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Who Does What?

What do TCA members do?

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

Deadline for the January-February issue is March 1, 2010

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From the Editors –

Have you written an article yet for DoubleTalk? What article, you say? Why, the article that you resolved to write for us in January! We're still looking for it, and we hope to see it soon, complete with pictures (sent separately from the article, of course). And you already know it can be sent to us in almost any format – either electronically or on paper. Heck, we'll even take it written in crayon on butcher paper, as long as we can read it! We'll even accept hard-copy of your pictures (we'll scan them into a digital format). If you choose to send us digital pictures, please send them to us .

As we put this editorial on paper, we're looking at snow! Yes, you read right. It snowed in AL in February. Now, we know that snow isn't probably such a big deal for many (most?) of our members, but for us, we moved to AL so that we'd minimize the snow and that we could ride all year, without slick roads. We don't like this white stuff everywhere! (Okay, to be completely honest, it was pretty and white, covering everything but the roads themselves, and it is melting very quickly. We think we'll be out on the bike tomorrow, if the rain gods don't try to play games, too).

Have you tried out the new Tandem Club website? We've made lots of updates to the site during the last month, and we're now using the website as our one central location for membership address management and changes. As we all (editors, webmaster, and membership people) become more familiar with the admin of

the site, we think we'll be able to offer the TCA membership even better service.

And speaking of membership people, with this issue we welcome Duncan and Laura McCabe, a great team who live in Wilmington, NC, to the TCA group of dedicated volunteers. Duncan and Laura are taking over for Smith Doss and Claude Monnier, who managed the membership list for the TCA for more years than I can remember (and probably more years than they care to admit!). Welcome, Duncan and Laura, and thanks, Smith & Claude, for all the years of volunteering you did for the TCA. We know it wasn't all roses as you had to learn a new system in the beginning (compiled dBase), and then had to learn a new web-based system last year. We definitely want you to know that all the TCA members appreciated the hard work and the hours you've dedicated to keeping the lists up to date.

There are lots of new events popping up on our Calendar. You can flip back to the calendar pages in DoubleTalk and pick out the events you want to attend, or you can now go on-line to the Tandem Club website (www.tandemclub.org) and click on the Events menu to go directly to the events for that month. Events that "bridge" the end of one month and extend into the next month will be listed in both months' listings. The on-line listings should let you click through to the hosts' e-mail and/or websites, too, making it even easier to get the information you need to make your tandem vacation better. And if you don't see the event(s)

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you want to see, contact the organizers and ask them to send us their information as soon as they can.

It's time to close for another issue. We hope to see you on the road!

Jack & Susan



Whoops – it looks like I was trying to save a bit of space. We received a note from a Wisconsin member. Where was his name in the membership issue? It turns out, his name is there, as are all the other Wisconsin and West Virginia members. They just don't have the state heading. So please, pull out your marker, turn to page 30 of the Membership issue, and add State headings for West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Editor Susan



Club Notes

A tandem Club has formed in Central Florida!

The **PANTHERS** Tandem Club, Inc., has been organized by nine (9) dedicated tandem teams located in Central Florida. The purpose of this Tandem Club is: to organize tandem rides within the state of Florida, to promote the concept of riding safely within the rules of the road, to assist new tandem teams as to the etiquette and mechanical differences of riding a tandem, and to encourage the cycling sport of tandem riding.

Plans are to have scheduled dates and times for weekly tandem rides in and around The Villages, Florida, for those members and guests who wish to attend. Future plans are to have organized events in locations throughout Florida each year.

Our website is now available for the **PANTHERS (Partners Aboard Neat Tandems Happily Enjoying Riding Simultaneously) Tandem Club.** <http://www.floridatandemclub.org>

We sincerely hope that, as a tandem team, you recognize the need for a Tandem Club within the state of Florida and will offer your support by becoming a member.

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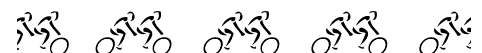
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The EGRETS were kind enough to provide a few words about the history of their club. Tandems in the Tidewater part of Virginia (Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Newport News) felt that some organization would benefit the tandem experience. The group formed and selected a logo/mascot appropriate for the area - the egret. A group of stokers figured out the definition - Enthusiastic

Group of Riders Exercising Tandem Style. Years later we're still having fun and enjoy riding together.

Tom & Carol Lilley
Chesapeake, VA



TCA Tandem Hospitality Homes

Are you willing to become a TCA Hospitality Home? If so please head to the TCA website, www.tandemclub.org. There you can sign up and find a complete description of the program. If you would like to discuss what's involved, drop an e-mail to us or call the membership chairs or the editors.

A Hospitality Home provides touring cyclists a place to stay for a night. It need not be fancy, a spare bedroom or even a tent site will do. The cyclist will

need shower facilities and an opportunity to launder their clothes and a meal. The touring cyclist will call you well in advance and make arrangements; no surprises.

Please go on line and register to sign up at www.tandemclub.org. You will need some basic information such as your e-mail address, your address, and contact information.

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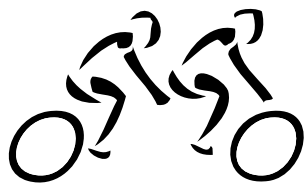
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Cold and Wet in Switzerland

July 2009

Our 2009 trip had to happen in July, since Susan was off to a physics conference in late June. We had hoped to return to Provence in France to tour the area toward Carcassonne, but three weeks in the heat of July with the on-set of the French vacation season didn't sound like an ideal trip. Where to go? Susan, our ten-year-old son Dominick, and I have enjoyed our previous tours in Europe, so we cast our net a bit wider and Googled Switzerland + Cycle Touring. It was mostly a joke on my part. I figured that the country was covered in mountains. Who knew that the northern half of Switzerland was relatively flat?

The veloland.ch website is an incredible tool with a sophisticated route system that covers the entire country. Zoom in

on the interactive map to get to the finest road details including grade markings and click on icons for points of interest or accommodations. There are several major routes that cross the country (east to west and north to south) and a nearly endless number of local routes that interconnect the towns and cities. It took Susan about ten minutes to piece together three of the major routes to create a loop of around 450 miles starting in Zurich. We would head west to Bern, south to Interlaken, up to Luzern, east to Friedrichshafen in Germany, and west back to Zurich. If we owned a Blackberry or iPhone, we could have spent our three weeks without a single printed map. The website had all of the information we needed. Since we are reluctant to join the 21st Century (we are the two people in North America without cell phones), we carried seven detailed maps to fully cover our route. Susan's greatest frustration with the tour was her unending need to refold the maps. It seemed as if she was refolding every 10 kilometers or so.

We booked our flights and then started to look for a hotel for the beginning and end of the tour. We ride a Rodriguez triple with S&S couplings and camp on our tours, so we need a "home base" to assemble the bike and store the copious luggage we need to get there and back. To actually stay in Zurich, at a 2-star hotel was around \$350/night. If we didn't find an alternative, this would quickly become a very expensive trip. We realized that the best solution was to tap into the Warm Showers list



Kevin, Dominick and Susan Sossong starting out near Zurich

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that we have been part of for the past four years. This is a list of people who offer their homes to touring cyclists for a warm shower and a place to spend the night. We have hosted several dozen people over the years and decided that now would be a good time to be the guests. We hit it lucky on our first e-mail. Urs and Susanne had just moved into a beautiful new condo and had a two-month old baby when they told us how excited they were to host a family with a child. This young couple lives car-free and was looking to confirm that they would be able to continue touring with their own child.

Working on several projects before we left kept my usual travel anxieties in check. Good thing, too, because we had had a constant litany of problems with the bike since our last vacation. A cracked frame that took forever to get repaired, constant shifting problems, and a never-ending parade of noises resulted in low mileage for the year and short nerves. We did not have the highest hopes that our final repairs solved all of the problems, but packed the bike and headed to the airport.

Once on the correct bus from the airport, a 30-minute trip delivered us to a suburb near Zurich and a 10-minute walk to Urs and Susanne. We have always tried to be good Warm Showers hosts, but Urs and Susanne set the bar incredibly high with their kindness and generosity. We also had our first taste of the differences between Switzerland and France. The Swiss are very keen on the environment and recycling. They need to buy official garbage bags, which are

quite small, and they do an excellent job of separating metals, plastics, and paper for recycling. At their condo development, even kitchen scraps are collected in centralized bins. Apparently, if someone uses non-official bags or tosses un-bagged trash into the bins, the “trash police” will go through the trash to find a name or address. The fine is steep enough to keep most people honest.

Anyway, off we ride heading west into a hot, sunny morning. Little did we know that it would be one of the few beautiful days of our tour. The final tally was that we got rained on every day but two. We spent three weeks listening to people assure us that “De vetter vill be clearing zoon.” Actually, I am making up the accent. Most of the Swiss that we encountered spoke a very understandable flavor of English.

There is a definite lack of campgrounds west of Zurich so our first night was spent in a Youth Hostel in Baden. We aren't talking about rustic living or a cheap night for the three of us, but the building was new and beautifully designed. Heading southwest, we found the campground in Aarburg, with a large public pool complex next door. It looked heavenly, until we toed the water. Dominick went in fine, but by sloooooow entry began to question my manliness. Soon, my skin matched my blue Speedo. Cold water and cold air don't make for a pleasant swim. More frantic than frolic.

Rolling into the campground in Solothurn brought the most pleasant surprise of the trip. The toilet and shower building is easily one of the finest



Susan at an automated tram ticket dispensing station.

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pieces of modern architecture that I have seen. The simple rectangular plan with an honestly expressed palette of glass, steel, concrete, and precast terrazzo panels is proportioned like a piece of art. The living roof of grasses and flowering plants was a nice touch. The sliding and swinging glass doors would have done nicely as entry doors to any high-end boutique.

Most of our tours center on historic sites and tours of old fortifications. This year would be lacking in our staple sights, so we kept our eyes peeled for a constant supply of incredible modern architecture. My great disappointment was having to return home to Tallahassee where the built environment is focused more on cheap utility than an honest concern for beauty.



After a campground of sublime beauty, we headed for a campground that doesn't actually exist. What we found was a grass field beside a river that had two large groups ensconced for a long, rustic stay. I think that they were reli-



A stair ramp along one of our paths.

gious youth groups, because there always seemed to be someone sitting on a log playing a guitar. The two toilets, one for each sex, were about a quarter mile away along a well trodden grass path. Did I mention the shower? Probably because the light drizzle was the only shower we would get. We love camping, but we really love a warm shower after a long day of riding.

Something to mention about the very well-signed bike routes around the country is that a lot of the miles we rode were on designated bike paths. Sounds good until you are on them for a while. We put in about 150 miles on unpaved paths through the woods and farmers' fields. It took me a while to understand that I wasn't enjoying the ride because I focused intently on the tightly packed gravel in front of my wheel and that we were missing what we would call the 'real' Switzerland. We could have been riding

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in the rainy woods of Seattle for all we could tell. We found that paralleling the paths on the well-paved roads got us to see more of what we came for. Many of the roads included striped bike lanes, and the drivers were unfailingly accommodating.

Our first day off found us in Bern, home of another really fine campground and modern toilet block. They have a very large grassed area set-aside just for tents, with nary a car or camper van in sight. Calling it a grassed area doesn't do it justice. It was more like the front lawn of a fancy estate. We're talking barefoot tickle soft. We bussed and trammed to Renzo Piano's museum to view an exhibit or works by the modernist artist and Bauhaus teacher Paul Klee.

The sweeping curved structure was spectacular, but overpowered the art. The squeaky wood floor didn't help us concentrate on the displayed work either. A short bus trip dropped us at the Alpine Museum. Now we're talking. Learning a bit about early Alpine settlers and seeing the large relief maps of the Alps was an improvement in our day. The relative solitude of Alpine living and harsh environment made for some really tough people. As usual, the women had the hardest lives, most never leaving the valley where they were born. A woman was responsible for much of the farming, making all of the clothes, and feeding her family which typically had about 10 children!

A sprinkle of rain sent us off in the morning going south along the Aare



A view of the old bridge-dam in Thun.

River toward Thun, a perfect little town bisected by the river. After checking out the Old Town (with a four-story building that is only about six feet wide!), Susan and Dominick climbed up to Castle Thun while I stayed with the bike. After lunch, we rode along the south shore of Thunersee to Interlaken. We had some minor climbs, but the gorgeous scenery and a light tailwind made for a fast afternoon ride. The views across the lake to the lush green mountainside on the opposite shore made me wish the ride would never end.

Interlaken was another day off so we could take a train up to Schynige Platte. Each door on the mountain train car is access to a pair of benches that face each other. The benches on the high side have a different shape than the benches on the low side, the better to keep you in the seat while going up or down the steep slopes. Each door is locked from the outside, which is a bit unnerving, but it keeps people from doing anything stu-



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It was cool up in the Alps.

pid on the trip. There are several hiking trails at the end of the line, so we spent a few hours walking around going ooh and ahh at the (briefly visible) views. Thankfully, we brought enough layers, fingered gloves, and ear bands to keep warm. The wind and clouds conspired with the frigid air to test our resolve. After a while, the sky cleared a bit and we had a good look at the Eiger and Jungfrau peaks. Way higher than we were, and all snow and ice. We noticed that as we hiked higher, the types of flowers changed. It makes perfect sense that plants have adapted to live within certain temperature zones, but to see it happen several times in a single hike was a real education.

Leaving Interlaken to go east along the north shore of Brienzensee was another lovely ride, but we now had to cross over a low mountain range at Brunigpass. This became one of our physically and emotionally toughest days. The climb was steep and relentless, with not much of a shoulder and the temperature was just cold enough to keep us bundled up

while sweat soaked our wool shirts. After a while, we rode up to a very long tunnel. We wisely pushed the bike along the narrow sidewalk, while the cars, buses and motorcycles roared past. It took us about fifteen minutes of hard pushing to clear the other end, but our nerves were already shaken. After this point, we stopped at the occasional pull-off shoulders to rest, and for drinks and snacks. It was very unnerving to look back down the road and see the huge tour buses taking every inch of pavement from line to line. I don't know how they don't hit us while we are riding. I am also constantly aware of how hard it is for me to maintain a steady line while struggling uphill at no more than 3 or 4 miles per hour. Reaching the top was a relief, but our wet clothes and the cold wind sucked our remaining energy. Having to do an all-out sprint to make it through a stretch of road work before oncoming traffic was a final test. As usual, Dominick was a rock. Not a single complaint. Susan, however, seemed like she was on the verge of a heart attack. I think it was mostly the incessant roar of the dozens of motorcycles streaming by us during the climb that got to her.

The downhill from Brunigpass to Lungern had its own excitement. It is a longer, equally steep downhill, and I had to stop a few times to rest my hands. My anxiety about the huge buses and noisy motorcycles passing us added to the cold and constant braking pressure. Several times I had to force myself to make my hands stop shaking, they were causing the front wheel to shimmy, and I was afraid of losing control. After a long day, the

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View of Lungren

campground in Lungren was at the base of the mountain and it was beautiful. Our site was right along the Lungrensee and we closed the tent flap after a perfect sunset.

Onward to Luzern via Sarnen on a beautiful sunny day. We were able to ride in short sleeves while the sun was shining, but were chilled by occasional clouds.

We stopped in Hergiswil to tour the Glass Museum. A wonderful automated audio-visual tour through the history of Swiss glassmaking brought us to a working glass furnace where they still make hand-blown glass. From an elevated walkway, we got to watch the workmen mass produce a single item in assembly-line fashion. Each man with a specific task

and a limited range of motions. Several other men were at individual workstations making more involved art-glass pieces. Dominick got to blow his own round ornament from a smaller furnace located on the walkway level. The man helping him did not speak

English, but we managed to make him understand that we were traveling by bike and that the glass ornament should be small and sturdy. He nodded his head and took his sample ball and rapped it hard on the edge of the table. Clearly, the glass was not fragile. Dominick was thrilled with the project, and the glass ball survived the rest of the tour and now hangs in our kitchen.



The working floor in the Glass Museum



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The campground at Luzern was not exceptional, but it was close to our next tourist site. The Werkershaus is a large museum with a different mode of transportation in each separate building. We liked the train and automobile buildings, but we spent the most time in the aviation building. My favorite was getting to stick my head into a restored DC-3, the quintessential airplane. Dominick spent a lot of time in the cockpit of a helicopter. Susan guided us to a room with an aerial photograph of Switzerland. The photo was about 30 feet in diameter with enough detail that families were using rolling magnifying glass platforms to look for their own houses! You had to wear oversized felt slippers over your shoes, but we could walk on top of the image. Of course, the slippers were red with a white cross to look like the Swiss flag.

After Luzern, we decided that we would aim for the Zeppelin Museum on the German side of the Bodensee. Unfortunately, this would mean another all-day

climb to get over a mountain range. The day was sunny and warm and we really just wanted to have a nice bike ride, so we hopped a train with a cargo car at Kussnacht am Rigi for a 40 minute trip over the mountain to Biberbrugg. We hate to cheat, but this turned into one of our very best rides of the tour. We spent the night in a campground near Filzbach across from a group of hard drinking twenty-somethings. We feared the worst, but darkness brought quiet.

Following the trail along the south edge of the Walensee should have been an easy day, except where some idiot decided that the trail should go straight up the side of the mountain. Some of the climb was too steep for me to even push the bike myself! After a short, but tiring, day, we ended up at the campground in Walenstadt, complete with a little stone beach. The air was cool, but the beach was in the path of the afternoon sun, so Dominick spent the afternoon digging moats around a stone fortification. My job was to bring raw materials, but he also listened to some advice on the placement of sea walls. This was the only day that Susan wore the swimsuit that she had been toting around. We failed to find an open shop for groceries, so we indulged in tasteless microwaved pizza's from the campground café.

The weather went seriously south after this. We woke to a cold rain that lasted for the next three days. We spent the next day heading east toward Germany and decided to stay at an Inn for the night to dry our shoes. The next day had us going north along the Rhein,



Fuzzy Swiss cows

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waving to Liechtenstein as we headed into Austria. It rained hard all day and it was see-your-breath cold, but we were on a paved cyclepath along the west shore of the Rhein. We kept hoping that we could ride out of the storm, so we put our heads down and rode hard all afternoon at around 16 miles per hour. It didn't work, so we spent a second night indoors. This time it wasn't just our shoes that needed to dry overnight. Our spirits were pretty damp, too.

The third straight day of rain found us riding north, hugging the eastern shore of the Bodensee. This should have been a beautiful ride along the lake, with sailboats dancing in the water and couples walking arm-in-arm along the shore. Instead, we had a cold slog through a gray landscape.

The weather finally broke early in the day as we arrived at the Zeppelin Museum in Friedrichshafen. The museum has a 100-foot-long reconstruction of part of a Zeppelin, including the gondola that we walked through. These things were huger than huge. Reading their history, however, makes me wonder what took them so long to die out. These things could get off the ground, and the ride must have been smooth, but their failure rate was incredible. The Hindenburg wasn't the only one to crash and burn. Remember, it's not a balloon, it's a Zeppelin! The museum itself was OK, with a six foot wide glass tread staircase being the best feature. I loved watching



In the gondola at the Zeppelin Museum.

the laminated glass treads flex with each footstep.

We took a late afternoon ferry across the lake to Romanshorn then rode west to the campground in Lüttschwil. We had just missed the flooding of the low-lying area caused by the recent rains. Camping in a flood zone is never a good idea. We made the ride to Winterthur a bit more challenging by getting a bit lost on the



Drying out after yet another rainy day.

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Stopping along a lake

way. Susan has always been a crackerjack navigator, but one missed turn found us on the campus of a hospital where the patients were clearly ‘guests’ and are allowed to roam about. The campground at Winterthur was a little squirrely. Most of the spots were taken by long-term RVers and there was a small village of permanent inhabitants, complete with mail delivery. The other feature was the shooting range that was out of sight, but made me feel like I was in a Quentin Tarantino film.

We spent the day in Winterthur, mostly to visit the Technorama Science Center. This is easily the best hands-on museum that we have ever gone to. There are dozens of experiments on mechanics, electricity, magnetism, sound, optics, and the weather. The best part was that each experiment included laminated cards in multiple languages that explained what was going on and why. This place is a science teacher’s dream come true, but not so good for the 10-year-old son of a physics professor! Susan had me take a photo of an exhibit on harmonic

oscillations that she wants to have made for the FSU physics department.

Our final day of riding brought us back to the Zurich suburb of Brütisellen. This is where I usually write that we wish we could keep on riding, but not this trip. The awful weather over the previous three weeks was just too much for us. If the weather had included more warm sun and less cold rain, our thoughts would have been filled with gorgeous mountain vistas instead of soggy woods. We were thrilled to be back at Susanne and Urs’s condo and to take the bike apart that very afternoon.

Our last day found us being tourists around Zurich. Our first stop was to the Kunsthaus Museum with its large collection of Giacometti sculpture and a wonderful collection of modern art, including excellent pieces from artists most people can name. If you could only visit one modern art museum in your life, this should be it. Rodin’s *Gates of Hell* is a pair of bronze doors in a twenty foot tall frame with a world of pain and anguish sculpted onto it. After the museum, we took a bus to the old town to wander through the fancy shops, but didn’t find much to inspire. We enjoyed the chocolate, even though we had to eat it while dancing around one final rain shower.

If you are interested in any further particulars, feel free to e-mail me at Sossong@architecturebydesign.com

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Tallahassee, FL



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Three Wheels South

Those of us fortunate enough (or perhaps unfortunate!) to still be employed often have trouble getting the time off to take some of those grand rides we often hear and dream about. With the announcement that NWTR would be in Victoria, BC, we began plans to not only be at the rally, but to extend it by riding all the way home. I proposed the idea to Michelle and she was all for it. The response from the office was "WOW. Sure. No problem. What a great trip!" Thus our trip of July 2009 was born. Given that this year was the centennial for Two Wheels North (2 fellows who rode from Santa Rosa, CA to Seattle in 1909), I dubbed our ride Three Wheels South (the third wheel being our BOB).

After months of planning, on June 29 our friend Doug drove us and our gear to the Martinez Amtrak station for our 22 hour ride to Seattle. Packing the tandem on Amtrak was straight forward. After arriving, a quick ride through Seattle led to our first night's stay at the Green Tortoise Hostel, which was an experience unto itself.

Starting out from Seattle on July 1, we traveled by ferry to Bainbridge Island. An exciting ride across the newly rebuilt Hood Canal Bridge capped our first major challenge of the trip. We arrived in Sequim State Park for our first hiker/

biker campsite experience. We pedaled 53 miles, with 2500' climbing.

July 2: we rode through Sequim to Port Angeles to catch the passenger ferry to Victoria. A rather annoying flat almost kept us from making the noon ferry to Victoria, but the ferry was delayed load-



Northwest Tandem Rally 2010 - Victoria, BC - The ride is about to begin...

ing other tandems who were headed to Victoria as well, so we made it. It was quite a sight to see 5 guys lift the bike and the 100 lbs of gear onto the ferry boat. Today's pedaling covered only 37 miles.

July 3, 4, and 5 were tandem rally days. We rode to the Butchart Gardens on Friday, north up the Saanitch Peninsula on Saturday, and into the countryside west of Victoria on Sunday. We can confirm other NWTR reports – great weather and great fun.

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Butchart Gardens - truly magnificent!



A team spins by a beautiful Canadian lake



Victoria and water go hand in hand.



Could we be waiting for chocolate?

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Monday, July 6th. This was the day we were up early to catch the 9:45 a.m. ferry back to the US. We joined other folks headed back to the mainland, including Lois and Bob Weast, Region 1 TCA reps from Sacramento, but most were either going to cars or riding back to Seattle. It was interesting how quickly we were checked through customs. We had had great weather for the last several days but that came to an end as we arrived back in the US. Gray skies and sprinkles appeared as we headed to Port Angeles. Arriving in Port Angeles, we were greeted with a pretty good downpour but fortunately it didn't last. After stocking up in Port Angeles, we headed for Fairholm Campground at the west end of Lake Crescent, about 30 miles away. We made camp and invited an English couple, Laurie (short for Laurence) and Ethel, who arrived shortly afterwards, to dinner. L&E were cycling to LA and eventually to Florida by way of Independence Pass. For us they became our inspiration. After all they were seasoned cyclo-tourists while we're out here bagging our first trip. Today was only 30 miles, but with 2500' of climbing.

July 7: we packed up and headed into our first long day. Starting out, we faced a steady 6% climb right out of the driveway of the campground for about 2 miles. Over the top we could see a wall of rain in the distance. Before long we were stopping and pulling out rain gear. We would ride in rain for the next 20 miles. Our long day became even longer when we had the first of four flats. In the rain I replaced the tire as well, as it seemed not suited to the task. Three flats later



Craig Gaevert and Michelle Bellefeuille enjoy the sun near Victoria, BC

we arrived at Kalaloch Campground on the coast at about 8 p.m. and our English friends were a welcome sight. They had dinner waiting for us. After 64 miles and 2500' we were tired and hungry. We were especially happy to see a hot meal and a bottle of wine waiting for us.

July 8th: Today was a rest day, having whipped ourselves pretty good over the last 7 days. It was raining anyway, and we just didn't want to pack a bunch of wet gear. Laurie and Ethel continued on, and it was the last we saw of them. We would hear about them though further down the coast. We spent the day changing camp sites, sleeping, and cruising the expansive beach.

July 9th, another gray Washington day, we left Kalaloch and headed for Lake Quinault. We had intended to stay at July Creek Campground in the park, on the north side of the lake, but the Park



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Service had closed that campground and kindly put a sign up at the beginning of the road to notify cyclists, saving all a lengthy dead end climb. We instead headed to Falls Creek Campground (NFS) on the south side of the lake. It perhaps was the better choice as showers and laundry were a mere 1.5 miles away. There were no showers at July Creek. It was a 37 mile day, 1000' of climbing.

July 10, Friday, began another long day to Twin Harbors State Park by way of Hoquiam and Aberdeen. The ferry is no longer running across the mouth of Gray's Harbor, thus the trip through the big cities. First though we stopped at the Post Office and mailed some excess gear home. We could tell we needed to start shedding stuff we absolutely did not need. Fortunately the day was sunny and warm, and we enjoyed a day of flat-free riding. We dodged off 101 above Hoquiam and were treated to some great side roads. Unfortunately Washington state uses rather large aggregate in their

chip seals and the ride for many miles was quite rough. The last 15 miles was due west into an onshore coastal wind. We stopped at Brady's Seafoods just before making camp and bought a Dungeness crab. With such a treat we had to head into town for the chardonnay and French bread for a perfect camping coastal dinner. For us, today was longish at 74 miles, 1400' feet of climbing.

July 11th, Saturday, another gray day in WA (how many gray days have we had) as we made our way to Bay Center. We passed through the appropriately named town of Grayland on our way to Raymond. The route to Bay Center skirted Willapa Bay and its expansive mud flats. Quite a few locals were seen wading out in the mud digging up razor-back clams. The surprise of the day though was discovering that there were showers at the Bay Center park. We selected a campsite next to a pavilion. Michelle suggested that we should set the tent up under the pavilion roof and it turned out to be a good decision. Sunday we woke to thunder claps and rain. We were joined by two other cyclists, Shahala and Julia from Austin, working their way south. We would not see them again until California. A shorter day, at 51 miles, 1000' of climbing.

We finished out of Washington on Sunday the 12th with another rainy day following us to Astoria. Once we dropped out of the coastal mountains and into the Columbia River estuary, we were greeted with some stiff headwinds as we worked west toward the bridge. We took a short break at another appropriately named

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rest stop, Dismal Nitch, before we faced our second major challenge of the trip, the Astoria bridge. 4 point something miles of white knuckle bridge riding with a cross-wind and final last ascent at 6%. The motel in Astoria was a welcome sight. The opportunity for a hot shower, laundry, and a dinner out made this a most pleasant stay. We pedaled 39 miles and covered 1000' vertically.

On July 13th we started in more coastal gray weather as we pedaled on down the Oregon coast. Our destination this day was Nehalem Bay State Park and our third test, the tunnel at Arch Cape. We took the ACA suggested route, staying away from 101 north of Seaside. The road south along Lewis and Clark Rd. was quiet and scenic with a stinger of a climb before descending into Seaside. We eschewed the ACA route through town, instead opting for side roads further south. Once back on 101 we stayed on it, electing to skip the ride through Cannon Beach. The Arch Cape tunnel provided the thrill of the day. Even after pressing the warning light button and proceeding when we thought there was no traffic coming up, we still managed to have a gravel truck join us about halfway in. It was fairly frightening for both parties. Apparently no one seems to believe the "Bike in Tunnel" flashers! The descent off Arch Cape was exciting. We noodled through Manzanita before finding our way to Nehalem Bay SP. This was 49 miles, 2800' elevation.

Tuesday, the 14th, was another rest day and the day off did not disappoint. After waking up and drinking some

coffee, we both felt sleepy and crawled back in the tent. We woke around 1:30 p.m.. Cool but sunny we made our way into Manzanita for more crab and wine, a nice counter to the volumes of pasta, vegetables, sausage, and IPA we often had for dinners. That evening the Hiker/Biker site filled with folks headed south.

On Wednesday the 15th we headed to Cape Lookout on a pleasant and sunny day. This day's ride again took us off 101 on Foley Creek/Miami River Rd.. We rejoined the busy 101 traffic some 12 miles later. At Cape Lookout we met up with our friend Ernie who came out from Portland to join us for dinner and camping. Only 40 miles and 1300' today.

On Thursday the 16th, under a gorgeous sunny sky, we headed south to Beverly Beach State Park, taking in several side roads along the way. From Cape Lookout the route heads along the Three Capes Scenic Route. Along this stretch we met Alisha and Alison, from Denver. We



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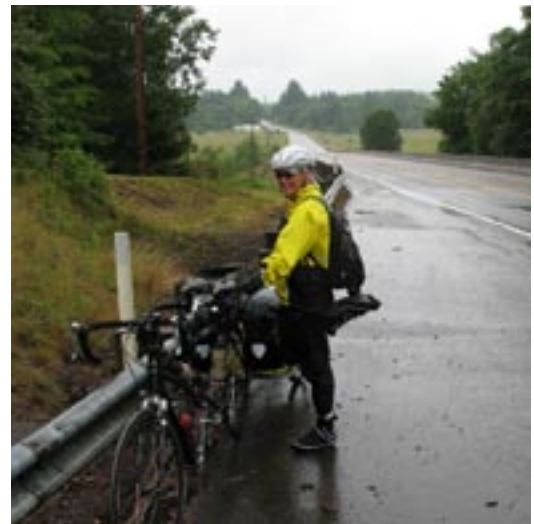
would see them again later on the route. A little further we turned off 101 to Slab Creek Rd. and a wonderful quiet detour it was through creek areas and experimental forests. Coming into Lincoln City was a stark contrast to the bucolic Slab Creek. Just before Beverly Beach we took the Otter Creek byway – another worthy side route. At Beverly Beach, we arrived to a completely empty Hiker/Biker site. A bit longer day today, we pedaled 63 miles and climbed 3200’.

Our next day to Honeyman State Park was again some 61 miles and 2500’ feet of climbing. It was an uneventful day, save that the Hiker/Biker site was full.

Saturday the 18th we headed towards Coos Bay but just north of the Coos Bay bridge we turned right (west) to head out to the dunes to meet up with Michelle’s two brothers and her sister, all camped out for a little ATV action in the dunes. Cold howling winds and fog filled the area so the RV shelter, odd as it was,

was welcome. We took another rest day on Sunday. As we continued on to the border, stopping at Humbug and Harris Beach State Parks, we were treated to varying degrees of cold gray weather and occasional sunshine.

On July 22 we crossed the state line, stopping to take the obligatory photo at the sign. But we faced the fifth challenge of the ride, the Crescent City hills. We made it about halfway up before the grade got to us and we had to walk. It didn’t help when one of the big fish trucks came by, spilling fish juice out the back door and onto the road. We made it that night to Elk Prairie where once again the HB site was full with some 20 or so riders. We joined Alisha and Alison at their site and caught up on trip stories. The next day would be our last rest day before we started the long run home. Another 64 mile day, with 3000’ climbing.



On July 24th, we left Elk Prairie campground bound for Eureka. Crossing the bridge in Orick, the stoker chided

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me for 'looking around' and not watching the road. As I turned forward, I saw a rock that I could not avoid and we promptly were presented with a flat on the front – our only front flat of the trip. Further south we stayed out on the little farm roads west of Arcata. The roads were miserable and we were riding into a solid headwind. The motel in Eureka was a welcome relief. That night at dinner at the Lost Coast Brewery who should arrive but Alisha and Alison. We dined and traded more trip stories.

Our next day took us through the dairy pastures south of Eureka, through Rio Dell and Scotia, and on to the Avenue of the Giants. By now the temperature was increasing and becoming pleasant. The Hiker/Biker site at Burlington Campground was full. At Burlington we ran into Julia and Shahala, who we last saw at Bay Center in Washington.

Sunday the 26th proved to be quite hot. In Garberville with the temps at 104F, Michelle was quite overheated and we spent some time in the shade to cool down. We resumed riding around 4:30 when the temp dropped to a mere 95F. Thankfully, today was a bit shorter, only 48 miles and 2600' of climbing.

Monday the 27th we headed over the legendary Leggett climb. Fortunately the climb wasn't as fearsome as its reputation. However the little stinger at the coast was steeper than we expected. Arriving at the coast we were greeted with cooler temperatures and a sense of relief that some of the worst climbing was over. Not quite. The remaining 3 days would be filled with the up and down of short



stiff climbs, mixed with the little dives to bridge the gullies and coastal creeks that are typical of the California coast. We were starting to feel pretty tired and looking forward to being home.

After staying in MacKerricher State Park and the Manchester KOA, Still Water Cove county park would be our last night on the road. We were joined by Martine, from Amsterdam. Martine was out for a four month cycling trip along the coast. As part of our gear, I had set up a GPS tracking system (APRS) on the BOB. Our friends knew right where we were for most of the trip. They also knew when we left the camp and were headed home on the last leg. When we were at the top of Russian Gulch we were completely surprised to be met by our friend Charles Beck. Shortly other cycling club members joined us and gave us an escort home. When we rounded the corner to home, we were greeted by a large contin-

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gent of neighbors and bike club friends and a finish line tent. Truly amazing.

Totals for the trip: 1317 miles, 52,000 feet of climbing. This is the short story. For a complete recap and more photos go to www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/TWS

Craig Gaevert
and Michelle Bellefeuille
Santa Rosa, CA



The Banner says it all!

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March 27-28, 2010 **Tandems East Tandem Expo 2010**. Centerton, NJ. Seminars, exhibits and riding (if the weather permits) <http://www.tandem-seast.com/events/expo.html> 856.451.5104

March 27-28, 2010 **HATS (Houston, (TX) Area Tandem Society) Hill Country Tandem Weekend**. Fredericksburg, TX. Come ride the LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour then step into Tandem Club mode. We socialize and eat after the ride. Rise on Sunday and ride again. <http://www.tandem-hats.org>

April 1-5, 2010. **Easter 2010 UK Tandem Rally**. Ham, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, England. This event will be based at Ham Hall Youth Hostel in the Peak District. Ilam Hall is part of the National Trust South Peak Estate, adjacent to the picturesque village of Ham. Ashbourne is the nearest place for shops and services. There will be rides from 25 – 50 mile distances. Pre-registration is required. www.tandem-club.org.uk/_2010-04.htm

April 9-11, 2010. **Alabama Tandem Weekend 2010**. Eufaula Alabama. Pre-registration is requested, though this is a no-fee event. Rides are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Saturdays ride is a quiet and scenic ride to Florence Marina State Park where the plan is to take a ferry ride, with tandems, around/across Lake Eufaula. Host hotel: Quality Inn (334) 687-4414 ask for Tandem Weekend rate. Steve and Wendy Baxter are hosts. Steven.baxter@sewoodtreating.com or 334.397.4127

April 9-11, 2010. **Florida Panthers Inaugural Ride**. Lake Wales, FL. details <http://www.floridatandemclub.org/>

April 11, 2010. **Spring Demo Day**. Mt Airy, MD. No fooling! Skip breakfast, come out and play. We'll have breakfast goodies and lots of interest-

ing 2 and 3 wheel toys. Rides, catered lunch, swap meet and plenty of tandems. Larry Black bikel23.com

April 23-25, 2010. **Southwest Tandem Rally 2010**. Paris, TX. Bonjour, y'all! The Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts invite you to join us for a weekend of country riding in northeast Texas, where the land is flat (more or less) and the cycling is easy on your knees. Kevin and Linda Vinson seem to be in charge with able assistance from the rest of the DATES. Chuck or Kris Carlson at mac.carlson@mac.com or 972-248-8481 Details will be posted at <http://www.SWTR.doubledates.com> - Wait List Only

April 29-30, 2010. **DOGS (Doubles of Garden State) Spring Thaw at St Michaels**. St Michaels, MD. Four days of tandeming in the flat and sparsely traffic in Talbot and Dorchester Counties on the Eastern Shore. Malcolm Boyd boyd@intergraph.com 856.988.8211 <http://www.d-o-g-s.org/>

May 13-16, 2010. **Georgia Tandem Rally 2010**. Wait List only. It not in Georgia this year. Check out the details at <http://www.georgiatandemrally.com/>

May 21-23, 2010. **COWS (Couples On Wheels, (WI)) Spring Rally**. Middleton, WI. Bill Hauda and Diane Lillis will be our host for the COWs 2010 Spring Rally in Middleton Wisconsin. Middleton is a very pro-cycling city and the gateway to all the good bicycle routes north and west of Madison. Friday will be a beer/ice cream ride that will include the Capital Brewery (producer of many fine craft beers). Saturday's rides will explore the area north and west of Madison, using some of the most popular Bombay Bicycle Club ride routes. Included will be the prime bald eagle watching area of Sauk City and Prairie du Sac in the Wisconsin River valley. Pre-registration is required. The host hotel is the Courtyard by Mar-

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riott – Madison West. For more info <http://couplesonwheels.com> or cows_secretary@sbcglobal.net 262.251.1677 before 9 Central Time.

May 21-23, 2010. **AORTA – Appalacian Off-Road Tandem Adventure.** Asheville, NC at Bent Creek Trails. Off-road tandem rides and get-together. Alex Nutt 678.445.0711 <http://mtbtandem.com/Events.htm>

May 22-23, 2010. **DATES (Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiats) Stoker Appreciation Ride.** Dallas, TX Area. This annual event is one we all look forward to. Riding, friends, food and verse what could be better. Tome & Brenda Shaddox <http://Doubledates.com>

May 30- June 5, 2010. **Trans-Sylvania MTB Epic.** Spring Mills, PA. 7 days of off-road riding. The Epic is based at Seven Mountain Boy Scout Campground, with tent camping and other lodging options available. Pre-registration is required. If you participate please share your tale with DoubleTalk. Ray Adams Director 315.569.8045 www.transSylvaniaEpic.com

June 4-7, 2010. **Canadian Tandem Rally 2010.** Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Join us for two or three days of great cycling in our nation's capital, Ottawa. Explore with us as we ride almost flat countryside to Carleton Place and picnic along the Mississippi River. Ride with us as we explore upscale Ottawa using some of it's 170km of pathways and parkways along the Ottawa River. For the first time we will take a detour and do a loop through Québec. We will be hosted in the award winning Holiday Inn Select hotel and feasting at it's own award winning Graffiti's Italian Eatery! David & Brenda Vandavelde <http://www.mbstandems.com/>

June 4-6, 2010. **Tennessee Tandem Rally 2010.** Nashville, TN. Tennessee Tandem rally moves west. The company will be great, riding should

be fantastic. Make your reservations and make your plans to come to Nashville. Embassy Suites Nashville. Rally Pre-registration is required. Tom Spear (615) 661-4254 Home (615) 414-4721 Cell <http://www.thetandemlink.com/TTR.html>

June 4-6, 2010 **Florida Panthers Vero Beach Ride.** <http://www.floridatandemclub.org/>

June 11-13, 2010. **Dirty DOGS (Doubles Of Garden State) Allegrippis Trails Weekend at Lake Raystown.** Join Team Breeze on the Screamcycle to explore the new Allegrippis Trails at an enjoyable pace and come camp with us. If you don't want to brave the big outdoors, get yourself a cabin or motel and still be able to enjoy the daytime camping experience. The trails are easily accessible from our campsite. Larry & Brenda Isherwood 973.584.3460 tmbreezeatoponline.net <http://www.d-o-g-s.org/>

June 19, 2010. **DOGS (Doubles of the Garden State (NJ)) Summer Solstice Ride.** Pittsgrove, NJ. A basically flat ride to celebrate the coming of summer. Barbara Kornbluh tandemwiz@aol.com

June 25 – 27, 2010. **Saranac Lake Tandem Rally (SLTR) 2010.** Saranac Lake, NY. The hosts have moved so the event has a new name – formerly STTR there is now a new venue for this great event. Pre-registration is required. Rich and Lindsay Shapiro 518.891.1869 www.gtgtandems.com/sltr

July 2-5, 2010. **Northwest Tandem Rally 2010.** Medford, OR. Geographically, the Rogue Valley is the drainage of the Rogue River and its tributary, Bear Creek. The valley is bordered to the west by the ancient Siskiyou Mountains and to the east by the relatively young volcanic Cascade Range. The Rogue Valley is also Tandem Country. NWTR 2010 will ride the flat to gently rolling country roads through pear orchards and vineyards, family

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farms and horse ranches that connect the historic small towns that dot the valley. Details as they become available at <http://www.nwtr.org/2010/>

July 2-5, 2010. **Eastern Tandem Rally 2010.**

Saratoga Springs, NY. Saratoga Springs is a resort community located 30 miles north of Albany in I-87. It is a wonderful area to bicycle with rural roads, generally flat to rolling through small towns and farmland areas. Our rides will take us along the edge of the Adirondack State Park, past Saratoga Lake and to the Saratoga Revolutionary War Battlefield. Al & Sue Berzinis teamberzinis@nycap.rr.com 518.439.4094 <http://www.easterntandemrally.org/>

July 17, 2010. **DOGS (Doubles of Garden State) Garden Tour.** A Friendly event Dave Snope dsnope@comcast.net <http://www.d-o-g-s.org/>

August 6-8, 2010. **MATES 2010.** Warrenton, VA. Warrenton, the county seat of Fauquier County, is nestled in the heart of Virginia horse and wine country between the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and bustling Northern Virginia. We think you will enjoy the rides that have been planned for you, pedaling along quiet country roads past beautiful horse farms, tranquil fields and through many of the picturesque villages sprinkled throughout the county. Host Hotel Holiday Inn Suites, Warrenton, VA Ross & Donna Glasgow Bike4r2@comcast.net

August 6-8, 2010. **PIGS (Paired Iowans Going Somewhere) Rally 2010.** Ankeny, IA. What a great time is planned. Three days of rides, eating and eating and eating. Many of us are camping at Cherry Glen. Some will be at the Best Western Metro North in Ankeny. 515.964.1717 ask for the PIGS rally rate. Ernie and Pat Fisher. <http://home.mchsi.com/~pigstandem>

August 7-14, 2010. **International Tandem Rally**

2010. Echternach, Luxembourg. The rally will take place on a family run campsite about 1 k from the center of town. Echternach is in an area known as "Little Switzerland" because of its rock formations, forests and streams. Across the border in Germany is the Rhineland-Palatinate in the Eifel region. The cycling is easy along the river valleys but a little lumpy in between although in a week's cycling Janet and Tony Prichard only had to walk one hill. Pre-registration is required. www.tandem-club.org.uk/_2010-08.htm

Labor Day, 2010. **MTR 2010** Shipshewana, IN. Nice flat terrain, quaint Amish locale. Hosted by HOOTs (Hoosiers Out On Tandems), part of CIBA (Central Indiana Bicycling Association). More details at MTR 2009 in Rochester, MN and DoubleTalk. www.mtr2010.org

October 15-17, 2010. **Southern Tandem Rally 2010.** Florence, AL. Come roll with us in the "Shoals". Find your secret places, live high on the hog, and make good memories. Snap your fingers to a little jive. Listen to the sounds of W.C. Handy, Nat King Cole and more. The "Shoals" is the hit recording capital of the world. Great riding in the Tennessee River Valley and on the Natchez Trace. Host hotel is the Mariott Shoals 256.246.3600 Registration will open in early 2010. Make your hotel reservations now. Contact Jack or Susan Goertz STR2010@TandemsLtd.com www.southerntandemrally.com

November 5-7, 2010 **Florida PANTHERS Fall Tandem Event.** <http://www.floridatandemclub.org>

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FOR SALE: Santana Sovereign SE, small frame. Designed to fit the following inseams: front: 77-83cm, rear: 70-89cm. Ultegra 9sp STI Shifters & ft derailleur, Deore XT rear derailleur. Shimano/Santana Mega-Drive crankset, Shimano 12-34 9sp cassette. Shimano V-brakes, Aerospoke wheels w/Continental Gatorskin 700x25c tires. Asking \$2000 + shipping from western Chicago suburbs. Contact Jay @ jayceil@sbcglobal.net or via telephone: 630-561-2077 (IL) 03/10

FOR SALE: Beautiful early-90's Cannondale. Fully Campy drivetrain. Campy triple crank and an 8-speed cog set with Campy ergo shifters. Captain's size fits a 6' rider (56-57 cm) - stoker size fits a 5'4" stoker (48-50 cm). Stoker position has a setback seat post allowing larger riders to have room. This bike is in really nice condition and mechanically excellent. Wheels are Campy high flange tandem specific hubs, 8-speed Campy cassette. Also included is an Aerospoke rear wheel. \$1,500 (without shipping). Buyer to arrange shipping or pick-up. Contact 386-322-9971 or drmike@cfl.rr.com Asking \$1500.00 (FL) 03/10

FOR SALE: Burley Samba w/Sofride. A comfortable stoker is a happy stoker! Mountain bike frame with 26" wheels, Configured as a road bike. 21 gears, Drum brake Asking \$ 1000 + shipping. Les - Janet Westlake Email: diaconalminister@juno.com (FL) 03/10

FOR SALE: Santana Triple. Beautiful mid-90's Santana. About 1000 total miles since new. Fully Campy groupo, including cantilever brakes & derailleurs. Campy triple crank with 54 42 28 and an 8-speed cog set with bar end shifters. One lever controls both rim brakes; second controls an Aria drum. The bike is in really nice condition and mechanically excellent. Photos show bike set up for riding with two child stokers, but I have

all original bars, stems, seats and posts. Extra \$ for child stoker kit(s). \$ 3100. John Replinger Email: jrportland@comcast.net (OR) 03/10

FOR SALE: 1965 Vintage Schwinn Paramount Road Tandem. 52cm (sm) framesize. Lemon yellow color/all decals & lettering are original. TA cranks (double) with 60x52t chainrings. Campagnolo hubs & front derailleur. Shimano rear derailleur. 14/28 5s rear cassette. Mafac Cantilever brakes. Extra set of wheels w/Campy hubs. \$1800. Pictures are available. Contact Michael Ackley @ 406-728-2178 (home) or 406-241-7677 (cell). (MT) 05/10

FOR SALE: Santana Team Al, purchased new 11/2004, Campy Centaur ergo shifters, Shimano Ultegra front derailleur, FSA Cranks, Campy Record rear derailleur with American Classic 10 speed steel Cassette, Campy Ergo brain computer, Shimano Sweet 16 wheels. Shimano Dura Ace front brakes and Avid Single Digit rear brakes. Frame is burnished aluminum with clear coat. Bike is currently set up for a 6'1" Captain and 5'6" stoker (Santana size may be "Large"). Have approximately 2,000 miles on it. Have approximately \$7,000 invested in it. Must sell due to a medical problem. Asking \$3500 OBO wo/shipping. Contact Phil Mortello via e-mail, expendableemail@cableone.net. (AZ) 05/10

FOR SALE: Tandem travel hard case. Santana Airliner SafeCase with Foam Tray System (FTS) provides the ultimate in packing ease and protection for a tandem while traveling. The case dimensions are 33" x 17" x 14", and the case rolls on 4 swiveling wheels. The FTS is designed for tandems with S&S couplers that separate the stoker top, lateral and bottom tubes from the front and rear triangles. Used on only 3 trips. Originally \$800. Will sell for \$400 plus shipping. Pictures on request. Contact Stevan Yee by email: skyee@hawaiiintel.net. (HI) 03/10

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