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Who Does What?

What do TCA members do?

Write articles, draw cartoons, send letters, host rides and rallies.

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From the Editors

This year is half over, and it's time to talk about the future. It's time for changes to be made to DoubleTalk and how it should look (and be distributed) in the future. After editing/publishing DoubleTalk for the past 30 years, we think that it is time for a DoubleTalk to obtain a new and fresh perspective.

It's been a joy (most of the time), editing Double Talk, receiving your articles, being the first ones in the TCA world to read of your adventures, or of your new finds, or just reading your letters first. We love sharing your words and enthusiasm with the sport. And we'll still love reading your articles in the future.

When we started our stint as your volunteer editors, Double Talk was produced using a word processing package called "WordStar". (If anyone remembers WordStar, you're really showing your age). The operating system we used was CP/M. DOS wasn't the major system yet, and don't even mention Windows or the Internet. E-mail was used for sending text messages back and forth, spam a meat you ate out of a can, not junk in your electronic mailbox. We printed it on a dot matrix printer and pasted them in place on 'dummies', and maintained the mailing/membership list in dBase II. The "Web" was what you blundered into when you were crawling around under your deck, and you had to watch out for spiders.

We thought we were really moving up in the world when Windows arrived, and with it, new word processing capabilities. WordStar for Windows appeared, and it was much easier to do the layout of DoubleTalk by computer. We added a scanner and a laser printer, and it became easier to include pictures and other graphics.

Finally, we moved into publishing programs with even more capabilities, and DoubleTalk moved forward even more, evolving into the magazine that's in your hands today.

TCA membership has changed over the years, too. Our first issue we produced, back in 1984, was mailed to less than 300 addresses. At its peak, we mailed each issue to over 2700 addresses. Now, TCA is back to a level of just over 600 members/addresses. We're happy to report that TCA membership seems to be climbing again, thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of our membership team – Duncan & Laura McCabe.

Over these 30 years, more teams than we can possibly remember have contributed to DoubleTalk and TCA, and we can't begin to thank all of them. Special recognition goes to Malcolm Boyd and Judy Allison, founders of the TCA and the first editor of D-T. Malcolm and Judy offered us much encouragement, and Malcolm maintained the membership list for us in the early days, sending it to us via modem when we were ready to publish another issue.

Steve Reker helped us immensely in the beginning, doing much of the graphic design and supplying TCA with many of the cartoons we published "back then". Please
share your
thoughts
with
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Thanks, Steve, we appreciated your early efforts in moving Double Talk forward.

Others that have helped over the years include the many folks who've contributed art work for the covers, who have helped us with redesigning the layout of DoubleTalk, and the folks who've banked your membership dollars and paid the bills of the club. We'd also like to thank all the folks whose names have graced the pages of DoubleTalk these past 30 years, both on the masthead and as authors of the many articles we've had the joy of publishing.

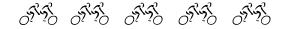
And we don't want to forget mentioning our website. TCA moved onto the Web many years ago, thanks to the initial efforts of Roger Strauss (founder/hosts of the Georgia Tandem Rally). It's continued over the years under several different webmasters since Roger's first efforts, and the website is an important part of the TCA today. We believe it can be an even more important part in the future. Perhaps the web will replace DoubleTalk. Who knows?

Now, as we bring this editorial to a close, we ask for a team to come forward and volunteer to take over DoubleTalk for the future. We're asking for someone with vision of what DoubleTalk can/should be, going forward, and have the time, energy, and enthusiasm to strive to make that vision a reality. If you're that team, let us know. We'll work with you to ensure a smooth transition.

We're not leaving TCA, of course, and we promise we won't leave DoubleTalk until it's in good hands for the future. You'll still find us at the major rallies, and once we step down, we'll anxious to become regular contributors to DoubleTalk. We hope new Editors come forward before the end of 2013.

And of course, we always end our editorial by asking that you write us an article or two, and send them immediately. We want to share them with other TCA members through the pages of Double-Talk. Please send your articles and letters to us via e-mail (editor@tandemclub.org). If you're including pictures (and pictures do make a better article), please don't embed them in the article. Please send any pictures to us in a separate message, with any captions you feel would be appropriate.

Let's go ride!



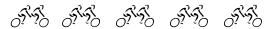
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might only hear, "Go" He can say "1, 2, 3, stop."

I would love to know about more conventions that other teams use to help communication on a tandem.

> Alvin Golub & Gail Morse Brooklyn, NY



Dear DoubleTalk,

We have been tandeming since 1994 and some of our routes are in very heavy traffic as we live in New York City. We found we needed to use precise language for communicating information in order to be understood. For example, when the captain needs to tell the stoker to speed up, he shouts "Go." To slow down he shouts "slowly." (In poetry this is a trochee). If he uses the word "slow" this can be misunderstood as "go." This makes even more sense since "slowly" is an adverb, as in "walk slowly." rather than walk slow.

There are other conventions a team could follow "Am I in the middle ring?' The answer is always "Yes" not "middle." When the captain asks, "Do I turn here?' The response is always "left turn" or "right turn" not "yes". Never just say "right" alone as it might mean correct. If the stoker wants to stop and it is not an emergency, she says "Stop in a good place." Not "Stop" as this could cause an abrupt dangerous stop. When the captain wishes to make a non emergency stop he never says "Going to stop," as the stoker

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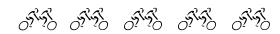
We were delighted to learn that the tandems in the Saint Louis, Missouri area have been getting organized. If you live in the area please get in touch

TOO - Tandems Of the Ozarks

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John White is heading things up you can reach John at

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Zipp 101

A Fast, Everyday Front Tandem Wheel

After about 9 years riding a Mavic Ksyrium front wheel, two alloy nipples cracked when the local shop attempted to true the wheel. Since the wheel only needed truing every 3 years or so, we had no complaints. Unfortunately, the alloy nipples had corroded/bonded to the steel spokes and the cost and effort to replace all 18 nipples were too much for an old wheel. And, I (the captain) wanted to something new. We (the stoker always agrees with the captain on new bike toys) wanted a wheel that was good for fast group rides and strong enough for everyday use. We also wanted an aluminum rim since we often ride in the mountains and did not want to worry about heat build-up or special brake pads. We weigh about 300 pounds (plus bicycle) and have had great luck using single bike front wheels. Though southern California roads are not in great condition, they are not too bad

We chose a Zipp 101 rim, a DT240 hub, and Sapim CX-Ray aero spokes, 18 spokes radially laced to the rim with brass nipples. In early 2012, the "standard" Zipp 101 front wheel had 16 spokes and their hub had mixed reviews. Since we wanted 18 spokes and Zipp does not warranty their wheels for tandem use, we had a wheel custom built by Wheelbuilder. com. Wheelbuilder.com is based in El Monte, CA; we also supported a local business and avoided shipping costs.

About 2 weeks after ordering (April 2012), we had a new (hopefully) fast wheel. On our first ride, we took 90 seconds off a 17 minute climb. While a tailwind helped that day, the next few rides were quicker than usual. Throughout the season, our speeds were generally a little faster than on the Mavic Ksyrium. We had several rides in strong crosswinds and the wheel handled great. Even in gusts, the front was not blown around. It did take a little while to get used to cornering. I was not sure if the wider rim (compared to the Mavic Ksyrium) changed the 23c tire's contract patch or if the wheel just had more flex. At first, when descending windy mountain roads or cornering in a large group, the wheel felt different. I couldn't explain what it was, but after riding the wheel for a season, I don't notice it any more.

The wheel has held up great. It did need truing once after we clobbered a big pothole. We were drafting a single bike who suddenly decided to bunny hop. In my first year of captaining, I learned never to try to bunny hop a tandem, at least without warning the stoker. Amazingly, we did not suffer pinch flat; the wider rim width probably helped. Though we mentioned the aero spokes to our local bike shop, they did not keep the spokes from twisting during truing. We then took the wheel back to Wheelbuilder.com and they realigned the aero spokes and trued the wheel for free!

After one season, we are very happy with the wheel and have had no problems even though we exceed Zipp's recommended weight limit and Zipp does not

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recommend any of their products for tandem use. Also, the DT hub is one of the smoothest hubs I've ever felt. While the CX-Ray aero spokes are pricey ~\$3/ spoke, with only 18 spokes, they are worth it. However, make sure your local shop has experience with high-end wheels if service is needed. Wheelbuilder.com was easy to order from, provided great, fast service, and so far they really stand behind their work. We also bought a 36-spoke rear wheel from them and it has held up great.

Michael Kantner Pasadena, CA



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Getaway for Two

While it's always nice to tandem TWOgether locally, sometimes it's nice to get away for a change! Local riding, except for the weather, makes logistics minimal. Like, where do we stop for coffee?

Sure, reverse a ride or combine a couple routes but after you've repeated them for the umpteenth time it is nice to find some other locales.

We started tandeming w-a-y back in January of 1975 in Michigan. By summertime we wanted some new places to conquer and see how well we could do on a bicycle-built-for-two. We decided to try a two-day tandem toot from the Detroit suburb of Utica into Canada to visit relatives in Tupperville, Ontario.

Logistics were not difficult; there were only three choices on how to get into Canada. Crossing the big bridges in either downtown Detroit or Port Huron or pedaling to the nearby town of Algonac on the St. Clair River and taking a ferry boat across into Canada. We opted for the short ferry ride and upon landing, Canadian customs were minimal. No passports needed at that time and after a quick glance at our mode of transport, the customs agent asked ". . .and where might you be headed on that thing?"

The most vivid recollection we have is that it was an unusually hot and humid mid-summer day, and soon after we entered Canada we noticed our pace was slowing down considerably Yikes! It was so hot that our tires were cutting a half-inch deep rut in the blacktop!

Our relatives were surprised to see us show up on our Follis tandem on such a blistering summer day. Thank goodness the next day's return trip was cooler!

Our next tandem adventure that year was in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where it is generally quite cool. We started from St. Ignace and pedaled over the rolling hills to Drummond Island. A very nice and quiet tandem ramble!

We soon learned of a tandems-only ride being planned in Kokomo, Indiana on Labor Day weekend 1976. Now that sounded really interesting!

Well that was the very first Mid-West Tandem Rally with around 30 l-o-n-g bikes in attendance. So a tradition was hatched to do this type of event in different places in the mid-west over each long Labor Day weekend.

We liked that concept and have attended many MTRs since.

At this first MTR we were asked if we would be interested in joining a group of fellow tandemists and form a national club to be known as the Tandem Club of America. Sure! We signed up on the spot and are still members of TCA.

Have ridden in such diverse locales as Kenosha, Wisconsin where we had the opportunity to ride the outdoor track on our Follis. Wheeeee! Quite the thrill to be going full tilt on a banked oval. We were able to repeat the track experience almost 20 years later on the Major Taylor Velodrome in Indianapolis.

We also attended many non-tandem specific rallies with the League of American Wheelmen (LAB now) where tandems were becoming a bit less of a novelty.

We have pedaled in such diverse places as Bar Harbor, Maine where we rode Acadia National Park . . . saw nothing but fog!!! We followed our local leader's flashing red blinker and fog did not lift 'til we hit the mainland again. However, went back the next day which was bright and sunny. We saw some great ocean views, including a tri-masted schooner under full sail, and then pedaling the park's hard-packed carriage trails and a great picnic lunch on the lawn.

We did several SouthWest Tandem events in Texas, including in Brenham which is noted for its Blue Bell ice cream with generous free samples to all riders right at the factory! When we arrived on the first day we were all set for a get-acquainted ride but a tornado whipped through the area. Some folks were already on the road and ended up seeking shelter in barns and gas stations.

At the SWTR in Waco we had a huge thunderstorm felling trees and raising havoc the night before the event . . . such fun dodging debris. Roadkill is another issue in that part of the Lone Star state; it seems that armadillos tend to be on the slow side crossing the road and they get mashed up by them cowboy pick-'emups. So the warning cry of "'Dillo!" was quite common.

La Grange, Texas was a more quiet and scenic spot for a tandem event; the area was settled in the 1800s by Czechs and Germans, which was evident in its many historic buildings and unique churches. Even more tasteful were the

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local fruit-filled pastry delicacy called kolaches; those goodies kept us fueled for tackling the numerous rolling hills in the area.

We have also attended several Southern Tandem Rallies. One, in LaFayette, Louisiana was a great tandem event . . . Flat roads and the only hill was an overpass! No squashed armadillos there, but we had a different road hazard. Overloaded trucks with just harvested sugarcane tended to drop some stalks on the road with the result that if someone yelled "Cane!" you had better beware and be ready for an evasive maneuver! And in Louisiana that fabulous Cajun cookin' gained another adherent.

Florida presented another unexpected STR experience. We attended the 3-day tandem event in Sebring. Great riding by the lake and through huge orange groves. One such road between the groves was unpaved and the tandem in front of us did an emergency stop. We swerved to avoid contact and our rear tire lost its tenuous grip and stoker Kay ended up in the white sand. Oh, yeah, she was fully sun screened and when she got up she looked like a sugar dusted cookie! Laughs all around and no real harm done.

We did a 5-day summer B&B tour in Indiana that was memorable. The tour was offered as a post-ride to the 20th MTR anniversary that took place in Indianapolis. Our gear was carried from place to place; we were given route sheets and in case of trouble a contact phone number. Between the five tandem teams we were able to handle any of the minor issues. One of the best organized

and fun B&B tours ever that followed parts of Indiana's famous Hilly Hundred. Nice rural riding; spotted what seemed to be tobacco barns like we had seen in the Delhi area of Ontario. Sure enough tobacco leaves were being harvested!

Also had a few unusual tandem chasers. We are used to dogs near farms, but here we were chased by a gaggle of geese one day and the next had an untethered goat making a charge followed by a dachshund running and yapping down the sloping driveway as fast as its little legs could move..

When we moved to Arizona we did much exploring of our new home state on our tandem. We rode the 200-mile loop to the south rim of the Grand Canyon several times.

Starting in Flagstaff, climbing to Tusayan and right next the canyon's rim.

Once we were past Desert View, the traffic was almost non-existent with sweeping views of the canyon and the Little Colorado River. A super-fast descent on the starkly beautiful Navajo Reservation will have you tapping the brakes if you don't want to exceed 50 mph!

After an overnight stay in Cameron more climbing to Grey Mountain and beyond to Flagstaff. The scenic, and very hilly, Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument loop is an option for hardy riders.

One year, riding with tandem friends, we ended up in a driving rain storm between Cameron and Flagstaff. There is absolutely no place to take shelter for miles and miles, Getting wet is bad

enough but when trucks on Route 89 barreling by at 60+ mph throwing sheets of water on you . . . Even good rain gear will not keep you dry!

We were soaked and cold! We felt like we were pedaling with our feet in buckets of ice water! We threatened to stop and cut holes in the bottoms of our shoes so the water that came in could flow out! Arriving at the outskirts of Flagstaff we stopped at the local Village Inn where the waitress took pity on us and told us to park our steeds in the foyer. We must have looked quite bedraggled as she offered us all free pie to go with our meal and many refills of hot coffee.

One year we opted to ride the north rim of the Grand Canyon on a Memorial Day weekend. Started in the town of Jacob Lake (there is NO lake there!) and cycled to the north rim where we had reservations in a small cabin near the Grand Canyon Lodge. It is only a 45 mile (one way) pedal; be forewarned that if your lungs are not adapted to riding at elevation of 8,000+ feet it will be more difficult than expected.

Memorial Day can still be quite cold that far north and at that high above sea level so we had packed cold weather clothing which, fortunately, we did not need. While there was still snow in the shade between the trees, it was a sunny cloudless day and 70 degrees!

Be sure to leave enough time to hike to Cape Royal and Point Imperial for magnificent views of the canyon below. Hardly anyone there that time of the year compared to nearly shoulder-to-shoulder tourists at the south rim. One event that we never repeated in our state was the Answer to the Arizona Challenge. It is a 3-day 325 mile ride with over 22,000 feet of elevation gain. Turned out we were the only tandem team there to take on the challenge!

Starting in Phoenix it climbed to the miniscule town of Strawberry on the Mogollon Rim; thence via a 20-some mile descent into Cottonwood and then UP Mingus Mountain via the historic town of Jerome for an overnight stay in Payson.

The third day was a 125 miles back to Phoenix . . . Some climbs in the beginning but then less challenging; however the temperature went up and up! It was 103 degrees when we crossed the finish line! The next year, that same event suffered a snowstorm on Mingus Mountain. Fickle weather!

Tucson, where we live, offers many local cycling events/challenges.

We have done the El Tour de Tucson 15 times on our tandem as Bike Patrol. While we do not race it, we offer assistance to cyclists with mechanical, physical and other issues. The Tour of the Tucson Mountains is another of our favorite events.

And, as members of the local bike club, we've led literally over a hundred rides, for singles and tandems.

We have been retired for over sixteen years, we no longer need to rush hitherand- you to enjoy different locales over long weekends or vacations.

Southern Arizona tends to get a bit warm with summertime often hav-

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ing weeks in a row of 100+ degree days. After retiring we've come up with a good way to avoid that summer heat wave!

We find a locale that offers long and cool summer stays. The internet is a great tool to aid in your search. Many college towns have empty living quarters, either at the college proper or in the town, as the kids go home for the summer. A few colleges actually offer Summer Citizen programs that can include various activities. We have spent full summers in such diverse places as Eugene, Oregon, Twin Falls, Idaho, Duluth, Minnesota and our favorite, Logan, Utah.

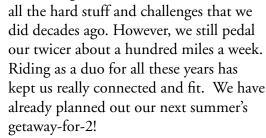
We always opt for maximum three months stay . . . we don't like packing and unpacking!

We usually manage to get in around 1,500 miles during those stays and have had some great adventures. It really gives us a chance to get to know an area and its people. Like enjoying potato ice cream in Buhl, Idaho; watching 4th of July fireworks by Lake Superior all bundled up and heavy blanket over us while sipping hot coffee just to keep warm; getting caught up in a cattle drive near Avon, Utah: old fashioned Dutch Oven dinners and mountain men campouts; great old warplanes show and fly-by in Jerome, Idaho. Arriving in time to witness the colorful and traditional graduation ceremony for Canadian Mounties in Regina, Saskatchewan or the 3-day Cruise-In for around a thousand collectible/classic/hot rod cars culminating in a full hour cruise around the town's Main Street on the final day . . . Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!

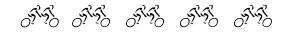
In our over 230,000 miles of riding TWOgether we've pedaled in 30-some states and provinces; at sea level and as high as 9,200 feet; in cities and quiet country lanes.

We consider our tandem(s) as an investment in our continued good health!

Being in our late seventies now, we no longer do



Kay and Rudy Van Rhenterghem Tucson, AZ





Trips For Kids

We currently have two tandems: a Santana Sovereign and a RANS Screamer recumbent. We also have two single bikes, a Bianchi Milano comfort bike and a Huffy mountain bike. The last bike is one that I, Pat, ride with the Trips For Kids mountain bike program for inner city kids. The local South Eastern Michigan chapter is located north of our home in the Baldwin Center. This is in the nearby working class city of Pontiac, Michigan. I only use it a few times a year when their rides are held on single track dirt mountain bike trails. These go through one of the many nearby parks. Although, not the quality of the rest of our bikes, I have upgraded it enough to keep up with the sweep position in the back of each group. Here gather the weaker riding kids who get separated from the stronger riders up in the front.

We always start off each ride with brief safety instructions and demonstrations on shifting and braking. Whenever the trail is paved, he will use one of the tandems to ride with one of the inexperienced riders as a stoker on the back Even the conventional diamond framed Santana is unique for them. The RANS recumbent is even more so. Once they see a tandem, most of them are lined up for a chance to ride on the, "bicycle built for two". On either tandem, I have found that these bikes provide a very good way to demonstrate things with which they are unfamiliar with. Many of these younger riders have only had experienced riding on children's 20 inch coaster brake bicycles. So, while having them doing the pedaling for both of us, showing them what the gears do and how the hand brakes work is very easy for the captain up front These lessons come across very quickly for them. On the other hand, when riding the sweep position on a single mountain bike, it becomes very apparent, usually when going up the first steep hill, that some of these young people don't know how to use the gears to downshift. This shows up when they approach the hill in too high a gear. Then he or she does not have the power in their young legs to get more than halfway up the steep hill and then they stop. Of course, this happens right in front of everyone behind them. Then we all have to stop, get off of our bikes and walk up the hill following behind them! Going down the other side is where their lack of knowledge about using handbrakes quickly becomes apparent Volunteer adult riders are always needed for this worthwhile cycling program. There are now chapters in most, 70, major U.S, cities. Contact your local chapter or the main office in California and offer your services. You can ride with an existing chapter or even start a new one.

Another event where we use our tandems at is the annual Senior Sports Education Camp. This is held annually at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan every mid May. This is after the school year ends but before the summer sessions start There are very few students on campus and all of the sports facilities are available. This camp is put on specifically for blind or low vision youngsters who come from all over the Midwest. Because they are blind, very few

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of them have participated in any of the sports offered at their local schools. At the camp, a wide range of various sports are introduced to them. Gymnastics, field and track, judo, wrestling, goal ball, swimming, rowing and tandem bike riding are just a few.

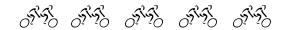
Most of the first year students have never been on a bicycle of any kind. The rides are held on a remote part of the campus that has a large parking lot and smoothly paved roads with very little traffic. On rainy days we move to the lower level of a enclosed two story parking deck.

On the first afternoon and early evening, after giving the beginner athletes some instruction, we give them what is their first bicycle ride, ever! On the second day, we give rides to the returning athletes. These have always had at least the experience of riding from the previous year's camp. Then, on the last day, we have a time trial tandem bike race. The enthusiasm that the kids have for this optional sport is, almost, overwhelming. We never seem to have sufficient numbers of captains for the numbers of kids who want to ride.

This is a very rewarding experience for the captains. We have found that with the assistance of a sighted captain that a blind person, be they either adult or a youngster, who wants to ride makes a very capable stoker. The camp provides meals and housing for out of town volunteers. Various days are available. If you ride, you are welcome to spend only one day or you can, stay for all three days. Most captains prefer to bring their own

tandems. But, if you do not have a tandem bicycle yourself, the camp program does own several good tandem bikes that you can ride. If you have never captained a big bike before, but have good riding skills, we can provide introductory lessons to prospective captains before the rides with the kids start

> Pat and Mary Margaret Flinn Dearborn, MI



Son of Bicycle Fitting

Some time ago I wrote about the joys of bicycle fitting. and how much my stoker and I benefitted from a fitting done by Jeff Frame, here in Indiana. Several teams we know have visited Jeff and most, if not all, have experienced improvement in both comfort and performance as we did.

We are four years and two tandems removed from our first fitting with Jeff. Before our first fitting, we were about to leave for a Santana Rally on the Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, MD. Now, in two days we would be leaving for another Santana Chesapeake Bay event -- this one in Irvington, VA. Lots of miles have passed under our wheels over the past four years, and our bodies have changed some. This past winter we spent two months in Florida I'm no longer a "mileage monger," counting every ride and every mile we/I ride. I'd estimate we rode about 500 miles in those two months in Florida, certainly not an excessive distance. But during the last couple of weeks there, my Stoker began to experience considerable pain. It was mysterious to me, to say the least. During the previous summer we had ridden a Tour of Quebec on the same bike with the same set up. My stoker had no problems what-so-ever. That Tour was 7 consecutive days of riding, a total of about 300 miles. Now, there was a tentative diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, but further testing revealed her pain was not RA, but was the result of inflammation. But what was causing this inflammation? I'd go to the ends of the earth to insure my stoker was comfortable. So it was back to Jeff Frame for

a re-evaluation. We weren't surprised to learn our bodies had changed in strength, flexibility, and tissue suppleness. And those changes necessitated a bit of tweaking of our bike's set up After some minor adjustments, we went for a short ride, which felt good. I'm not about to pepper this with superlatives. Our weekend ride w/Santana will tell the whole tale. The bottom line here is fitting is not a static event As we grow older, changes need to be made.

Also I want to back pedal (no pun intended) on a position I took about saddles. I was taken aback when Jeff suggested a stoker saddle change. I felt proper position on the saddle, not the saddle itself, was the key to comfort. It turns out this may not be the case. Jeff recommended an Adamo Century, made by Ism. (For more information, check out ISM's website at www.ismseat.com. We'll see how the new fitting works out before we investigate a new saddle. But I'm open to anything that could make my stoker's riding experience better.

The riding season is about 0 get under way in earnest. If you've had a fitting and are experiencing some problems you've never had before, it may be time to get an "up-date." Have a great season!

> Richard DiLorenzo Muncie, IN

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July 4, 2013. **HOOTS (Hoosiers Out On TandemS) 4th of July Ride.** Fort Wayne, IN. http://tandemhoots.ning.com/

July 20, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Night Ride. Union, IL. We will meet in downtown Union. Lights are required. We will ride about 25 miles and then have drinks at Clausens. Contact the ride leader before the ride start. http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

July 26-27, 2013. Springbike Too 2013 Tandem Social. Republic, MO. This is a new event in a new area. A casual weekend, no frills, no cost, but suggested routes and ride start times. The highlights: Ice Cream rides on Friday, A full pancake breakfast (bring \$) for Saturday's rest stop, and lots of good roads. Make your hotel reservations, contact John White john.white01@sbcglobal. net to tell him you're coming and join in the fun. www.tandemsoftheozarks.com

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August 1-4, 2013. **Eastern Tandem Rally 2013.** Warren, NJ. The first group ride will be a remote start from the Four Sisters Winery in Belvidere, NJ on Friday, August 2. The roads around the winery are among the emptiest, prettiest roads in the state. Saturday and Sunday rides will convene at our hotel base. http://www.eaterntandemrally.org

August 3-4, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Campfest 2013 Ride. Seattle, WA area. This is a camping socializing riding weekend. Come join the fun. http://www.evergreentandem-club.org

August 9-11, 2013. **PIGS (Paired Iowans Going Somewhere) Iowa Tandem Rally.** Jefferson, IA. Explore the Raccoon River Valley Trail and get to know Jefferson. https://sites.google.com/site/pigsontandembicycles/

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Seattle, WA area. This is a 50 mile ride and usually involves eating each course of your meal at a

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August 18, 2013. **CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride** –. http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems

August 30 – September 2, 2013. **Midwest Tandem Rally 2013.** Greene County (Dayton), OH. G.O.A.T.S. Going Greene. The GOATS have been working hard for quite some time already and the Greene County Tourism group is helping them out. Sign up soon, you can book your hotel now for this great end of summer event. http://mtr2013.org

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September 7-8, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Wine Ride. Yakima wine country, WA. Pre-registration is required .http://www.evergreentandemclub.org

September 14, 2013. **WABITS (Washington DC Area Bicyclists In Tandem) Ride.** Washington DC Area. http://www.dctandems.org/

September 21, 2013. **CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride – Eastern Harford Co.** http://www.baltobike-club.org click on BBC Tandems

September 21, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Leaf Me Alone Ride. Barrington, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

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October 4, 2013. **Dirty DOGS (Doubles of Garden State) Get Dirty Off-Road in White Clay.** Newark, DE. We will be trail riding, BUT – this time we're staying at the Embassy Suites. http://www.d-o-g-s.org

October 6, 2013. **CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride – Annapolis.** http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems

October 6, 2013. **WABITS (Washington DC Area Bicyclists In Tandem) Ride.** Annapolis, MD Area. http://www.dctandems.org/

Otober 11-14, 2013. Fall Allegany Rally for Tandems (F.A.R.T.) FART XX. Allegany State Park, Salamanca, NY. This is our 20th consecutive year!!!!! And we have an extra day to play! Columbus day for the Americans, Thanksgiving for the Canadians. FART - an off-road MTB weekend for tandems. Private rooms. Bring food to share. Riding XC ski trails, horse trails, and dirt roads. Technically not difficult, but be prepared to climb. Register early, limited to 20 teams. For more info, contact Karen or Brian Managan, 49 Martinot Ave, Rochester NY 14609 (585)654-9624 or frosty_dog@mac.com. The cost for the camp for the entire weekend is divided by the number of teams, so the more teams, the less it costs! Check out the FART web page at http://fartmtb.org

October 18 – 20, 2013. **Southern Tandem Rally 2013.** Cullman, AL. Three great days of riding, and socializing should make this a rally to remember. Watch www.southerntandemrally.com for details or e-mail goertz@mindspring.com

October 19, 2013. CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) WABITS (Washington Area Bicyclists In Tandem) Apple Fritter Ride – Annapolis. http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems or http://www.dctandems.org/

October 20, 2013. CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) WABITS (Washington Area Bicyclists In Tandem) Queen Anne's County Ride – Annapolis.

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October 25-27, 2013. Florida Tandem Rally. The Villages, FL. The Florida PANTHERS are gearing up to present their fouth annual rally based in Florida's largest retirement community where golf carts and bicycles get their own lane on the road. If you're in the area please stop by and join us. Pre-registration is required for the Rally. Watch http://www.floridatandemclub.org for details on special hotel rates and registration information.

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November 9, 2013. **CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride** – **Tandem Tailgate.** http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems

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December 14, 2013. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Holiday of Lights Ride.** Arlington Heights, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

December 22, 2013 **CRABS (Couple Riding** a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) **Christmas Ride** – http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems

May 23-25, 2014. **Georgia Tandem Rally 2014.** Athens, GA. Keep your eyes on our web page www.georgiatandemrally.com

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FOR SALE: Burley Duet. 27-speed. Front chainrings are 27-53, rear cassette is 14-34. Avid V-brakes, Arai Drum Brake, rear rack. Shimano Ultegra shifters. Separate cyclocomputers for both Captain or Stoker. 48-spoke wheels front & Rear. Asking \$1300. For more information, contact Lee or Mary Fiegel, 262-363-2679, or via e-mail to lfiegel@centurytel.net Bike is in WI. (9/13)

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