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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

The rally season is over, and what a season it was! While we didn't make it to all the rallies this year (not enough time, not enough money), we did make it to some of the greatest rallies we've ever attended.

The two most recent rallies were the Midwest Tandem Rally, held this year in Ann Arbor, Michigan, over Labor Day Weekend and the Southern Tandem Rally, held in Raleigh, North Carolina, the fourth weekend in September.

First, the Midwest Rally. Ann Arbor is the home of the University of Michigan. The University of Michigan is home to the nation's largest football stadium. Saturday before Labor Day was UM's first home football game of the year. Would there be enough room in Ann Arbor for nearly 400 tandem teams and over 100,000 football fans? Would the roads be safe? Fortunately, the answer to both of these questions was "YES". We had a great time! And because of the generosity of an anonymous TCA member, the Tandem Club of America now has 95 new members who took advantage of the offer of a free 1-year membership to the Tandem Club of America. Our anonymous TCA member offered to pay the membership fee for up to 100 new members **if** the TCA would work to recruit interested teams. TCA members attending the MTR rose to the challenge! As did our membership chairs Laura and Duncan McCabe who had to manually enter all the data for these new members!

Our TCA volunteers who manned the TCA booth, located in the MTR ven-

dor area, had a blast telling non-members what TCA has to offer, and asking them if they would like to see first hand what TCA had to offer. We welcome these new members to the ranks of TCA. We hope you find that the TCA offers you something of value, and that you will continue your membership at the end of your free year.

While we will honor the wishes of our anonymous member who funded this great offer and NOT identify him/her, we will give this member a great big public "THANK YOU" for your generosity! We appreciate all you have done to help the TCA grow, and we hope others will follow your lead and work to increase TCA membership again. You have already inspired one small donation to sponsor new memberships we hope there are more.

Last, we attended the Southern Tandem Rally, based out of Raleigh, North Carolina. Our questions for this weekend were two-fold, also: Would the weather hold? Or would the weekend be a total washout? And, if the weather cooperated for us, would we be able to easily ride out of the hotel into the great roads the organizers promised were in the area? Well, the weather did tease us (actually, the weather did more than tease us – Friday it gave us about 2 hours of "dry", then the heavens opened, and I began to wonder if it was possible to drown while riding a tandem. We made it back to the hotel, and after a hot shower and a hot lunch, things were looking up! A great social at the Raleigh Art Museum rounded out the first day. Saturday started like it would be a repeat of Friday, but those who delayed

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their ride start a bit did the day's ride without a bit of rain. Sunday's ride was even better. And again TCA benefitted from this rally. Tom & Robyn Ratajczak are now the TCA International Liaisons. They will be co ordinating with their international counterparts, a relationship that we hope will result in easier interface for international travelers, faster, better and more information about international tandem events on our website and in DoubleTalk.

And we have more news – the TCA's website (www.tandemclub.org) is undergoing more changes. Most noticeable is the much improved calendar of events. We hope you find it much more informative and easier to find the rides/events you want to attend. Other changes are coming, so keep the site bookmarked so you can check it often. There will be a new, bright look in the future, and we're working to make it easier to renew your membership on-line. We know it's not been the easiest task (and it should always be very easy to spend money!), but we're working to make it more intuitive for you to keep your membership up to date. Not sure when your membership is due for renewal? You can always check the address label on the front of each issue of DoubleTalk. You'll always find the line that tells you exactly when your membership is up for renewal. Just renew anytime – either on-line or by filling out/sending in the printed form – before your membership expires.

It's time to close another editorial with our usual request for articles and pictures. Tell us what you've been up to.

Send us pictures you've taken to record your adventures. Send us your letters, letting us know what's on your mind. We welcome it all. Just send it to us at editor@tandemclub.org.

We hope all our TCA members, whether this is your first month as TCA members or whether you've been members for years, have a great holiday season, and that 2012 will be a fantastic year for you.

Keep the rubber on the road, and the wind at your back. See you in 2012!

Jack & Susan



Club Notes

Portland (Oregon) Tandem Club

The mission is the same – Riding tandems, hiking, winter sports, eating, socializing, having fun. The website and name have changed. Team Northwest Tandemonium is now Portland (OR) Tandem Club PTC <http://www.portlandtandemclub.org/>



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Letters to DoubleTalk

Dear DoubleTalk,

There were several articles in the last issue that I thought were very good, especially The "Views from the back of the bike" and "Tandem Touring 101." I thought they were very well written and informative. I did have one comment tho' and that is about the "steer from the rear." We have done 20,000km plus with our Bob Trailer on a variety of tandems and over all sorts of terrain. We have only suffered significant induced steering effects when we have loaded the trailer with the heavy items high up, and the load has not been tightly cinched down with straps.

Having said that, from my limited experience; solo bikes with heavy rear bags and no front bags to balance the bike front to back are more sensitive to induced "wobble " from a trailer.

Ron Trumper
St Bruno Quebec



TCA Thanks

Once again the great folks hosting Midwest Tandem Rally (MUTS) allowed TCA to have a table in the vendor area. With a FANTASTIC gift - free memberships to up to 100 teams we had great enthusiastic volunteers. Thank you. Alan & Judy Barker, Ann & Jim Kemp, Doug & Janet Plazak, Cathy Hayatt & Alex Salway, Rick & Shelley Pullum, Ross & Donna Glasgow and Sally McDaniel.

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2011 Kent County Spring Fling

So you've been riding your tandem around your neighborhood, and you're looking for the next step up. Your trail-a-bike is getting a workout, but you want to get the kids more involved in cycling and meet other small cyclists. When you're done with a good ride, the last thing you want to do is fix a family meal '...fit for a king'. Your local 20 mile bike ride is all 'hunky-dory', but you're looking for a bit more variety and *joie de vivre*.

Well, if any of this sounds familiar and you live east of the Mississippi River (okay, really, east of the Appalachians Mountains and north of GA), every Memorial Day weekend in May is the "Kent County Spring Fling", hosted by the Baltimore Bicycling Club, Inc. (BBC), situated at historic Washington College (circa 1782 – *whew!*) in the quaint town of Chestertown, MD. This past May 27-30 was the twenty-ninth iteration of this great event, and the weather was a bit warm, but the roads were flat or very gently rolling, and the food was **OUTSTANDING**. This was our first year attending, lightly cajoled by a few tandem teams who've attended for many, many years. The BBC website has all the information about the weekend, as well as information for online registration. There are more than 20 routes with cue sheets and a map, ranging from 8 to 78 miles in length, and that's not counting the picnic day (yep...a **HUGE** catered picnic is included in the registration), where you can mix and match distances

before and after the picnic lunch! The food made the cycling worthwhile, as there were sumptuous buffet breakfasts and dinners, evening cordials, luscious desserts, an ice cream social, and a Monday Brunch, to name a few of the opportunities you have for food. The cycling companionship was superb, as tandem clubs were represented by the CRABS, the EGRETS, and a couple others, and new cycling friends from up and down the east coast were made all around. While not billed specifically as a tandem rally/ride, there were oodles of all shapes, brands, sizes, and styles of tandems, trail-a-bikes, recumbent tandems, a few triples (you can't BEGIN to imagine what an S&S-coupled, Calfee Design, triple, with front and rear disc brakes looks like!), and an equal number of single bikes. On-site maintenance was handled by Larry Black from Mt. Airy Bicycles, in Frederick, MD.

Friday afternoon starts with your choice of short 'get acquainted' rides, allowing you to discover the lay of the land. The welcoming staff at check-in are very knowledgeable and helpful. If you can't get there on Friday, you can show up and check in on Saturday morning. We got there mid-afternoon Friday, due to the heavy D.C. traffic, but we were still able to get in a 29-mile ride out to a beach and back! You can tell the Kent County Spring Fling has been running (well) for awhile. Frank and Kathy Anders deserve kudos for coordinating much of this year's event. Everybody gets a stuffed registration packet, nametags, and keys to their assigned dorm room on the small Washington College campus. Every-

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thing is within easy walking distance: the dorms, parking, the dining hall, the college pool, downtown Chestertown, yoga, the Walgreen's and Rose's stores (in case you left stuff at home), churches, and Rita's Ice-Custard-Happiness store. You park your vehicle when you arrive, and it needn't move until you leave on Monday. On Saturday, in addition to cycling events, the city hosts a Tea Party reenactment downtown on the Chester River, funneled there by arts and crafts vendor stands from near and far lining the streets, with more food and drink for sale. The family's day could be complete, even if you did minimal riding. Saturday evening is capped off with blue grass music and square dancing on campus, while you'll have to wait until Sunday evening for the sock hop. On Sunday, almost all the routes pass by the Worton Park Pavilion where a catered picnic lunch is provided, allowing you to choose various distances to work off the big lunch to get back to the campus. Did I mention there's a lot of food provided throughout the weekend? Sunday afternoon, the ever-popular raft race held downtown on the Chester River, where 'crafts' of all shape compete....as long as they're NOT made or propelled by anything nautical! It makes for a great diversion after cycling in the morning in the beautiful countryside. The event commentary and narration are priceless, and needless to say, many contestants took a brief swim. Several craft had to be towed to the finish line. After riding on Monday (Memorial Day), the event affords a late checkout ('til 4 pm), a midday gourmet brunch, and smooth departure home carrying lots

of enjoyable memories of the last days of spring. While it may seem a bit early now to pencil in the Kent County Spring Fling for 2012, it's one of those very nice, well organized, family events that's centered around cycling. Information for the 2012, 30th Anniversary festivities will become available on the BBC website [www.baltimorebicyclingclub.org] after January 1, 2012, or you can mail your request to: KCSF 2012, 10609 Topsfield Drive, Cockeysville, MD, 21030. It would be a shame to miss this one!

Michael & Natalie Hutchinson
Yorktown, PA





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Georgia to Pennsylvania 2011 May 18-25

After completing our ride from Georgia to Pennsylvania in 2010 we had no intentions of doing it this year until my son in Georgia suggested we sell him our van instead of trading it at the dealer. The second week in May was already scheduled to visit with them so getting the van to Georgia would not be a problem.

My wife / stoker suggested we ride home again. We knew the roads we wanted to avoid from our 2010 ride. We also knew where motels and restaurants were located, so it should be like a ride around the block.

We left Dallas Georgia on Wednesday. The trouble started about twenty miles out of Dallas when the Campy shifter lost its crisp shift. I didn't tell the stoker because I did not want hear "you

should have put a new one on before we left."

Since our son and family were planning on driving to Calhoun, Georgia to have supper with us I called and told him to bring some parts and tools. We rebuilt the shifter with new G springs and carrier. This was the only mechanical problem we had on the trip, not even a flat tire.

The second day we rode route 225 to route 411 and then north to Ocoee Tennessee. The traffic was light and there was a tailwind. We had a little excitement when a horse came galloping toward us without a rider, followed by two dogs. The stirrups were flapping as he ran and the reins dragging by his front feet. Several hundred yards behind came the would be rider. Thankfully the horse moved to the proper lane as we passed.

Day three was a beautiful ride north on route 411 the bike lane was wide with very little traffic until just south of Maryville Tennessee. We stopped at Gina's restaurant and she remembered the crazy bicyclists from Pennsylvania from last year. It was a Friday afternoon and the traffic was heavy, so we used the GPS to find a route to the Holiday Inn at Alcoa via less traveled streets.

Saturday morning we left the Inn by riding the Alcoa Highway to Cumberland St. There was no traffic so we stayed on the main streets through Knoxville. This proved much better than the



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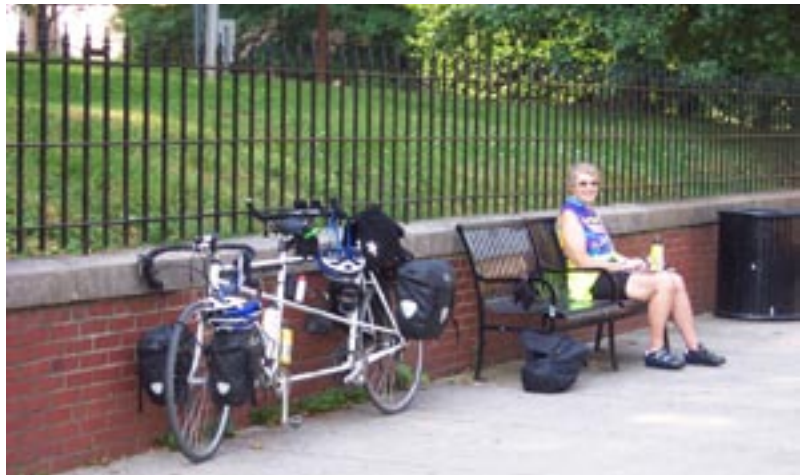
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previous year on the Gov John Sevier Hwy with the rumble strips.

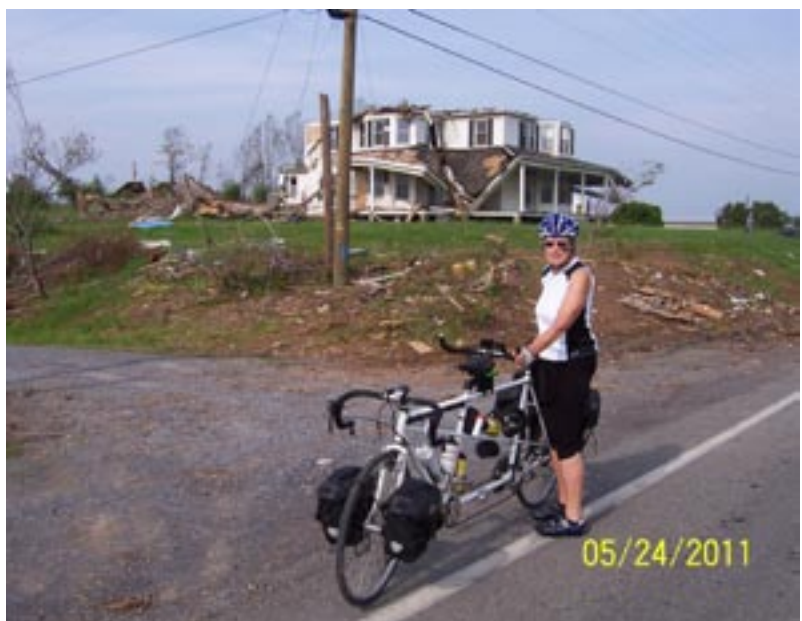
Our Sunday travels took us from Morristown Tennessee to Kingsport, Tennessee by way of Rogersville, the oldest town in Tennessee. It was another beautiful ride with great roads. Arriving in Kingsport about 2:30, we decided to get a bite to eat, then ride another seventeen mile to Bristol. After the meal we got back on the bike and rode about half a mile and decided Bristol was too far. The GPS listed all the name brand motels, but they were about four miles in the opposite direction (behind us) and I did not want to ride eight mile out of the way. I stopped at the first motel and found a room for \$39.00. It was not the best motel we've ever seen, but we did get a good nights sleep.

Monday we lost the wide bike lane when we crossed the Virginia state line, but the traffic was light and we had nice ride into Abingdon. When checking into the motel the clerk was having a hard time with someone on the phone. After hanging up she apologized for the delay. My wife asked about the swimming pool and was told it would open the next week. I then ask about the suite with a jacuzzi and they offered it for a few dollars above regular room rates. She said any seventy year old couple crazy enough to ride a tandem bike from Georgia to Pennsylvania deserves the honeymoon suite.

Tuesday, our seventh day on the road, we passed through village of Glade Spring Virginia. Most of the houses were damaged from the tornado that struck much of the country several weeks before.



The weather report for today called for thunder showers and I started looking for places to seek shelter if the wind picked up. It wasn't long until sky blackened and lightning and thunder started. Thank goodness there wasn't much wind. Just before the rain started we spotted a house not far from road. There was a truck in the driveway but nobody answered the door so we made ourselves at home in the rocking chairs on the front porch. After about twenty minutes a vehicle pulled up



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with the owner, we explained our reason for seeking shelter and she was very kind and said no problem. It happened her father drove by earlier and saw us, then went to her work place and brought her back. I suppose he figured we could not get too far or haul very much on the tandem had we been crooks.

Just before Marion, Virginia, we received a phone call from Pennsylvania telling us that Joan's mother had died that morning and our trip would be cut short. We tried to rent a vehicle in Marion to no avail so decided to ride to Wytheville before making decision on how to get home. Wytheville is the half way point and original plan was that if we suffered trouble before Wytheville we would call our son in Georgia; after this half way

point we would call our son in Pennsylvania.

After getting a room for the night, we decided to have our son in Pennsylvania head south Wednesday morning while we would ride north. We hoped to meet him in Christiansburg about noon at the Cracker Barrel. The timing was very good. He arrived just a few minutes before us, so he drove four miles south on route 11 to pick us up.

Although the trip had a sad ending, we had a great time and may try it again in the future.

We rode eight days for a total of 425 miles.

Jay & Joan Thome
Elizabethtown PA



Tanenbaum family cycling tour on Bornholm, DK

When we first planned to spend a year in Denmark I hemmed and hawed about how many bikes to bring. In the end I brought both the quad tandem and the coupled tandem. Knowing Danes cycle, I thought the quad would serve as a family car, and the tandem would work for me with my wife, Judy, my son, Arlo, or daughter Robin. It turned out that I rode mostly the tandem with Arlo and the quad got very little use. There were many reasons for not using the quad, including inclement weather much of the fall and winter.

I had heard from a few people about the island of Bornholm, and its reputation for beautiful landscapes, beaches, forests, fishing villages, ruins, and hundreds of km of cycle paths. Most Danes seem to have had a class field trip to Bornholm in their youth. Some have vacationed there later in life. In past years we have taken the quad bicycle to rallies and tours in CA, the San Juan Islands, and Ohio. This year I decided we should try Bornholm. I planned the trip and my family accommodated me as it represented both

my primary birthday present and father's day gift.

Bornholm is a small island, about 30 km wide and 40 km long, located to the south of Sweden. It is one part of the more extended realms of Denmark, which once included much more territory. While Danes seem to treat the Faroe Islands as a backwater place, Bornholm in contrast is highly regarded. It is actually closer to Sweden, Germany, and Poland than to the rest of Denmark, and has been the subject of many conquests and battles. It firmly identifies itself as a Danish outpost.

One issue about riding the quad in Denmark is that we have no way to transport it on a car as we have in the US. In theory it should be possible to get it on some trains, but in practice it is very hard to figure out which trains might be set up in such a way that we could get it on board. The standard way to Bornholm is by ferry, either from Sweden or from the





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Koge bay, which is 30 km south of our home in Roskilde. This meant that we could ride from our home to Koge, take the Ferry and arrive in Bornholm with our bike. The ferry only runs once/day, and the surprise was that it leaves at 0:30 am, and arrives about 6 am in Bornholm in the town of Ronne. Fortunately, the ferry has cabins, and we booked a cabin with 4 bunks and our own private bathroom, like an upscale hostel. The return ferry leaves Bornholm at 5 pm arriving around 10:30 pm at night. While it is still light here at 10:00 pm, it is not a good time to start a 30 km ride, so we booked a hostel room in Koge for our return. This meant we had two 30 km rides to bookend our trip on Bornholm itself.

In the past we have never had to carry all of our gear for a multi-day trip on the quad, as we have either done day trips out from a base location, or had large group shuttle services to move our gear each day. We were fortunate to borrow an old Burley trailer (there are many of

them here) that had been converted into a kayak hauler by our neighbors. We got some XXL Ziploc bags to protect our gear if it rained, and loaded them into a duffel bag that fit nicely in the trailer without much trouble. We pulled about 60 lbs. of gear and entertainment for our family of four in the trailer on our trip. The only hitch was the hitch. It did not interfere with the disk brake, but could not be mounted without removing the brake caliper and re-installing it. I swapped a pin on the folding portion of the trailer with a nut and bolt on the tongue of the hitch, and that enabled us to have a quick disconnect without having to remove and replace the brake caliper.

Thursday 9 June:

We had a dinner at home, and loaded up on the road to Koge. I had ridden much of this route, but was stumped when the cycle path ended unexpectedly before the city. We got some help and made our way into the harbor area after about 29 km arriving about 10 pm while it was still light out. The ticket and entry system was very casual, and it seemed that it would be very easy to get on without a ticket. We met some scouts who were going to walk much of the island. The troop leaders would have a car and provide meals along the route. Ours was one of about 20 bikes making the trip. The ferry was tightly packed. Our room was very nice and the only disappointment was that the ferry was bound for Germany so we could not stay in bed upon arrival, but were ushered out by 6:30 am, after boarding around 11:30 pm the night before.



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Friday 10 June:

We gathered together after disembarking in Ronne and got some maps and information from the ferry office. We snaked our way into town and stopped at a bakery that was open for fresh rolls and hot chocolate for breakfast. We had our first realization that English was not going to be as common here. We stocked up with a bit more bread, found the town square and made our way out towards our intended route to Svaneke. We found an open grocery just before we hit the cycle trail that took us away from the roads. The cycle path took us past a golf course, through stands of trees, across some farm roads, and into the forest. We had a nice morning break among the trees at a spot with a picnic table. Our bike and trailer were doing well even if the path was not always paved. (We have 26" wheels with wide but smooth Continental Travel Contact tires) We moved on following the path until it came to an end at a gravel road on the edge of the forest. This was a bit confusing and not shown on our map. We headed up the 10% grade on the gravel road. It was hard, and we stopped at a T junction and reviewed our map and caught our breath. We walked a bit up the road and restarted, still not quite sure we were on track. We came out to a paved road and luckily, a car came by with a friendly driver who directed us back toward a known main road. This road intersected our intended cycle path and we stopped and enjoyed a nice playground. Back on our cycle path we encountered a tractor clearing fallen trees. He politely made way for us and we rode on, but it was harder than riding

on the paved shoulder of the main road. We decided to make things easier for ourselves and returned to the main road to ride from Almindingen to Svaneke. We stopped in Åstermarie and had a comfortable picnic in a spacious grassy park near the church. After lunch we rode on rolling hills past a famous water tower and right into Svaneke, our destination for the day. We stopped to get oriented in the town square and discovered we were at the candy factory! We went in and watched them making the candy right there, including free samples of the still warm candy. We made our way down some steep cobbles to the harbor area before heading to the youth hostel where we had a room with a private bath





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reserved for the next two nights. The hostel was within walking distance to a lighthouse and a swimming area. We explored, set out to find dinner and ended up having a nice meal at the only Brewery on Bornholm. The meal was excellent, although the number of vegetarian options in all the places we looked

at were slim. We made a conscious decision that on this trip we would eat some fish, and that broadened our options considerably. We covered about 37 km, and after dinner we turned in early.

Saturday 11 June:

We slept in and went down to the Baltic Sea for a morning swim. The water was 14.6°C, but Judy managed to jump in off the high dive. It was nice not to pull the trailer since we knew we were coming back. We rode north towards the town of Gudhjem on a cycle path that paralleled a road running along the coast and stopped to explore the rocky coastline on foot. Both kids enjoyed climbing around the rocks by the water. The terrain was hillier as we moved north on the island, and we walked down one section of the cycle path that was nar-

row with more than a 10% grade. We stopped at Baltic Sea Glass (<http://www.balticseaglass.com/?lang=English>) to see a wonderful demonstration of glass blowing and to look at some beautiful pieces. Pete, the co-owner (with his wife) came over to talk with us, and immediately broke into perfect English, as he is from Kansas. He was friendly, informative, helpful, and interested in seeing our bike and discussing solar panels. The entire island is trying to become more sustainable and solar power could help them do that. The glass studio has a back yard that goes down right to the water and rocks on the coast. Our next stop was Gudhjem for another picnic lunch with fresh fruit, bread, Nutella, cheese, jam, tomatoes, etc. We explored the harbor and seaside shops, including a stop for ice cream. To make our ride a loop we went inland to Åsterlars to see the largest of the thousand-year-old round churches for which the island is famous. Pulling in around 5pm to the church we were prepared for it to be closed. Fortunately for us there had been a wedding there, and the bride and groom were just leaving as we walked up. After the bridal party left, we had a great chance to go inside, and see the clearly dual-purpose fortress/church in its entirety, with 3 levels, frescoes, all beautifully restored. We rode back through Åstermarie and along the previous days route back into town finishing off 35 km of riding. We ate at the fish smoke house/restaurant, right on the harbor, trying several different types of fish. All were delicious, although we needed some help to figure out how to eat some of them. We explored local galleries and

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shops and headed back to the hostel very content, even squeezing in a game of foosball.

Sunday 12 June:

We intended an earlier start, but while we were eating breakfast at a bakery along the edge of the harbor, we saw carloads of people in period costumes unloading right in front of us. It turns out they were Swedish dancers who were there for a public performance, so we stayed and enjoyed the dancing. At the same time, behind them there was a huge barge with two giant backhoes doing their own dance dropping piles of rock into the water outside the harbor, presumably to build up a breakwall. Eventually the dancers finished and we moved southward towards the forest we had skirted on our first day of riding. On our way south, a fellow pulled up along side us and said he had seen our bike before! This seemed unlikely, but it was true. Jeremy is a PhD. student from Melbourne who works in Roskilde. He had seen David riding the quad home from Risa, the day it had arrived there from California! We had a nice chat with him as we rode a few miles south, before we turned inland to find Rokkestenen (the rocking stone) in the forest. We had hoped we might be able to ride all the way to Rokkestenen, but found that the path was really not something we could traverse on a quad pulling a trailer. We parked and hiked in. After failing to budge the several ton stone, a Danish couple came up. We stepped out of their way, and the husband came right up and rocked the stone! He even allowed



David help him rock it a second time. We hiked and cycled to Nexø, where we had a nice lunch of Pizza and vegetables. In Nexø, we met a Polish family pulling their son in a trailer. We rode south with them along another coastal path through Balka and Snogeaek, and then stopped to enjoy a beautiful white sand beach on our way to the hostel and campground in Dueodde, 26 km from our late start in Svaneke. This really felt like a giant isolated camp, with the single store and restaurant. Since we were traveling before peak season, it was sparsely populated. We went to the very wide beach with shallow water and miles of extremely fine white sand. Judy and Arlo swam in the pool afterwards, and Robin and David cooked dinner (bread, broccoli, and an omelet dish of potatoes, mushrooms, eggs, and cheese) in the well-equipped hostel kitchen. We again had a cabin with two bunk beds and a private bath. This one even had a dutch door.

Arlo, age 8, Robin age 13 and David Tanenbaum. Photo by Judy Tanenbaum

Monday 13 June:

Breakfast today was fresh bread, pÅlaegschokolade, apples, etc. in the



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hostel kitchen. We hardboiled our extra eggs to go, and headed out looking for Rispebjerg, an ancient astronomical site similar in concept to Stonehenge, but made from wood and mounds of earth. Unfortunately, the route we plotted did not really exist, and given the consequences of missing our ferry, we decided to move on. After a nice stop at a church with a German cyclist to snack, we rode into Arnager for lunch. We stopped at the smoke house in town. It was 2.Pinsedag, the Danish Witt Monday holiday, and the restaurant had a wait, but the over the counter sales had no line, so we bought some fish to go. This turned out to be better as we then went down to the beach and had our picnic there enjoying both the view and a chance to play in the water. We were pretty close to the Ronne Airport, and met the flight crew of a Polish charter plane that was spending the day on Bornholm. They were renting bikes and riding around for the day. We also crossed paths again with the Polish family we had met in Nexø. In general, most

of the locals we met were fairly reserved as most Danes are, while many of the people who approached us to ask about our long bike were from Germany or Poland. We needed to catch a 5pm ferry, so we rolled out again and rode the last of our 32 km to Ronne, in some cases on the cycle path parallel to the road, and in other places back into the trees away from the roads. We passed a mother riding with two small boys each on their own bikes and appreciated how nice it was for them not to worry about riding near cars. While we did have to adjust the load in the trailer to stop one of our bags from rubbing on a tire on the trailer, that was our only mechanical difficulty of the entire trip. We pulled into Ronne to buy some food before boarding the ferry. We found most stores were closed for the holiday, but someone guided us toward a market that was open and we were off at 4:30 to check in for the ferry. This was a bit different and more confusing than on our outbound trip. We could not check in with the foot passengers, nor at the information desk. We were told to take a loop back out to check in with cars, but there were separate markings for the cycles which were more direct and we tried those. The woman who helps direct the cars explained to us that they were building a new facility for a cyclist check in, but that it was not complete yet. Nevertheless, she was able to look at our ticket and call another desk and check us in. The homebound ferry was very empty with probably only a quarter of the vehicles of our outbound ferry. We had no trouble getting nice seats for the ride to Koge, with a table and facing seats



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near a window, so we enjoyed our dinner and read on the 5 hour ferry ride. Unfortunately, I had the wrong map out, so when we arrived at Koge there was some confusion how to get to the hostel. A new map from the ferry office, helped us find our hostel in Koge, where there was covered cycle parking. This was super, as it actually rained in Koge that night, but not until the bike was under cover and we were in our room.

Tuesday 14 June:

The Koge hostel was nice too, and we made breakfast in the hostel kitchen before packing up for the ride home to Roskilde. We were took a completely different route out of Koge riding on smaller roads without a cycle path but through several small towns. We pulled into our driveway with another 24 km on our cyclometers around 11:30 am, in time for Judy to ride another 6 km up to catch the end of our Danish class, which is important since we had our module 2 test the coming week, as we are getting ready to complete our year living in Denmark. (Note, we did pass the test. Yea!)

Overall, we had a great trip covering almost 200 km with no significant rain, no mechanical issues, and wonderful views, great experiences, and delicious foods.

David M. Tanenbaum
Solar Energy Programme
Technical University of Denmark



Round the Valley Bike Ride – Come Experience Lebanon County, PA

Pat and Ed Krebs interrupt travel for promoting bicycling. While we greatly enjoy traveling by tandem throughout the U.S. and elsewhere in the world, we have also taken on the roles of being advocates for bicyclists and bicycling in general. We want to preserve excellent bicycling opportunities by making roadways safer and more accommodating for cyclists. Thus, three years ago we abandoned a lot of our free time and joined others to create the Lebanon Valley Bicycle Coalition. A major challenge has been to educate our county and municipal leaders on the importance of assuring that bicyclists have good, safe roads to ride. One of our tactics is to create quality bike rides in our County to encourage cyclists to visit – bike, stay, eat, shop, spending money in our beautiful county.

A first result of this effort is the Lebanon County Scenic Bike Map which is available from the Tourism Promotion Agency for Lebanon County.

On the Lebanon Valley Bicycle Coalition website, the same 10 rides are described, cued and have an excellent map for each of the routes. All of these can be downloaded.

Our second challenge has been to develop a bike ride fundraiser to attract cyclists to visit. This year's ride is (was) on August 27th. It travels through some very scenic and historic countrysides for the metric century and the perimeter ride

which is, no doubt, a tough century for tandems with lots of climbs for the views. We know -- as we have enjoyed it. Check out <http://www.roundthevalley.org>

We invite tandem couples to come to Lebanon County and stay for several Days. Enjoy the organized "Round the Valley", but also pedal some of the other scenic, themed rides as well. If there is any interest, we'll work on logistics as to possible lodging and make certain that there is a SAG if needed. Contact Pat and Ed.717.832.0105 or krebs2@verizon.net

Pat and Ed Krebs
Palmyra, PA

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100,000 Mile Journey Ends in Hell with Screams for Ice Cream!!

Sunday, September 4, 2011

Today at exactly 11:29 a.m. Michigan time (10:29 Chicago time), our bicycle odometer rolled over the 28 mile mark for today's ride, and at that mile mark, my sweetheart and husband, Tom Masters, had achieved biking 100,000 miles on a bicycle in his lifetime. Actually, it is more than that, but he didn't start keeping a record until 1977, and he'd biked for several years prior to keeping track. We were in (of all places) the little town of Hell, Michigan, biking with 360 other tandem teams from all over the country at the Midwest Tandem Rally. We had just stopped at a wonderful ice cream shop in Hell called Screams, so it was a delightful place for a photo op and to celebrate his accomplishment. As I took Tom's photograph under the sign, one of our CATS friends made a "grand announcement" to all the crowd standing around eating their ice cream that "the gentleman getting his photo taken has just finished riding his 100,000th mile on a bicycle". The whole crowd applauded, even a little kid sporting a biking jersey. It was really fun having so many of our CATS family there and cycling friends from all over the country who recognize and appreciate his big event. It has been wonderful to have so many of you sharing the road with Tom on his journey to this milestone.

Tom & Sherry Masters
Barrington, IL



Tom Masters - Tom and Sherry join the 100,000 mile club.



How to make your tandem lighter and have a smoother ride...

(otherwise known as a product review)

Click-Stand. Tired of trying to find another tandem to lean against yours at rest stops? Haven't quite mastered that '...stokers-pedal-against-the-curb-technique...' to stand your bike alone? Tired of lugging around that 5 pound kickstand mounted to the bottom of your tandem? Fear not! Thanks go out to Ed and Mary, a strong tandem team of BBC (Baltimore Bicycle Club) for demo'ing their latest gadget to be carried along in that bag on back your tandem. Called a Click-Stand, it's a series of aluminum pole pieces with elastic thru the center that unfolds to a full length support for your tandem. Think of a blind person's folding walking cane, but painted black and with a custom sized half-circle cradle on top. They can be seen, demonstrated, and ordered online at www.Click-Stand.com.

Ed had whipped his out of the bag at a rest stop, and it came together with a flick of the wrist, with subtle clicks as the sections fell into place. What you end up with is a lightweight pole that hugs your bike's top tube as you lean into the Click-Stand. Depending on the height/size of your tandem, the Click-Stand can be ordered in 4- or 5-sections. Each one is made to order, based on the inputs you provide to the online calculator...you provide the bike dimensions and diameter of your top tube, and the website does the rest. The order is placed, and it arrives in the mail a small box. The

half-circle cradle at the top end is rubber coated, and the end touching the ground has a rubber foot. A thin strip of hook and loop material cinches the sections together once folded, now about 9" long, allowing it to neatly fit into your bag, seat pouch, or even jersey pocket. Also included are three elastic loops to fit over your handlebar brakes, applied so the tandem won't roll once parked.

Since its thin aluminum tubing is only about 1/2 inch diameter, the whole thing weighs next to nothing (93 grams). The half-circle cradle snugly hugs the top tube as you lean the bike into the Click-Stand. The rubber foot does not slide against the ground, even in loose gravel or sand. The weight of the bike on the Click-Stand keeps it firmly planted. Combined with the elastic brake bands, the combination makes for a very easy and sturdy parking job. While most times there's a wall, a fence or a tree to lean against, we now have another option to let our tandem 'rest' while we walk away. The most difficulty I've had was consistently remembering to remove the elastic bands from the brake after my stoker folds and puts the Click-Stand away!

Michael & Natalie Hutchinson
Yorktown, PA





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November 12, 2011. **Evergreen Tandem Club Annual Membership Meeting.** Seattle, WA. Join us at Hales Ales in Ballard for the meeting and after-meeting pizza. <http://www.evergreentandemclub.org/>

November 13, 2011. **DATES Social.** Dallas, TX area. If you're a member please come. If you're interested in joining the DATES contact us. John McManus & Brenda Cole host http://www.doubledates.com/index.php?option=com_eventlist&view=eventlist&Itemid=59

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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

Late March Early April, 2012. **Alabama Tandem Weekend.** Sylacauga, AL. Kick start your riding season with this wonderful opportunity to explore Alabama's quiet roads. Tim & Beverly Presley timothy.presley@charter.net

April 6-9, 2012. **UK Easter Tandem Rally.** Hampshire, England. Hosted at the Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre in the New Forest National Park. Camping and indoor accommodation on one site. <http://www.tandem-club.org.uk/nf2002/rallies.htm>

April 19-22, 2012. **Spring Thaw 2012.** Michaels, MD. This event is for those crazy off-road tandemists. We'll help you get started if you've never tried. If you a pro expect great fun. <http://www.easterntandemrally.org/>

April 27 – 29, 2012. **Southwest 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

May 17-20, 2012. **Georgia Tandem Rally 2012.** Dublin, GA. Our hosts are excited with this new venue. Plan to arrive for the Friday morning ride. Watch for registration to open in early 2012. <http://www.georgiatandemrally.com/>

May 18-20, 2012. **COWS Spring Rally.** Port Washington, WI. The COWS Spring Rally will be held in beautiful Port Washington, WI on Friday, May 18 – Sunday, May 20. Enjoy a weekend of scenic cycling with other tandem enthusiasts. Host hotel will be Country Inn and Suites in Port Washington, with a banquet to be held at Nisleits The Country Inn about ½ mile from the hotel. make your reservation at 262-284-2100 and mention the "Couples on Wheels" or COWs. Beth & Pat Peterson host. http://couplesonwheels.com/rides_spring2012.php

June 2-9, 2012. **2012 International Tandem Rally.** Granville, France. These international rallies are a blast. Camp or find your cabin/hotel type accommodations. <http://www.tandem-club.org.uk/nf2002/rallies.htm>

June 15-17, 2012. **MATES (Mid-Atlantic Tandem EnthusiastS) Tandem Rally 2012.** Carlisle, PA. Tandemists return to Carlisle. This is a great venue with beautiful riding. <http://www.easterntandemrally.org/>

June 29 – Jul 2, 2012. **Northwest Tandem Rally 2012.** Salem, OR. Wonders of the Willamette Valley. We'll explore the Oregon capital city and surrounds. Our host hotel is The Grand Hotel. Rally headquarters are at the Willamette University Campus. <http://nwtr.org/2012/>

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June 29 – Jul 1, 2012. **Indiana Tandem Rally.** Fort Wayne, IN. Details are being firmed up. Host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn – Fort Wayne. Make your reservations now. <http://tandemhoots.ning.com/>

August 3-5, 2012. **Eastern Tandem Rally 2012.** Amherst, MA / Pioneer Valley. There will be a Thursday option, so please mark your calendars. <http://www.easterntandemrally.org/>

August 12-25, 2012. **Tandem 2012 (U.K. National Rally).** Kettering, Northamptonshire. Save the date. If you want to travel – but want to stay in the English speaking comfort zone this may be the event for you. <http://www.tandemclub.org.uk/nf2002/rallies.htm>

August 31 – September 3, 2012. **Midwest Tandem Rally 2012.** Madison, WI. Actually Middleton, WI to avoid some of the traffic. The COWS are hosting the 37th Annual Midwest Tandem Rally. We're expecting a great event. Make your

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October 19-21, 2012. **Southern Tandem Rally 2012.** St Augustine, FL. A historic town to explore. Rally headquarters in a fantastic hotel. <http://www.southerntandemrally.com>

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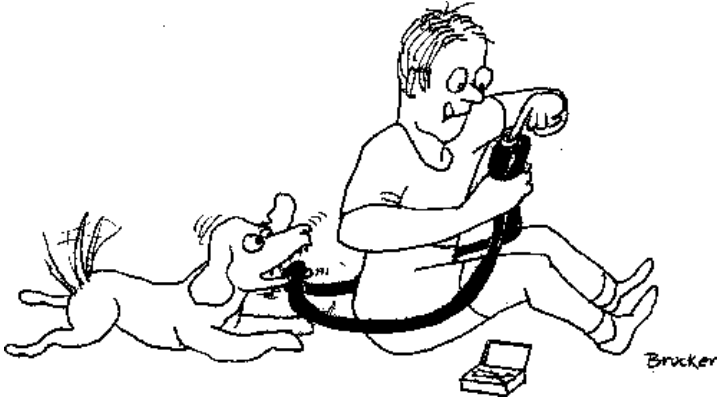
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