, and blue. Decorate your bikes, and let's show them that you never have to grow up.

On a side note - this will be our farewell July 4th ride. If all goes as planned, we'll be retired next year, traveling across the country in an RV - with bicycles on board, of course. Roane and I have had the pleasure of hosting this ride for many years. We've enjoyed your company and made lots fun memories. We've learned that DATES members are talented in other sports - Chuck plays a mean game of croquet, Harry can play golf in the pool, and Mitch can perform some really nice dives and flips off the diving board. There have been some outstanding cannonballs, too, but I'm not sure that's a sport.

Spend the 4th of July riding your bike! Please RSVP 469-688-0070 or juanitalogan@yahoo.com. If you have a favorite summer dish, bring it, and share it with us. Please let me know what you are bringing when you RSVP.

DATES Social Thursday, May 14

The first ever DATES Social was held on Thursday, May 14 at the Bodega Wine Bar in Dallas. About 40 of us gathered to mix and mingle with mostly old friends, but also some new ones. We feasted on appetizers, gourmet pizza and plenty of great wines, and even beer! It was great socializing with our friends off the bike and in "real" clothes. Hopefully this will become a regular event in different venues!

**DATES Annual Weekend Party in Ardmore
May 22-23
By Mindy Mashburn**

Rick and Kay Watson hosted the annual Rick-to-Rick Ride, Road Kill Rally Route, and Arbuckle Mountain Tour - minus the Rick-to-Rick, Road Kill Rally, and Arbuckle Mountain Tour, and for that matter, minus any miles at all on our bikes! Our cars got a serious workout though. Although the weather was wet and soggy, our spirits were never dampened.

With the Friday afternoon ride rained out, eight teams arrived at Rick and Kay's for an evening of visiting with friends, a wonderful fajita buffet and, as Kay likes to say, adult beverages. Unlike years past, we were huddled indoors due to temps in the 50's near the end of May! Five of the eight teams were virgins to this ride, and unfortunately, none of them lost their virginity! Maybe next year.



The forecast for Saturday morning was hopeful and Rick's ride talk was upbeat, but as we drove to the remote start, the weather deteriorated with mist and fog setting in. After a lengthy pow-wow (we were in Indian country), we finally faced the sad reality that we were not going to ride on Saturday either.

But all was not lost. As the original plan was to have lunch at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, we decided to drive there and tour it on foot. We learned many interesting facts about the Chickasaw Nation and their heritage, enjoyed a performance of traditional dance (with Scott Mashburn and Sally Guon joining in!) and toured the grounds and gardens.





Sally Guon is in foreground as the stomp dancers do spiral formation.

By then it was time to resume eating (you know cyclists and their appetites). So we headed to Smokin' Joe's Barbecue for massive plates of meats of all kinds. Only Susie Mumby was brave enough to also order dessert. And we were completely vindicated since it started pouring rain while we were there, solidifying our wise decision not to ride.

But come next year, we all agreed we would return - on bicycles.

(Captioned photos from Susie Mumby)



Chickasaw Cultural Center has beautiful water features complimenting the architecture.



After lunch some of us went on a hike at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, OK.

Kay Watson leads us down the "primrose path".

It was cloudy but the blooming Prickly Pear Cacti evoked rays of sunshine.



Jorge Poliak tells Rick Watson a thing or two.

Dallas Tandemists Seek Revenge On Inclement Weather

(Limited Tandem content. No beer was harmed in the making of this story)

By Peter Holverson

Friday 15th May was National Ride to Work Day. Just as last year, a recent storm had pushed White Rock Creek to breach its banks and coat the trail with a fine layer of alluvial clay. This, mixed with squirrel spit, Texas mist or some similar solvent, had cemented itself between my tires and brakes. It turned the whole commute into a first gear FluidOps trainer ride from hell, instead of the pleasant spring jape it ought to be.

Saturday morning it was time to get some revenge on the weather. Stoker wanted a ride and we picked out a weather window carefully to eke out 40 miles without actually getting rained on. The humidity made that hardly matter. By the end of the ride we were as sodden as a steamed bun fresh off a dim sum conveyer. But it was Saturday and we were determined to have fun. Hugh and Becky Reeves were on a liquid fact-finding trip to Dallas, conducted by the Carlsons. By liquid, I don't mean they weren't looking for rain, but they did have an intricate itinerary to pursue around the inevitable showers. We missed them at Deep Ellum Brewery, but caught up at Peticolas, a brewery that had previously eluded me. The elusivity (sic) of the joint has been maintained by only opening a paltry four hours a month. It was good to sample the variety of brews, many of which hewed to recipes with a distinctly British slant and were much to my taste. But we had to spend our wooden nickels quickly as closing time came very fast.

Next up was Community brewery. Tandem screens projected both the Queen stage of the Tour of California and the Preakness Stakes, which reached their climaxes almost simultaneously, despite the geographical separation. Bourbon barrel aged Legion stout made a fine accompaniment to all the excitement. Finally it was time to convene at LUCK in the Trinity Groves restaurant broiler district. Our LUCK held and the rain held off. A good portion of DATES showed up, but I'll leave out the roll call; you know if you were there and you probably have Facebook and the Inter-webs if you need your memory prodded. A good time was had by all, as far as I can tell, lubricated by local malt product as appropriate.

Sunday morning the weather had its own revenge. The rain came hard and heavy, White Rock burst its banks again and the Spillway became a mini-Niagara tourist trap, minus the fantasy motels. I reached into the Fridge and rescued half a Pastrami sandwich, a relic of the night before. Revenge is not like Pastrami. Revenge is a dish best served cold. But beer . . . Beer goes with everything. Especially Breakfast. I reached back into the Fridge and carefully grabbed a bottle of Lobo Midnight Porter by the neck.

Weather Report From Chuck Carlson

The tough time we had riding last month was due to May being DFW's wettest on record: 16.96". That's since DFW (DFW Airport and other locations prior) started keeping records in 1899. DFW has received more rain this year (31.63" through May) than the annual precipitation for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. In fact, DFW's YTD precipitation (through May) is greater than the annual precipitation in 10 of the previous 16 years.

To the left is a picture of White Rock Creek looking upstream from the Royal Lane bridge, courtesy of Mindy Mashburn.





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RIDE OR ACTIVITY	DATE	START TIME	START PLACE	HOST	PHONE # / EMAIL	DISTANCE	DETAILS
2nd Annual Southwest Missouri Tandem Weekend	June 5,6,7		Springfield, Missouri	John & Jean White	On Facebook at Tandems Of the Ozarks https://www.facebook.com/tandemsoftheozarks Or on the web site, http://www.tandemsoftheozarks.com/	--	See Newsletter
Round and Round the Lake	Wednesday, June 10	Meet at 6:00 pm, Ride at 6:15 pm	TBD	TBD	--	~20 miles	To be announced
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DATES Independence Day Ride, Cook-out, and Swim	Saturday, July 4	Meet at 8:00 a.m., Ride at 8:30 a.m.	3403 Summer Place Farmers Branch, TX 75234	Roane and Juanita Logan	469-688-0070 or juanitalogan@yahoo.com	~30 miles	See Newsletter Please RSVP

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