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Who Does What?

What do TCA members do?

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From the Editors –

We need your help. As you long-time members of TCA know, Susan and I have been editing DoubleTalk since 1984. We've had fun doing it, and we hope you've had fun reading it. However, without your input, our fun level may soon end. Until very recently, we've always had plenty of articles for publication in DoubleTalk. But recently our backlog of articles has dropped 'way off! We're in danger of running out of content for future issues. We don't want that to happen, and you can help insure that it doesn't.

As we stated in our editorial in March, we're still looking for all those articles we know you have in mind that you just haven't had the time yet to put words on paper (or, more likely, in the computer) and mail them to us, either electronically or on paper via snail/mail. We hope to see them 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 @ editor@tandemclub.org.

The rally season has officially started for us. In April we spent a terrific weekend in Eufaula, AL, at the Alabama Tandem Weekend. ATW is probably one of the lowest-key weekends you can ever attend. There's practically no planning, no fees, and really no schedule. The host

team simply finds a hotel with enough rooms to house a group of tandem riders who want to get together w/o any plans and ride tandems in the area. Yes, it does help if there are some great roads in the area, and Eufaula fit the bill! Read the full report on the weekend in this issue. In May we'll be heading over to Georgia for the Georgia Tandem Rally, which should be just as fun, and much more organized, but with a fee (quite reasonable for what you receive) for the weekend. We hope to see you there.

Have you tried out the new Tandem Club website? We continue to hear from you, and the problems are definitely getting to be less and less. If you are moving, you can update your own address information, or you can renew your membership on-line. If you have problems with the website, send an e-mail to us (editors, webmaster, and/or membership people) as appropriate and we'll tackle your problem. As we become more familiar with the admin of the site, we think the service we can offer the TCA membership will continue to improve.

New events keep popping up on our Calendar. Flip back to the calendar pages in DoubleTalk and pick out the events you want to attend, or 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

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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) 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



Rich Hairston and Sandy Houck



Dear DoubleTalk,

My husband, Rich Hairston, recently passed away from lung cancer. Riding a tandem had been a great part of our lives since 1978. So as a memorial I bought a double urn and had a tandem emblem mounted on it. It's in a niche at our local mausoleum for all to see the sentiment that a tandem brings.

Thank you,
Sandy Houck
Napa, CA



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.

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Touring in Minnesota and Wisconsin



Crossing the St Louis River on the Willard Munger Trail south of Duluth

A snakelike route linking up a dozen of them began to work its way through our imagination, and before long became the reality you see on the two maps of our route, 1810 miles of riding, 910 of them on bike trails, with a tandem rally just past the midpoint. It doesn't get much better than this!

Our route began in St. Paul, easily reached by Amtrak from our home in Seattle. For a small fee they provide bike boxes requiring 20 minutes of packing and another 20 unpacking, and the bike arrived in perfect condition, as it always has on Amtrak. A bike map of the Twin Cities picked up six years earlier was most helpful, as there are many bike trails but finding them is

It started with a notice in Double-talk. "Hey, honey, the Midwest Tandem Rally is Labor Day weekend in Rochester Minnesota, that town we really enjoyed on our Midwest tour in 2003!" With stokerly encouragement, captain Jeff then



Our Authors, Jeff and Louise enjoying "German Night" in Lanesboro.

googled "Minnesota bike trails" and found <http://mntrails.com>, then <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/findatrail.html> for Wisconsin. "Wow, there are a lot of bike trails!"



Some of the hills and sharp curves on the Mesabi Trail in northern Minnesota

challenging without a detailed map. You can actually download your own map nowadays at <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/transportation/Bikeways/Maps.htm>. Within minutes we were gliding down our first bike trail past two lakes. "Hey, only 9,998 more lakes to go in Minnesota," we joked. No joke,

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we saw several hundred more in the next seven weeks.

This truly was bike trail heaven. We toured all over St. Paul and parts of Minneapolis along the Mississippi River for 2 days, covering 50 miles on trails and 30 on streets, half of those street miles in bike lanes. Leaving town on the Gateway Trail we sailed in ancient railroad cuts under busy roads, oblivious to the traffic above. 25 miles away was Stillwater, a quaint town on the St. Croix River that marks the boundary with Wisconsin in this part of the state. An easy day's ride up the St. Croix and we were in Taylor's Falls, where we took a day off the bike to canoe seven miles downstream to a landing where a bus was waiting to take us back. Hey, these Minnesotans really know how to enjoy the outdoors!

Our first long bike trail was the Willard Munger, 60 miles of flat riding through regenerating pine forests and farms growing corn and soy, followed by a fabulous 10 miles down a 1% grade through rock cuts and past the powerful St. Louis River. It dropped us off on the edge of Duluth. Online at <http://www.dsmic.org/Default.asp?PageID=339>, we found a downloadable bike map that provided a reasonable route to the heart of town.

Getting into Duluth is one thing, getting out on a bike quite another. Riding was, for us at least, not an option. For two miles it took both of us working full-out to push the tandem uphill, but just before the crest of the ridge we found a two-mile-long bike trail that moderated the grade



The ole' swimmin' hole at Lake Ore-BeGone, a reclaimed open-pit mine in the Mesabi Range. Photo taken from the Mesabi Trail.

and avoided some of the heaviest traffic. We rode the surprisingly wide shoulder of U.S. Hwy 53 for 55 lonely miles to Eveleth through a fairly empty part of the state, but thanks to a tail wind and lots of water bottles plus sandwiches picked up in town, it wasn't a bad ride.

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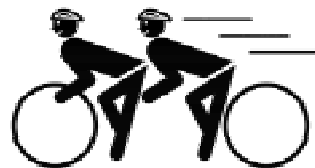
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In Eveleth we picked up one of the most unusual bike trails we've seen, the Mesabi Trail. Parts are on old rail beds, but more is carved out of the craggy hills of the Mesabi Range and the ride was fairly hilly. Sharp curves were also a challenge with our big rig, but we managed to avoid becoming overly friendly with any of the many pine and birch trees that envelop most of this woodsy route. As payoff, we came out regularly to lookouts over ore pits, some still active in this iron-rich area, some long-closed and turned into recreational lakes. Our favorite name was Lake Ore-Be-Gone. Midway through the Mesabi we spent two nights in Hibbing where the highlights were a museum commemorating the founding there of the Greyhound Bus Line and a bike ride past the boyhood home of Bob Dylan. Dinner was in a restaurant filled

with Dylan memorabilia. By the time we reached Grand Rapids we had followed the Mesabi Trail for 84 miles and understood the geology and history of the Mesabi in a way we never would have without a bike-paced trip through it.

Our next bike trail was 56 miles away. Luckily the shoulder down U.S. Hwy 2 to it was wide. Unluck-



Paul Bunyan and us on the Heartland Bike Trail

ily but common, the wind was strong out of the west. Luckily, the forest was so dense and close to the highway that we managed to maintain a respectable speed. Unluckily, there was not much in our destination, the town of Cass Lake, but we found beds and food – we'll leave it at that. Our next two days were a pleasant payoff, as the Heartland Trail was fairly



Western end of the Central Lakes Trail in Fergus Falls, Mn



The view from our motel bedroom in Olivia, "Corn Capital of Minnesota"; ten feet of lawn, ten miles of corn.

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flat and buried deep in the woods, sheltering us from the relentless west wind as we worked our way southwesterly. A comfortable motel in the resort town of Walker and then the Heartland Trail B&B in tiny Dorset completed the recuperation. We and our tandem even “met” Paul Bunyan along the side of the trail, and since the B&B was a former schoolhouse, we got to sleep in class (4th grade, to be exact).

After those pleasant 50 miles on the Heartland Trail we found ourselves in the middle of Minnesota and, more importantly, outside of the forested part of the state for the first time. For the next few weeks, wind, corn, soy and hay were our constant companions. For two days we rode southwesterly on back roads we found courtesy of the detailed Minnesota Bike Map at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/bike/map.html>. This was truly the land of lakes – one county alone has over a thousand – and we spent an extra day in the small town of Battle Lake where we were able to rent a canoe and explore two of those lakes in Glendalough State Park.



Classic midwest downtown: Faribault, MinN



Old grain elevator along the Central Lakes Trail

At last we reached our westernmost point, Fergus Falls, also the western terminus of the Central Lakes Trail, which forms a 103-mile unbroken rail trail to St. Cloud on the outskirts of the Twin Cities by connecting up with the Lake Wobegon Trail (official motto: “Where all the visitors are above average”). We didn’t actually see Lake Wobegon or Garrison Keillor, but with a short ride off the trail, did get to visit the boyhood home of Sinclair Lewis in Sauk Centre, the town he made infamous in his novel *Main Street*.

For the next 200 miles from here to Mankato we were mostly on roads, aside from 30 miles on the Glacial Lakes Trail and a local trail alongside Green Lake, but the state bike map helped us find roads with adequate shoulders, low traffic, or both. In the six years since we’d been in Mankato a new trail had opened, the North Minnesota River Trail, and it brought us right to the heart of town.

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Don Stenton and Erica Dhillon on the Root River Trail.

Our return to the Sakatah Singing Hills Trail from Mankato to Faribault was a disappointment, however, as it has had no maintenance in ages and the pavement was quite broken up with frost heaves,



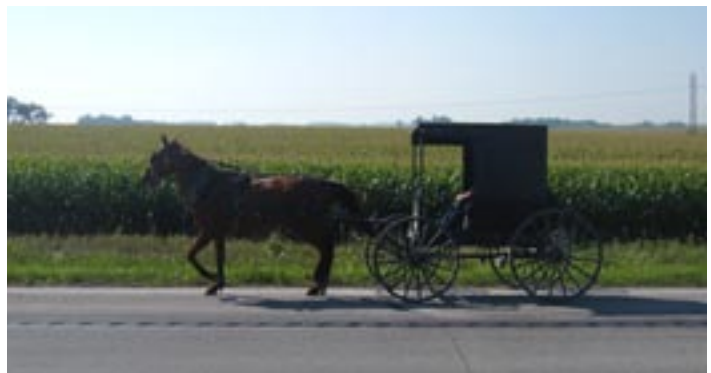
Jeff and Louise Davis on the Root River Trail.

the only trail in Minnesota that was not in excellent condition. There is a long-range plan to

extend it 30 miles to connect up with the Cannon River Trail, and hopefully it will be upgraded when that happens, if not sooner.

One more ride of 60 miles, the last dozen on the Douglas Trail, and we were in Rochester. The Midwest Tandem Rally headquarters was the Kahler Grand Hotel across the street from the Mayo Clinic, and it was a pleasant change for the staff to see a healthy crowd of tandem bikers filling their hotel. We arrived three days early to rest up for the rally. We made the mistake once of riding to a tandem rally and arriving so tired we could barely do the rides. Not this time.

The day before the rally we rode 20 miles out of town to meet up with our friends Don Stenton and Erica Dhillon from Victoria BC, who biked in from the Amtrak station in Winona. They were two of the main organizers of the 2009 Northwest Tandem Rally, which of course meant that they did not get to ride at their own rally. When they heard about our trip, they were eager to join us for the rest of our ride across Minnesota and Wisconsin, including the Rally. Together



An Amish buggy in Harmony, MN

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with our friends and 300 other teams, we explored the area around Rochester on three great rides and got to meet all sorts of Midwestern animal riders – COWS (Couples On Wheels) from Wisconsin, PIGS (Paired Iowans Going Somewhere), CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society), among other species. Even though we do rallies and touring both on our tandem, there is a very different dynamic, athletic as well as social, and they're a nice change of pace for us.

Following the rally was a special treat: several folks had organized a four-night post-rally ride centered in Lanesboro on the Root River Trail. We and our Victoria friends biked the 45 miles there while other teams did the shift by car. Each of the next three days we explored a different leg of this Y-shaped trail with 2 dozen tandem teams, then enjoyed group dinners in different restaurants in Lanesboro. If you can only do one trail in Minnesota, this is the one, as the scenery in this woodsy valley carved out of limestone is wonderful, the trail smoothly paved and half-flat, half-gentle hills, and the town a center for comfy small hotels and B&Bs.

At last we went from 600 riding partners to 24 to just 2, Don and Erica, for a ten day run to Milwaukee, with 250 of the 350 miles on trails! There were two major differences to the Wisconsin trails. Wisconsin charges annual trail-use fees of \$20/person (not per bike, sorry to say for tandemers), and about 80% of the trail miles were crushed limestone, unlike the uniformly paved trails we had gotten used to in Minnesota. With our 26 x 1.25 tires we did fine, and the absence of black



Jeff & Louise at one of the tunnels on the Elroy-Sparta Trail in Wisconsin.

asphalt does give the trail a more organic, earth-toned look.

While just riding the tandem down these flat to gently-sloped trails was tremendous fun, three special places do stand out in our memory. The first was the trio of tunnels on the Elroy-Sparta Trail, the longest 3800' and profoundly



Rest stop on the Glacial Drumlin Trail east of Madison, WI



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Sharing the Glacial Drumlin Trail in Wisconsin with a Great Blue Heron



Our route through Minnesota was roughly counter-clockwise, starting in St. Paul and heading north to Duluth, west to Fergus Falls, then southeasterly to Mankato and Rochester, leaving for Wisconsin through La Crosse.

Bike trails we rode are in wide lines, and roads in dotted lines. Some other bike trails in MN we did not ride are shown in narrower grey lines.

dark midway through with only a tiny flashlight and distant specks of tunnel entrances for light. Next was the town of Spring Green, where a canoe outfitter carried the four of us and two canoes 13 miles up the Wisconsin River for a pleasant paddle down with a 2 mph current for help. Our third special stop was Madison, a curious blend of politics (it's the state capital) and student life (home of the University of Wisconsin). Having both retired from the other UW (in Seattle Washington) it was jarring to see "UW" in red rather than our familiar purple, but we felt right at home with the vibrant student life we encountered, including a practice session by the marching band preparing for the next football game.

Our trip ended with a ride into Milwaukee on the Oak Leaf and Hank Aaron Bike Trails (located with maps from <http://www.ci.mil.wi.us/maps4460.htm>) and a day sightseeing downtown and Lake Michigan on foot before catching Amtrak back to Seattle.

If you also enjoy riding on rural bike trails, we strongly urge you to include Minnesota and Wisconsin on your tandem travel plans. You won't be sorry.

Jeff and Louise Davis

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Alabama Tandem Weekend – Eufaula, AL April 9-11, 2010

The 2010 edition of the Alabama Tandem Weekend is now history, and it was great! Hosts Steve & Wendy Baxter, of Louisville, AL, invited all interested tandem teams to meet them in historic Eufaula, AL, over the weekend of April 9-11 and ride with them in the area. Steve and Wendy had spent a bit of time, scoping out rides in the area, and finding a great hotel that was convenient to great riding and good food.

The Alabama Tandem Weekend is a bit different from most of the Rallies listed in the TCA calendar of events. ATW is very low-key. No fee is charged, you don't get any t-shirts, spiffs, snacks, or meals provided. If the hosts have arranged any perks, that's a bonus, but certainly isn't expected. (Steve & Wendy went into the "bonus" territory for this rally. More on this later.) You make your own reservations at the hotel, you buy your own food, and you come prepared to take care of your own tandem. Pre-weekend communications is all by e-mail, and the hosts aren't sure who all will attend until they arrive. That's okay, as they haven't had to commit for hotel rooms, meals, or snacks!

Tandem teams started rolling into the Eufaula Quality Inn about noon on Friday. Most teams had stopped to grab a sandwich as they rolled into town, or else they parked their vehicles at the Quality, unloaded their tandems, and headed off into town to find a restaurant.



With maps completed, schedule written, menus provided, dinner reservations made, and teams checking into the hotel, our Alabama Tandem hosts, Steve and Wendy Baxter relax in the special Alabama Tandem Weekend Adirondack Chairs. By the end of the weekend the chairs will belong to one of the Alabama Tandem Weekend teams.

Downtown Eufaula was only a few blocks away, and there were several places you could find a bite to eat before heading out onto the planned route for Friday. Did we mention that Eufaula hosts an annual Spring Pilgrimage, and it was this weekend? The Spring Pilgrimage is an EVENT where Eufaula opens up many of their historic homes for tours. There's an art show, an antique show, a "ghost walk", and more. This meant that Eufaula was brimming with people. How Steve and Wendy convinced the Quality Inn to save enough rooms for ATW was beyond me, but somehow they did, and they even negotiated a very nice rate for ATW.

Eufaula is on the AL-GA border, south of Columbus, GA and north of Dothan, AL. It's on the shores of Lake Eufaula (AL name)/Walter F George



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The weather was perfect.

Lake (GA name). The hotel was located right at the bridge across the lake, and that was the direction Friday & Saturday's rides headed. So, this year the ATW was mostly in GA! Friday, most teams headed across the river on US82, taking up one full lane on the 4-lane bridge. Once across the lake, the road narrowed to 2 lanes, but we soon turned off the road, out of traffic, onto a pleasant road heading south. We did a 25-mile loop, taking us through the GA countryside and back to the slightly busy road to our hotel. Just the right distance to loosen up the legs after the drive to Eufaula.

The group quickly showered and then congregated around the pool, which was open for business (one of the advantages of Southern events – outdoor pools open in March!) Beverages and snacks were shared, and plans were made for dinner.



Saturday lunch in Lumpkin. Take out only, but a great porch complete with tables and fans made for a nice break.

The teams split into several smaller groups for dinner, and we hiked about 3-4 blocks to the River City Grille, a very nice up-scale bar & restaurant in one of Eufaula's many restored buildings. As the Pilgrimage was in full swing, the Grille was very busy! We were glad that the groups weren't too large, or service could have been really slow. Instead, our waitress handled our table of 10 very well, and she even managed to get all the bills correctly distributed, without anyone telling her who went with who around the table. Since we were all moving around and talking, that was a feat all in itself! After dinner, some teams headed off to (successfully) find ice cream, while other teams did the short walk back to the hotel. Turns out our route back was on one of the ghost walks – we think! Or maybe Eufaula really is haunted!

Saturday was another perfect day for tandem riding. Steve & Wendy told the group to pay attention to things we saw as we did the ride, as he'd be asking questions after dinner Saturday night, just to see how observant we all were. Tandem rides are usually social, and Steve & Wendy wanted to make sure we paid attention to our surroundings as we pedaled by. Since there wasn't a hard and fast schedule to maintain, teams pedaled off as they were ready, in groups of 2 to 4 teams. Again, the route crossed the Lake into GA, but this time it went north along the lake before turning inland further into GA. The first destination was to Florence Marina State Park, where there was another local arts/craft fair. Bicycles were able to come into the park w/o a fee, and many teams took advantage of

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the local foods for sale. Several teams decided to try their luck at an old-fashioned cake walk, and one lucky(?) team won a freshly-baked cake! Fortunately the folks running the cake walk were willing to swap the cake for a batch of brownies, much easier to carry on a tandem than a layer cake!

The road from Florence Marina SP went right by Providence Canyon State Park. Providence Canyon is considered by some GA residents to be “Georgia’s Grand Canyon”. There were plenty of locals in the parking lots as we went by. Some teams stopped to view the Canyon, but no one took the time to hike to the bottom and back up. The roads were enough up/down that we figured we didn’t really need to do up/down by foot!

Once past the canyon, we quickly entered the small town of Lumpkin, GA. In downtown(?) Lumpkin, we rode right by the Four-Corners BBQ. What better place to eat in the middle of a ride than at a BBQ? The 4CBBQ was truly a mom’n’pop operation, and, unfortunately, our group overwhelmed Mom ‘N’ Pop. They did their level-best to keep up, but it became obvious as more teams arrived that they weren’t prepared to handle the meals for us all. Or maybe it was because the tandems arrived just as a large group of motorcyclists were leaving. Whatever the reason, everyone did get food, and it the wait really wasn’t too long for most of us. Since Susan and I actually were the first team to arrive, our service couldn’t have been better there!

After lunch, teams headed off for the 24-mile ride back to the hotel. Once off

the main road through Lumpkin, I’m not sure we saw any vehicles until we arrived back in Georgetown, just across the river from our hotel. For most teams, today’s 63-mile ride was the longest ride of 2010, so far! At the hotel, we all convened once again around the pool for more beverages and shared snacks.

Steve & Wendy had tipped off the folks at Cajun Corners that he was bringing in a large group of folks for dinner. The Cajun Corners had tables set up for us, and they were ready for us as we came in for dinner. Groups gathered at tables set up for us, and the service was quick, with great food once again.

After dinner, back at the hotel, Steve & Wendy set up for the informal scavenger hunt. He and Wendy had come up with a list of 24 questions that we had to answer. Since we didn’t know the questions in advance, it was a lot of fun trying to remember what we saw on the route as we pedaled by. Here are 3 of the 24 questions asked –

•#1 After crossing over the bridge on 82 into Georgetown, the sign stated _____ 26 miles. What’s the name of the city? Hint that was given - started with a C.

•#2 As you turned off of 82 onto 27 north what was the name of the gas station on the right? Hint that was given - yellow and the name of an animal.

•#3 Just up 27 the mileage sign states Lumpkin ___ miles? Hint - above 20.





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The chairs are looking settled in their new home with Steve and Eva Bullard.

The other 21 questions were similar. Some of the answers were “You’ve got to be kidding! We were supposed to remember that?” Of course, one team had to win – Steve & Eva Bullard from Atlanta had the most correct answers, and for their valiant efforts Steve & Wendy presented them with a pair of Adirondack Chairs, properly identified and branded with the ATW tandem logos. (I told you Steve & Wendy moved into the “Bonus” category as hosts!)

Sunday is always a “downer” day, as groups do a ride (this time in AL, so the 2010 ATW did SOME riding in our great state), before returning to the hotel to pack up and head back home. Several teams made one more dinner stop as a group, other teams headed on back home.

All in all, one great weekend, with tandem teams from five states – AL, GA, FL, TN, and SC -- in attendance.

If you’d like to attend ATW2011, watch DoubleTalk for information. There

is no website for ATW, tho’ we do sometimes post information on some of the tandem newsgroup sites. We don’t know where ATW2011 will be held, but there will be one somewhere! If you live in Alabama and would like to consider being a host, contact either this year’s host or Jack Goertz for more information. You can find Steve’s e-mail address in the TCA calendar section of the TCA website.

Jack & Susan Goertz
Birmingham, AL



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May 13-16, 2010. **Georgia Tandem Rally 2010.** There’s a waiting list for this one. 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 Marriott – Madison West. For more info <http://couplesonwheels.com> or cows_secretary@sbcglobal.net 262.251.1677 before 9 Central Time.

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May 21-23, 2010. **AORTA – Appalachian 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 11-13, 2010. **Dirty DOGS (Doubles Of Garden State) Allegrippis Trails Weekend at Lake Raystown.** Join Team Breeze on the Screampcycle 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 tmbreezeatop-tonline.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.gtgstandems.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 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

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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 km 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

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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 Marriott 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

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