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Who Does What?

What do TCA members do?

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

Editor: Edits your articles for DoubleTalk, accepts all advertising, and wants your mid-year address corrections.

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From the Editors –

It's HOT!! Hotter than we can remember, and it's not just in the South. In fact, the South has been cooler than the upper Midwest for much of the summer. If it's hot where you are, you probably aren't doing much riding. And if that describes YOU, why not take advantage of your time off the bike and pen an article or two for DoubleTalk? We'd love to hear your thoughts on whatever tandem-related topic you would care to share.

We're (TCA) still trying to recover from the damage to our server. We may have lost some on-line renewal information. Take a moment and check the renewal date on the label of this issue of DoubleTalk. If it doesn't match your records, please contact Laura McCabe, or membership person. You can send her an e-mail to membership@tandemclub.org or give her a call. Her contact information is elsewhere in this issue. We want to make sure you don't miss any issues you've paid for, and that we have the correct expiration information on file for you.

Personally, our summer has been rather busy. In July, we took a few weeks off and visited Ireland with our tandem. We were part of Santana's Ireland Tour of the Connemara region. We had a great time, as we expected, and we've now toured a wee bit of the British Isles. Weather for our bicycle tour was great (not so the few days leading up to the tour), and we missed much of the extremely hot weather being suffered by those in the US' middle of the country. We'll try to

put together an article for a future issue of DoubleTalk.

Fall is upon us, and that means it's time for all the major fall rallies around the country. The Eastern Tandem Rally is history now, and the Midwest Tandem Rally is/was over the Labor Day weekend. Other great fall Rallies include the Southern Tandem Rally in Raleigh, NC (there may still be time to register) and the Florida Panther Rally, held for the second straight year in The Villages, FL. More information can be found in the TCA Calendar in this issue of DoubleTalk. There is also information about other tandem events being held this year and next spring. We hope to see you at some of these great events!

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 all pictures as files separate from your article).

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

See you on the road!
Jack & Susan Goertz

**Please
share your
thoughts
with
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The bike rally routes can seem random.
As if a drunken old sailor had scanned 'em.
But we follow the route
'Cuz we don't give a hoot.
We're happy just riding our tandem.

Thom Remington
Wilmington, Delaware

Calendar Correction

Please note the **correct** date for the 2nd annual Florida Tandem Rally.

October 28-30, 2011. The Second Annual Florida Tandem Rally. The Villages, FL. The Florida Panthers Tandem Club is repeating the fabulous fall weekend of rides all starting from the mega-retirement community with its miles and miles of bicycle-golf cart lanes. Come join the crowd at The Villages. See www.floridatandemclub.org for more information.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me or call.

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Seven Weeks in New Zealand

Dec 2009-January 2010

We, Ed and Pat Krebs, enjoyed seven weeks of pedaling in New Zealand and, perhaps, our planning and experience can be helpful to those of you who are contemplating such an adventure.

Nigel Rushton's two small guides: *Pedallers' Paradise South Island* and *Pedallers' Paradise North Island* provide suggested routes, facilities, elevation and brief descriptions. These books were critical to our planning and our daily travel. Nigel also answered via emails many of our questions, which included questions about what maps we should buy in order to plan. His recommendation was the Kiwi maps, of which there are four which cover the entire two islands. We purchased them from Stanfords in the United Kingdom.

By using www.warmshowers.org, we were able to locate Kiwis who opened their homes to bicyclists. Thus, before we left the United States, we had made friends with many of these *warm shower* friends of bicyclists and had given them approximate dates for our dropping by to spend the night. They, too, provided suggestions for our travels in their country. One concern about where we would stay on Christmas Day was taken care of by a lovely Christ Church couple. On several occasions, we stayed two nights in order to bicycle in our hosts' areas. They often gave us the house key and went off to work. Two couples are presently on their own extensive bicycling journeys.

Our Masterton host took us along on his bike club's evening ride and we enjoyed a countryside that we would otherwise have not seen. We recommend staying longer in this part of the North Island.

We should not have become YHA members as these are few in number in New Zealand. We did enjoy one very small YHA cottage as we had the lovely home to ourselves. Our mistake was not to become a member of the Backpackers Hostel network and save on the cost of our overnights. We stayed in many "backpackers" because they offered a kitchen fully equipped with cookware and dinnerware, a living and dining area in addition to the bedrooms. Some were very lovely while others were rather "worn", but for the few that needed improved cleaning, we washed the dishes before we used them! We also met fellow bicycling travelers and shared information and "tales".



When campgrounds were available, we took advantage of them as they

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were less expensive. When we were in New Zealand, students were on holiday. We were concerned that we might not find a place to stay because of vacationing Kiwis as well as Northern Hemisphere visitors' escaping winter, so we carried our tent which, however, was never used. We stayed in some very basic "cabins" and squeezing in the tandem plus us was a challenge that we didn't always achieve. We did have to use our sleeping bags since linen was not provided in campgrounds. Campground kitchens do not



have cookware, but with a toaster, microwave and refrigerator available, we managed to fix breakfast and some dinners.

Most of the roads are tar and chip and this means that wider bike tires should be used. Ours were Schwalbe Marathon Plus tires (1 3/8"). On the first travel day, we found ourselves on a section of freshly laid tar and chip and the tar glued our tire to the fender. We couldn't move the bike. It was a messy situation, and with no alternative road, we walked along the side grassy area until the grass disappeared. Back into the goo we had to go for a few feet, and another cleaning was required.

We have read that some bicyclists have great qualms about getting out of the Auckland urban area, but we had no problem leaving from nearby the airport where we stayed at a backpackers' hostel or when we returned. There are bike maps available, but our return to the airport and backpackers' lodging was designed by the Captain. It was a bit daunting for the stoker as she looked all about her, surrounded by motor vehicles.

Due to the serious climbing required to reach Wellington, and not having a bike map for the area, we boarded a commuter train in Masterton. It was a task to get the tandem plus all of our panniers in the baggage car. Fortunately, we got on at the start of the line. When we disembarked at the city station, the wind was amazingly strong just like the books tell you! The ferry station was across the street, which required no pedaling at all.

When we returned from the South Island and were leaving Wellington, we

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planned to take a commuter train a distance northwest of the city. However, we could only use the train for a few miles as they were repairing the line over the weekend. Thus, we didn't have the opportunity to start our pedaling day outside the urban core. Fortunately, the torrential rain stopped, it was Saturday and motorists were generously respectful. We pedaled along some very narrow stretches of roadway by the Tasman Sea and taking the travel lane was quite necessary. We saw some great scenery which we would have missed if we had been on the train.

Having read sufficient blogs from other bicyclists' experiences in New Zealand, as well as Nigel's forewarnings, we knew that we would have days with mean headwinds, and rainfall on the west coast of the South Island was legendary. This all came to be. Even when we left really early in the morning, the headwind would be there awaiting us. On New Year's Day, as we passed from Lake Hawea to the northern section of Lake Wanaka, we were blown into traffic. With no control over the bike, we walked with difficulty. We were forced to stay over on two occasions because of the severe rain. Also, due to wind and rain, we stopped at 9 AM (!) in Hokitika. On the bright side, there were many lovely sunny days, rainbows, colorful sunsets and even a few tail winds. As a result of many days of winds from Antarctica, the weather was cool. While we had read horror stories about the dreaded sandflies, they never bothered us.

There are not a lot of roads in New Zealand so getting lost is hard to do,



and on the South Island, there are only a few roads that cross the Southern Alps, and they all require climbing through the passes. We had a lovely day as we pedaled the Haast Pass. We had read that often it is so rainy and cloudy that you can't see the myriad of waterfalls, but you can hear them. Our good fortune was that we both saw and heard them.

There were only a few times when we felt that motorists were not respectful. Once a truck driver blew his horn as we crawled up a mountainside and hugged





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the shoulder. We wondered what he expected us to do. Outside Westport , a driver chose to pass and squeezed us very closely. We were boisterous. He stopped and remained arrogant. In New Zealand, you can report a driver so we submitted a written report. A safe passing distance law had only recently been enacted and signage was being erected to educate motorists. We also used a flag mounted to point towards the passing motorists. We are now using this same strategy at home. It does work.

in Germany, Switzerland, France and Luxembourg. Planning is underway.

Ed and Pat Krebs
Palmyra, PA



Due to the extreme changes in elevation and wind direction we packed and we used all of variety of clothing. Our Showers Pass rain jackets, hoods and pants had plenty of testing.

Our total mileage was 2100 miles. Our Co Motion Mocha performed very well.

At one point on the South Island, we met Tandems East Mel and Barb Kornbluh and their cycling companions as they traveled in the opposite direction. After a conversation, we, with our load of about 85 pounds, parted company with those who had the luxury of having no such burdensome weight. However, our “style” of touring is to do it on our own and afford the opportunity to stay for weeks. In fact, on May 10th, we depart for Frankfurt, Germany, to enjoy five weeks of bicycling

Tandem Haiku

Our upright tandem

Was replaced by a Vision

The pain has vanished

Jennifer Hamlin & Jim Pona – St
Louis, MO



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The Great Peanut Tour

Emporia, VA

Every fall, the Thursday to Sunday after Labor Day, presents a wonderful opportunity to ride quiet rolling country roads while meeting local residents who try to outdo each other at the rest stops. While not a tandem ride, the terrain is perfect for a tandem. This year while riding our recumbent tandem, we saw bicycles of all kinds, singles, recumbents, tandems, and several trikes.

If you like to camp or RV, you can drive to Cat Tail Creek Campground in Emporia, VA, set up camp, and not leave – except on a bicycle – for 4 days. If camping and sharing shower facilities are not for you, a range of motels are available within 7-10 miles, and the mostly interstate drive doesn't take long.

All rides leave and come back to the campground. Although there are cue sheets and maps, the route is so well marked on the pavement with pre-arrows, arrows, and assurance arrows, that it is almost impossible to get lost. Each day offers several route choices, from 25 – 100 miles, with routes going north further into Virginia, or south into North Carolina.

Ask any return rider why they do this ride, and food will always be mentioned. The perpetual joke is that if you don't gain weight on this ride, you won't be invited back. The founder and keeper of The Great Peanut Tour is Bobby Wren. For 35 years, this man has recruited local friends and residents – mostly non-bicyclists – to serve during the rides. The

consensus among these “volunteers” (including his wife and daughter) is that once a volunteer, it is a lifetime commitment.

We arrived on Thursday, September 9, 2010, and were directed to the parking area. After picking up our registration packets, attaching our numbers to the bikes, we headed out on the 25 mile ride. Robert laughed when I told him the first stop was at 5.1 miles. Shame on the people who did not stop as they missed the point of the festival – eat, visit locals, and socialize. Besides, it was an awesome stop put on by Bob and Bill Dugger. A tent was set up, potted flowers graced the entrance, and inside was a variety of fruit, 4 kinds of trail mix, fruit jelly candy, several kinds of cookies, and chips, including my favorite Sun Chips! Of course there was water and Gatorade.

Five more miles down the road we were greeted by a banner over a long scenic driveway, music of old TV show tunes coming from a professional speaker system, and special treats from Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey. Their special treats this



Great Peanut Tour dining tent.

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Peanut Festival roads are flat and traffic free.

year were cups of frozen grapes or chocolate covered bananas. Yes, my mouth is watering again, just thinking about them. They actually had a plug in freezer in the middle of the drive and chairs to sit and relax. I did not want to leave. Even better, they told us how to make the bananas. Cut a banana in half (midway), put nonsicle stick into banana, freeze.



Robert & Lisa MacElderry enjoy the BIG bike.

melt semi-sweet chocolate, dip bananas into chocolate, quickly (as the chocolate will set fast) sprinkle with chopped nuts, put in plastic baggy, and refreeze. The Hennesseys bought their house 3 years ago, and that first year, they were approached about letting the Wrens use their driveway as one of the usual stops on the Peanut Tour. After seeing what a fun event it is, they started volunteering to sag the stop, and we even saw them at the campground a few times participating in the activities.

Well, since I held myself to only one chocolate covered banana, I needed the next stop 2 miles down the road. Here we met Mrs. Wren, who had everything peanut: sugar coated peanuts, peanut butter fudge, peanut brittle, peanut cookies, watermelon, and Gatorade and water. Mrs. Wren has been one of the stalwarts of the Peanut Tour, supporting her husband's passion for all these decades.

Because there were still 13 miles to go of this 25 mile ride, we had to stop at the fourth water stop. This one was sponsored by Iluka, a titanium mining company, who came into the community several years ago. I had no idea that there are companies which settle into areas, and mine the grounds for titanium, scraping off the surfaces, then reclaiming them before moving on to another location somewhere in the US. Their water stop was outside one of their entrances and they served Gatorade in water bottles they gave away and trail mix bars.

Once back at the campground, we loaded up and drove up the highway to our hotel to shower and return in time

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for dinner! Thursday's meal choices were pasta, salad, and bread or North Carolina barbecue pork, slaw, beans, and lots of sweet tea. We signed up for all the meals, breakfasts and dinners. All of the meals are served by an incredible crew of Bobby's friends who get up early to serve breakfast between 7 and 8:30, and work during the day to serve up dinners between 6 and 7 PM. During dinner and afterwards, there is entertainment of various sorts, with a bagpipe playing police officer on Thursday night, then a singer/guitarist playing by the bonfire.

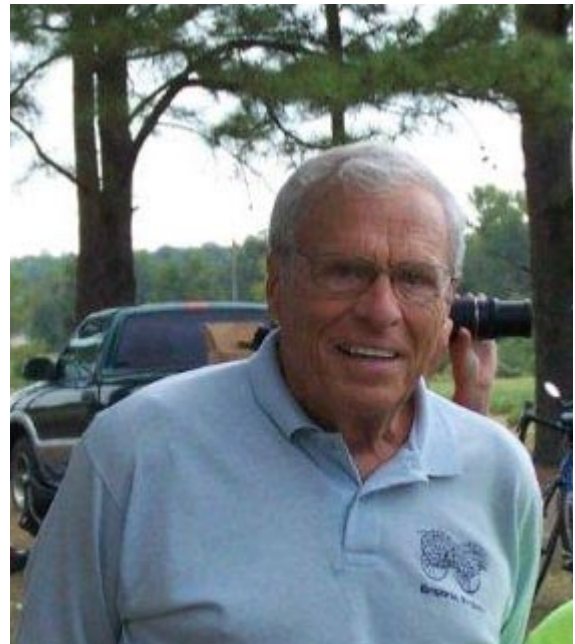
Friday morning we arrived at the campground and had pancakes, sausage, and orange juice. We met a female cyclist who arrived early on Thursday, before registration, and went out and did the 25 mile ride, twice! Friday's ride choices included 25 mile, 50 mile, and the 81 mile Lake Gaston ride. Although we normally did the 81 mile ride, we headed out to see what was on the 50 mile ride. Robert started doing the Peanut Tour the year we met, 9 years ago, and I've ridden it for so many years, I'm not sure how many times I've done it, but at least 10 as we've only missed it a few years.

On the 50 mile ride, the first stop at 8.6 was once again the Duggers with all of their fine snacks. Word had gotten out and more people were stopped there. At 15.8 miles the Hennesseys had more frozen grapes and bananas, and this time I had two. At 19.1, the Joe Moore family served cokes, chips, cookies, and cupcakes. At 28.7 miles the Ingrams stockpiled chocolate, in the form of bite size 3 Muskateers, Snickers, and M&Ms.

Chocolate is always appreciated on a ride. The last stop was at the Stainbacks where we munched on Goldfish, Tootsie Rolls, watermelon, peanut butter and graham crackers.

Once back at the campground, we decided to stay instead of driving back to take

a shower and coming back for dinner. A change into clean clothes we brought had us ready for a good old fried catfish dinner, complete with cole slaw, and hush puppies. After dinner entertainment



Great Peanut Ride founder Bobby Wren



We enjoyed more shady country roads on Saturday's rides.



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Saturday - FFA young eager volunteers

was a local duet couple who gave great renditions of everyone's favorite country songs.

Saturday's ride choices included 25, 47, 62, mile rides. Breakfast was repeated on Saturday and we headed out on 47 beautiful miles in Southhampton, VA,



The sign reads, "Please be assured that this stop is NOT operated by a volunteer. She is a hostage." Bobby's daughter Randi "volunteering"

with 5 water stops. The first stop at the Reavis residence at 6.4 miles found us munching down on deviled eggs, bagels and cream cheese, orange drops, and chocolate chip cookies. Even more food was at the 18.9 mile stop at the Freese residence, where Pimento cheese sandwiches, ham sandwiches, and peanut butter fudge was served. The next stop, at 27.7 miles, we found a small enthusiastic group of Future Farmers of America. These middle school mostly girls and a few boys had been at their tent since 8 AM. When I asked them what time the first riders came by, they said "9 AM, but they weren't nice, they did not stop!" See, it really is important to the hard working volunteers that riders stop and participate. These wonderful kids had waited hours for us to arrive, and they were busy slicing fresh whole oranges, making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and peanut butter on graham crackers. After filling up and thanking them profusely, we headed out. Those oranges were really juicy and delicious.

The next stop at 38.4 miles found us amazed at Mrs. Tucker's large cooler of sliced tomatoes. I had always heard people rave about The Tomato Stop, and now I saw why it was said with awe. Hugh sliced tomatoes, white bread, mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Although we and a few other stragglers were toward the end of the riders, she brought out another smaller cooler packed to the top with bright red beautiful sliced tomatoes. Sigh, I could only eat so much. The last stop on this ride is the classic Pickled Watermelon Rind stop, with volunteer/slave Randy Kei, daughter of Bobby

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Wren. This stop is at the Peanut Company Store, so after eating pickled watermelon rind, and cream cheese on crackers, we went inside to look around. We decided some peanut culinary delights would make great Christmas presents to relatives in Delaware and Kentucky, so after pedaling the last 5 miles back to the campground, we stopped back at the store on our way to the hotel and shopped. In case you did not know which of the over 20 kinds of nuts you wanted, they had samples for the tasting. Besides the plain peanuts, I fell for the butter toasted cashews and pecans.

Although we had time to do it, our legs were saying no, so we drove (don't tell) out to the first stop of the Great Peanut Tour ride. This is the 13 mile ride done at 3 PM after the Group Photo is taken. Sometimes this ride can be a bit scary as everyone who can ride (or can't ride) is on this ride. It has a police escort for part of the ride. The first stop is everything peanut – every cookie, fudge, brittle, nut imaginable – under a big tent in on a massive plantation lawn. A local ladies club prepares and sets it up. It was fun sitting under a tree and watching the dozens of riders coming up the road.



Saturday - the best and biggest variety of peanuts can be found or ordered here.

Dinner Saturday night was pasta dinner or half of a barbecue chicken, baked potato, salad, rolls, tea, and then a large banana split bowl. Two harpists plucked away under the tent all during and after dinner, and a Native American group told stories and danced by the bonfire later.

Sunday's rides included either a 25 or 45 mile ride. I don't think we have ever done this before, but we skipped it and headed the 5 hours home. Our excuse was a light drizzle rain, and Robert repeated his motto of "We don't ride in rain if we don't have to." That statement is almost true.

As usual, we renewed at least one friendship, and made a few new friends. This year's tour had about 500 riders which is lower than usual. In past years we worried about getting in before the cut off at 1200 riders. We would have to



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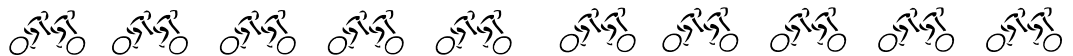


The bikes line up at Saturdays 15 mile point Grand Food Stop.

say the lower than usual turn out is due to the economy as Bobby Wren and his crew do an amazing job making this one of our favorite rides. As regular Peanut Tour riders Winky and Juanita say “This is the gold standard of all the rides we do.” Mark your calendars for the weekend after Labor Day and plan to come out to The Great Peanut Tour. <http://www.greatpeanuttour.com/>

Although the Great Peanut Tour used to have to cap the number of participants to 1200, the numbers have decreased through the years, hitting a real low two years ago when it was held at the school in Emporia when the campground was up for sale. This tour had somewhere between 400-500 riders, which is a shame for such a fantastic ride.

Robert & Lisa McElderry
Elgin, SC



Stash before you Park

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Stan and I were in Valley Forge in July for a convention. As he gamed, I scouted the Schuylkill River Trail, an awesome paved cycling trail. It goes north of VF then east to Philadelphia (where the paving stops).

We packed-up the luggage Sunday morning. I wanted one last quick ride (for the mapmyride Tour de France contest). I parked along Trooper Rd. on the edge of Valley Forge National Park with many other cyclists unloading. I

cycled a quick few miles and returned to my truck, where I eventually discovered the entire contents of the truck missing. Missing items included 2 suitcases full of travel and cycle clothing (our favorite cycling shorts and jerseys), socks, etc. a back rack bag, 2 laptops, an Ipad; a Nook, 2 cycling goretex jacket (with our name inside), another ETR (dove embroidery) bag with cycling gear and tools, a pair of cycling shoes, etc

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We lost some cycling jerseys that cannot be replaced, including Stan's ETR 2006 (horses), and my COINS jersey from ETR in Ohio. We're a tandem team, so this ruins two outfits. The thieves probably don't want our cycling clothing, so most likely all the clothes will be put in a dumpster. I couldn't find any nearby dumpsters, though. I am sure they went onto the highway before dumping out stuff.

The thieves broke into the back window with a jimmy, pushing down the liner. The park police mentioned "this happens on Sundays a lot now".

The vehicle was locked and my laptop was hidden. I'm getting blamed for leaving my stuff in the truck, but aren't I the victim here?

Here's an article that I found that may help someone else keep from going through what I experienced.

"Keep it tidy"

Almost any worthless personal item that's visible from the outside -- even an empty shopping bag -- could be seen as a valuable or a carrier of valuables. If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area on display, consider getting a cover. Most of these vehicles can be fitted with inexpensive retractable covers to help keep shopping bags or other belongings out of sight.

"Conceal all the evidence"

Don't leave any bait out for thieves; stow your electronics and accessories well out of sight--or better yet, bring it with you. The evidence alone might be enough

to pique the interest of thieves, so hide that, too, including power plugs, telltale iPod adapters, or nav-system windshield suction-cup mounts, and even put the cigarette lighter back in place. "Stash before -- not after -- you park"

Get in the habit of putting shopping bags in the trunk right when you return to the vehicle, rather than after you park at the next place. According to National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) spokesman Frank Scafidi, thieves sometimes linger in busy parking lots looking for valuables being moved out of sight. Don't let them see what you have.

"Completely close windows and sunroofs"

No, it's not just because thieves might reach in through the gap and open your locks with a coat hanger. Open windows will disable the pressure sensor in some car alarms, leaving the vehicle more vulnerable to break-in and potentially giving thieves more time before the alarm sounds.

Jen Sunderwirth
Ellicott City, MD

"Keep it tidy"

"Conceal all the evidence"

"Completely close windows and sunroofs"





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TANDEM CALENDAR

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.

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.** Mebane, 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.

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

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October 23, 2011. **DATES (Dallas Area Tandem EnthusiastS) Business Meeting.** Dallas, TX area.
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October 28-30. **The Second Annual Florida Tandem Rally.** The Villages, FL. The Villages, FL. The Florida Panthers Tandem Club is repeating the fabulous fall weekend of rides all starting from the mega-retirement community with its miles and miles of bicycle-golf cart lanes. Come join the crowd at The Villages. See www.floridatandemclub.org for more information.

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 is a wonderful location – a courtyard with gazebo, party house and pool made for great socializing. Preregistration 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

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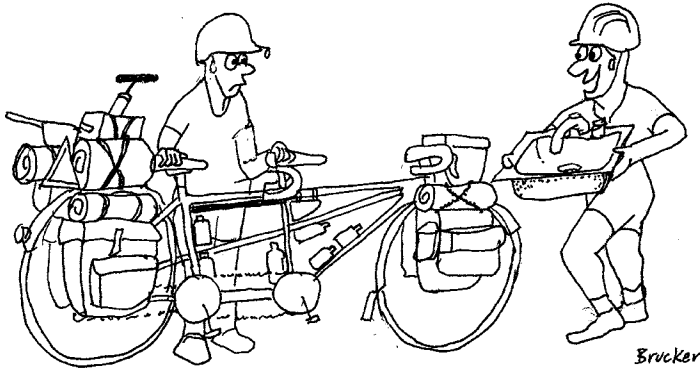
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