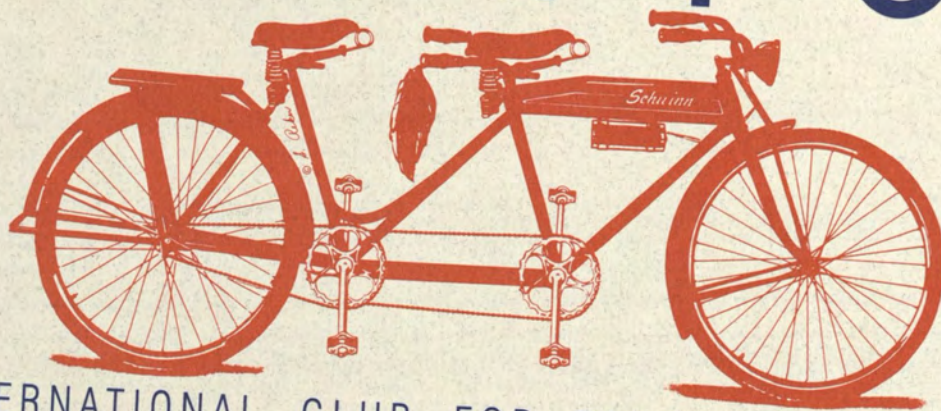


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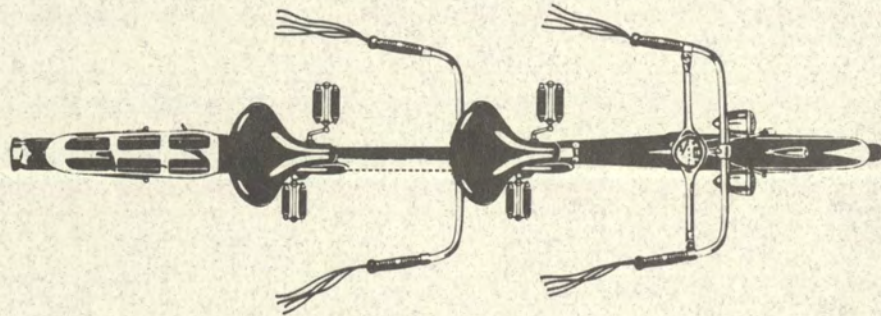
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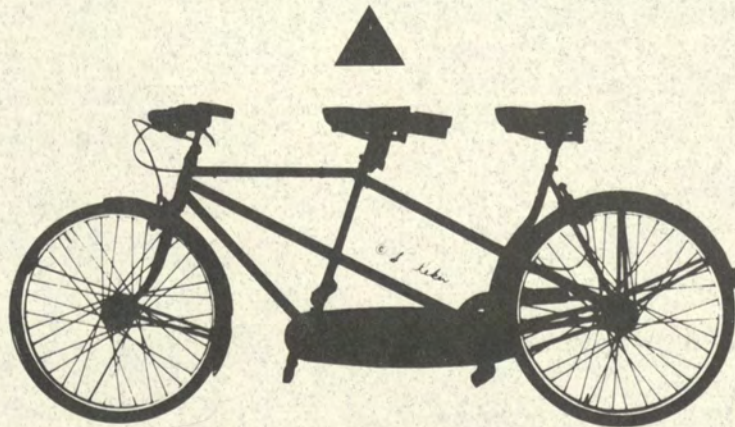
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FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings from the frozen South! Yes, as we put together this issue, Alabama is thawing out from the worst ice storm we've experienced in over 15 years, and from some of the coldest temperatures, too! It is not common for us to see three days in a row where temperatures stay in the 20's for the highs and drop into the single digits for the lows. Now we remember how a large part of the Tandem Club membership spends their winters. I guess we can take one c-o-l-d winter every 10-15 years or so. It makes us appreciate our normal, warmer winters even more so!

We've mailed out the annual 1996 Membership List in late January to all members of record as of about December 10, 1995. This is always a good time for everyone to look through it and see if your tandem friends are listed. If they're not, make a few copies of the TCA Membership Brochure that you'll find in the center of this magazine and give them out to your friends, and invite them to join the Tandem Club of America. Remind them that there is no other magazine dedicated exclusively to Tandem Enthusiasts that comes to your mailbox every other month. (While you're at it, you might want to take a moment and check your membership, too. Look at the label on the cover. In the middle of the first line there's a phrase telling you how many issues are left. You can use one of the membership applications and renew your own membership, too.) You don't want to miss an issue, and neither will your friends! Bruce and Judi Bachelder, the TCA Membership People, are ready, willing, and able to receive and process your renewal forms!

In past issues of DoubleTalk, we've asked for people willing to help convert DoubleTalk to a form that our visually impaired readers can easily use. We've received a letter from a couple who have volunteered to coordinate the effort, but they need some guidance about how to start the effort. In the

meantime, the grass-roots efforts of our members is already taking effect. Check out the letter from Donna Hardy of Lakeland, FL. We are making progress -- Donna gave us the leads for a duplication service who can do the duping at a reasonable cost and some other ideas. As ideas come forth, we'll move forward to the next step with this project. Perhaps some of us can meet at a Rally this summer and discuss some of the logistics of identifying our visually impaired members, recording the masters, making the duplicates, and mailing them to our VIP members. We're still soliciting ideas! Please don't hesitate to contact us with your ideas, and we'll forward them on to our volunteer leaders. (Their names and all pertinent info will be published when the pieces are all in place.)

Let's make 1996 the best year that the Tandem Club of America and DoubleTalk Magazine has ever seen. Don't hesitate to send us your articles (remember, you can e-mail them to us at tandems@mindspring.com). Tell us what you've been up to over the winter, the tours your planning to take. Tell us about the gew-gaw you made while waiting for the ice/snow to melt this winter. If it's feasible, include a picture or sketch or two. We welcome all tandem-related articles and contributions from our members. If it's appropriate to print -- you'll soon see your contribution to DoubleTalk printed in a future issue.

It's time to close this issue. We're looking forward to riding with you on tour or at a rally this year. See ya!



LETTERS TO DOUBLETALK

Dear DoubleTalk,



Mike & Judy Chapman

Our tandems have been one of the best things to happen to my wife and I. So when my brother told us he was getting married we knew the perfect gift! A bright blue Schwinn twin deluxe, and membership in TCA. Mike and Judy got married on September 2. A bright sunny day. We wish them many years of happiness and many miles of job!

Len & Liz Chapman
Warehouse Point, CT

Dear DoubleTalk,

THANKS TO THOSE WONDERFUL BIKERS!

My biking experience began over a year ago when I met Ernie through a local bike shop. Ernie took me for my first tandem ride. It was fantastic! After our five mile ride I knew I was hooked and wanted to bike forever. What freedom for me - a

totally blind person, to have the wind in my face, the exhilaration of the ride and doing just what any other stoker would do - pedal! pedal! pedal! Subsequently, Ernie and I shared my first 50, metric century, and century rides. I thank Ernie for opening up this new world of fun for me.



Through Ernie and the Polk Area Bike Association (PABA) I have ridden with Captain Barbara, Jeff, Donna and Don. We rolled 1,550 miles in '95, which might not be much for many of you, but what an accomplishment for me. My new Trek T-100 arrived in August which was a tremendous improvement over the Trailmate which was a gift and a great starter bike. Thanks to Charlie Sullivan, my mechanic and encourager.

A big thanks goes to "Double Talk" for a notice last fall concerning my desire to receive the magazine in a format readable by the blind. As a result Stratton and Sue Smith, tandemers from Tampa, Florida, gave me a "Reading Edge" scanner, which converts print to speech. Columns and graphics are still a bit tricky to work with but what a machine! Thanks. Also, thanks to Carson and Cheryl Fleck, tandemers from Bismarck, North Dakota, I have received the last two issues on audio cassette. Carson said he had never read like this before but wanted to help. I really enjoy his tapes as I can read while riding my Airdine which keeps me in shape. Aren't bikers wonderful? Yes they are!

I owe a big thanks to my husband, David, who is very supportive of me in my second childhood. Although he can not share the joy of riding with me because of physical challenges resulting from polio, he cheers me on from his pillow every Saturday morning as I head out the door for our breakfast ride with the PABA group. And what a group they are - I can't thank them enough for accepting me just as I



am and making me such a part of their family. The love and support is wonderful.

As for the future, I'd like to try tandem racing. Don't know if this 43-year-old can endure it but think it would be fun to try. Racing is an event in the Paralympic Games (which follow the Atlanta games). Who knows - maybe they will have a seniors games next! Anyone in my area interested in captaining for this challenge, give me a call. Time is hard to come by as I am a full-time secretary but I'll do my best to fit it in.

Yes, bikers are wonderful! I have met some tremendous people in the past year and am thankful for the outpouring of love. I hope to meet many of you on our rides and especially in Sebring in October for the tandem rally. Come and introduce yourselves. Safe pedaling and God's blessing to all of you.

Donna Hardy
Lakeland, FL

Dear DoubleTalk,



Most of us take too much for granted and often just don't get to everything on our to-do list. Bruce and I fell into that last summer. We had long planned to write a small article for Doubletalk about our little friend Matthew and his special relationship with us and our tandem. Last summer seemed the time to write about Matthew because the Gear Rally and the Southern Tandem Rally were to be in Asheville, and Matthew lived in a group home for handicapped children in Asheville. We planned to

take him to both events and he could meet and ride with the friends we had enjoyed riding with for years. We didn't write the article then, but now I will.

We had known Matthew for nearly five years and, for the past few years, had had him with us for long week ends at our house in Morganton. We always planned lots of ordinary family-type activities with him, but for sometime didn't consider bike riding. Matthew was unable to pedal or actually sit reliably on any bike seat. He was, however, very small for his eleven years, and when it suddenly dawned on us that he might well fit into a child's seat on the back of our off-road tandem, we were goofy with excitement. Though he was a little long, and his bony knees stuck in my back side a bit, Matthew fit pretty well into the first seat. We rode many miles that first year and got an even fancier seat the second year. Matthew loved being on the road. He loved the cars and trucks roaring past, the louder the engine, the better. He was even happier when motorcycles rushed past. He chortled and threw his arms up in the air when we hit 42 going down Shadowline Hill; he knew no fear. He even laughed when we dumped him in the ruts and weeds at the tree nursery. We dressed up and rode in the 4th of July parades; there's nothing like trying to maneuver a tandem with a kid on the back among trikes and bikes ridden by little kids riding in the street for nearly the first time. Matthew loved it and so did we.

Matthew did ride with us in July at the Gear Rally in Asheville. We did some magnificent hills with that little fellow on the back. He naturally had no idea of the effort up those hills, but he surely enjoyed the ride down. He loved the echo he





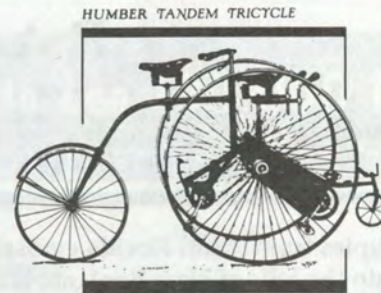
produced in the tunnel on McDowell Street. He enjoyed the crowd of friends and the music at the barbeque. We were sure the rally in September would offer the perfect opportunity for more of our tandem friends to meet this child we enjoyed so much.

In September, however, North Carolina produced another rainy rally, and Matthew had bronchitis; so we couldn't take him to the rally. We did have other rides with him, but his last ride for the year was the end of October, just before hip surgery in November. Matthew rode 444 miles in 1995, laughing most of the way. He recovered nicely from his hip surgery, and we had high hopes for much more riding in 1996.

Unfortunately, the odds were evidently against Matthew as he fell ill in January and died in emergency surgery on January 13th. We were with him and were able to hold him one last, incredibly sad time. Now we grieve for him and for what might have been. The Monday following his death was a beautiful warm day, despite piles of snow everywhere. We took one last ride for Matthew. We packed up his cycling shorts, his '93 Southern Tandem Rally shirt, and his tiny gloves, strapped them in his helmet on his bike seat; and rode out Piedmont Road on the route he loved. We stopped and cried along the way and had to imagine Matthew's chortle on the hills.

We'll still ride Matthew's bike, but it surely won't ever be the same.

Judi and Bruce Bachelder
Morganton, NC



Dear DoubleTalk,

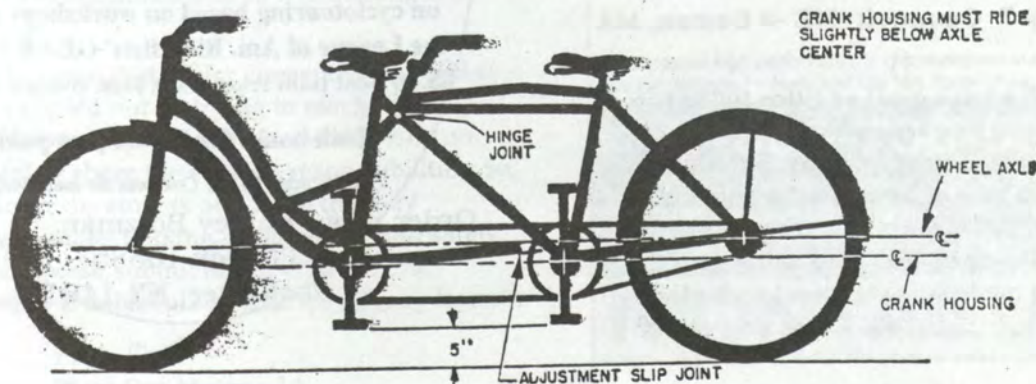
Interested in old how to projects? I found a 1962 article from Surplus and Salvage Projects entitled "Tandem Bicycle" "Put more fun and healthful zip into your family living with this bicycle built for two" by Harold P. Smith Materials required include:

- 1 man's bike, full size 26" complete
- 1 woman's bike, full size 26" complete except for wheels
- 1 extra drive sprocket & drive chain to match above
- 1 3' length, 1 1/2 x 1/8 cold rolled flat steel (sometimes called steel strap metal)
- 7 assorted screws & nuts

The woman's bike becomes the front seat for this tandem, the man's the rear. The chain stays from the woman's bike combined with the cold rolled flat steel become the chain adjustment slip joint. It's quite a project. Interested? 1962 Surplus & Salvage projects, Davis Publishing, 505 Park Ave, NY, NY.

Len Chapman
Warehouse Point, CT

SURPLUS and SALVAGE PROJECTS





BARNE TOUR

Here's a report on the best cycling vacation of my life - the Everglades Bicycle Club BARNE (Bicycling Around Rural New England) tour.

Five couples from south Florida embarked upon a journey into the hills of New England. It was wonderful, cool mornings, warm days and great companionship. It was not planned this way, but we were all on tandems. The roll call included 3 Land Sharks, 1 Sterling and 1 Santana. Being from FL, most of us had not been able to train for the hills, but we all handled them well. It was fun to charge up a steep incline for the rush of a fast decent as a reward. Some of the RAs, (rear admirals), not having experienced descents before, remarked upon the potential use of those funny, silver levers mounted upon the front handlebars. It certainly must be intimidating barreling down a mountain behind a captain who insists that "The bike was always under control". This sounds like one of the three great lies of all times, right behind "the check is in the mail" and "[censored]". Maybe Pamela would be willing to run a RA descenders support group. Also, most of us became adept whiners at the sight of the "rises in elevation".

Our itinerary and approximate mileage:

- Day 1 Boston, MA -> Exeter, NH 94 miles
- Day 2 Exeter, NH -> Wolfboro, NH 72 miles
- Day 3 Off
- Day 4 Wolfboro, NH -> Harrison, ME 74 miles
- Day 5 Harrison, ME -> Ogunquit, ME 88 miles
- Day 6 Off Day 7 Ogunquit, ME -> Boston, MA 99 mile

The days off were a great addition to the trip. They allowed us to recover and enjoy the local offerings. A couple of trip highlights included the incredible helpfulness of a postmaster and local police officer on the one occasion when our group got separated. They drove around looking for the "lost sheep" and made sure we found each other.

The second occurred in a small bike shop. We were talking to the proprietor about lunch stops and suggested that he might want to come out to see our unusual bikes. He hedged a bit, since he was a little preoccupied, and asked if we were the group he had passed the day before. "Well" replied one of our witty members, "You'd probably remember us, since we're a group of 5 tandems". "5 tandems!" said the incredulous shop owner. With that he strode outside for a look. I guess he has never attended one of the tandem rallies.

Joshua Feingold
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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BRAKING REVISITED

I am writing to TCA readers for correction, clarification, appreciation, encouragement and for still more feedback.

I personally appreciated the technical tandem brake testing efforts and results reported to us by Malcolm Parry of Hampshire, UK in the May/June 1995 issue of DoubleTalk. When I saw my name included in the article I was pleased that his conclusions agreed and were in support of my observations. However, in the article Malcolm made an erroneous conclusion from reference to a piece I had written. I went back and found my article in the May/June 1991 issue of DoubleTalk. I believe Malcolm and I agree, the only error was in remembering quotes from articles four years ago.

In my conclusion in 1991, I wrote "one brake - one brake lever." Yes, in the article I did refer to my trying the two cantilevers being coupled together with one brake lever, but stated through the story how I was not satisfied with the results.

Malcolm's article as well as the quick experiences of Willard Wheeler and the Whites, however, brought out in my mind two additional observations and my main reason for writing to TCA readers. 1) I would be interested in 'on the road' experience and impressions with the fairly new hydraulic braking systems (these systems eliminate concerns over cable size or stretching); 2) I would like to hear from stokers and captains that have maintained the two levers for two brakes system up front and given the third brake control to the stoker. Have you used a standard brake lever, thumb shifter or bar end? Have you had communication struggles over when the third brake is utilized and to what strength or degree?

I tend to agree that under concentrated braking the captain should not be trying to reach for or making efforts to adjust a third lever and why not have the stoker share the braking responsibilities. So, let's hear from the stokers and hope that nay techniques to make braking go smoothly and safely helps us all. Please submit all experiences and conclusions to DoubleTalk so that we all may learn.

Ernie Fisher
West Des Moines, IA

How to Log 100,000 Miles This Year on a Tandem



January 2

10:30pm. Board Quantus non-stop L.A. - Sydney Flight #1356.

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8:05am. Land in Sydney. Grab Airliner II hardcase and gear off luggage belt. Unpack TriFrame Tandem.

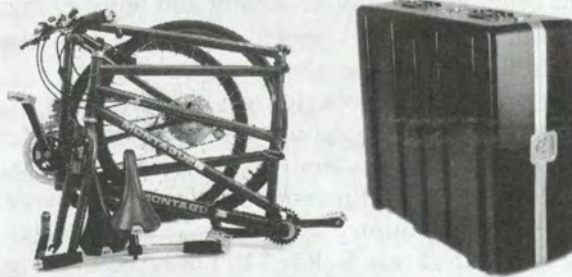
8:27am. Ride away from airport on TriFrame, towing Airliner II trailer, loaded with luggage.

January 9

7:00pm. Arrive at a country inn after 5 days of scenic tandem touring.
7:04pm. Fold TriFrame & carry upstairs for safe closet storage.

January 15

5:17pm. Pull up to Sydney airport in taxi, with TriFrame in Airliner II in the trunk.
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My wife and I sold our ancient 10 speed bikes that we both had owned for 15 years in October 1994 for two Cannondale mountain bikes. Together we decided to start biking with our 3 year old daughter Cassandra and our 1 year old son Adam. The Winchester pull behind was serving us well. The two kids could spend 25 miles together napping, playing with toys, drinking and eating snacks they don't ever get. We had ridden the Shoreline Tour out of Mackinaw City, Michigan in 1993 with Cassandra and in 1995 with both children to do something different. That was the extent of our biking other than rides in the neighborhood. That was until July 1995.

While "Up-North", as Michiganders say, in Boyne City, I was browsing the magazine section while the kids were sitting through story hour in the back of the book store. I picked up the summer issue of Tandem Magazine out of curiosity. The following Saturday I again flipped through Tandem magazine and showed my wife. I again left without the magazine because I did not own or want a tandem.

The day we began driving south at the end of our vacation Orysia, (my wife), stopped at the book store and I purchased Tandem Magazine for some reading material. During the three hour drive home I read every article, advertisement and word of the issue. I began to think I needed a tandem, or at least I should have a tandem. On the cover was the picture of a four year old riding a tandem. Then there was the letter to the editor of a four year old riding 1,000 miles on a tandem. Following that was the special family section with articles of an 11 year old riding cross country and an 8 year old riding a week long tour. I was feeling like I must be living in the dark ages.

What was a Stokid and what were conversion kits, crank shorteners and trailer bikes? All the stories were amazing to me and I had not gotten through the half way point. By then I had been very intrigued at the concept of riding tandem. I still had not gotten to the family with a 4 and 8 year old with two tandem, racing 8 year olds and Your First Tandem articles. Two hours into the trip I was drawn into the tandem world. There was nothing

else to read and I knew Cassandra at four had outgrown the pull behind and was capable of riding distance I thought were crazy. All I needed was to find the local tandem dealer. Once my wife and I decide to do something we do not waste a lot of time.

The local bike shop did not have tandems and Cannondale was out for the year. More driving later in the week lead us to the Detroit suburbs and sending E-mail to tandem manufacturers. Within a week of spending \$3.95 for Tandem Magazine I had stack of information in Ibis, Santana, Trek, Cannondale, and Burly. Now I could tell that the inexpensive magazine was going to cost me thousands. Saturday, July 29th we dropped our children at our biking friends and went to test ride a few tandems at the tandem specialty bike shop. Ouch, as it turns out we drive over an hour and the one person that gives demo rides had gone home and could not be reached. My wife and I had decided we were interested in Santana and Cannondale. On a whim we stopped at a Cannondale dealer who had no

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tandems but he owner said at his Fraser store there was a MT100 20/18 hanging on display. Not to make the day a total bust we said we would go take a look. Ron, who rides captain for his father gave Orysia and I stoker rides than let us go on our own. Well, that was that, and we took the plunge. No more looking was needed. We were ready to purchase that day and Fraser Schwinn was in the right spot. Now we had a tandem that matched our mountain bikes.

As soon as we drove up to pick up the children, Cassandra wanted to ride the tandem like she had seen in the magazine. So she hopped on the back and I rode her around the court as she sat with her feet on the top tube. She was as excited as her parents but within two days wanted to pedal. So, it was off to the tandem shop to pick up the stoker kit and her own Rad Rat Ragz jersey. That day, I installed the stoker kit, and she rode 8 miles with me and 7 with

mom. Over the next two months we have joined TCA and the League of Michigan Bicyclists along with riding a few rides in the Michigan area: A Peach of a Ride, Falling Leaves 40, Cereal City. Orysia and I were able to leave the kids and ride 60 miles on the Blue Water Ramble from St. Clair into Canada while Cassandra and I rode 18 back road miles.

Tandem magazine was loaned to our cycling friends, that are now our tandem owning friends. We have already started planning next year and want to ride 2,000 miles and do a century. A lot of the rides will leave me pulling Adam while Cassandra and her mom ride the tandem. About the time the 1997 Midwest Tandem Rally comes to Columbus; that second tandem...

Andrew Novajosky
Grand Blanc, MI

Two Yankee Transplants Ride North

The days are cold and short now and it is time to elaborate on last summer's tandem adventure. Once upon a time in a land far away (Texas) we dreamed of taking a cross-country tandem bicycle trip. We moved from the Lone Star State to Niceville, Florida last summer and as anyone that has moved knows, the last few months prior to a move are hectic and a bike trip from San Antonio was out of the question. We decided on a trip from Birmingham, Alabama to our original home state of Indiana. This provided a reasonable driving distance, a feasible distance for a week-long ride, an airport for our return, and relatives at the destination in case an emergency bail-out was needed. We spent minimal time in trip preparation, proving it can be done, but not advised. We acquired maps and tourist information from each state and made a few phone calls inquiring of suggested routes. The main emphasis of this trip was challenge and exercise and not leisurely sightseeing as will become apparent. We arrived in Niceville from San Antonio June 28th and our household goods arrived on July 11th, 4 days prior to our planned departure for Birmingham (it was actually kind of nice to leave those piles of chaos,

although we knew it would be there on our return). By now too many coworkers were aware of our plans and it was too late to back down given the peer pressure. We departed for Birmingham, a five plus hour drive from Niceville. Jack and Susan Goertz were extremely gracious to offer us a bed for the night prior to our tandem departure, they even took us to a tandem group pitch-in dinner that night, talk about hospitality!! Fortunately, they were scheduled to lead a ride early the next morning and thus they were so kind to deliver us to the north side of Birmingham to avoid the city traffic and four significant hills. We packed as light as possible for this trip, foregoing any panniers and depending on our rear rack bag, a handle bar bag, one small seat bag and two small fanny packs (or is that two small packs for two large fannies?). We were also equipped with a tail light and a Nightsun headlight. Our gear, besides what we were currently wearing, included: five water bottles, an assortment of tools, two inner tubes, 10 Power Bars, one change of bike shorts and socks each; one pair of running shorts each, one shirt and one pair of sandals each (for formal dining), and a credit card. We would later



pay for our overzealous streamlining. Let the good times roll!

DAY ONE (SUNDAY)

We mounted the tandem at 7:42 and headed north on Alabama State Road 79 which had a decent shoulder for the first 20 or so miles, traffic was fairly light and those drivers that we did encounter were fairly courteous. Did I mention that this was the middle of July when the midwest and south experienced one of the worst heat waves in several years? As the temperature rose above 95, we could feel the zip evaporating from our legs. Fortunately, this route kept us primarily in the valleys and we had minimal climbing, that is until we approached Guntersville. Did I mention that we had tried to train for this ride but the move, other traveling, etc. had restricted our efforts to primarily 20-25 mile rides with two 50 mile rides during the previous two weeks? This, coupled with the heat, made a hill that normally would cause us minimal problem to appear like a mountain, thank God for that small chainring. We stopped at a Taco Bell for refueling, rest and a little air conditioning. Its amazing how much better you feel once you put away a couple of bean burritos and a gallon of iced tea (thank goodness for free refills). As I watched Christy fall asleep in the booth, I began to wonder how far our parents would be willing to drive to pick us up. An hour later and a few degrees warmer we remounted and headed north on U.S. 431, our minimum goal was to cross the Tennessee River Bridge to reach some lesser traveled roads. Seven miles later we approached a small hotel and decided to stay once we discovered the next hotel was over 30 miles further down the road. It was already 3 p.m. and we were far short of our overly optimistic first day goal of somewhere northeast of Huntsville, we had only traveled 65 miles. Everyone says the second day of touring is the worst so we had hoped to make the first day a long distance one. Our previous touring experience was limited to a two day 160 mile trip the previous summer so we didn't know what to expect beyond two days. Unfortunately, there were no restaurants except back in Guntersville so we made a lavish peanut butter and jelly dinner from items purchased at the convenience store across the street (somebody ought to tell them to dust off their food items once in a while). We started an essential routine of giving each other massages prior to retiring for the evening,



Susan & Jack Goertz, Bob & Christy Burnett

a therapy that allowed us to ride several extra miles each day.

DAY TWO (MONDAY)

We awoke at 4:45 a.m. and were on the road by 5:40. The sun wasn't quite up; however, we were determined to take advantage of the cool mornings and sparse traffic. We remained on a foggy U.S. 431 until pulling onto a county road, our intent was to remain on county roads through the rest of Alabama. Ironically, just as we passed through the sleepy town of New Hope we noticed a bulge on our front tire, pay back time for packing so lightly! We had two good Kevlar belted tires on our departure and thus took a chance on not bringing a spare, a mistake that we will not make again. We stopped and fabricated a boot to place within the weakened sidewall, trying to extend the distance this tire would carry us. This was mistake number two as we used a carefully cut piece of plastic soda bottle instead of something more pliable. We pedaled for 2-3 miles until a large truck passed us on this narrow two lane road forcing us off the shoulder resulting in a pinch puncture directly at the boot. The air was saturated with moisture as the fog had not lifted, this resulted in a failed initial attempt at patching the puncture, five miles later we stopped to try it again, this time successfully. It was apparent that we had to find a source for a new tire, thus we turned west angling towards Huntsville, just the thing we wanted to avoid - large urban areas. A school bus was approaching at the first intersection and we were able to get good directions to Huntsville. We stopped at a convenience store approximately 5



miles east of Huntsville to inquire where a bicycle shop could be located, enter guardian angel number one. An avid bicyclist stopped to fill his gas tank and struck upon a conversation with Christy while I was in a smoke filled store scouring the yellow pages. First the good news, there was one good, well-equipped cycle shop in Huntsville; the bad news, it was on the south side and could only be reached by HEAVILY traveled roads. The avid cyclist gave us good directions and also suggested taking U.S. 231/431 north upon leaving Huntsville towards Fayetteville, TN, a well traveled road but one that he cycled regularly. He further encouraged us that we could make it to Fayetteville before sundown, easy for him to say as the day was getting hotter and we had already pedaled nearly sixty miles. We reached the bike shop via heavily traveled roads, some reminding us of busy interstate highways. The bike shop manager was very friendly and we swapped several bike stories as he had toured the U.S. several times. One Specialized K-4 to replace the front tire and a heavy Kevlar belted IRC as a spare (as you can see we learn from our mistakes) put us back on the heavily traveled roads. It was definitely time to find a Taco Bell! A couple of

detours, burritos and mega fluid doses later, enter guardian angel number two. A lady had overheard us asking directions from the restaurant employees and chased us down in the parking lot to give us an alternate route that paralleled 231 for several miles before merging with 231. Her father had been a dedicated cyclist and she assured us this route would have much less traffic. Six miles later we merged onto U.S. 231, by now it was nearing 3 p.m., we pedaled another 5 miles on roads "under construction" before pulling off for a rest at a convenience store. By now we were starting to attract attention, a 8-9 year old boy and his dad stopped to talk as we sat on a shaded curb imbibing on Gatorade. The lad couldn't understand why anyone would ride a bicycle over 500 miles for fun, surely we were competing for prize money. Subsequently, an elderly local man sat down and talked of life and politics, he also explained the difference between a Yankee and a Damn Yankee. A Yankee visits the South, a Damn Yankee stays. Traffic was picking up as rush hour had started, we felt compelled to embark towards Fayetteville in order to find a hotel. We were at the mercy of the traffic and it was becoming apparent that drivers



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were getting less tolerant, thus five miles later we stopped at a Burger King to wait for the traffic to subside. It is interesting how the nicest people in the world transform into maniacs once you put them behind a wheel during rush hour. We experienced several more of the locals there, one of which gave us two hand-fans to keep us cool on the bike, another that cautioned us on taking U.S. 231 north of Fayetteville. The traffic was getting lighter by 6 p.m. so we started again. It was only 20 minutes later when we saw the Tennessee State Line, the sight gave us an adrenaline rush that carried us to Fayetteville with no problem. We checked in at a hotel, the one with the heavy green stuff floating in the swimming pool, and then started searching for a place to eat. A motorist honked and yelled encouragingly "you made it", it turned out to be guardian angel number one from the convenience store east of Huntsville. Sundown was approaching and we decided to hit the grocery in order to settle into the hotel prior to nightfall. We had ridden 99 miles that day, probably a third of which were detour miles. Although we arrived feeling rather chipper, it proved to be entirely due to the adrenaline rush which wore off approximately an hour later, causing a rush of nausea; even chocolate chip cookies didn't sound good. What was it everyone had said, that the second day was the worst?

DAY THREE (TUESDAY)

We pedaled out the next morning at 5:50 a.m. on U.S. 431 to avoid 231 north of Fayetteville. I still felt a quart low, but the fresh air and slightly rolling farmland dotted with cattle and tobacco patches were somewhat therapeutic. We arrived Petersburg before 7 a.m. and talked to a codger that noted our trip was relatively minor compared to the two cyclists that had passed through a week earlier that had clocked 2100 miles and were still riding to Washington DC; thanks for the encouragement, sir. From there we traveled State Road 130 northeast to Shelbyville and back onto U.S. 231, a shoulder existed part of the way until we met construction 15 miles from Murfreesboro, we were down to two lanes with no shoulder and some fast moving heavy truck traffic. The element of danger kicked the adrenaline back in and we hauled as fast as our concentrated lactic acid filled legs would take us. We arrived in Murfreesboro about 12:15 p.m. and decided to call it a short day at 56 miles as we would

have 25 miles further to reach the next hotel. I felt much better; however, Christy began to lament of how her back side was no longer having a "bonding experience" with the saddle. This hotel had a pool without the green slime, thus we hit the water immediately after checking in. We ventured through the Chamber of Commerce's "Old Murfreesboro" and actually went to a restaurant for a smorgasbord dinner. A "cool front" was supposed to be arriving that night which predicted the next day's temperature to be a cool 93 degrees. We were elated with the weather report, exchanged massages and retired for the evening.

DAY FOUR (WEDNESDAY)

It seemed that we were always fortunate enough to spend the night in a town from which the road would be heavily traveled, this proved true again as we had 25 miles on U.S. 231 before getting on quieter roads. This two lane, well traveled highway proved tolerable with our 5:20 a.m. start. Just as the traffic was reaching a rush hour peak we reached our cut off at Bairds Mill on secondary State Road 265. This quiet little road led to an unnumbered county road which took us to State Road 109, of which the segment from Interstate 40 to Gallatin was one of the best roads the whole trip. This was a smooth-surfaced two lane road with a 2-3 foot paved shoulder, was this heaven? Thankfully this shoulder existed as it became apparent that a large number of 18 wheelers used this road to join Interstate 65 with Interstate 40 in order to avoid Nashville. It was becoming obvious that nearly all body parts were finally yielding and stepping up to the challenge at hand, all that is except Christy's behind. We tried different seat positions, moving a thin towel to put pressure further posterior and placing sanitary liners to bridge over the saddle sores. Somehow these measures, several prayers, a regular dose of Motrin and a lot of intestinal fortitude pulled Christy through. We stopped in Gallatin for a liquid fuel stop and decided to push on towards Portland before stopping for lunch. A few miles out of Gallatin we stopped at a cemetery for a rest; it didn't seem like any of the residents minded. We didn't realize it at the time but we were about to embark on a high ridge with many tight switchbacks and grades that made our lowest gear moan with the strain. This ridge gave little mercy as it continued to rise for what seemed several miles. Our guardian angel was obviously there as not a single semi-trailer passed us



on this upward grade and there had been several before we started up and several after we reached the top. I seriously doubt that we were speeding past them as there were times when our speedometer was reading 2-3 m.p.h. Once the terrain leveled off we had a pleasant ride into Portland, where we stopped for some fast food. Upon leaving the restaurant we had to race a road tar spray truck in order to avoid riding on a fresh tar surface. It was only 6 miles to the Kentucky State Line, we looked for the tourist center illustrated on the map but we never saw it. We stopped in Franklin at the, you guessed it, Taco Bell, where we debated on following our proposed route of state road 73 to avoid Bowling Green or to get on U.S. 31W to Bowling Green. We decided to head towards Bowling Green where we knew we could find a hotel. This road was the first and last place we saw a fellow cyclist on our entire trip. We pulled into a hotel adjacent to Western Kentucky University at 4 p.m., the speedometer indicated a 98 mile day. We had a good laugh as we entered our room, obviously Dolly Parton's sister had stayed in this room prior to us and had forgotten an article of her support clothing. We walked around the area and visited the grocery. The weather had changed with a slight drop in temperature and a noticeable decrease in humidity, it was a welcomed improvement. We had heard that U.S. 231 north of Bowling Green was a fairly busy road as it was the main northern thoroughfare since many people avoided the Green River Toll Parkway.

DAY FIVE (THURSDAY)

We left Bowling Green at 5:15 a.m., U.S. 231 was a 2 lane road but our timing must have been good as we encountered minimal traffic. We stayed on this road past Morgantown and then turned onto State Road 505, a road we will not soon forget. This road was a roller coaster with steep inclines and descents too short to gain enough momentum to carry us over the next ascent. After several miles of this terrain, we stopped at a church for a break, as Christy sauntered into the woods she turned and spoke assertively, "you need to find another way!" There was no other way without going twenty extra miles and even then the terrain would probably be similar. Volumes of encouragement later, we pedaled into Rosine, the birthplace of Bluegrass Music. The Country Barn housed weekend events of Bluegrass and Gospel entertainers. The Barn, Grocery and

Restaurant, nearly all that existed in the town, were owned and operated by Eleanor and her husband. Eleanor was also a guardian angel: she offered words of encouragement as we cooled off with cold drinks and some of the sweetest peaches we had ever eaten; picked fresh from a neighbor's tree. We cut the chaw with some of the locals and departed on County Road 1544, Eleanor assured us there were only three sizable hills left on our route before crossing the Ohio River. We took State Road 878 to S.R. 69 which took us to Hawesville, the last town south of the Ohio River. Eleanor had underestimated the number of hills but her encouraging words rung through our ears on each ascent encountered. We wanted to stop on the bridge for a photo with the "Welcome to Indiana" sign, but construction mandated traffic to flow only one way and we were faced with oncoming traffic as we had to stop and walk over the bridge expansion grates. Indiana at last, maybe we won't need anyone to come and get us after all. Our legs felt light as we pedaled into Tell City and to the only hotel in town, but fortunately they did have a Taco Bell. We called some friends who lived just 10 miles from Tell City and spent the evening socializing. Thank you Eleanor for a successful 93 mile day!

DAY SIX (FRIDAY)

Our friends were on their way to Louisville to look at a bull and were gracious enough to spot us 30 miles, this allowed us to visit for a while longer and helped to make up for all the extra miles we rode on Day 2 detouring back into Huntsville (or at least that's how we rationalized it). We took State Road 37 north, this was the first cloudy day and the coolest that we experienced. We enjoyed a shoulder on various sections of the road which had hills but not the steep grades we experienced in Kentucky. The town of English did have a terribly steep grade but thankfully we were going down the grade. Make a point never to cycle south through English, Indiana. We arrived in Paoli close to 9:45 a.m. and made a circle around the courthouse before heading north to Orleans and Mitchell. We pumped hard through these areas as the traffic was heavy on this two-laned non-shouldered road. We encountered light rain in this area, the only rain on the trip. Shortly thereafter we connected with the newest section of 37 which is four lane with a wide shoulder; however, someone decided to put a group of perpendicular ridges every 25 feet to notify drivers



they were off the road, sort of like Braille for motorists. This road was very unkind to cyclists. The road and this shoulder was not always continuous as the road was occasionally 1 to 2 inches higher than the shoulder. We were kareeming down a hill and tried to jump this ridge to avoid the Braille ridges and nearly resurfaced this section of the road with human flesh. Our guardian angel must have been present as we remained helmet side up. The traffic from Paoli to Bloomington won the distinction of being the most discourteous for our whole trip. Amazing how you have memories of the area from which you were raised and expect people to be special, shatter one memory. We arrived in Bloomington late in the afternoon, home of Indiana University and the filming of "Breaking Away". We could have probably suffered through a long day and finished the trip today but neither of us was mentally prepared to fight 37 and the population occupying it on a Friday evening during rush hour. We even debated about giving in so close to our goal and have someone come to pick us up, but pride won out, the day ended with 77 miles on the odometer.

DAY 7 (SATURDAY)

This day was no different than the rest as we were on the road by 5:30 a.m. A good night's rest made us see things in a different light, not to mention the relative absence of traffic. Just like a horse knows when he's close to the barn we pedaled with new vigor. The terrain was rolling but thankfully most rolls were in our favor. We averaged well over 20 m.p.h. over the 25 mile distance to Martinsville where we left S.R. 37 for S.R. 39 and then to S.R. 67. Again we made great time and rolled into Mooresville before 8 a.m. We turned left on to S.R 267 and the few last miles seemed easier than those on our first day. Plainfield was our destination, where we arrived at 8:20 a.m. for a total of 40 miles. Once we pulled into my parent's driveway, I turned to Christy and suggested we had just enough time to rest an hour and turn around and make it back to Birmingham by Friday night. Needless to say 528 miles was enough for this bike trip, maybe next time. Will we do it again? Yes, but at a more leisurely pace, maybe during cooler weather and we'll consider taking a tent to avoid having motels dictate our daily destinations. Will we plan better next time? Probably not, although it would be nice to have maps with all of the county

roads to avoid high traffic areas. We rated the four states we cycled through for road conditions and courteous drivers, unsurprisingly they were in the same order. Rated from most to least bike friendly: Kentucky > Tennessee > Alabama > Indiana. Both KY and TN have several designated cross-state bike routes, unfortunately none of these were close enough to our route. These routes are outlined in nice publications which can be ordered through each states Visitor's Bureau. By the way we built a crate to airfreight (Northwest \$76) the tandem back to Okaloosa County Airport and attempted to take our wheels as carry-on luggage but were stopped at the gate. The Southwest attendants insisted there was no room for the wheels and they would have to be checked. We lost the battle but elected to have our parents ship them UPS, what loving parents will do for these children.

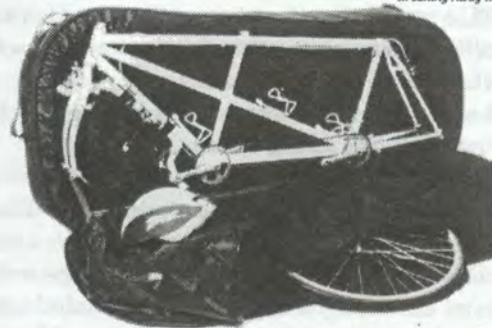
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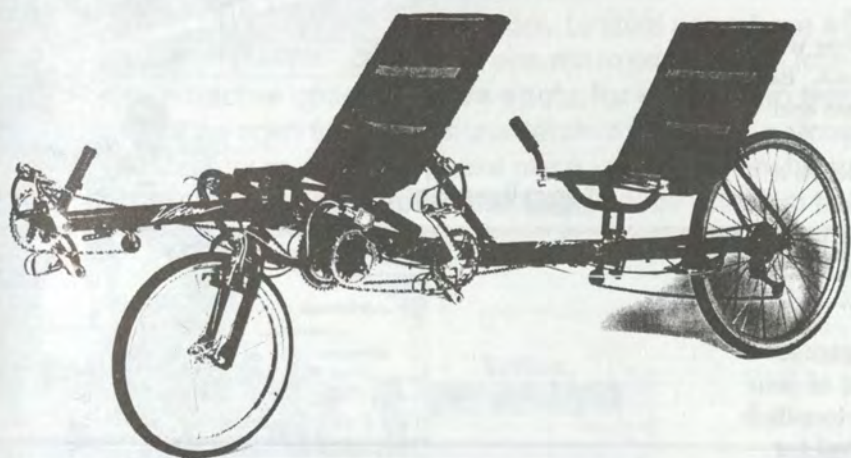


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Written by my spouse
(probably after a bumpy ride):



Our Tandem Trek Across America

It was the grandest of mornings and the fulfillment of a two-year dream -- the morning we began our tandem bicycle ride across America. Early April '95, our friends, children, grandchildren and media cheered us on as we pulled out of our driveway in Fresno, California. To say the least, it was chaotic, exciting and, of course, emotional because we were leaving loved ones for over three months. We couldn't help but think back to our daughters' first reactions to our Great Plan...

"Mom, you're 70 years old! It's too dangerous. It's too tough. You can't make it. You're out of your mind. What if something happens to you?" to which we turned deaf ears. The idea had germinated for over a year before my husband, Shannon, and I announced our decision to actually undertake our solo transcontinental trek. We hung on to our enthusiasm as we kept hearing envy in cycling friends' voices, envy that they didn't have the time to do such a tour. However, to appease all doubts, including a few of our own we had to admit, we did do a dry run of our route by car in the fall of 1994, checked the climbs and lined up the motels. Our custom-made tour was a go!

Through the TCA club roster, we contacted a bunch of tandem couples across the US and Canada. The response was fantastic and we stayed with 21 couples, but they shall remain anonymous, both here and in our book, for obvious reasons. We carried 45 pounds of gear in four panniers, a front and back bag, our tool kit, five large bottles of water and a Camelback for the desert. Instead of camping gear, we carried a credit card. We did enjoy several days of fame as we wound our way down the back roads in lush farmland to Dinuba where we stayed at a Host Home. They invited two other tandem couples for a great dinner party/send-off. Then on to Porterville and the oil orchards to Bakersfield and another Host Home. We heard shouts of "Good luck -- Have a great trip -- Saw you on TV" along with friendly waves and thumbs up. This warmth and good will sent us off in great humor.

Our hostess rode with us for a while before turning back, and we began the serious climbing of 6-8% grades up the old road through the Tehachapi



Lue & Shannon Christian

Mountains. A horrific hail storm came up at our Keene lunch stop, 13 miles from our motel. Would we like a lift into Tehachapi, a waitress asked. Yes!

Under a cloudless sky, the ride from Tehachapi to Mojave on Interstate 58 had to be one of our wildest rides. Downhill and downwind in less than an hour, which gave us most of the day to poke around this old desert town.

From this point on the desert was alive with flora. We were lucky enough to have crossed the Mojave and Arizona Deserts after the wettest winter and spring in ten years. At every new color, every new variety, I hollered for Shannon to stop so I could take a picture. At times, tiny yellow flowers literally covered the desert floor. People traveled from all over the country to see this unusual desert display.

At Barstow, we joined Old Route 66, which originates in Santa Monica, California, and headed due east to remain on or close to the Old Route until south of Chicago. From there we would head through northwestern Indiana, then take a northeastern path through Michigan to Port Huron. Once in Canada, we had mapped out a route to Toronto, then up the shore lines of Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River to Montreal and Quebec City.

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that you don't keep the Big Picture in your brain if you want to accomplish something like this. You simply project how far to lunch, or how far to the next summit or how far to the next motel and a nice shower. Mind set is one of the more important aspects of a long bicycle tour.

We rode across the tired desert town of Daggett, then Newberry where we visited the famous Bagdad Cafe. We had figured, if the motel was open, we would stay over in Amboy, 30 miles out of Ludlow. Yeah, right! The aged owners were trying to sell out and begrudgingly served us lunch, but accommodating us was flat out of the question. Our timing was terrible. The Route 66 Association has reported that it came under new management, fully operational, just two months later.

So it was onward for another 81 miles to Needles, and that wouldn't have been so bad had we not been clobbered by a sleet storm 35 miles short of the city. It was downhill most of the way, but we hadn't had the wisdom to pack real rain gear. Having to keep moving to avoid hypothermia, we pedaled all the way down into Needles.

We left town under clear skies and chose to remain on Interstate 58 rather than tackle the tough climb through Sitgreaves Pass. Unfortunately we missed the unique Old West town of Oatman where Gable and Lombard honeymooned. Our 70 mile day across the border and up into Kingman, Arizona, was long but not tough on the Interstate, in spite of the 3000 foot elevation gain.

We had fun auto touring historic Kingman with our hosts, and they chose to ride with us into Truxton. We happily stopped at Bob Waldmire's Route 66 Souvenir Shop near Hackberry and visited with Bob. This is a real must for Route 66 buffs.

Following the south range of the Grand Canyon west of Seligman, we began to notice small dirt mounds on each side of the road. Shannon said they were prairie dog burrows. For hundreds of miles we saw them fleetingly as they stood upright then scampered for their underground homes. We visited the Grand Canyon Caverns and saw ancient geological history 21 stories below the ground. One of the tougher climbs of the tour came east of Ashfork (flagstone capital of the US) where we left the high desert and entered Kabob National Forest and Williams at 6700 feet.

Our ride into Flagstaff was one our more scenic ones among beautiful ponderosa pines. It had snowed only two days before, so our timing was good on this one. Before reaching the city, we crossed the Arizona Divide at 7335 feet, our high point in this state. Once in Flagstaff, we stayed at another Host Home, then did a maintenance tire change, bought rain gear, toured and generally kicked back.

On the road again and back to high desert, we cut a straight line all the way into New Mexico. Rather than elaborate on each of many the towns through which we passed, we mention just a few. Names like Two Guns, Twin Arrows and Jack Rabbit will tell you something. Several touring options presented themselves, such as the Walnut Canyon Monument, Meteor Crater, Petrified Forest and Canyon de Chelle, but we had already done those and been there.

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Mexico is the place to buy Indian jewelry, silver and Kachina dolls directly from the natives.

I lost my old friend in Gallup, my Miyata saddle which is no longer manufactured. After at least 10-15 thousand miles of good service, it broke down. I had to settle for another brand, and that's bad news on a long tour.

The Continental Divide had more of an impact on us than any state line we crossed. The vastness of the land in crystal-clear air and the spectacular multi-colored cliffs were breathtaking. Stopping, we stood on the Divide and surveyed the desert behind us with a proud feeling of accomplishment. We looked ahead toward Albuquerque, awed at what lay in store for us, at the magnitude, the enormity of our undertaking. Focusing back to our day's goal, we continued in high spirits.

We enjoyed a fantastic tailwind and descent the other side of the Divide, but Mother Nature decided to dish out a ferocious crosswind 15 miles short of Gallup. Dodging tumbleweed was not our idea of fun.

Another great descent was Nine-Mile-Hill overlooking Albuquerque. Of course we had to get up there to come down again -- there are no free lunches. We didn't dally in this city as we chose to spend two full days in Santa Fe, the tourists' paradise. Riding out of Albuquerque through the old part of town, however, was a treat. Revitalization has done wonders in preserving and maintaining attractive shops and businesses on Route 66, an example being the KiMo Theater built in 1927.

Another tough climb up the La Bahada Grade presented itself before we reached Santa Fe, the City of the Holy Faith. People come from all over the world to visit its galleries, savor the southwestern cuisine and admire the gentle, smooth lines of its adobe buildings. We enjoyed two Host Homes in this unique city.

Las Vegas was our next stop (not the one in Nevada) and what made it special for us was a movie being shot on location at the Plaza Square. The Japanese film was entitled "When East Meets West," but we will never see it in the US. They revamped the front of the vintage Plaza Hotel and poured dirt on the sidewalks and streets for the turn-

of-the-century look. One of the actors gave us a great Kodak moment. Dressed in his 1900's costume, he was caught on film using a pay phone.

Much of our ride into Santa Rosa was on the high plains with little or no traffic. Luck was with us when we spotted a small herd of antelope close to the road. We had stocked up on snacks in Las Vegas and stopped to picnic on a grassy knoll by the side of the road. As we sat there under a clear blue sky, surrounded by wild flowers, it seemed to be the most peaceful spot on this earth.

After checking into our motel in Santa Rosa, we met two young men from France touring eastward on Route 66. Their single bikes were loaded with camping gear. That just wasn't for us.

After a stop in Tucumari, we headed for San Jon, Texas, population 250. The Indians called it San Zon, located slightly northeast of the Badlands. The next morning we headed for Vega, but the tailwinds were so awesome we dropped by the motel there merely to cancel. Why waste this kind of a wind gusting up to 40 mph! Continuing on to Amarillo, we toured the Cadillac Ranch west of town well before two o'clock -- 90 miles with hardly an effort! Wind direction and its intensity can be either the foe or the dear friend of a cyclist. If we hadn't had a Host Home here, we would have gone on into Alan Reed.

Our hosts drove us out to the Palo Duro Canyon which is a kind of mini Grand Canyon deep in the earth. And we visited the Big Texan Steak Ranch where they offer a 72 ounce steak dinner for free if you can down it in less than an hour. A bunch of people have actually accomplished this.

Being in the Panhandle, we were out of Texas in two days, headed for Erick, Oklahoma and great food at Love's Cowboy Restaurant. Going into Elk City the next day, we saw our two Frenchmen and directed them to our motel. They told us of their plans to write a coffee table book of their experiences. And one of them even invited us to visit him in Lyon, France. Maybe we'll do that in two years if we decide to tour the wine country.

While in Oklahoma we mostly had to forego our evening glass of wine as most of the restaurants were dry. Elk City has a fine museum and, having been the hub of rodeo life in North America in its heyday, the museum is full of fascinating history. On our way



to Weatherford, we suffered some extremely cold cross winds, but the wind died down and the temperature rose by the time we reached El Reno. Our next stop was Oklahoma City and another Host Home. We auto toured the nicer residential areas here but didn't get to the bombed out federal building. The cars were lined up clear out of town.

Then we were on the road again headed for Bristow. Tulsa was next at another Host Home where we spent an extra day because of rain. In the neighboring town of Claremore, we stayed with people who were friends of the Tulsa couple. Points of interest here were the Will Rogers Memorial Museum and the Davis Gun Museum. Both were great!

As we headed toward Miami, Oklahoma, we were caught in a serious thunder storm, forcing us to pull off the road at a convenience store after 20 miles. However, our Claremore host came looking for us and drove us to our motel. We dubbed him our Guardian Angel. The rain wouldn't quit for a couple of days, which put us four days off our original schedule.

In Joplin, Missouri, we had one of the best restaurant dinners on the tour -- Uncle Dave's Hickory Pit BBQ on South Main. Then on into Springfield and hosts who were celebrating Memorial Day with a fine barbecue on the veranda of their new country home.

We spent the next evening and night with hosts in Lebanon, then on to a motel in St Robert where a local radio station reporter interviewed us. Missouri is hilly, especially in Ozark country. Restaurant fare in this part of the world is fried everything, something to which Californians are not accustomed. It was up and down to Rolla, Sullivan and finally into St Louis where the land leveled off. My knees had been hurting since Oklahoma and, even with ice packs after each day's ride and daily Advil, they didn't improve. We moved my saddle back and forth, up and down, but to no avail. We thought it might be all the climbing.

Our hostess in St Louis taxied us around on errands, and we again maintenance-changed our tires. This big city offers a variety of great restaurants. Leaving St Louis, we headed north to cross the two great rivers near Afton. There were

still devastating remains of the winter/spring flooding.

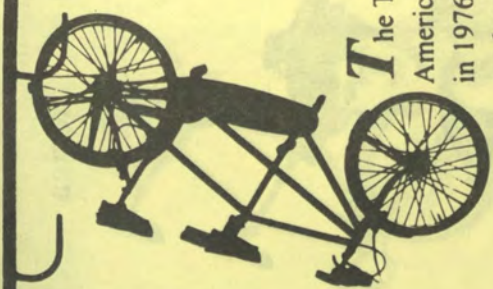
Entering corn and soybean country, we stopped in Staunton, Illinois, then on to Springfield and a Host Home. Our hostess drove us to an early Frank Lloyd Wright mansion and Lincoln's home located in a beautifully restored settlement.

Our next stop was a Host Home in Normal. They had an engagement close by and gave us the keys to their car with instructions to a fine Italian restaurant a few miles away. How is that for trust! People were wonderful to us time and time again. Our hosts rode with us the next morning part way to Pontiac, our next stop. Wilmington, 50 miles south of Chicago, was next where we left our old friend, Route 66, and headed east into Indiana with its gently rolling hills to Cedar Lakes, La Porte and Elkhart. Here our hosts gave a dinner party for us and another tandem couple to whom we had originally written. They didn't have the room to accommodate us.

Riding through Amish country we noticed the black garb, the womenfolk in their bonnets and the black horse and buggies. If we saw a farm without a trace of a motor vehicle, it was undoubtedly owned by Amish folk. They will consent to be driven in a car to their place of employment, but they will not drive. Also, they won't pose for a picture.

The territorial red-winged blackbirds were with us from Oklahoma to Quebec, scolding us until we were off their property, sometimes not over a foot over our heads.

Crossing the Michigan line, we headed for Sturgis and Battle Creek where we rode by the impressive Kellogg building. Now we were in the middle of a heat wave and couldn't find a motel vacancy in a 50-mile radius -- something about an auto race that weekend. Totally fried at 30 miles from Lansing, we gave up and phoned our host there. Bless them, they came to fetch us. We enjoyed a nice dinner party that evening with our hosts, a blind stoker and his girlfriend. Then on to our second host in Lansing the next day for a fine visit. Host number one picked us up at eight the next morning with his blind stoker friend, and they rode with us into Perry and lunch before they turned back. Scottie, the stoker, has ridden RAAM and

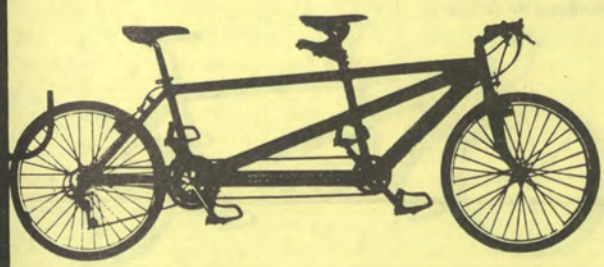


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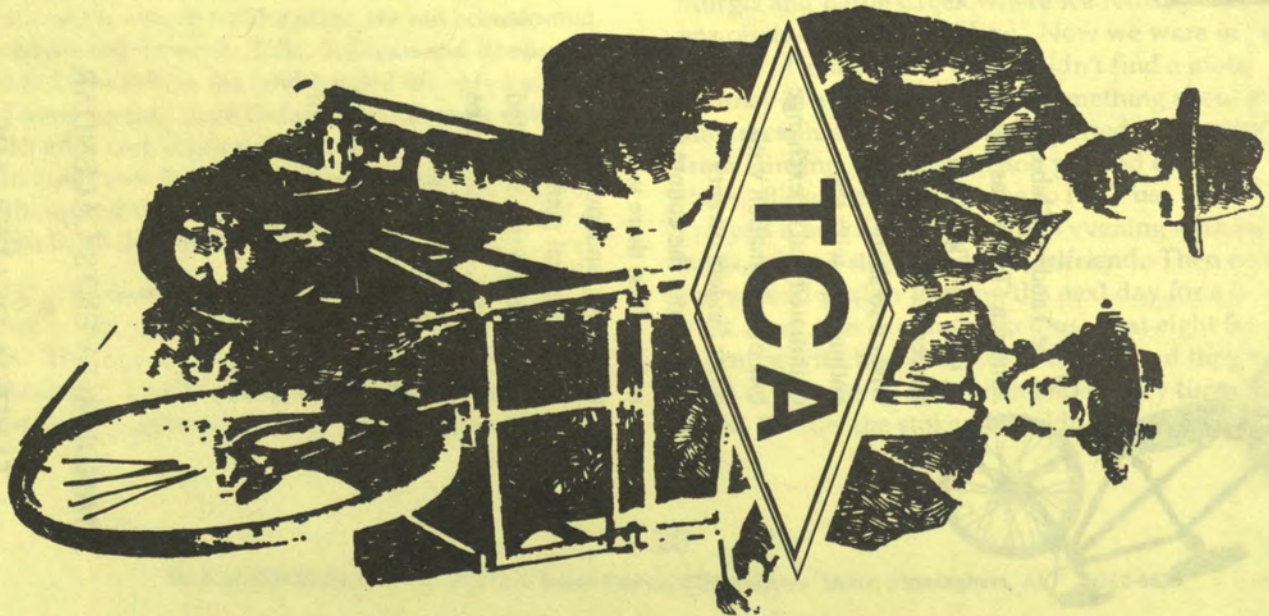
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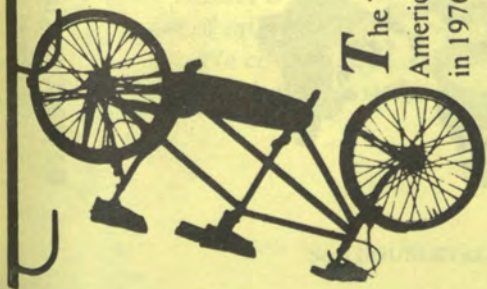
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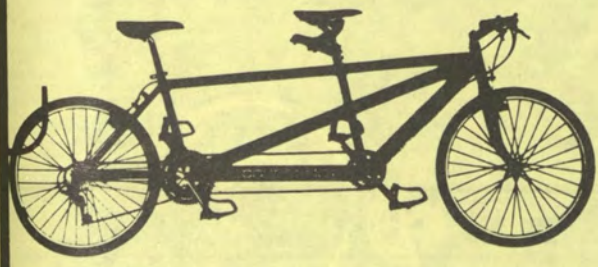


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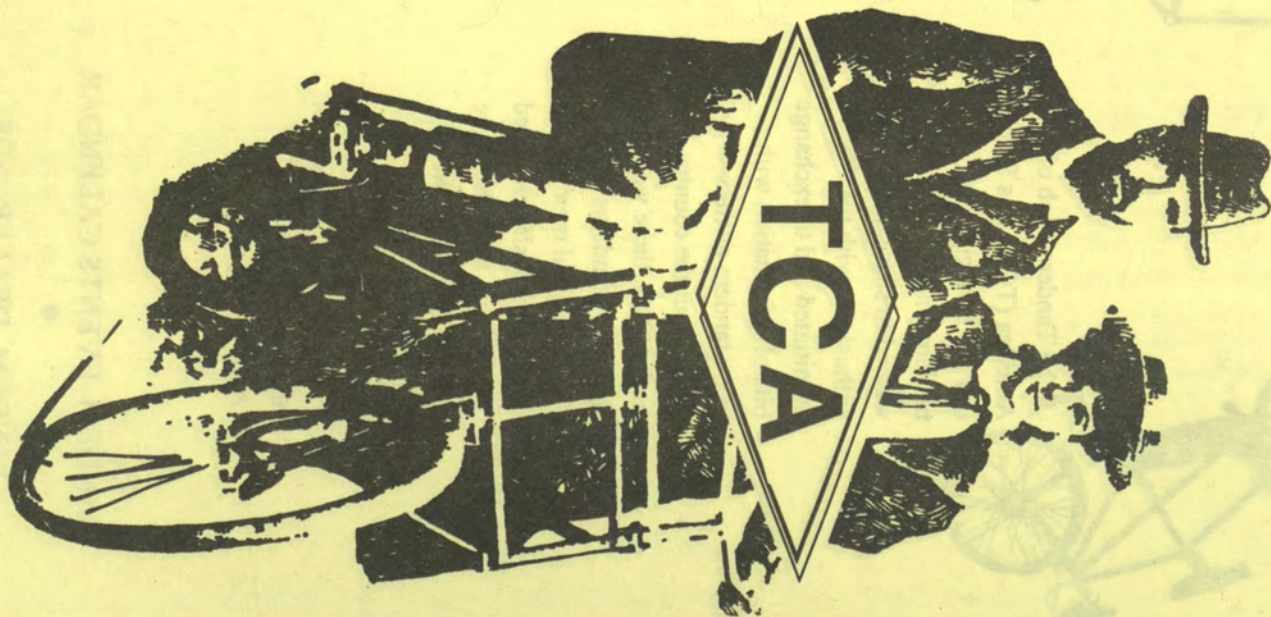
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Paris to Brest to Paris -- impressive! The heat wave was still with us.

Leaving Perry, we headed for a Host Home in Swartz Creek. A tandem couple from nearby Flint came by in the evening, and we all piled into one car to dine out for a fun time. The following morning, we picked up the Flint couple and rode together towards Lapeer. We always enjoyed it when we had some company.

From Lapeer, we headed for Port Huron and some fine restaurants on the waterfront of the Saint Claire River. A good part of this scenic area has wonderful bike paths, and we took advantage of them all for a lovely side tour on our rest day.

We walked our tandem across the graceful Blue Water Bridge into Ontario, Canada, and joined a Toronto couple we had met on the Internet. They helped us celebrate our mile 3000 in Sarnia, and then rode with us for one day into Park Hill where we stayed at a delightful converted farmhouse, now a B&B. Under a black sky, we hammered the last couple of miles, trying to avoid a impending thunder storm. We couldn't quite outrun it. In California, if you see a blue sky in the morning, it will probably be

that way all day or all week. In the east, the trick is to get in by two in the afternoon on any given day.

Our second B&B, a beautifully restored Victorian home, was in the Shakespearean community of Stratford. Our next stop was Guelph, then Toronto to stay with my cousin and her husband for a day. She had Toronto Star reporters on hand as we pulled in after 60 miles of rain. And that evening she had arranged for relatives to fly in live lobsters and mussels from Newfoundland. That was a dinner we shall never forget!

For years, our motto has been to always visit a bike shop in a large city. Toronto was no exception, and we found a couple of Myiata saddles. Happy day! We installed one and shipped the other home. Back on my old friend, I was pain-free in two days.

We would say without hesitation that the route from Toronto to Quebec City was the most beautiful of the entire tour. We followed Lake Ontario to Courtice, Brighton and Millhaven. At Kingston, Lake Ontario on our right became the Saint Lawrence River. Just a few miles up river in Gananoque, we took July 4th off and treated ourselves to a boat trip among the 1,000 Islands -- highly recommended --

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and then really splurged at a gourmet French restaurant called the Victorian Athlone Inn.

We met three contemporaries from Pennsylvania cycling and loaded down with camping gear. The ladies had left their car in Rochester and set out to cycle around the shores of Lake Ontario. They were having a great time.

We followed Lake Ontario to Courtice, then onward to Johnstown, Cornwall to enter the Province of Quebec in Dorion. Then a hop over the bridge into Montreal and another Host Home.

At this point in time, in spite of our mind set, we did start counting the days and the miles. We were only 150 miles away from the end. As the mileage decreased day by day, our energy level seemed to do the same. Our bodies knew it was almost over.

We were actually able to stay on a bike path from one end of the Montreal Island to the other. This large, beautiful city is extremely bicycle-friendly and a delight to tour. We stayed over one day, then headed for Quebec City via Repentigny, Yamachiche and Deschambault. On our last day, we climbed the beautiful capes overlooking the St Lawrence.

Happy to finally reach our destination, we were startled to come upon a humungous short grade that had to be climbed to get on to the Quebec City plateau. By far, it was the worst pitch of our entire

tour, but less than a mile. Ironically, this happened during our last hour of our last day.

We finally made it to our hotel on Laurier Boulevard at almost 50 miles, relieved it was over, but still sorry the greatest experience of our lives had ended. We toured old Quebec with a friend the following day, then boxed the tandem with his help and called UPS. Next came the car rental, and we stayed in Quebec another three days to become traditional tourists. Oh, the French cuisine! Driving into Montreal, we stayed there for three more days to tour and rest.

Then it was back to Fresno by air. It took three months plus to get to Quebec and half a day to get back! Our family and friends greeted us at the Fresno airport. The hugs felt wonderful. We felt a tremendous pride in what we had accomplished, definitely our Personal Best -- our Odyssey!

Our book is in progress on our Grand Adventure, and it should be on the market next summer. Would we do it again? Yes!

Statistics:

- Mileage: 3800
- Riding Days: 75
- Climbing Feet: 83,100
- Rest Days: 20
- Average Speed: 12.3 mph
- Flat Tires: 6
- Riding time/day: 3:55
- Accidents: None
- Daily miles: 50.8
- Illness: None
- Maintenance new Tires: 4
- Daily Cost: 95 days @\$55 (excluding phone, bicycle, bicycle shipping & air fare)
- Complimentary Motels: 13
- Host Homes: 21
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14th ANNUAL U.S. FAMILY CYCLING WEEKEND A BIG SUCCESS!

The 14th Annual Family Cycling Weekend was held over Labor Day Weekend 1995 at Camp Haluwasa in South Jersey. .

This year we had 12 families. There were 21 children ranging in age from 3 years to 16 years. Two trailers were towed and many tandems sported kid back attachments. One tandem was ridden powered by kids on Saturday.

While the highlight of the week for the kids was probably the swimming hole with the new rope swing, the adults enjoyed seeing some of the founders of the family weekend. On Saturday Mel and Barb Kornbluh joined us for lunch and on Sunday both the Kornbluhs and Nan and Scott Steketee joined us to ride. Family weekend was started by them and others 14 years ago in South

Jersey. We owe them thanks for starting a wonderful tradition.

The only slightly down thing about the whole weekend was the lack of a Saturday bonfire due to the continuing drought in South Jersey. S'mores without melted (or burned to the crisp) marshmallows. NO WAY !!!!! The weather remained perfect for riding and swimming the whole weekend. We discovered new things about Haluwasa like the HO Train setup in the basement of the dining hall (complete with computerized signals, lights and speed control). Also the extra loop past the teepees on the train ride was exciting, especially with the low branches and high weeds.

FRIDAY EVENING - Snacks and getting re-acquainted again as families arrived. A good opportunity to explain early that no one had ridden a mile all summer. This sounded like a bunch of runners at the start of a race with all their ills and problems.

SATURDAY was the day for long rides as people did rides as long as 44 miles from Haluwasa to Deer Pen Park and back. Other options were for 32 miles and 16 miles. All the roads were of the typical New Jersey flat type.

Lunch featured a new version of the Poleshuck "goop." Boy, you could ride a long way from a little bit of that. Some of us rode through the irrigation sprinklers on the way back.

Afterwards everyone headed for the swimming hole to try out the slides and the rope swing. A lot more people ventured into the water this year. There weren't many hardy souls last year because the water was COLD!

SATURDAY AFTER DINNER - The fabled train ride around the camp followed by boating, (kayaks, canoes, rowboat and a pedalboat) miniature golf (with inventive rules), trips to the camp's zoo and a

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visit to the model train setup. Later we had the nonburned to a crisp S'mores in the dining hall.

While the adults talked, the kids played fussball (in record numbers with no refereeing needed) and played the piano.

SUNDAY everyone headed for Batsto. Most of the kids had a chance to ride their own bikes instead of being on the back of the tandems. Some remarkable performances were turned in. Several children rode 10.5 miles by themselves. The road through the Pine Barrens was perfect for the kids—flat, smooth, no cross streets, and very little traffic. However the local fowl did cause a traffic jam at one point! The Congdons were the mileage hounds for the day as they continued toward Bass River. The rest of us turned back to Batsto. .

SUNDAY AFTERNOON - After returning to the camp for more swimming and acrobatics on the rope swing, it was time to say goodbye.

We had a great time and hope everyone else did.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD???

We need to find a place for next year. Lists of camps in the Middle Atlantic area are being distributed. If you know a camp or location with good riding in your vicinity, please let us know. If a new location can not be located we will return to Camp Halawasa.

Let us also try to do some recruiting over this next year. Sharing the experience with more families would be fun and might spread the idea of family cycling.

If people know of rides that are hospitable to families and young riders, please publicize them and perhaps we could have some mini family rides during the year. In the past we have had success with organized rides where cue sheets, lunch and a sag are provided. The group ride does not have to be big to be a Family Cycling Tour.

Keep pedaling and may the wind be at your back.

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FAMILY CYCLING CANADIAN STYLE

July 1st Family Cycling Weekend

The ride left at 11 am with the Barlow's two tandems and Delbert Adams pulling Andrew on a Trail-A-bike. The Vandeveldes arrived at 11:30, after getting stuck at Cobourg behind a traffic accident. The Vandevelde tandem-tandem Trail-A-Bike combo plus single gave chase at noon. After 4 km, H2O started to sprinkle, so we pulled out the bagged lunch and ate under the shelter of a modern sculpture. The skies cleared in 10 minutes, so we chased some more to the Howe Island ferry. Ferry personnel told us of some tandems aboard earlier on. This ferry operates on a underwater cable pulley system. On the island, we proceeded in opposite direction of the map in hope of confronting the phantom tandemists. On completion of the island loop we asked two mountain cyclists of our friends whereabouts. They were seen boarding the ferry at the other end of the island! At least we saw a deer. How do they get over here? Hoping to catch the others on the mainland, we waited at a store for 20 minutes, to no avail. Arriving back at Kingston first we set up the tent and helped prepare for dinner. The six cyclists soon arrived, then a few brave ones dipped in the lake. Dinner of salad and spaghetti alla-Donna followed. The Canada day fireworks show across the water closed the day.

The smell of coffee and the rattling of pots and pans woke us up early. Soon after we all wondered why a toaster, coffeemaker, and two griddles would blow a circuit breaker. Juggling around the connections solved the problem. The pancakes were worth it. We all headed out to the Wolfe Island ferry by 11 am. The ferry ride had the bonus of free spray.

After riding across the island, we decided to have lunch after a ferry over to Cape Vincent, New York. The ferry ride was more like a Wet-n-Wild ride. We picnicked at a riverside park while watching windsurfers racing by. The eight children had a chance to trade places for the ride back.

Monday the Adams and Vandeveldes packed up and the Barlows decided to stay on another night. Besides, it didn't help that Steven and Alex Barlow's



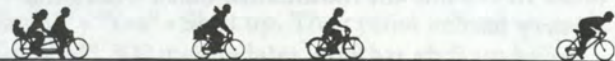
bikes were locked to their trailer hitch with the keys 240 kilometers west. The Barlows and the four Vandeveldes rode to the Amherst Island ferry 18 km away. The Adams and Brenda drove to meet us there. We rode directly to the other side of the island to find a pebble beach for swimming and stone skipping. The narrow roads and sheep farms made it look like a British countryside. After packing the bikes into the vehicles, we went back to the Adams for a leftover dinner. As dinner prepared itself, Delbert and myself found the Barlows on the road and "forced" them to come to the Adams to dinner. We reviewed the weekend's good times, then said adieu.

Thanks to the Adams for hosting another great family weekend! Come join us next year for a great weekend of riding.

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BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN

We delayed our trip until after GEAR '95. We had agreed to lead two rides and do two programs on bicycle camping. Now we were back on the road again. Last summer's trip had whetted our appetites for more of the Canadian Rockies and their spectacular scenery, good roads and great camping. We like camping and find it difficult to sleep indoors in a bed afterwards. To us, living outdoors is really living.

We flew to Calgary, Alberta, assembled our bicycle and took off with 65 pounds of gear. After finding our way out of the city we bicycled Route 1A into Banff National Park. At Lake Louise we took the old TransCanada highway into Yoho National Park, followed by Kootenay National Park, back into Banff National Park, then into Kananaskis Country (a lesser known area of the Canadian Rockies, but of equal scenery) and, finally, back to Calgary in a figure eight pattern. We spent several layover days

hiking. Distance and speed were of no consequence; we were out to enjoy the natural environment.



Using good maps and the British Columbia Handbook (which also includes Alberta) Al planned our trip. Two gravel roads were purposely included: the Smith-Dorrian-Spray Trail, which connects

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Route 1A and 40, and the Valley View Road which parallels Rote 40. Our old Santana Elan equipped with sturdy touring tires and with over 30,000 miles on it has no problem with gravel roads and neither do we. Their ambience adds to our enjoyment.

We had no flats the entire trip. However, we did break an axle and a chain. Both incidents occurred on paved roads before doing the gravel roads. Since Al carries a spare axle and chain links, as well as a chain link tool - no problem. In the town of Banff he purchased another axle to replace the spare, while I did our laundry. Although we prefer the wilderness these occasional returns to civilization can be helpful.

Our trip include five mountain passes. Despite a bad knee from an old ski injury I am able, with the help of a knee brace and Ibuprofen, to provide Al with enough help to negotiate the passes; we seldom walk. We're slow but due to his superior strength we make it. We like the mountains; that's where the scenery is.

This year we saw a significant number of touring tandemists on the road, usually a couple, once four couples. On the road we greeted them with a wave



and a shout; at campgrounds we visited with them. Tandem touring is increasing.

Our hiking, in addition to our cycling, contributed significantly to our trip. It brought us higher into the mountains, up into the snow and up to the glaciers. It introduced us to a profusion of spring flowers - yellow glacial lilies, white-flowered mountain avens, alpine buttercups and violets, white globe flowers, and many other flowers that emerge as the snow recedes, sometimes even poking up through the snow.

Along the road we saw mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, big-horned sheep, mountain goats, coyotes, and ground squirrels, who stood like sentinels at their den doors calling to one another and to us, if we responded. We also saw hawks, herons, loons and jays. However, we saw no bears.

We camped all but two nights on the road and our last two nights in Calgary, where we stayed with friends, whom we met at a campground, and attended some of the Calgary Stampede activities. We were even sworn in as honorary citizens of Calgary. Civilization welcomed us back.

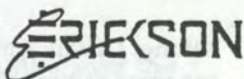
Life is a lot simpler on the road. Crawling out of a tent in the morning is much more exciting than crawling out of bed. Our big question now is what are we going to do next year for an encore?

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LIVIN' THE GOOD LIFE - IN FRANCE

Our tandem moved to France, so did we... We are fairly new tandemists with a couple of tours in our legs but not many miles. Our French adventure started 6 months ago when we moved to the French Riviera when Smith (the captain) got a two year transfer for Claude's (the stoker) delight, because she's from the area. This was a home coming for both of us; this is where we first met. We started tandeming in the Piedmont of North Carolina where a hill is maybe half mile long; we were apprehensive of "The Alps". We came with different expectations: Smith could not wait to fly down the mountains, and Claude was dreading narrow bumpy roads. Our great adventure started when the movers came to pickup our tandem, and also some furniture. Seeing them loading the tandem on top of all the boxes, strapped to the wall of the truck with no packing gave us fears for the worse. We guess this is what happens to parents when the kids go away for the first time. All you can do is stand there and watch the truck leave and have visions of horror with what will happen to your "baby". After four weeks it arrived all wrapped-up safe and sound. What a relief!

A geography lesson: we live up in the hills in Vence 325 meters above sea level. Either we can drop to the sea, or climb the mountains behind our house to over 1400m within 40 kilometers. Being afraid to climb mountains we decided to take a fairly flat road then drop down to the sea, all the time hoping that we could make it back up the hill riding without hiring a lawyer. We made it back home and started to learn how to climb on a tandem and a lot less fearful. It is in the French culture to respect bicycles, and most of all they think tandems are romantic and cute. While touring around on our tandem we stopped in a tiny village for a "pain au chocolat" (chocolate filled croissant). The boulangere (the baker's wife) came out to make sure that we had enough water for our trip. At another boulangerie, the boulangere cut the baguette (French bread) in half and said "I saw the machine". At our first group ride with a local club (mostly men), all of them thought "How nice, he's taking his wife for a

promenade!". That first ride had a long flat section, then a fairly long but easy hill. Of course, we left them on the flats, to no one's surprise. We started the hill in front of the pack, and stayed there. At the end of the ride, most of them wanted to shake hands with the stoker to show their respect. At the second group ride, the younger riders wanted their "revenge". Because of the previous week's experience, they wanted to start the hill with us to out-sprint us at the end. My favorite Captain has to big an ego to let it happen. When we figured out their strategy we never let them rest on the flatter sections. After 15 kilometers climb, we had the village in sight. The captain asked "Is that the village?" - "Yes" - Shift up. The cyclist behind us said "Ughhhh!". 300 meters later, another shift up killed our opponent. Since then they call us "The tandem from Hell". We have to admit the club is not hyper-competitive. All year long local clubs organize what is called "Concentrations": it basically is a checkpoint where riders from any club register, get a drink and some food. This is an opportunity to meet other cyclists from other local clubs. We were cruising along one morning, chatting and joking when 3 guys passed us. Very fast. We decided to chase. Within half a kilometer we were with the escapees at 70 km/h. They were stunned by the length of the bicycle, then they realized it was a tandem. Right away they started to recruit us. Needless to say these guys dropped us on the next long hill. While vacationing in Les Baux (Provence), we were climbing the hill up to the village and passed a single bicycle. At first he was very surprised to see my stoker behind me. His pride was hurt and he wanted to beat us up the hill, so he counterattacked (we thought the poor guy was going to keel over or have a heart attack). He was surprised to see a tandem climb and challenge him.

One evening on the way home Claude saw another tandem coming into Vence. She stopped them and asked if they were from the area, but they did not understand French. Then she tried in English, said she also was a tandemist. Then they finally stopped. She found out that they were



starting a tandem tour from Vence to Provence with Glenn Erickson. Everyone agreed that we would spend the week-end with the tour. The Saturday ride had several routes: we ended up on the most scenic, but most hilly. We started climbing from 9AM to 4PM through the French Grand Canyon (Les Gorges du Verdon). We climbed about 2500 meters. While doing it we thought we were foolish, now we are proud and amazed we did it! This was the first time we had people on the side of the road applauding and yelling "AH! BRAVO! BRAVO!". We were too exhausted to even say thanks or wave.

We've had many more fun and friendly experiences. People have encouraged us many many times. Some also said the stoker was not doing anything but did not take the challenge to trade seats, others think we are cheating because it is the two of us on the bike and.... it is TRUE!

If you need any advice about touring in the south of France, we'll be glad to help.

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MTR BOOTH

The Tandem Club of America needs your help. Please volunteer to work for an hour or two at the TCA booth at Midwest Tandem Rally. Besides copies of the magazine and membership brochures, the booth will have our new TCA polo shirts available for sale. In addition, any remaining TCA tee-shirts will be available at blow out prices.

If you're going to be at MTR 96 and can spare an hour or two, the booth will only be manned during exhibit hours. Please contact

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MTR 97

It's official! The 1997 Midwest Tandem Rally will be held in Columbus, OH. It will be hosted by the Greater Ohio Area Tandem Society (GOATS), over Labor Day weekend.

This year's Midwest Tandem Rally was in Indianapolis, Indiana. It featured an ice cream social, rides in rural central Indiana, workshops on various tandem topics, children's activities, and a grand banquet. There were 580 teams, from 29 states and two foreign countries. In 1996 the Rally will be in Appleton, Wisconsin.

GOATS are Ohio's statewide organization of tandem riders and enthusiasts. In addition to the 1997 Midwest Tandem Rally, they sponsor the Miami Valley Tandem Rally, and monthly rides throughout the riding season. For more information, please contact Norm Bernhardt, 2639 Morning Sun Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324.



BIKE FLORIDA 1995

This year Bike Florida was twice as big with 199 participants and twice as many tandems with 9 doing the lead-in to The State of Florida's Sunshine Games at Gainesville July 3rd to the 8th. The route from Fernindina Beach on the Atlantic to the delightful village of Cedar Key on the Gulf of Mexico and then back to Gainesville was a series of deserted back roads that often were shady tunnels through the trees and many swimming stops at the beautiful springs that are so numerous in this part of Florida.



4th of July Parade - Branford, FL. Bike Florida 1995

For us the best part was the return of so many friends we had made on the last trip. The most impressive feat had to be the team of Allen Byerly and his young daughter Hillary. They did the whole 348 miles on a rented Melbourne Express tandem that weighed 70 pounds. Somehow they managed to do the daily rides and join in every activity with an energy level that would have made many envious if they hadn't been such sweet and wonderful personalities. This year all of us were invited to join the parade of representatives of the over 10,000 young athletes there for the event, participate in the

OOPS ! Mel & Barbara Kornbluh's correct address and telephone number is 86 Gwynwood Drive, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318 and their telephone number is 609-451-5104. It was incorrect in the 1996 Membership list.

opening ceremony and of course present the torch we had carried throughout the trip to light the Olympic Flame. Once again I would encourage writing Bike Florida for a registration form for the 96 event as the excellent organization and the fact that it is subsidized by the State of Florida makes it a real bargain especially if you choose to camp or just set up in an air conditioned gym at the end of a wonderful day.

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MIXED TANDEM CLASS AT CYCLOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

December 9th brought the 1995 National Cyclocross Championships to Worcester, Massachusetts. On the grounds of Leicester High School. It also brought the first real snow to New England. With 5 to 6 inches of snow falling through out the day. And wind chills below zero, it was a great day for a cyclocross race!

If you haven't seen a cyclocross race you're missing out. Cyclocross forces the rider to dismount their bike, and carry it over hurdles and up steep hills. For the first time there was a tandem class. The stoker would jump off the bike as it was moving, then the captain would jump off. Both would then grab the tandem and run up or over the hurdle or hill. The captain would remount, then the stoker. Through out all this the bike never stops!

The tandem race ran two laps or about 5.5 miles. Seven or eight hurdles, and three steep downhill

made for super race action. There were four tandems entered in the tandem race. The tandems had better traction than the single bikes in the snow and ice. There was only one crash in the tandem race, and they got back up to finish in fourth place.

The prize list for the tandem class was very impressive, thanks to the many sponsors, and the hard work of Krebb Cycle Productions. First place won \$500, a pair of 3 foot engraved trophies, a pair of Pearl Izumi "partners in grime" jerseys, a pair of Dirt Rag messenger bags stuffed with Dirt Rag swag, Salsa stems and skewers and Chums eyeglass holders. To second place went \$200, a pair of Pearl Izumi "Partners in Grimes" jerseys, Ritchey wheels, Salsa bar tape and Chums eyeglass holders. Third: \$100, a pair of Pearl Izumi "Partners in grime" jerseys, Sun Rhyno rims, Salsa headbands and Chums eyeglass holders. The fourth place team won the Team Congeniality Trophy.

First place went to Paul Curley (one of the race promoters) and Jan Mynter on an older Burley Bossa Nova. Second place to the Fat City Cycles team of Tim Bailey and Christie Lawyer on a Fat Chance tandem. Third place went to team Dirt Rag of Maurice and Elaine Tierney on their Burley Rock n' Roll. Fourth place went to Jim Belknap and Pam Pasciak on a custom tandem.

There may be more tandem events next year, let's support them. Thanks to every ones hard work to put on this race and congrats to the 1995 National Mixed Tandem Cyclocross Champions!!!

Len & Liz Champman
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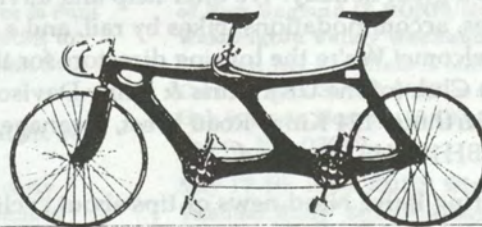
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Sales:	
T-shirts	454.50
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DOUBLETALK Back Issues	204.75
Money Market Account & CD Interest	504.83
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Misc. Postage	8.50
Total Income	\$ 46,462.87

Expenses:

DOUBLETALK Printing	34,828.02
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Inventory: Polo Shirts	3,847.50
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Net Loss 1995	(362.57)

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TANDEM CALENDAR 1996

March 3, 1996. **Colorado Tandem Club First Sunday of the Month Ride.** Safeway parking lot in Boulder at 28th and Arapahoe. RSVP to be sure we're there. 30 miles max (it's WINTER!) Kami or Andy White, Boulder, CO (303) 494-3092

March 9, 1996. **RATS (Richmond Area Tandem Society).** Montpelier, VA. Join Hugh Melton & Vicky Allen on 20 or 30 mile loop options from the Montpelier Arts & Crafts Center. The ride leaves at 10am. Hugh Melton & Vicky Allen (804) 747-0802

March 17, 1996. **Colorado Tandem Club Third Sunday of the Month Hike.** Not to turn the tandem club into hikers, but weather and sanded roads are more trouble for wheels than ped's. RSVP Kami or Andy White, Boulder, CO (303) 494-3092

March 23-24, 1996. **Central Valley Tandem Rally.** Fresno, CA. Look forward to new routes from a new location in the Central San Joaquin Valley. Send a SASE to Charley & Corene Burns, 730 East Lewiston, Laton, CA 93242.

March 24, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Marblehead Meander.** Marblehead, MA. Call Anne & Emery Glass, (617)-631-3239 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

April 6, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Tandems along the Avon.** Connecticut, that is. Avon, CT. Call Bob & Alice Sawyer, (860)-673-1181 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

April 7, 1996 **Colorado Tandem Club First Sunday of the Month Ride.** Boulder, CO. Phone for details Andy or Kami White, Boulder, CO (303) 494-3092

April 12-14, 1996 (NEW DATE). **Alabama Tandem Weekend.** Return to the "loveliest village of the plains," Auburn, AL, for a fantastic tandem weekend. Beautiful country scenery with low traffic roads. Several ride options, all marked and maps

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April 21, 1996. **RATS (Richmond, VA Area Tandem Society).** The Krispy Kreme Kriterium leaves Tim & Anna's home at 8am for a favorite ride - approximately 30 hilly mile loop to the donut shop and back. Tim Taylor & Anna Bittner (804) 320-4504

April 26-28, 1996. **Southwest Tandem Rally 96.** Nacogdoches, TX. Send a SASE to John & Marcia Lucido, 1909 Berkner Drive, Richardson, TX 75081 for a brochure. Interested in a pre- or post-tour? Contact John McManus, P.O. Box 50069, Dallas, TX 75250 (ph: 214-321-6085) and express your interest.

April 28, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Newtown Ride.** Newtown, MA. Call Kevin Soll & Judi Burten-Soll, (617)-630- 5104 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

May 4, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Ellington Ride.** Ellington, CT. Call Joyce & Paul Swanke, (860)-561-2686 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

May 4-5, 1996. **COWS Overnight at Hartman Creek State Park.** Appleton, WI. Camping trip, carry your own gear. 9:30 am, terrain is rolling to flat. Tom Thalmann (414) 757-6561, e-mail sealord3@athnet.net or SASE to N1466 Fairwinds Dr, Greenville, WI 54942

May 5, 1996. **Ann Arbor (MI) tandemists First Sunday in May Ride.** Ann Arbor, MI. Depart from Dexter high school parking lot 10 am. Maps provided. 45 to 60 miles. Lunch will be at a restaurant along the route. Contact Chris & Casey Marble, 7695 Huron River Dr, Dexter, MI 48130 (313) 426-8694

May 10-12, 1996. **Santana West Coast Tandem Rally.** Solvang, CA. Accommodations at a smaller European-style hotel in the center of the village. Outstanding food. Limited to 100 teams. Registration of \$225 includes most meals and 2 nights lodging. Santana Cycles, Box 206, La Verne, CA 91750

May 10-12, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Cape Cod Weekend.** Harwichport, MA. Call George & Jean Marie Lambert, (603)-673-5975 (7-9 pm EST, please) or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

May 11, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Lexington Ride.** Lexington, MA. Call Gail & Harry Spatz (617)-862-8290 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

May 12, 1996. **Ann Arbor (MI) tandemists Ride.** Manchester, MI. Depart from downtown Manchester, 10 am. 45 to 60 miles. Maps provided. Lunch will be at a restaurant along the route. Contact Steve & Diana Lansky, 1912 Covington, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (313) 663-0347

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May 18, 1996. **10th Annual Miami Valley Tandem Rally.** Fort St. Clair, OH. Hosted by the GOATS (Greater Ohio Area Tandem Society). Ride to Eat, Eat to Ride. Flat to rolling terrain. SASE to Norm Bernhardt, 2639 Morning Sun Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324. (513)-426-2796



May 19, 1996. **Ann Arbor (MI) tandemists ride.** Saline, MI. Depart from Saline municipal parking lot. 10 am, 45 to 60 miles. Maps provided. Lunch will be at a restaurant along the route. Contact Chris & Casey Marble, 7695 Huron River Dr, Dexter, MI 48130 (313) 426-8694

May 24-27, 1996 **Kent County Spring Fling.** Washington College, Chestertown, MD. Chestertown is a charming colonial port town, on Maryland's northeastern shore. The terrain is perfect for tandems - flat to rolling. \$188 per person, includes 3 nights A/C lodging, 6 meals, ice cream social, dancing and more. SASE business size to BBC KCSF, Al & Ruth Schaffer, 3212 Midfield Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208 (h) (410)-484-0306

May 24-27, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) White Mountains Weekend.** Campton, NH. Call Giff & Sally Kriebel, (603)- 882-7043 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

May 25, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Greenwich Ride.** Greenwich, CT. Call Bea & Bob Luce, (203)-637-0553 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

May 25-27, 1996 **Northwest Tandem Rally '96.** Klamath Falls, OR. Come bike the Basin. Enjoy rides of 35 to 90 miles. Visit Crater Lake. Send a SASE to The Ambassadors, Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, 701 Plum Avenue, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. Packets are ready now with information about area lodging, dining, and local attractions.

May 25-June 1, 1996. **International Tandem Rally.** Holland. Possibly the grandest rally in '96? The Hundzedal Campground (head quarters) must be seen to be believed! No hills, but count on a wind!. Contact J&A Slagt, Minister Kanstraat 48, 7811 GR Emmen, The Netherlands, for details, or send a SASE to Jack/Susan Goertz, 2220 Vanessa Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242 for booking forms. Hurry, registration is very early!

May 31-June 2, 1996. **Prairie State Tandem Rally.** Peoria, IL. Will it play in Peoria? We think so! Come find out for yourself! Ice cream rides to centuries in the area. SASE to George and Eileen Dudley, 5809 Old Orchard Drive, Peoria, IL 61614. ph: (309)-692-7076

June 1, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Shrewsbury Saunter.** Shrewsbury, MA. Call Mark & Diane Shelley, (508)-845- 6567 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

June 8, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Blind Stoker Ride (Rain date June 9).** Arlington, MA. Call Laura Oftedahl, (617)-923-7768 or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

June 14-16, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Connecticut River Weekend #1.** Fairlee, VT. Call Don & Carolyn Lane, (603)-893-4766, or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

June 15, 1996. **COWS Southern Door Metric Century.** Brussels Town Park in southern Door County. This ride for tandems and "related singles". Maps included. Lunch on your own. SASE to Jim & Cindy Noll, 1579 Ledge Rd, Brussels, WI 54204 (414) 825-7341

June 15, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) On/Off Road Ride.** Warehouse Point, CT. Call Len & Liz Chapman, (860)-627-0729, or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

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June 22, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Bedford Ride.** Bedford, MA. Call Jack Donahue & Susan Grieb (617)-275- 3991, or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

June 27-30, 1996. **Mid-Atlantic Tandem Enthusiasts' Rally (MATES).** Williamsburg, VA. Spend each day cycling through the verdant countryside of Tidewater Virginia, where virtually every acre is steeped in the history of our nation. Rides to Jamestown, Yorktown and with a short ferry ride across the James River rides into Surry country and tour Chippokes Plantation. Meals and evening activities included. Pre-registration required. Send a SASE to Team Friedman, 5514 Callander Drive, Springfield, VA 22151-1401

June 28-30, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Rhododendron Weekend.** Fitzwilliam, NH. Call or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079 ph: (603)-898-5285

July 3-7, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Moose Seeker Weekend.** Kingfield, ME. Call Anne & Emery Glass, (617)- 631-3239, or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

July 14, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Mont Vernon Ride.** Mont Vernon, NH. Call Earle & Carolyn Rich (603)-673-8695, or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

July 19-21, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) International Century Weekend.** Lancaster, NH. Call George & Jean Marie Lambert (603)-673-5975 (7-9 pm EST), or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

July 20, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Warren Warmup.** Warren, CT. Call Nan & Dave Scofield (860)-868-7067, or SASE to Bob & Linda Harvey, 16 Clinton St., Salem, NH 03079

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July 28, 1996 **Tandem Bicyclists of New England (T-BONE) Seabrook Saunter.** Seabrook, NH. Call or SASE



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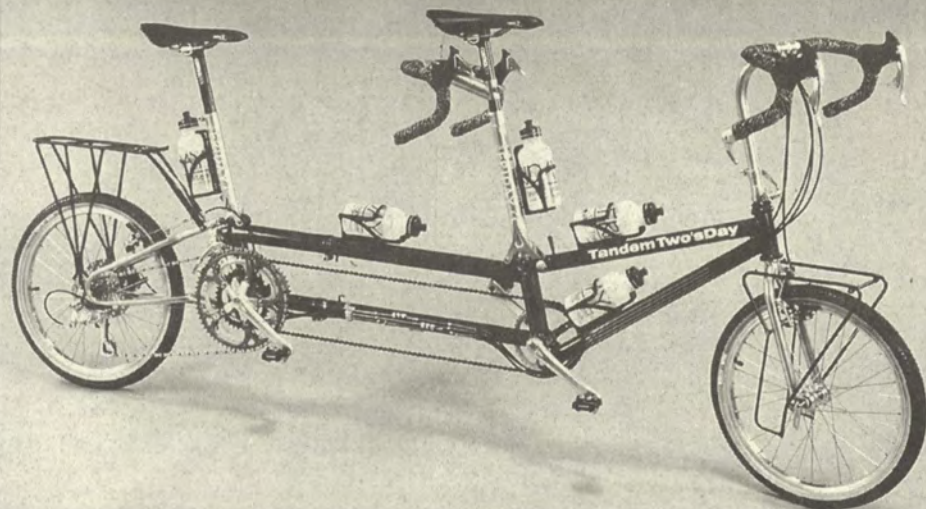
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