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Who Does What?

What do TCA members do?

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

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From the Editors –

Has it just been two months since we were talking about springtime in the South?? So much has happened since that last issue came out... Tornadoes all over the country, major floods throughout much of the Mississippi/Missouri river basins, hailstorms, you name it – if it's weather-related, somewhere in the country, someone is experiencing it.

Alabama possibly suffered the worst of the weather when almost 100 tornadoes passed through our state on April 27th. Many homes were affected, but fortunately ours survived the damaging winds. We appreciated all the telephone calls and e-mails from our friends checking up on us. Some of our neighbors weren't so fortunate, and cleanup/rebuilding will be going on for years to come. Then, just a few days after the Alabama storms, Joplin, Missouri, was also slammed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members who have been affected by the weather and other natural catastrophes in the country. We are all family, and we sincerely want to offer our sympathies and more to all!

The TCA (the organization) did not come through the storm totally unscathed. The storm took out the server farm that hosts our website. Our webmaster, Russ Mawn, has been working diligently to bring the website back up on-line, and, hopefully, make it better and more robust than it has been. Russ is also working to make it better and easier to navigate (and to use it to renew your dues), but getting the server back on-line has been priority #1. And it didn't

help matters that Russ was in a car-bike accident (he was the "bike" portion) in Boston in May, which has also slowed the rebuild of the server. Russ wasn't seriously hurt, but, as he reported, he isn't moving real fast, and he isn't doing any long bike rides yet. We hope you bear with us and Russ as work progresses to return the server on line.

Better times have to be ahead of us! The rallies are still scheduled. So far, no rally has reported cancelling because of weather damage, storm damage, or lack of participants. A rally, tour, or club event may be just what you need to help restore your sanity and convince yourself that there is still a lot of great places to ride, and good friends to ride with. Don't have anything planned yet? Check out the TCA Calendar in this issue of Double-Talk and pick out a great event to take part in. You'll be glad you did.

In closing, we hope you'll take some time and send us an article or two to share with other TCA members. We love receiving these articles, and we'll use them in future articles in Doubletalk. If you can include a few digital pictures with the article, that would be even more appreciated. Just send your articles and pictures to "editor@tandemclub.org". We can accept files from almost any word processing program, and pictures in most digital formats. (Please don't embed your pictures in the article file. Send them as separate attachments).

That's about all for this issue. Time to get ready for our next rally.

See you on the road!

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“ICE “ Your Cell- phone

“ICE “ (ICE - ‘In Case of Emergency’) Your Cell- phone.

Apparently this is a standard procedure paramedics follow at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone.

ICE - ‘In Case of Emergency’

We all carry our cell phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn’t know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence, this ‘ICE’ (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of ‘ICE’ is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations.. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name ‘ICE’ (In Case of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always cell phones with patients, but they didn’t know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situa-

tion, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as ‘ICE.’ For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference!

Let’s spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our cell phones today!

Please spread this idea. It really could save your life, or put a loved one’s mind at rest. ICE will speak for you when you are not able to.



Guinea Pigs on the High Seas

Lots of firsts made this tandem trip a real Human Guinea Pig experience. This was the first time The Wind Star Cruise Line had all 74 cabins filled with tandem couples. This was the first time the Wind Spirit, a four-mast sailing ship, had her front top deck filled with tandems. This was the first Santana tandem trip on the Iberian Peninsula. Since very few secondary roads are marked in Spain and Portugal, paper maps and standard biking route sheets would not suffice, so this was also the first Santana trip exclusively dependent on Garmin GPS units. It was also the first Santana trip that included cycling in Africa. Yes, we were really Guinea Pigs on the High Seas.

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Our tour started in Barcelona, Spain for 3 days of enjoying this beautiful exotic city of the famous architect, Gaudi. The rest of the trip was on board the Wind Spirit sailing along the Spanish and Portuguese coast. The Wind Spirit sailed at night, docking in the morning to drop off the tandems and then continuing along the coast to the next scheduled docking port. We would climb on our tandems and, using predetermined routes on our GPS units, bike through beautiful sometimes hilly country side with the goal to find the Wind Spirit. Santana tours are fun with lots of special activities, but they are not for the weak and timid, especially these first time tours. Each tandem couple is expected to be able to take care of most bike problems along the way and make it to the destination before the ship leaves port. Santana provides an expert tandem mechanic to help with bike repairs on the ship at night or early in the morning. Of course, once on board the Wind Spirit we were bathed in the luxury of the Wind Star Cruise Line with beautiful spacious state rooms, great food and local wines, and all the other amenities that go with Sea cruising.

Tuesday/Wednesday November 9/10 San Francisco to Barcelona, Spain

Our tour began as the first two days ran together, living for 9 hours in the cramped economy section of a Lufthansa 747 winging our way from San Francisco to Frankfurt. Then after a 3 hour layover we again boarded a Lufthansa jet for a 1.5 hour flight to Barcelona. On this last leg we started to meet tandem friends that we had biked with on past Santana tours. Meeting past tandeming friends on



The Wind Spirit at night

Santana tours is one of the joys of these vacations. Jan from Santana met us when we arrived in Barcelona and we boarded a bus for our Barcelona Hotel.

It is interesting how mentally I become much more relaxed as soon as we see the Santana people since now all of the logistics and planning are their responsibility and not ours.

After arriving in the hotel and taking a quick shower, we dressed for our first activity; the Tapas Crawl. Spain is noted for the small food dishes they serve in bars called Tapas. Tapas started



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when bars started to serve a small piece of bread to put on top of wine glasses to keep the flies and other flying critters out of the wine. Then someone put a piece of cheese on the bread and as time passed the Tapas idea grew so now this is a interesting way to have a meal. We were lead by a local Catalonian woman who took us to 4 Tapas bars where we enjoyed specialty Catalonia and Basque Tapas and wine. The Crawl took about 3 hours and we got back to the hotel at about 9:30 pm, plenty tired and ready for a good night's sleep in a real bed!

This part of Spain was once an independent country called Catalonia, with its own language and culture. This all changed in 1714 when they became part of Spain, but they still speak their own language, follow some Catalonian cultural activities, and talk about independence.

Thursday November 11 Barcelona, Spain

We woke late and had a buffet breakfast at the hotel, again meeting



An idealic view of the

more people we knew. Our main tourist attraction was to be the Picasso Museum. We have very little time on our own and that was the one thing we really wanted to include.

The Picasso museum was very interesting and well displayed. The museum itself was made out of three large homes which were next to each other, townhouse style. The bottom areas must have been for small shops, garages, and courtyards. As we wandered through the museum, every once in a while we would see some of the original stone work among the displays. The exhibit itself was chronologically displayed, starting when Picasso was 12-15 years old. One interesting observation was that when he was a child, he painted like an adult (Classically); when he was older, he painted like a child. They had one large display which was based on a classical painting by another great Spanish painter, Velazquez (which some have said to be the greatest painting ever). Picasso painted more than 50 interpretations of this painting in his later style which distorts and dissects the images playing around with the figures (you might see both a side view and a front view of a figure with angular shapes on the same canvas). The interesting thing was the educational video they had, overlaying Picasso's interpretations over the very precise classical original. It was very interesting to see the progression of Picasso's work and in some cases his direct influence from some impressionistic artists. He was truly a genius and had to go beyond the typical to express what had not been done before and clearly he had already done the photographic style

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so you cannot say that he did what he did because he could not do the more technical styles.

After our visit to the museum, it was time to assemble our tandem and take it for a test ride to make sure it was ready. In the evening all of the tandem couples met on the top of the hotel for Sangrias and a beautiful view of the city before a special Catalonia dinner of special hors d'œuvre while wondering around getting acquainted with our fellow tandemers.

Friday November 12 Barcelona to Montserrat, Spain

Our first day of cycling started with an hour bus ride from our Barcelona hotel to Montserrat, an old monastery built on a very unique rock mountain. The unique peaks of rock reach 4000 feet up from the valley floor and it is here where the Benedictine monks decided to build the monastery starting in 1025. We spent about an hour touring the magnificent cathedral and surrounding buildings. One of the highlights of the cathedral is the black Virgin Mary with child statue located above the altar.

After our time visiting the unique monastery it was time to start biking. Santana had trucked our bikes to the Monastery so we started our ride at the top. But it was definitely not all downhill! After only about 11 km we all stopped for a catered lunch. The lunch was massive and we could have eaten for hours and not tried all of the delicacies available on the tables. But we had to ride, so care was taken.

This was also our first experience using the GPS on the bikes, following a predetermined route made by Santana for our 66 km day. It was a learning experience but the GPS worked and Judy, my wife and stoker, did a great job keeping us on the route. We had a lot to learn, but we are on our way. It was good the GPS is in the Stoker position because there is no way I could have captained the Tandem on unfamiliar roads and tried to navigate by looking at the GPS.

Our ride ended at Codorniu winery. Codorniu produces a very large volume, in the millions of bottles each year, of Champaign. They, of course, can't call it Champaign but it is made the same way as Champaign from the Champaign region of France. We had an interesting tour of the winery and of course got to sample some of their fine product.

It was then dark and back on the bus for our return trip to our Barcelona Hotel. We got back about 7:30 pm and Judy and I decided to have a light dinner in our room. We had sliced beef which was roasted on a spit and then wrapped much like a burrito or a Greek pieta with cabbage, onion and lettuce and yogurt sauces. It was toasted and by having it cut in half it worked well for a light dinner.

Saturday November 13 Barcelona, Spain

This day we enjoyed a bicycling tour of Barcelona. The group of 74 tandems was divided into 5 smaller groups lead by a local tour guide on a single bike for a 20 km 6 hour bike tour of the city of Barcelona. Bicycling is a great way to see a large city center. You move fast enough



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to cover most of the important parts of the city, you are maneuverable enough to get to everything, and you don't have to worry about parking.

The major attraction was Gaudi's Sagrada Familia unfinished church. The church was started in the 1850s and shortly after it was started the architect Gaudi took control and put his personal touch on the style. Gaudi's style is whimsical, very different, and well – gaudy!!! The word “gaudy” I think came from Mr. Gaudi's architecture.

Our bike tour of the city ended with a very big lunch at a restaurant on the beach and then a short ride to our ship, the Wind Spirit. The bikes were loaded onto the top deck of our sailing ship with the help of the ship crew, and then it was off to drinks, typical captain's reception, and our first dinner on board.

About 5 pm we set sail for our next Spanish port.

Drama, Drama.... As we left Barcelona with our 74 tandems loaded on deck of the Wind Spirit the state authorities became interested and concerned. The local governor of Catalonia, which includes Barcelona and this part of Spain, and the bureaucracy thought we were the “Tour de Tandem” and would be invading their roads with racing tandems causing havoc and mayhem. So as the ship sailed from Barcelona to the city of Castellon, Bill, our leader, had to send our GPS routes and fax actual maps of our routes along with an explanation of what we were doing to the Governor and the appropriate bureaucracy. It was not until just before we docked that we found

out that we would be allowed to disembark our bikes and ride. Bureaucracy is alike everywhere!!

Sunday, November 14 Castellon to Valencia

The ship arrived in Castellon, Spain at about 5:30 am as we were getting up. There were a few police cars and a camera crew with reporters waiting for us. A few of the tandem riders spoke Spanish and they gave interviews as all of the bikes were unloaded and we were getting ready to begin the ride. Our leaders, Bill and Jan, were even stopped along the route to give another interview to a local paper. We made an impression on Spain.

At breakfast we learned how to load a new route into our GPS wirelessly and it worked great. All of the bikes were unloaded from the ship in a little less than an hour and we were set for our 80 km flat ride along the Mediterranean coast to Valencia.

The weather was beautiful with clear skies cool temperatures but just right for cycling. We started with 4 other couples and we stayed together for about three fourths of the ride when the group split up and we finished with Mike and Hope, good friends from previous Santana trips. The route followed the Mediterranean coast south and the route was as flat as a pancake. The result was a fast 87 km ride and we got to Valencia about 1 hour before our ship arrived. Along the route we saw a lot of small orange trees that were full of Valencia oranges. We never knew where this kind of oranges came from but now we know.

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Judy became very proficient at using the GPS to keep us on the route. Judy said during the trip that she liked the GPS better than paper maps. She became very proficient at reading the GPS and telling me about turns coming up. We added a field to the GPS display that told Judy how many meters we are off the route. This was great information so if she saw that number growing she knew we are moving away from the route.

When the ship arrived in Valencia we realized it had been taken over by Pirates. The tandem teams all decided the best move was to join the Pirates and share the spoils. Fun and games continued throughout the afternoon before the ship's crew finally regained control and the ship sailed to our next destination.

Monday, November 15 Garrucha, Spain

Today we were bussed and the tandems were trucked to the start of the ride to Garrucha. After unloading, we first had a 12.5 km climb over hills through some desolate country that looked like it was right out of the US southwest with a number of old abandoned buildings in a rocky desert like terrain. We all expected John Wayne to come riding over the hills with his gang of desperados. Once we crested the summit the descent it was fast and quick. The road was wide, with no traffic, gentle turns, and a good surface. We almost broke the 70 km speed limit before we reached the bottom and continued along a busy highway toward the Sea and our destination. We were riding with two other tandem couples, all enjoy-

ing a beautiful blue sky and nice temperature for biking.

After about 30 km we stopped in one of the few towns we encountered for lunch. It was about 12:45 pm and the restaurant did not open until 1 but they sat us along with a few other tandem teams who joined us. We completed a 2 hour lunch and continued along the Mediterranean coast to Garrucha. The wind came up and, of course, it was a head wind and the road was rolling like highway 1 in California, following the sea coast. We arrived in Garrucha about 4 pm, after about 65 km to find our ship anchored outside the sea wall around the port.

Now more drama! Remember this was the first time Santana had done this tour or any tour in Spain. Garrucha is a very small port with room for only two



Pirates aboard the Wind Spirit



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large ships and there were already two large freight ships tied up in port. Lots of little sailing ships were also in port but no room for the Wind Spirit. Bill contacted the harbor master and learned that Garrucha only has about 40 ships a year visit so what were the odds that two would be in port the day we wanted one of the two available docks?

There was a bar and restaurant at the port, so we ordered some drinks and settled in waiting for more instructions. As the sun was setting and the temperature dropping it was decided to send the women by the ships tenders out to the Wind Spirit, which was still anchored outside the port and the men would stay with the tandems. Riding in the small boats back to the ship with women and children it felt like the “Titanic” but in reverse. One of the ship’s staff commented that it was the first time he had ever heard of “Women and Children ‘to the ship’”!



Tandem storage on board the ship

One of the freight ships was scheduled to leave port at 7 pm at which time the Wind Spirit could dock and board the tandems and the rest of us. Of course, 7 pm Spanish time could be anytime. Finally about 8:30 pm we got word that one freight ship was leaving and we would be rescued. But by now the wind had picked up and it was too dangerous for the Wind Spirit to enter the port. So we moved all of the tandems into an outside enclosed area the bar used for parties. Bill and one of his support team stayed with the bikes until they could be picked up by a truck the next morning, and we boarded the ships’ tenders to return to the Wind Spirit. The ship had dinner ready when we arrived at about 10 pm so we enjoyed a very nice meal before heading off to bed at about midnight.

Another fun adventure on a first run Santana tour.

Tuesday, November 16 Malaga, Spain

Having left Garrucha late, we arrived in Malaga around noon. This was an off-the-bike day which was just fine with Judy!!! It was nice to recover, and then it was on the bike again the next day.

We again found a Picasso Museum and it was a different experience than the museum in Barcelona. Picasso was born in Malaga, but he did not return to Malaga once he left when he was 19 years old. His family donated the works to the city and a very nice museum was created. It had more of his later period works and it had quotes from Picasso which gave an insight into why his later pieces were so outrageous. It of course was done on purpose to wake people up and to a great

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extent shock them. In looking at many of his women portraits -- which are distorted -- you can see both a side portrait as well as a front head-on view. It is quite interesting when you start to really look at them.

We had an early dinner, then it was early to bed as we had a very early breakfast the next day -- we would be riding in Africa!

Wednesday, November 17 Gibraltar and Tangier, Morocco

We arrived the next morning in a different country. Gibraltar is part of the United Kingdom and they speak British English, use the Pound Sterling as currency, and except for driving on the right side of the road, are very British.

After another big breakfast, we took a mini bus tour of Gibraltar, with most of the time spent on the "Rock". We learned that the famous saying, "Solid as the Rock of Gibraltar" is not really true since there are over 50 km of tunnels carved out of the rock inside the "solid" Rock of Gibraltar. Although some of these tunnels were carved in earlier centuries, most were made during World War II when Gibraltar was controlled by the Allies and the location was used very effectively to keep the German U-boats out of the Mediterranean, keep the Italian and Vichy French navy locked up in the Mediterranean, and if Spain had entered the war on the side of Hitler, the allies would be able to destroy some of the Spanish navy. The approximately 5000 troops stationed inside the Rock during the war spent 8 hours sleeping, 8 hours standing guard or other military jobs, and

8 hours hauling rock. The rock taken out of the tunnels was used to reclaim land from the sea and make an airport.

Also on the "Rock" live about 300 apes that have lived there for hundreds of years. No one knows exactly when the apes were brought to Gibraltar, but now they are a permanent part of the country. Winston Churchill once said that the apes must stay on Gibraltar because if they left, Gibraltar would no longer be part of Great Britain. The apes are a great tourist draw.

Today the international Gibraltar airport is the closest airport to a major city and the only one with a major road crossing the only active runway. It was this road that we biked across after our bus tour on our way to the ferry for our short one hour ride to Africa and Morocco.

Our passports were returned to us for the first time since they were taken by the Ship's crew when we boarded in



Gibraltar - a small island so roads and runways (!) are multi-purpose



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Barcelona. It was a good thing since we started our ride in Gibraltar, crossed into Spain, and then took a ferry to Morocco across the straits of Gibraltar to North Africa. The passports were looked at and stamped numerous times during our travels over two continents.

It started to rain on our 23 km ride to the ferry in Spain and it continued to rain most of the rest of the day. When we arrived in Morocco after clearing passport control on the ferry which took longer

we thought it was going to blow us over. Going downhill we had to peddle hard as it felt like it was blowing us back up the hill. The hills continued throughout the whole 73 km ride. This may not sound like a lot but with the rain, strong head and cross winds, muddy roads caused by cars entering from dirt side roads, and the hills, we were wasted by the time we finally saw Tangiers. The biking entrance into the city was very easy along the sea coast, and we went directly to our ship. We were very grateful to finally be back at the ship.

Santana had arranged for a camel owner to be on the beach as we entered Tangiers so people could experience riding a camel. It was cold, we were tired, we could see the ship, and we had ridden a camel in Egypt so we did not stop. But a number of teams did, and they enjoyed a camel ride along the beach.

After a quick shower, I went on a tour of the old part of the city of Tangiers, and the Kasbah, which included visiting a rug factories and a jewelry store. It was a special holiday in the Medina and the young boys had started fires in large 50 gal drums where they were cooking sheep's heads. There were a number of these fires that we passed, and the air in the narrow streets was full of smoke. Judy relaxed on the ship. Two more hours of walking around in the cold, wet drizzle, and wind did not sound inviting.

Thursday, November 18 Cadiz and Jerez Spain

During the night our ship continued along the coast of Spain but now we were in the Atlantic.



Bob encounters a Gibraltar ape

than the ferry ride, we found not only rain but very high head winds.

You know the expression "be careful what you wish for"? When we were on a tandem ride along the Mississippi River riding 70 miles into the wind we were wishing for some hills to be able to coast down and get some relieve from the wind. Well, now we had the hills and the wind. Having the hills did not help. If the wind was not blowing in our face it was blowing against our side so hard that

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“What a difference a day makes.”

Today's ride was sunny, mostly flat, with little wind. We went 4 km more than yesterday, but felt like we could have biked forever. We would have taken the day off after the wicked ride in Morocco, but there was a special horse show that sounded too interesting to miss. We biked 56 kilometers to get to the town of Jerez to visit Sanderman's sherry-making operation, then on to the horse show at Spain's Royal College of Horsemanship, and finally back to Sandeman to taste their sherry and enjoy a tapas lunch. The last part of the ride back was a quick 19 km back to a ferry. After the ferry ride, we were able to walk to the ship from the ferry terminal, so we were done with biking for the day.

This was our last day in Spain. During the night, the ship sailed to Portugal.

Friday, November 19 Portimao, Portugal

Wow! We can have a relaxing day. It feels so good not to be on the bike today. We could have ridden but we slept late and had a continental breakfast by the pool. We needed time off the bike. We took a shuttle bus into the town of Portimao and walked around the town center and by the ocean. We saw quite a few of our tandem buddies, either walking like us and acting as tourists, or actually on their bikes going through town.

More Drama. We found that Lisbon is hosting a big NATO meeting and the heads of state of a number of the NATO countries, including President Obama will be in Lisbon when we arrive. As a result of this big meeting, security was

tight and we had to determine the day before how we would enter Lisbon; either by bicycle or on the Ship. We biked. But the Portugal and/or NATO authorities were on the ship in Portimao to determine how everyone was entering the city. It was interesting to watch. I was glad we had hotel reservation in Lisbon after we disembark the ship.

We were now in the Atlantic Ocean, headed for Setabul, Portugal. The sea had waves of about 6 feet which were rocking the ship and making about a fourth of the passengers a little sea sick. Judy had a massage at 4 pm and when she returned to the cabin, the rocking ship was making her a little sick. She went to sleep at about 5 pm and stayed there through the night. The crew was handing out “Sea Calm” pills to anyone who wanted them.

Saturday, November 20 Setabul and Lisbon, Portugal

After a good night sleep, Judy felt much better, even though we were still at sea until after breakfast. The ride today was 46 km from Setabul to the ferry across the Tejo River to Lisbon. It was a nice ride with some climbs. Lisbon is a busy city as we neared the ferry. After the ferry ride to Lisbon we had a quick lunch, then it was a biking tour of Lisbon. In the past we have had very enjoyable biking tours of large cities like Budapest and Barcelona. Biking through large city centers allows you to cover a lot of distance and still see a lot of the major attractions. But the tour guides we had in Lisbon were not the quality of our past city bike tours. We learned very little



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about the city. The bike tour could have been hampered by the NATO conference restricting some typical destinations, but we could have learned more about the history of Lisbon and Portugal. Interestingly we did bike past a protest against NATO.

After a total of 67 km we met the boat in the Lisbon harbor and it was time to disassemble the bikes and box them for travel home. At dinner that night we had a live presentation of Fado music. Fado is classic Portugal music, reflecting Portugal's bittersweet relationship with the sea. Fado means "fate" and the music is sad and sung with the accompaniment of a 12-string guitar and one of more other strings.

It has been a fun trip with some good and some very hard biking with mostly beautiful weather and fun people. We

have biked in 4 countries and on 2 continents.

We had one more night on the Wind Spirit and then we took a taxi to our Lisbon hotel for a planned three days. The three days turned into four when the public employee unions in Portugal called a 24 hour strike on the day we were to fly home. The strike closed the airport so we were stuck in Portugal for one more day. Lufthansa Air Line quickly rebooked us for the same flights the next day and we spent another enjoyable day visiting sights in Lisbon and eating some good Portuguese fish dishes.

The strike by the public service unions in Lisbon, and maybe all of Portugal, was protesting the austere measures required by the European Union and the Portugal Government to try and get Portugal's financial house in order. Without drastic measures, Portugal will follow Greece and Ireland, requiring an EU bailout. Some of the protest took place in the Rossio square in front of our hotel. Too bad it was all in Portuguese -- we couldn't understand the speakers.

This was truly another enjoyable Santana tandem trip! As my stoker and Rear Admiral says, "WE BIKE BECAUSE WE CAN AND WE CAN BECAUSE WE BIKE".

Bob Faulhaber
Sunnyvale, CA



Judy & Bob enjoying the sea & the sun.



Tandem Touring 101

Tandem Touring means something different to each person you talk to. At its most basic it is a multi-day ride by tandem.

The easiest way to Tandem Tour is attend a Rally. You'll stay in one hotel, food, maps, friends are all there. They may even have arrows on the road to aid in navigation, and when it's time to leave, your vehicle is sitting there, ready to load. The next choice is joining a group tour. There are many tours available, some are for just tandems, others welcome tandems, but you'll share the roads with riders on single bikes. Generally, the tour operators will haul your gear from hotel to hotel (or campground to campground) and at the end of the tour, if you're not back where you started, the tour operators will (usually) take you back to your car.

If neither of these options is your idea of a tandem tour – your idea of a tour is simply the 2 of you on your tandem, doing your own thing when ever and wherever you please, then I have a few things for you to think about.

If you have never tried bike touring, and one of you is reluctant, I suggest a mini credit card tour. Go for a nice ride, at the end of the ride, stay at a nice hotel, B&B or stay with friends. The next day, ride home. On this first trip you want as few surprises as possible.

Our first tour was super basic. With no advance planning and with only toothbrushes, clean shorts and socks in our trunk bag, we headed down the road.

It was a perfect early spring day, and we made the most of it. We found a motel, found food, and we were giddy with what we had done on the spur of the moment. The next day was even nicer, as we headed toward home, the 30's and 40's of the day before soared into the 60's this final day. Luckily we had a bungee cord along. All those winter clothes had to come off, a trunk bag can only hold so much! The next day we ordered panniers, and we were hooked on touring.

Lesson 1-- make sure you can carry everything you need with you.

Many Tandemists change to singles when they tour. Why? Because each bike can only carry so much gear, 2 bikes equal twice the carrying capacity as one bike. That also means each person is moving a lot of gear! This is supposed to be fun! We prefer to limit what we take, and we prefer to tour on the tandem.

Lesson 2- Decide how much you want to haul.

Do you see a recurring theme here?

Next, together you need to decide how to carry the gear; panniers, trailer or both. We've done it all and our preference is definitely to use panniers. It's all in how and where you like to travel, and what you consider necessities for your tour.

The trailers we have used tracked well on roads and rail trails. But even a single wheel trailer is awkward to get around or between obstacles, like the posts on rail trails. It can be interesting trying to find parking places for a train and you don't even want to know about start-



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ing on a steep incline or riding up lava flows. Does your captain complain about “steering from the rear”? Wait until (s)he experiences it from the trailer! All that said, if you need to carry many gallons of water for days of desert camping, a trailer is the best way.

Again, it comes down to what you need. We have met true credit card tourists. They look like they are on a day ride. One extra riding outfit and rain gear, I assume they have toiletries and emergency food, but I’m not sure. They ride long miles on a light bike, stop at a motel, shower, wash the dirty riding clothes, put on the clean, go out to dinner, hope the clothes dry by morning, and do it again. I would get tired of damp Lycra.

The other extreme is the gourmet cook. They tour to camp and cook outdoors. They carry a tent big enough to cook in if needed, full sets of pans, knives, and cutting boards. They have wine glasses and silver, herbs and oils and aprons, lots of fresh food, probably a cooler. They never go more than 20 miles a day and make lots of stops to shop. Perfect for them, I prefer to do fancy cooking in my kitchen.

Lesson 3: Hauling

Choose to haul a lot, but for short distances, or carry nothing for long miles, or do something in between, don’t try to do it all. It’s supposed to be fun.

The Shakedown: any major tour needs a shakedown pre tour. Load everything you plan to take and do an overnight in conditions similar to your tour. If you will be camping, camp. Use the

tent, stove, and water carrier, everything that’s new. Can you dress in the tent? I often use the ladies’ room, if there is one, and if it’s reasonably clean. I can change in the tent, I just don’t like to.

Does all your gear have a place for the night? If you’re camping in bear country it needs to be away from your tent. All campgrounds have critters looking for snacks, how will you keep them out of yours? How will you carry water? Will you need to treat it?

Even a hotel to hotel tour needs a shakedown, if you have the gear poorly packed, it’s better to wobble down the road near home, so you can wobble back and make adjustments. Even a perfectly loaded bike needs some getting used to. It takes longer to start, stop, and turn. A couple days in, it becomes natural, but the first day is always awkward, so do it where you know the roads and hills, where there are no surprise stop signs or sudden turns at odd angles.

Lesson 4: Get comfortable with hauling all your gear

Maps are extremely important, a GPS is very handy, but a bike map is essential. You don’t have to follow it, but if you know other bikers choose road Y over road Z there is probably a reason and you need to be prepared. Many states offer bike maps and Adventure Cycling offers a selection of maps that have all the camping, restaurants, post offices, bike shops, etc. marked on them. We usually also carry a large scale map, if you want to leave the planned route, you should have some idea where you are and where you’re going.

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Lesson 5- Some extra gear is really worth hauling.

On a long tour, more than a couple weeks, don't try to over plan. You are carrying everything you need so you can stop where you want. If that nature preserve is incredible, spend the day. Don't rush off. If you meet some neat people, enjoy them. As long as you get someplace for the night, you're okay. Maybe you'll make up the miles tomorrow and maybe you won't. If it's pouring out, find a place to wait it out. This is a vacation, not a job to be accomplished, so enjoy.

Lesson 6- You are hauling all that gear, take advantage.

This brings us to the most important lesson:

Lesson 7 -- Just do it.

Touring is the best way to vacation; you really become a part of the new area. A place you have driven through a dozen times is yours once you bike it. Your tour won't be like anyone else's and it shouldn't be. You should take what you need, go the mileage you like, spend time where you want.

Homework assignment 1- leave home, take a tour, even if it's just one night. You can do it. And you can have fun! Then write an article about your first tour for DoubleTalk, so others can learn from your experiences!

Chuck & Nancy Garber
South Haven, MI



Views From The Back of Bike...from a Timid Stoker (4)

I love reading the stories in Double-talk of the adventuresome tandem teams traveling the world, logging in mile after mile of steep climbs in exotic places.... and I wonder to myself..."are they nuts or what?" This does not sound like the way to see Europe or even the good old USA—what happened to see the USA in your Chevrolet (disclaimer here— for Captain and me -it would be see the USA in your Ford since we worked for them for over 30 years but wanted to use the more familiar slogan)

Where are the spa, the 5 star restaurants, and the lovely hotels with high-thread count sheets? Schlepping all that gear on the bike and then (horrors) camping when necessary. I should admit right up front that my idea of roughing it is a hotel with less than a 3 star rating! At the end of a long day, peeling my tired bones off the bike and setting up a camp with no shower, no bathroom, and no TV would not be how I would spend my summer vacation. Even if we were staying in a hotel, the idea of having to get up and get back on the bike the next day for another 50+ miles is just not awe inspiring.

Although last summer, we did a river cruise and I was envious of the bikers riding the lovely bike trails along the Mosel River in Germany but they were only riding about 6 or 7 miles between towns and food stops! And if I could get on the boat after 20 miles and decide the next day

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Florida YMCA Ride

whether I wanted to ride that day or float –now that is more what I would consider a vacation.

Don't get me wrong....I thoroughly enjoy riding our tandem and while we are relative “newbies” to the world of tandems –we can usually crank out a metric century over rolling hills without too much complaint from me.

But I continue to be amazed by teams who live, eat, and breathe riding their tandems. As I said, I like to ride but more than a couple of days in a row and I am exhausted. I ache everywhere and am ready for other pursuits. Now I am not in that bad of shape. Captain and I exercise daily and go to spin class 2 times a week or more in addition to riding. Now we could be lighter and maybe that would help but we love to eat not eat to live! And we enjoy lots of pastimes –golfing, traveling, reading, and my Captain is a HAM radio operator. He spends

almost as much time on his radio as he does on the bike. He will go ride his single bike while I am working at home and can't get away to ride the tandem. However when we ride the tandem, it is for 15 or 20 miles -- a short training ride and then I am ready to go do other things with my day or afternoon.

When we go to tandem rallies, the bulk of the teams all seem raring to go. They ride the warm-up ride, they ride the longest ride (although I must say I don't recall a lot of tandem only events that have full century routes), and they ride every day including the day that they are heading home. And some even rode for days just to get to the rally! I wish I could understand this mindset or have it transplanted into my brain. Maybe it is because we are older than most of the tandem teams. But then we always meet a team that is way older than us who are riding like they are in their twenties. I wish Captain and I had met when we were much younger and had started riding a tandem at that time. Captain is far ahead of me on this. He has been riding for a long time and I think he is more eager than I am to ride but then I also think he is often glad I am the wimp and it gives him an excuse to stay off the bike when he is as tired (well almost as tired as I am). After all, he has to hold up the bike and carry his own weight, my weight, and the bike's weight up and down hills and keep us on course –that has to be exhausting. When he rides his single bike, he is free of me and my calling for a harder gear (I like a to push more resistance than he does) and he can free spin all he wants with his lightweight

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fast single bike. But I know he misses me when he rides alone (or I like to think he does).

One of the beauties for me is that most organized rides are only one day. You arrive in the morning, you ride your (in our case) 62 miles, and you go home...well you stop and eat and then go home. The downside is that there are not many tandems on those types of rides. You are the anomaly. And every guy who thinks he is very clever when he shouts "hey she's not pedaling" as he ride past. This gets pretty old after one time let alone 20. Or the amazed riders who go by and say...wow you guys are in perfect cadence (duh!) ...There are some interested riders who will ask about tandems and say they wish they could get their spouse interested etc but for the most part, you are forced to put up with the wisecracks about the stoker's work ethic.

I have found that the more we ride, my skill level and bike knowledge are improving. I can now look down and tell Captain which chain ring we are in –both front and rear. Prior to a few months ago, I was clueless so this is a big accomplishment for me. For several years, Captain has tried to explain the entire shifting pattern to me and for many reasons (left brain/right brain etc) it never made any sense to me. I was used to riding a bike that had numbers on the shift levers. So I would say to Captain when riding our single bikes, what number are you on and he would look at me like I had 3 heads –he would say I am on the big ring and the middle ring and I would look back at him with equal confusion

with a big HUH? Is that 3 and 6? Now suddenly after looking down at the gears and watching the chain roll off the big gear too many times to count –it all begins to make sense to me now. As I have said, I was not a bike rider as a kid and never had a 10-speed bike until I met my Captain.

So I feel I have a steep learning curve from other stokers who mostly seem to be experienced single bike riders as well as stokers. I remember talking with one team on the Midwest Tandem Rally while we were at the homemade ice cream and root beer float stop. Have I mentioned that I live for the SAG stops or the unexpected roadside stands that get setup during these events? This couple had our same bike and we had actually met them at the Eastern Tandem Rally and they were waiting to get their new bike. We talked about the issue of chain ring roll off and this stoker was able to reach down and carefully put that chain back on the



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Moms can be the captain too!

impressive to me than not getting a finger caught in my rope!

It is also amazing to me how many women captain a tandem. It appears that many families, rather than riding a quad, split the duties between two tandems with each parent captaining their own tandem. And many of the stokers I have talked to could easily take the controls and captain the bike. Me...captain the bike??? Not in a million years. I could maybe get us down the road a bit but stopping and holding the bike up while my stoker sits clipped in? Not a chance! Climb a hill in the correct gear? Again... not in this lifetime. So I am grateful for my Captain who puts up with me and I am happy with my view from the rear of the bike!

Mary Bills
Farmington Hills, MI

gear while they were moving! Now that was impressive! Shoot, I can't bend down and get the water bottle on a single bike!

I can retrieve my water bottle on the tandem but that took some time and practice. But, to reach down to that chain ring!!! And be brave enough not to do it and not worry about losing a finger (takes me back to my cowgirl team roping days when you had to be careful when you dallied your rope around the saddle horn not to get your finger caught....) but this was much more



Florida Everglades Ride



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Sandbagging

A friend sent me these translations of cycling phrases. I especially like the one about the titanium bike blessed by the pope. - Sid

Road cyclists are the biggest sandbaggers and secret trainers around. They'll say anything to soften you up for the kill. Don't let this happen to you. Study this handy rider's phrasebook to find out what they really mean when they say:

"I'm out of shape."

Translation: I ride 400 miles a week and haven't missed a day since the Ford administration. I replace my 11-tooth cog more often than you wash your shorts. My body fat percentage is lower than your mortgage rate.

"I'm not into competition. I'm just riding to stay in shape."

Translation: I will attack until you collapse in the gutter, babbling and whimpering. I will win the line sprint if I have to force you into oncoming traffic. I will crest this hill first if I have to grab your seat post and spray energy drink in your eyes.

"I'm on my beater bike."

Translation: I had this baby custom-made in Tuscany using titanium blessed by the Pope. I took it to a wind tunnel and it disappeared. It weighs less than a fart and costs more than a divorce.

"It's not that hilly."

Translation: This climb lasts longer than a presidential campaign. Be careful on the steep sections or you'll fall over backward. You have a 39x23 low gear? Here's the name of my knee surgeon.

"You're doing great, honey."

Translation: Yo, lard azz, I'd like to get home before midnight. This is what you get for spending the winter decorating and eating chocolate. I should of married that cute Cat 1 racer when I had the chance.

"This is a no-drop ride."

Translation: I'll need an article of your clothing for the search and rescue dogs.

"It's not that far."

Translation: Bring your passport.

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July 1-4, 2011. **Northwest Tandem Rally 2011. Spokane, WA** "Pedalin' the Palouse" The Spokane bike club is the host. Room reservations can be made now. Details at www.NWTR.org

July 1-4, 2011. **DOGS (Doubles of Garden State) Dirty DOGS Vermont Kingdom Trails Weekend Blast.** East Burke, Vermont. Join TeamBreeze and have a BLAST exploring the trails. Camping, RV or find your own. tmbreeze@optonline.net or 973.584.3460 www.d-o-g-s.org

July 8-14, 2011. **Tandems East Tandem Weekend. 13th Annual Ride.** Pennsville, NJ Pre-registration is required. http://tandemseast.com/events/tandem_weekend_2011.html

July 10, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Road to Ribs Ride.** Darien, IL. We ride, we socialize we eat. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

July 16, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Wheaton, IL We ride, we have loaner tandems or you can bring your own. There are always plenty of stokers. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

July 16, 2011. **ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Sedro Woolley Loop.** Sedro-Woolley, WA. Loop up Hwy 20 to Concrete along the Skagit River for lunch and return via the South Skagit Highway. Bring your own lunch or buy it at Concrete. <http://www.evergreentandemclub.org>

July 16-23, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Week Long Ride.** Bayfield, WI. We ride, we eat. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

July 17, 2011. **COWS Wrangler Ride.** Waupaca, WI. Back by popular demand the Wrangler Rides give us a chance to get together and ride with our

tandem friends. Joan & John Laabs are the host for this event for more details http://www.couplesonwheels.com/cow_rides.php

July 22-24, 2011. **Indiana Tandem Rally 2010.** Fort Wayne, IN. This event, sponsored by Three Rivers Velo Sport and HOOTS, is a three day ride: a 25 mile ice cream route on Friday, 35-55 miles on Saturday and 25-50 miles on Sunday. Sag stops will be identified for each ride and we'll provide lunch on Saturday. The fee will include a banquet on Saturday evening. Routes will be flat to gently rolling. Join us for a weekend of great riding and fun. Ride will be limited to 60 teams. Make your hotel or camping reservation Hilton Gardens Inn 260.435.1777 Camp Timber Lake 260.672.3251 Kent or Anne Ellis 260.387.7978 tandemIndiana@gmail.com 260.387.7978 before 9pm Eastern Time.

July 23, 2011. **HATS (Houston Area Tandem Society) Riverhaven Ride.** Houston, TX area. Come meet up with some of the great Texas tandem teams. We'll ride, (with the ride optional) then grill. Bring a meat to grill and a dish to share. <http://www.tandem-hats.org>

July 24, 2011. **GRITS (Greater Raleigh (NC) Intrepid Tandem Society) Ride.** Raleigh, NC area. Take the time to come out and ride with your fellow tandem teams. There will be socializing opportunities. <http://groups.google.com/group/gritstandems>

July 30, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Onion Pub Ride.** Lake Barrington, IL We ride, we drink? And of course we eat. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

July 30, 2011. **DOGS (Doubles of the Garden State) Annual HOT Ride and COOL Pool Party.** Califon, NJ. The terrain is hilly to rolling with flatter added terrain on the long ride. Hosts

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Dave Snope and Susan Nicolich <http://www.d-o-g-s.org>

July 31-31, 2011. **ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) 2nd Annual Camp Fest.** Orting, WA. Our base is the Ski Park Lake outside Orting This event is for ETC members only – but it's easy to join, so take a minute, join, then come enjoy the fun. We'll be group cooking Saturday night, riding and enjoying activities (golf?) at the Park. <http://www.evergreentandemclub.org>

August 5-7, 2011. **Eastern Tandem Rally 2011.** Storrs, CT. Join us for great rides in the rolling hills and farmlands of N.E. CT. Ride, eat, dance and laugh with fellow tandem teams (plus) at UCONN in Storrs, CT. We are encouraging participants to arrive on Thursday and come with us on a remote start for Friday morning in Woodstock, CT. We also are planning the swap meet and vendor sales for Friday and Saturday from 3:00-5:00. Hope to see you all there. It should be a fun time. Sue and Glenn Orcutt Additional details will be at www.easterntandemrally.org as they become available.

August 7, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Pool Party Ride.** Buffalo Grove, IL We

ride, we swim, we eat. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

August 12-14, 2011. **PIGS (Paired Iowans Going Somewhere) Rally 2011.** Storm Lake, IA Once again the PIGS have found a wonderful surprising location for their annual get together. Come join in the fun. Details will be found at <http://pigstandem.home.mchsi.com>

August 14, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Sweet Corn Ride.** Harvard, IL We ride, we eat, and eat sweet corn. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

August 20, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Elmhurst, IL We ride, we have loaner tandems or you can bring your own. There are always plenty of stokers. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

August 20, 2011. **ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Ride, Eat...Ride Eat...Ride Eat.** Marymoor Park, WA. We begin with a toast – to riding and eating – then head off – a salad course, entrees, veggies and I'm sure dessert are all earned as we ride from place to place. [## CALENDAR](http://www.ever-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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August 21, 2011. **GRITS (Greater Raleigh, (NC) Intrepid Tandem Society) Ride.** Raleigh, NC area. We're starting a Manchester swim club, so you can tell we have more than riding on our minds. <http://groups.google.com/group/gritstandems>

August 27-28, 2011. **Florida PANTHERS Ride through the orange groves.** Lake Wales, FL. It's hot out there so we're looking for some shade. Come join us for a weekend of casual riding. www.floridatandemclub.org

September 2-5, 2011. **Midwest Tandem Rally 2011.** Ann Arbor, MI. Make your hotel reservations now. The basic rides are in place, the organizers are working on the weather. www.MTR2011.org

September 10-11, 2011. **ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Wine Ride.** Yakima Wine Country. Great riding, great wines. <http://www.evergreentandemclub.org>

September 16-18, 2011. **COWS Fall Rally.** Sturgeon Bay, WI Door County awaits all tandem bike riders to enjoy friendship, great exercise, excellent food, wine tasting and fun on the water. Door county offers fairly flat (we will look for hills) riding with beautiful scenery. We'll begin with a Friday ice cream ride and the socializing and eating and riding will continue all weekend. Make your reservations at Bridgeport Waterfront Resort. This event is for COWS members – if you're not a member join the COWS then join in the fun. <http://couplesonwheels.com>

September 16-18, 2011. **TROLS Great Adventure.** Long View, TX. This is a great tradition. Register early as the event fills up fast. trols.doubledates.com

September 17, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Wheaton, IL We ride, we have loaner tandems or you can bring your own. There are always plenty of stokers. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

September 17-18, 2011. **DOGS (Doubles of the Garden State) Meet the Swiss DOGS Ride.** Northern NJ. Our Swiss friends will be visiting and hope to meet the rest of the pack. www.d-o-g-s.org/

September 18, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Plowing Match Ride.** Big Rock, IL We ride, we eat, and this time we watch a plowing match. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

September 23-25, 2011. **Fall Allegany Rally for Tandems (FART XVIII).** Salamanca, NY. Off road MTB weekend at Allegany State Park. Private rooms. All meals on your own in the mess hall. Riding XC ski trails, horse trails and dirt roads. Technically not difficult, but be prepared to climb. For more info, contact Karen or Brian Managan 49 Martinot Ave Rochester NY 14609 (585) 654-9624 or frosty_dog@mac.com. The cost for the entire camp for the weekend is divided by the number of teams, so the more teams, the less it costs! Karen & Brian Managan Check out the F.A.R.T. web page at <http://homepage.mac.com/bmanagan/fart/>

September 23-25, 2011. **Southern Tandem Rally 2011.** Raleigh, NC The theme - "goin' local". The riding will be piedmont, rolly, dairy country. We love riding there. Our experienced hosts Smith & Claude will put together a great event. Details at www.southerntandemrally.com as they become available.

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Fall 2011. **COWS (Couples On Wheels) Fall Rally.** Sturgeon Bay, WI. Details are being worked out. <http://wouplesonwheels.com>

October 1, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Leaf Me Alone Ride.** Barrington, IL We ride, we eat. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

October 8, 2011. **ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Chilly, Chili, Chile.** Covington, WA. This is a ride followed by a potluck. Please RSVP for great riding, socializing and sharing. <http://www.evergreentandemclub.org>

October 15, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Wheaton, IL We ride, we have loaner tandems or you can bring your own. There are always plenty of stokers. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

October 23, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Chili Pumpkin Ride.** Barrington, IL We ride, we eat and enjoy the fall. Come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

October 23, 2011. **DATES (Dallas Area Tandem EnthusiastS) Business Meeting.** Dallas, TX area. Once a year we set down to 'serious' business – planning for next year. It's always fun and a great way to get involved. Come join us. <http://www.doubledates.com>

October 28-30. **Florida PANTHERS Back to the Villages.** The Villages, FL. This will be our second repeat of a fantastic weekend. I'm sure we'll find something new, or rearrange our routes to keep it fresh. Come join the crowd at The Villages. www.floridatandemclub.org

November(?), 2011. **Florida Tandem Rally.** The Villages, FL. The Florida Tandem Rally will return in 2011. Watch <http://floridatandemclub.org>

December 11, 2011. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Holiday Party.** Round Lake, IL Who said anything about riding? It's cold in the Chicago area. Just come join the fun www.chicagotandems.hom.mchsi.com click on Events

April 27 – 29, 2012. **South West Tandem Rally,** Kerrville, TX. South West Tandem Rally returns to Kerrville, with, it is planned, new routes. The Inn of the Hills was a wonderful location – a courtyard with gazebo, party house and pool made for great socializing. Preregistraion is required. Inn of the Hills 800-292-5690. Sue & Joe Cahill sdcahill@austin.rr.com the TXCats are putting this event together www.txcats.org

May 18-20, 2012. **Georgia Tandem Rally.** Save the date www.georgiatandemrally.com

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FOR SALE: 1997 BILENKY SIGNATURE TANDEM, Steel frame, large (23"x19.5"), Metallic green Imron with matching rack and pump, 48 spoke wheels with Mavic T519 rims and Hope sealed bearing hubs, Petersen self energizing cantilever brakes and drum drag brake, Specialized crankset – 54/44/30. Sachs Ergo shifters (made by Campy), Shimano XT front derailleur and Sachs New Success rear derailleur. 8 speed cassette (12/32). Fenders, 3T adjustable captain stem and Tamer stoker seat post. Meticulously cared for and maintained. Asking **\$2000**. For more information, call Mike Weisel @ (802) 899-3343 (VT) or send an e-mail to mweisel5@gmail.com (VT) 09/11

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FOR SALE: Santana Sovereign (1991), Lumina Red, 56cm x 53cm. Serial No. LS433. Campagnolo Ergo Power w/Shimano Deore (21 spd), Cable Actuated Arai Drum Brake Mounted on Stokers Bar, 40 Spoke Mavic Rims laced to Phil Wood Hubs, Pedersen SE self-energizing brakes, stoker Shock Post, Look cliplless pedals, cycle computers for both Capt. & Stoker, Blackburn rear rack, 4 Specialized No-mark bottle cages. Asking \$1500. For more information, contact Fred Mount, via e-mail, bike1428@rcn.com or call him @ (609) 397-1521 in New Jersey 07/11

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WANTED: Bike Pro USA Tandem Oversize Bicycle Carrying Case (Soft), call Bill Whaley @ (317) 331-1462 or email: bkidd@true802.com (IN) 09/11

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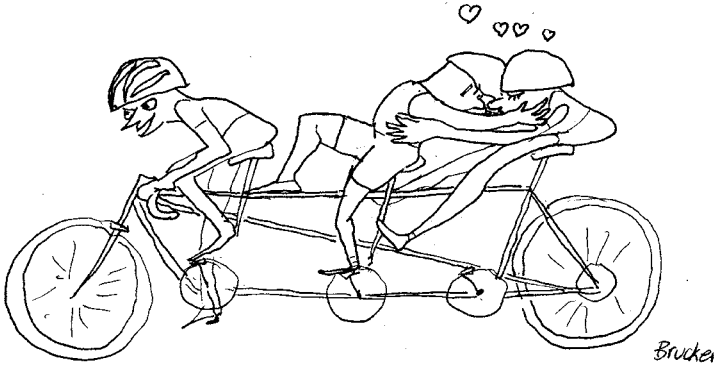
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