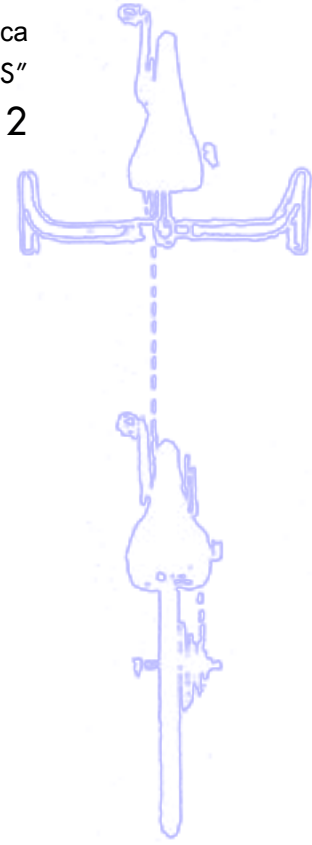


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From the Editors

2012 is half over, but there is still a lot of good riding weather and good events still to come. While we're whittling our way through the TCA calendar, having attended the Georgia Tandem Rally in mid-May @ Dublin, GA. This is one of them many events each year that can be labeled "a favorite" as the riding is always good, the food is tasty, and the organization is near perfect. This year, the weather cooperated, too, other than a very persistent headwind all three days. Almost made me homesick for riding around my home state of Oklahoma again. Or did it just make me remember one of the reasons I now live in Alabama?

We didn't make it to the Tennessee Tandem Rally this year, but we heard it was another great event. We did hear that there was one very bad accident during one of the rides, when two tandems touched wheels and one bike went down. The team that hit the pavement suffered some pretty severe injuries, and our thoughts and prayers are with Chris and Jana Patterson as they heal and return to their tandem. Let's all learn to be careful and not ride too close in these large events.

About the time this issue of DoubleTalk is in your hands, we'll be touching down in Portland, OR, on our way to attend the Northwest Tandem Rally. We've been to several of the NWTR's, we've enjoyed all that we've attended, and we're looking forward to another great event. After the event, we'll join up with one of Santana's events, their Family Friendly Columbia Gorge Tandem Rally.

Two events with one trip – can it get any better than that?

The first of August, we'll be heading up to Amherst, MA, for the Eastern Tandem Rally. ETR is the oldest annual tandem event in the US. It predates MTR by a year, and STR by 5 years. Yes, ETR is now coming up on its 39<sup>th</sup> year (if I calculated right). Once you get a great event going, it just keeps getting better and better. We'll also combine this with a visit to some of our family that lives in that area, so again, we'll be able to kill two birds with one stone.

What are your plans this summer? Are you taking a trip by tandem? Maybe crossing the US? Or maybe just crossing your state? How about the rallies? As you attend an event, or take a tandem vacation, share your adventures with other members of TCA. We enjoy reading about other adventures that we don't have the opportunity to do ourselves, and we love living vicariously through your adventures.

It's time to bring another column to a close. We hope you have a great year in 2012, and that you will share it with other TCA members through the pages of DoubleTalk. Please send your articles and letters to us via e-mail ([editor@tandemclub.org](mailto:editor@tandemclub.org)). If you're including pictures, don't embed your pictures in the article. Please send any pictures to us in a separate message, with any captions you feel would be appropriate.

Let's go ride!

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## Letters to DoubleTalk

Dear DoubleTalk,

I just read the article about tires in the last issue of DoubleTalk. I was entertained, but it could have been better if it had included answers to some questions that came to my mind as I read the article.

For example, what is the weight of the two riders? What is the total weight of the bike, including their normal gear that they carry? How is this gear/weight distributed on the bicycle?

What is(was) the width of the rims used? Were they riding 27" (630), 700c (622), or 26" (599) tires?

How hard do they pump their tires in each case?

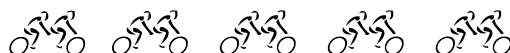
What type of tubes were used? Were they regular, self-healing, or thorn-proof tubes? What brand(s)?

And most important of all: What size tires were each type?

Years ago I used Avocet K and had flats. Then I changed to Panaracer Pasetas which were much harder and less supple, and they reduced the number of flats for us.

I now use Gatorskin Contis in 700x32, which seems like a compromise, but so far we have been lucky and haven't had many flats.

Alvin Golub  
Brooklyn, NY



Dear DoubleTalk,

We are hoping to do a tour along the St Lawrence Seaway in the area of Quebec and wondered if you have any references, contacts, or past articles we could use to help with the planning. We're aware of the Route Verte but so far have not been successful at finding anything of use.

Regards,  
Tom Van Dam  
vandamtom@comcast.net  
Belmont, MI



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## In Memoriam

Many tandem teams from the northeast will miss Tom Boehm. After a nine-year battle with pancreatic cancer, Tom lost his final battle and left us on May 17. Tom and his wife, Anne, were familiar figures at tandem events and he will be missed by all who knew him. To remember Tom, you may want to check out the video that was produced by the CBS-Albany affiliate back in 2007. Look at it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiDKT3mx5oI>.



## The National Bike Challenge

May through August 2012

Are you looking for something different to do this summer? The National Bike Challenge is an opportunity to challenge yourself to ride more often. Record your rides, and add up the miles you've ridden, the calories you've burned, and the gas money you've saved. You can connect with other riders in the challenge, or embrace the spirit of competition by winning points for your employer, your community, or your state. You also become eligible for prize drawings after you've logged just three days on your bike.

You'll be part of a team of more than fifty thousand riders logging over ten million miles, demonstrating the power

of the bicycle to build healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet.

Participation is free, and open to anyone in the United States, or who is employed by a participating U.S.-based company.

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**Monthly Prize Drawings:** With just three days of riding, you become eligible for monthly drawings, and as you ride more, the prizes get better. Bronze level prizes include hats, water bottles, and multi-tools. Log more miles, and you could win a helmet, jersey, or event a bike. The Grand Prizes, drawn from the riders at the top tier, are bike trips in Napa or Moab.

**Take Home a Trophy:** There are National Challenge plaques for the businesses, individuals, communities, states, and teams that rack up the most points. Compete against Facebook, Trek, Specialized, Mars, and other businesses of all sizes.

Join now, start logging your miles, and become eligible for prizes!

## About the Challenge:

The National Bike Challenge is sponsored by Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Bikes Belong, and the League of American Bicyclists and powered by Endomondo. Entry is free. More information can be found @ <http://www.club-vibes.org/index.htm>.





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## A CLOUD WITH A SILVER LINING

For the past ten or so years, our good friend Ken, whether he knew it or not, was the nucleus of our local tandem group. It was often he and his wife, Dottie, who would call the rest of us to organize a ride, he anticipated the year he would attend his tenth ETR and, every Labor Day Sunday, he and Dottie always hosted the Whatever Annual DMC, short for Dorothy's Metric Century, a 60-mile ride along the shores of Lake Champlain. His bike was a beautiful green metallic Bilenky Signature model, equipped and accessorized to his satisfaction and meticulously pampered and maintained. It had carried its team to numerous rallies and several trips to Europe and Canada for two week tours.

Much to our shock, last November Ken suddenly passed away, leaving his wife without a tandem partner. After serious deliberation over the winter, she finally decided to put the bike up for sale, an emotional decision, for sure. Ads in the usual places seemed doomed to failure, one local potential buyer fell through and in October, just when we were all figuring we would have to wait until next season to find it a new home, an inquiry came through from Jeff in Maryland. Seems he's a real cycling enthusiast and he has a neighbor, Tim, a former cyclist who has been blind for the last ten years. These two got to talking one afternoon and hit upon the idea of riding a tandem together. So, after much e-mailing back and forth, it was decided that on our way

to Florida, my wife and I would drop off the bike at Jeff's house so he and Tim could try it out. If all went well, they would keep it and if things went poorly, we'd return home through Maryland to pick it up.

As Jeff had never ridden a tandem, we decided that the delivery should include an introductory ride. Pat and I arrived at Jeff's in the late morning on a cool sunny Sunday and, after a few adjustments and a brief explanation of tandem team co-ordination, I set off with Jeff as my stoker. After several miles, we switched places and, after the initial wobbles and we-waws, he brought me back to his house in fine style.

To say he was enthusiastic about the ride would be a gross understatement! Within 10 minutes, he had his girlfriend dressed to ride and had committed at least two other neighbors to go for a ride. Unfortunately, Tim couldn't partake in the excitement because he was on a cruise celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday until the following weekend – his turn would have to wait.

Well, we went on down the road to Florida and a little over a week later, we got an e-mail from Jeff. The only fair way to relay this is to quote the message:

I guess you didn't get my voicemail! Yes the first ride was a brilliant success. Your lessons proved spot on and I felt confident and in control. Tim was a very steady stoker as you predicted. He was v-e-e-e-r-y quiet for the first half of the ride, a result of his overwhelming sensory overload and concentration but about 15 minutes into the



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ride we hit a headwind and he suddenly shouted “screw you headwind! I’m on a biiiiiiikkkkkkeeeee!!!! I’m on a biiiiiiikkkkkkeeeee!!!!”.

We rode for about 30 minutes, did 8 miles and hit 23 mph at our max. He had some vertigo so he focused on a white logo on my black jersey to orient himself in space. That worked well. We communicated well and I started to enjoy narrating the ride to him, telling him what we were passing and what to expect of the wind, etc.

The bike was brilliant. I spent one full day tuning it, pulled out the head-set bearings and adjusted the positions and swapped some black handlebar tape and cleaned the drivetrain (so much chain!) Anyway the Bilenky has such a beautiful feel that he was able to have that quality bike ride I wished for him. Nothing like steel and nothing like Bilenky craftsmanship. I spent the morning guiding his hands over the bike and components so he could picture his bike better and feel the craftsmanship.

At the finish of the ride he embraced me and basically cried on my shoulder unable to speak. We went to lunch and talked about what we learned and then at 8pm he called me again and we talked for another hour and a half.

I have ridden and raced since I was 14 years old, 25 years now. I have ridden tens of thousands of miles from Montana to Vermont to Shenandoah. That 8 miles was the most magical, meaningful ride of my entire life. I really can’t express my

appreciation for your role in this and to Dottie also.

It is not my place to console her on her loss, but please pass on to her how much joy her bicycle brought us already and assure her that it is in good hands and will receive the love and care they clearly gave it.

Let’s please keep in touch. I will send pictures in a separate email when I get on my computer. Get home safely.

We all wish Ken could read this post – it’s where he’d want his bike to be.

By now, Jeff and Tim have been riding regularly and have become quite a coordinated team. Tim keeps a diary of all his rides and according to his friends, the return to the bike has noticeably brightened his outlook on life.

Silver lining, indeed!  
Mike & Pat Weisel  
Underhill Center, VT





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## Sebring Rally 2012

Bike spokes were spinning and race cars were smoking at the recent Sebring Tandem Rally at the International Raceway in Sebring, FL. The weekend after the Raceway hosted the 12 Hours of Sebring for high-speed sports cars, the Florida PANTHERS arrived to host a pride of PANTHERS to prowl routes beyond the track on tandem bicycles.

In addition to the 35 tandem pairs or triplets, the host hotel, the Chateau Élan, was packed with race-car enthusiasts who pay to take their Corvettes, Miatas and



Jan and Bob Thompson

Porshes on high-powered spins around the track. After we completed our bike rides, we could watch the 4-wheeled competitions on the 3.7 mile track from the hotel's pool deck.

Last year, the Florida PANTHERS Tandem Club, based out of The Villages but including members from across the state, decided to re-invent the tradition of a tandem rally in Sebring, which had been absent for two years. With little time to pull it together, we nevertheless presented the First Sebring Tandem Rally at a motel on the north side of town in April 2011 with 24 tandem couples registered.

This time, with a year to plan, club president Bob Thompson and his wife, Jan, made several trips to Sebring and were able to move the locale to the race track for the weekend of March 23-25, with a great price break for lodging in the luxurious Chateau Élan. One tandem couple, whose reservation went awry, ended up with the only room left, a fourth-floor suite with a balcony overlooking the track.

As we pulled into the parking lot Friday afternoon, the mix of vans and trucks arriving with tandems perched atop or behind in various configurations added to our excitement of exploring new terrain.

At the social hour Friday evening, we met one couple, Marvin and Orlene Hart of Longboat Key, Florida, who were recent converts to tandeming and excited for the chance to ride with a group of tandems on Saturday. Other couples, such as Larry and Elaine Dunning of

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New Port Richey, Florida., attend numerous rallies every year and regularly ride several hundred miles a week.

On Saturday morning, the weather was nearly perfect, if not a tad cool for south-central Florida in late March.

We opted for the 48-mile, Catfish Creek-Skipper Route. Fortunately for stokers, i.e. navigators, we had the same turns as the 60-mile Catfish Creek-Twitty route until after the first rest stop. That meant most of us could just enjoy the ride and leave the turns to the riders up front.

Compared to other Sebring trips my husband and I have attended, this route was pleasantly rural, as the race track is six miles from the old Sebring downtown and even further from the newer commercial areas. As we neared the 12-mile mark, we were traveling through an area of open pastures and saw two pheasants run across the road. At the onset, we were surrounded by orange groves, with the orange blossoms providing a pleasing scent. But even better for us were the roads leading us along Lake June and Lake Placid and then back to Lake June, much of the way past picturesque cottages dotting the shore.

At the banquet that evening, we again saw Marvin and Orlene, the tandem newcomers. They had taken the 33-mile route that went to Lake June and back. We asked how they liked it.

“It’s the best ride I ever went on,” Orlene said, adding, “No traffic.”

Since the same youngest couple and oldest couple had won the same prizes



The bikes roll in - including a triple from Tennessee.

at other PANTHER rallies, this year emcee Bob Thompson averaged their tandem team ages and got 122 years. The couple closest to that number, Pam and Guy Wyche of Andalusia, Alabama, won the \$100 prize. Bryan and Carol Miller



Are those hills in Florida? or is something else going on?

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The whole gang - or at least as many as we could squeeze in.

won the raffle for free registration to the Florida Tandem Rally Oct. 25-28 in The Villages.

Sunday morning we again headed through orange grove country on a 30-mile route that stopped at a gas station in tiny Avon Park before circling Lake Jackson in the heart of Old Sebring.



Hammering hard after leaving the rest stop with Paul and Jeanne Knudsen of Royal Palm Beach and Kim and Brian Howson of Bewdley, Ontario, Canada, we thought we could be proud

of ourselves when we returned to the hotel with plenty of time before checkout. We were still stowing our bike gear when another large group, including a triple ridden by Mike and Patty Willman and Karla McVey of Franklin, Tennessee,

pulled up. They had just completed the 42-mile ride. Their average -- 19.7 miles per hour. Whew!

At checkout, we were asked if we wanted to reserve rooms for next year. We do, but we have to wait until the Sebring International Raceway schedules its 12 Hours of Sebring so that we PANTHERS can grab the following weekend. Watch for details at [www.floridatandemclub.org](http://www.floridatandemclub.org) and in upcoming editions of DoubleTalk.

Kathy Foster  
PANTHERS



A fast ride sunday was a great finish.



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## The Ups And Downs Of A Cross Country Tour (or Travels with Monty)

Continued from May/June 2012

Monty – the moose is coaching Pat & Mike Weisel as they cross the country. They have just spent a couple of days in Bremerton, WA.

The 16<sup>th</sup> was highlighted by a very exciting (read scary) ride across the very narrow Hood Canal Floating Bridge, another terrific camp site at Fort Warden State Park and a thoroughly enjoyable evening strolling around the cute little town of Port Townsend, the west coast Mecca of wooden boatbuilding. On the down side, another flat had to be attended to and Pat became the unfortunate target for a cherry pit or some such hard object thrown from an approaching car.

(By now, the pair was beginning to think the chosen Panaracer Tourguard tires weren't up to the task. By the time another week passed, they'd be convinced.)

So far, the trip had been a northward progression toward Anacortes, where the eastbound cross country route was to start. Arriving in Anacortes in the morning, they figured to do some errands and keep on moving, but there were so many nice people who wanted to talk and find out what they were up to, that the day got lost in conversation. Out west, eyes got big when it was explained that the destination was Maine. Back east, the reaction was the same when it was revealed that the trip had begun in Oregon.

From Anacortes, the route was rather daunting, as four big passes, the likes of which the duo had never pedaled, had to be crossed. The first, Washington Pass, was preceded by a flat run into Diablo Lake Campground and a flat tire on the



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rear (of course). At least it wasn't raining! A nice campsite and an icy swim in the 42 degree Diablo Lake were followed by a nice chance meeting with Tom and Dave, two California teachers who, every year, do a two week trip on some part of the Northern Tier as soon as school lets out and try to recharge after 9 months of educational anguish. They all departed at 7:30 the next morning and after 7 hours of pedaling in primarily the granny, the 4,855' summit of Rainy Pass and after a 500' descent to an intermediate saddle, the 5,477' crest of Washington Pass were reached. The climb was cool and damp with typical western slope humidity, but on the ripping descent of about 18 miles into Mazama, there was a point where it felt like the bike entered an oven. Whereas their nightly-washed bike shorts had not always dried by morning up to this

point in the trip, in Mazama, they were bone dry in 20 minutes!

A bit beyond Mazama, on a whim, they pulled in to the North Cascades Smoke Jumping Base Camp. I figured this was going to be a bust, but it turned out to be one of the most interesting stops of the whole trip, even for a moose. During the tour, where it was explained that all personnel, even the women, have to pass the exact same very rigorous physical tests to be admitted and most smoke jumpers, even the men, do their own sewing to mend jumpsuits and parachutes, a siren went off and Simon, our guide said, "Well, tour's over. Gotta go!" Within 7 minutes, with very little panic or fanfare, a plane load of jumpers had appeared from around the camp, many on bikes, and had suited up and boarded the plane. Off they went into the wild blue yonder to fight some recently spotted forest fire. This smoke jump camp was the first of its kind in 1939 and after its success was realized, the US military picked up on the idea and the paratroops were born.

The next challenge was to be Loup Loup Pass and the climb to a mere 4000'. As it turned out, the riding wasn't too bad, but a couple miles from the top the freewheel blew up. They complained that a loaded tandem with a trailer and a moose for a passenger was a hard push. Didn't bother me in the least. Once over the top they were able to soft pedal into Okanogan where there was an awesome bike shop that had good touring tires to replace the previous set (which by then had gone flat 5 times!) and a Sachs 7 speed freewheel. Paul, the owner, gave



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Pat free run of the shop and its tools, and the pair was off to their next campsite in a jiffy.

Tonasket was a funky little town at the base of the third big climb, Wauconda Pass. The pair enjoyed a relaxing dinner and a good sleep in the local motel and they got a good laugh over the sign on the door to the medical clinic which read, "No weapons allowed in the clinic". I secretly wondered if that held true for the vet's office as well. The next morning, it was up, up and away toward the top of the 4300' summit. Who should appear on the way up but Tom and Dave with whom a nice lunch was had at the Wauconda Café near the crest. The descent took us all into Republic, a nice little western town. Not everybody felt the same, though – the grocery store cashier said, "If I won the lottery, I'd sure get the hell out of Republic".

Sherman Pass, 5500', was the final big ascent, but only 15 miles long and followed by a moderate down grade of nearly 20 miles which allowed a nearly brake-free coast of up to 40 mph. Whew! It doesn't get much better than that! Much of the recent terrain seemed to me to be likely moose country, but the locals say no, hardly any moose, just lots of deer and elk. Bummer.

A couple days later, it was into the pan handle of Idaho and the pleasant little town of Sandpoint, perched on the shore of beautiful Lake Pend Oreille and about 20 miles from the up and coming ski resort of Schweitzer Basin. Lots of good restaurants, a gorgeous park on the lake and several good bike shops. A sign

in the park read, "Life is a song; harmonize and enjoy". Ah, so simple, but so hard. This part of Idaho is narrow, so it wasn't long before they rode right into the Big Sky Country of Montana and some really hot weather, a theme which was to be recurrent for most of the rest of the trip.

The route followed the Kootenai River, passing the Libby Dam, a 1971 project built for power generation. Pat stopped at the public restroom in the powerhouse and quipped that it was the first time she ever used a \$500 million bathroom. Snap!! Broken chain – get out the chain tool. Nice to have a mechanic along for the ride. Mike held the bike. I directed the operation. The plan had been to camp at the campground on the east shore of Lake Koocanusa (named by a local housewife for Kootenai River, Canada and the USA, both of which claim part of the lake), but the heat and the oppressive western afternoon and evening sun convinced the pair to climb back up to the highway (and I do mean up) and proceed another hot 15 miles to a campground at Rexford Bench. Nice spot to spend the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – it had a nice swimming beach, shaded camp sites and, from hours in the hot sun, the water bottles were warm enough to rinse soapy heads and a can of Chef Boyardee ravioli in the pannier was hot enough to enjoy right out of the can!

The hosts at the next night's campground were kind enough to take the pair with them to dinner for \$5 all-you-can-eat pork roast at the Senior Center in Eureka. They said it was terrific, the best



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meal they'd had in a week – I wouldn't know, I had to stay at the campground, but who's keeping track? Mike learned a new word today – GROAK, verb – to finish eating first, then longingly stare at the others while they finish their meals (he is reputed to do this regularly) and he invented another - AGONKNEE, noun – the type of knee you get after riding a loaded tandem this far.

A couple more days, including a visit to the nice town of Whitefish, brought the travelling circus to West Glacier, on the outskirts of Glacier National Park. One night in Apgar Campground and a second in the beautiful, rustic Lake McDonald Lodge prepared them for the long climb up the Going to the Sun Highway and the summit of Logan Pass. This highway was built in the days of the Model T, so the grade was uniformly set at about 6% so the T's could run it in high gear. The biking ascent used a slightly lower gear, but other than a few moments of apprehension about passing a

bear in the roadside ditch who was grubbing for food in a fallen log, the climb was basically 4 hours of splendid beauty and biking pleasure – no joke – it was fabulous! Low traffic, cool temps, moderate climb and unbelievable views! A walk on some of the numerous trails at the top provided even more vistas, close encounters with mountain goats who hung out right next to the trail and long distance sightings of bighorn sheep high above on the rocks. No moose here either.

After the last big descent from Logan, the route entered the plains in the town of Browning. What a change! And to think there'd be over a thousand miles of this before the terrain made any radical changes. Mike said he was as apprehensive about this as he had been about all those big passes. In the town of Chester, the rear brake began to thump. An inspection revealed a cracked rim, a circumferential crack which had allowed the lip of the rim to deflect outward and thump the brake with every revolution of the wheel. Pat made a call to Santana and arranged for a new rim to be overnighted to the bike shop in Havre (a local told us it's pronounced "Have 'er", as in "You can have 'er, I don't want 'er"). Sure enough, after gingerly pedaling the 60 miles to Havre and a good rest in a local motel, the rim showed up the next day. Wizard Pat swapped the rim in the motel room, zipped down to the bike shop to true it up and, by 11 am, things were rolling again. For all its modern-day woes (drug problems and general lawlessness), Havre has an interesting history. Years ago, essentially the whole downtown burned, but the innovative residents just moved



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down into the basements and created an entire town underground! Today, large parts are still open for tours – it's quite an attraction.

The riding across eastern Montana turned out to be quite pleasant, save the heat. The vistas are unlimited, the people are friendly, the motels are cheap (they didn't camp much because of the heat), the terrain is pretty flat and the sky is indeed BIG! On the down side, headwinds can be trouble, the food is pretty boring (meat and potatoes are everywhere and good vegetables are nowhere) and shade is non-existent. The routine for the next 5 days was pretty much the same – breakfast and an early start, a mid-morning snack somewhere along the line, an early afternoon stop in the destination town, a cheap motel, a movie or museum to avoid the heat, dinner and crash. The route was essentially U.S. Route 2 with some back road diversions, all of which generally followed the Missouri River.

One mid-morning, while taking advantage of a McDonalds rest room, Pat bumped into an older woman who was part of a bus tour also using the ever-present Mickey D facilities. The woman quizzed Pat about the trip and then told her elderly friend of the cross country endeavor.

The friend's reaction: "Well, some people have no sense of proportion!"

The North Dakota state line brought little change in scenery, but Williston, pop.13,000 was the biggest place they'd been in for some time. A 2-day stay with a rental car trip to Fort Union and the T. Roosevelt National Park was next on the agenda. I didn't get invited on this one, but was told the grasslands in the park are very beautiful with cattle and bison free-range grazing and also vast areas of eroded land much like the Badlands. Fort Union, somewhat to the north and originally scouted by Lewis and Clark, was an important trading outpost for the American Fur Co. Though the Missouri River has changed its course, the trading outpost has been reconstructed on the original site and used to be served by steam powered paddlewheelers.

To be continued...

Monty with some keying help from Mike & Pat Weisel, Underhill Center, VT



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## Club Rides of Interest

While browsing the web for our tandem calendar I found two rides that really stood out. I have unashamedly lifted these two items from the respective club calendars for your reading interest. The first is from the DATES (Dallas Area Tandem EnthusiastS) ride calendar.

### DATES-TTTT

#### TANTRIC TANDEM TIME TRIAL SERIES TEXAS

A TTTT is a meditative and intimate tandem experience that prolongs the act of teamwork and channels rather than dissipates the potent energies moving through our bodies thereby raising our consciousness. It transports your team from the plane of doing to the plane of being. The only goal in TTTT is the perfection of harmonious teamwork that will teach you to revere your partner and transform the act of tandeming into a sacrament of perfect union.

#### RULES (Completely unenforceable)

- 1) 7:30am Start - 1st Sunday of each month beginning in May – Celina High School
- 2) Teams start at 5 minute intervals (Draw #'s for start order)
- 3) Stoker is the timer (More likely to be honest)
- 4) Obey traffic laws (Tandems must come to complete halt with at least one foot on the ground at every stop sign. This will improve your teamwork and eliminate one of the reasons we are hated.)
- 5) No drafting
- 6) Times logged for your personal compari-

son

\*\*\* This is not a race but a fitness benchmark for your team. It is an opportunity to ride fast when you can and slow when you must (such as stop signs and corners) for a non-stop 30 miles. The emphasis is on safety and teamwork with plenty of opportunities on the course to go fast. All that the captains have to do is remember that they are personally responsible for the safety and well being of their stoker. We gather at the end for a cool down lap of undetermined distance.

The second is from the Evergreen Tandem Club (Seattle, Washington area)

### Ride, EAT....Ride EAT...Ride EAT!

A toast will kick off this ride with Mimosa's!

9:00 Kick off at the Park

#### TOAST

Mimosas,

9:15 Depart to Duvall (14 Miles)

10:15 First course, Salad (30 minutes)

#### FIRST COURSE

#### **TBD this is last years menu EXAMPLE**

*Caesar Salad or Field Greens Salad w/ house dressing & bread*

10:45 Depart to Snoqualmie (26 miles)  
Snoqualmie Valley Roads

12:45 Snoqualmie, (40 minutes)

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## SECOND COURSE

### **TBD this is last years menu EXAMPLE**

Mussel and clams in white wine tomato  
sauce & bread

1:35 Depart to the Park (22 miles)

3:00 Arrive the Park

3:15 Depart to the hosts (Map provided)

## MAIN COURSE

### **TBD this is last years menu EXAMPLE**

Scallops, Beef or Lamb Shank

Rough Mashed Garlic Sweet Potatoes

Wilted Spinach and Grilled heirloom  
peppers

## DESSERT

Chocolate Espresso Custard with raspberry  
coulis sauce

## SPECIAL NOTES

Food locations are secret! That's what  
DeeDee says and I have to keep the stoker  
happy.

This will be a set price \$75.00 per couple.  
Includes two restaurant food stops during  
the ride (first one at 14 mi., second stop  
at 41 mi.) and final courses/dessert at our  
house (62 mi. total). Hey we have to burn  
calories too, right?

Please RSVP by Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> by  
12:00 noon.

This is so food can be ordered for preset  
menus.

Bring a check at the start of the ride since  
the food will be ready when we arrive based  
on the number of RSVP's.

Bring your own beverages for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
courses at the Rixe's. We will have some  
wine for pairing.

Showers and changing is available at our  
home after the ride if you want. Naps are  
optional.

## FOOD CHOICES:

Please designate from the following  
choices:

1<sup>st</sup> Course: Field Greens or Caesar Salad

2<sup>nd</sup> Course: Clams and Mussels or Lasagna

3<sup>rd</sup> Course: Scallops, Beef or Lamb

## **Saturday, 25 August, 2012**

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Ride Details

Distance: 60 miles

Pace: 16 typical mph on the flats

Terrain: Some hills

Rain Cancels: No

Cost: Yes





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June 29 – July 1, 2012. **Indiana Tandem Rally.** Fort Wayne, IN. Come enjoy some Hoosier hospitality, riding & food, in northeast Indiana. Rally limited to 60 teams, so register early. Information & registration form at [www.3rvs.com](http://www.3rvs.com) or register online [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Contacts Anne & Kent Ellis, [tandemindiana@gmail.com](mailto:tandemindiana@gmail.com) or 260-387-7978.

June 29 – July 2, 2012. **27<sup>th</sup> Northwest Tandem Rally.** Salem, OR. Share the Wonders of the Willamette (WOW) Valley – with its hospitality, history, and scenic bicycle routes – with our tandem families and friends from the Northwest, and across the US and beyond – all at an affordable price. Our dedication and enthusiasm aim to benefit the riders along with the Willamette Valley, the economy, local businesses, and community relationships. <http://nwtr.org/2012/> facebook: [www.facebook.com/NWTandemRally](http://www.facebook.com/NWTandemRally) Twitter: @NWTandemRally questions? [marketing@nwtr2012.org](mailto:marketing@nwtr2012.org)

June 30 – July 6, 2012. **DOGS (Doubles Of the Garden State) Kingdom Trails and Pine Hill Park Ride.** The DOGS head north to Vermont for some interesting holiday riding. We are planning on a few days of riding at Kingdom Trails then heading south to Pine Hill Park to finish out the week. <http://www.d-o-g-s.org>

July 1, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Road to Ribs Ride.** Darien, IL. Riding, socializing and food. We enjoy meeting new tandem teams so please contact us and come join in the fun. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

July 21, 2012. **Evergreen Tandem Club Thanksgiving in July Ride.** Lakewood, WA. We have two smoked turkeys ready to be eaten.

So we invite all to bring your favorite side dish. RSVP required. We'll ride about 25 miles. [www.evergreentandemclub.org](http://www.evergreentandemclub.org)

July 15, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Pool Party Ride.** Buffalo Grove, IL. 32 or 25 miles RSVP for BBQ and the foot pool after the ride. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

July 15, 2012. **Evergreen Tandem Club Renton to Black-Diamond Bakery Ride.** Renton, WA. We ride to eat – 50 or 70 mile ride just so we can enjoy the food at the bakery. <http://www.evergreentandemclub.org>

July 21, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Elmhurst, IL Salt Creek Forest Preserve. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

July 22, 2012. **LOONS Farms, Fields and Lakes.** Prior Lake, MN. We'll ride 25-30 miles and adjourn to Hooligans for after ride nourishment. [www.twincitytandembike.com](http://www.twincitytandembike.com)

July 27-29, 2012. **Prairie State Tandem Rally 2012.** Dixon, IL Discover historic Dixon during this simple, affordable rally. President Abraham Lincoln served part of his federal military service at Fort Dixon and Dixon was also the Boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan. Dixon is located approximately 100 miles west of downtown Chicago, along the Rock River. Our focus – good riding and high sociability. Make your hotel reservations at the Comfort Inn (815.284.0500) mention the Chicago Area Tandem Society for the group rate. Pre-registration required email Marge Spears [pstr12@comcast.net](mailto:pstr12@comcast.net) <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com/pstr2012info.htm>

August 3-5, 2012. **Eastern Tandem Rally 2012.** Amherst, MA / Pioneer Valley. There will be a

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Thursday option, so please mark your calendars.  
<http://www.easterntandemrally.org/>

August 3-5, 2012. **Loons Rally in Crosby-Irontown-Deerwood.** Deerwood, MN. This is a weekend event make your plans and let us know you're coming. Hotel and camping options. [www.twincitytandembike.com](http://www.twincitytandembike.com)

August 4, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Onion Pub Ride.** Lake Barrington, IL 40 miles with shorter options. Plan to eat at the Onion Pub following the ride. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

August 4-5, 2012. **Evergreen Tandem Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Campfest.** Orting, WA. This is a great get-away weekend with your tandem friends. [www.evergreentandemclub.org](http://www.evergreentandemclub.org)

August 5, 2012. **DATES (Dallas, (TX) Area Tandem EnthusiastS) Tantric Tandem Time Trial.** Dallas, TX Area. Become a DATES member and join in the fun. This is an entertaining way to bench mark your progress as you ride through the year. [www.doubledates.com](http://www.doubledates.com)

August 12, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Sweet Corn Ride.** Harvard, IL We have a new route this year with plenty of corn fields. RSVP for lunch following the ride. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

August 18-25, 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.tandem-club.org.uk/nf2002/rallies.htm>

August 18, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Wheaton, IL Batavia Panera via Fermi. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

August 18, 2012. **CRABS (Couples Riding A Bike Simultaneously) Ride.** Join the Barrs and ride in the Valley. Hagerstown start. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

August 18, 2012. **Loons End of Summer Splash.** Cumberland, WI. So we are a bit lost we've moved from Minnesota to Wisconsin for this end of summer ride. [www.twincitytandembike.com](http://www.twincitytandembike.com)

August 18, 2012. **Portland Tandem Club Picnic.** Portland, OR We ride, we talk, we eat. [www.portlandtandemclub.org](http://www.portlandtandemclub.org).

August 25, 2012. **Evergreen Tandem Club Ride Eat...Ride Eat...Ride Eat.** Sammamish, WA. Contact the ride leaders this is a fee ride. We ride about 60 miles and visits two restaurants (pre-selected items). [www.evergreentandemclub.org](http://www.evergreentandemclub.org)

August 25, 2012. **Portland Tandem Club Three Bridges Ride.** Portland, OR [www.portlandtandemclub.org](http://www.portlandtandemclub.org).

August 26, 2012. **CRABS Ride.** Baltimore County, MD. Reinsels host this fun ride. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

August 26, 2012. **Loons Rally in the Valley.** Join the Loons and join the fun. [www.twincitytandembike.com](http://www.twincitytandembike.com)

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 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Tandem Rally. We're expecting a great event. Make your hotel reservations at the Marriot Madison West: group code mtrmtra 888-745-2032 <http://www.couplesonwheels.com/mtr.php>

September 4 – 7, 2012. **Midwest Tandem Rally Post Tour.** Wisconsin Dells, WI Deb & Dennis Veerkamp and Tom & Annette Esser will be hosting a post tour for those who would like to explore some more of the beautiful sites in

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Wisconsin. Pre-registration is required. [http://couplesonwheels.com/mtr\\_postride.php](http://couplesonwheels.com/mtr_postride.php)

September 8, 2012. **Evergreen Tandem Club Yakima Valley Wine Ride.** Yakima Valley, WA. We find some rural roads. Taste some wine and generally have a great time. There is a fee. [www.evergreentandemclub.org](http://www.evergreentandemclub.org)

September 29, 2012. **Portland Tandem Club Ride.** Ted and Nancy host. [www.portlandtandemclub.org](http://www.portlandtandemclub.org)

October 12-14, 2012. **FART XIX – Fall Allegany Rally for Tandems.** Allegany State Park, Salamanca NY. An Off road MTB weekend for tandems. Private rooms. All meals on your own. Riding XC ski trails, horse trails and dirt roads. Technically not difficult, but be prepared to climb. Register early-limited to 20 teams. For more info, contact Karen or Brian Managan, 49 Martinot Ave, Rochester NY 14609 (585) 654-9624 or [frosty\\_dog@mac.com](mailto:frosty_dog@mac.com). The cost for the camp for the entire weekend is divided by the number of teams, so the more teams, the less it costs! Check out the F.A.R.T. web page at <http://fartmtb.org>

September 15-23, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Michigan Tour.** Ludington, MI. Riding, socializing and food. We enjoy meeting new tandem teams so please contact us and come join in the fun. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

September 15, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Wheaton, IL We ride to visit McDowell Forest Preserve. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

September 15- 23, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Weeklong Ride.** Traverse City MI. Hotels at night come join the fun. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

September 22, 2012. **CRABS (Couples Riding A Bike Simultaneously) Ride.** The Harrises lead us on a ride in the Davidsonville area. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

September 29, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Leaf Me Alone Ride.** Barrington, IL 26 miles visits the Crabtree Nature Preserve We're riding early?! So we'll do breakfast for our rest stop. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

September 29, 2012. **CRABS (Couples Riding A Bike Simultaneously) Ride.** Harford County. We are led by the Dymonds as fall arrives. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

October 7, 2012. **Loons Chili Ride.** It's getting cool up here. We wrap up the season with a great Chili ride. [www.twincitytandembike.com](http://www.twincitytandembike.com)

October 13, 2012. **CRABS (Couples Riding A Bike Simultaneously) Ride.** It's getting cool and fritters sound warm and wonderful. We'll ride to eat this time. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

October 14, 2012. **CRABS (Couples Riding A Bike Simultaneously) Ride.** Taneytown to Gettysburg. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

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>

October 20, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride.** Wheaton, IL Sonny Acres Fall fest. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

October 27-28, 2012. **Florida Tandem Rally 2012.** The Villages, FL. The Florida PANTHERS (Partners Aboard Neat Tandems Happily Enjoying Riding Simultaneously) will host this years event. Stay in Florida and ride for the days be-

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tween Southern Tandem Rally. <http://floridatan-demclub.org/calendar.htm>

October 28, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Chili Pumpkin Ride.** Barrington, IL  
We've been known to ride in just about anything, like cold, light mist, and flakes of snow so dress accordingly. We hold the chili supper regardless of the weather. RSVP <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

December 16, 2012. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Mueller's Holiday Party Ride.** Round Lake, IL . Ride. Who's going to ride? It's cold out there. Bring a gift for the White Elephant exchange RSVP and join the fun. <http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com>

December 16, 2012. **CRABS (Couples Riding A Bike Simultaneously) Christmas lights Ride.** Join the CRABS and join in the fun. [www.baltobikeclub.org](http://www.baltobikeclub.org)

April 26-28, 2013 **Southwest Tandem Rally 2013.** Palestine, TX We're working hard making

arrangements for a great rally. <http://swtr.org>

May 16-19, 2013 **Georgia Tandem Rally 2013.** Somewhere, GA. Stay tuned for details and location [www.georgiatandemrally.com](http://www.georgiatandemrally.com)

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Birmingham, AL 35242  
e-mail: [editor@tandemclub.org](mailto:editor@tandemclub.org)

Please limit your TCA Calendar listings to TANDEM-specific events, or tours/races with TANDEM classes.

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## TCA Tandem Hospitality Homes

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

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

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

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

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** New Ellsworth Witness full-suspension mountain tandem. Career-ending injury forces sale of one sweet bike delivered just before we got hurt. White Brothers downhill fork with 5" travel, Mavic Crossmax wheels, Magura Gustav disc brakes, SRAM/Truvativ drivetrain. Picture available. New \$7800, asking \$6000. Will deliver within day's drive of Albany, NY. For more info call Al Berzini (518) 475-5571 days or email [teamberzini@verizon.net](mailto:teamberzini@verizon.net) (NY) 07/12

**FOR SALE:** Cannondale MT800 Tandem (2001), with less than 1000 miles on it. In great shape and ready to ride. A perfect bike for those long rides on or off road. Currently set up for 5'7" female captain and youth stoker, but easily adjustable. Comes with owner's manual, two stands, Avocet 15 cyclometer, two water bottle cages, Cateye barend mirror, Shimano Deore XT Deore rear derailleur, 24 speed, Cane Creek headset, child stoker kit, and Wellgo dual function w/ alloy cage pedals. Asking \$1000. Contact Janice Rinaldo at [gointodaytona@bellsouth.net](mailto:gointodaytona@bellsouth.net) or call (404)-312-5290 (cell), not too late, please. (GA) 07/12

**FOR SALE:** 1981 Jim Redcay filet brazed marathon frame tandem. Designed for 6'5" captain, 5'7" stoker for loaded touring by one of the premier American frame builders of the 1970s and 80s. Ishiwata chrome moly tubing with braze-ons for everything. Top tubes sloped and parallel for artistic symmetry. Upgraded in 1996 by Rodney Moseman with indexed shifting, more bottle braze-ons and low rider rack bosses. Phil Wood field serviceable 48-hole hubs, Velocity Dyad rims, Phil bottom brackets, Shimano Deore cantilever brakes, bar end shifters, and Phil Wood disk drag brake. Sugino Fuse 500 triple tandem crank set, Deore XT derailleurs and 8-speed XTR cassette. Complete Blackburn F&R racks & low-riders. \$1000. Prefer not to ship; pick

up/delivery options negotiable. Photos and specs from Jay Brosnan ([jbrosnan@earthlink.net](mailto:jbrosnan@earthlink.net)) or call 704.999.8291. (NC) 07/12

**FOR SALE:** 1983 Jack Taylor touring tandem. Hand-crafted by Jack Taylor and his two brothers in Stockton on Tees, England. Double-butted lugless construction throughout. All tubes are Reynolds 531. 24x21. Black with traditional Taylor subdued multicolor striping. Mostly Campagnolo Super Record or Nuovo Record components are used. The oversize (tandem) headset assembly is Jack Taylor proprietary. SuperRecord tandem crankset, 175/165 crankarms, (52/42/34) w/42t X-over rings. 6-speed 14-34 freewheel. Four Campagnolo Record brake levers on front bars, one pair operates the Shimano cantilever brakes, the second pair the disk brakes. Campagnolo Record FD, Huret Duopar Titanium RD. Campagnolo SR shift levers, rear indexed. Dropbars F&R. Campagnolo Record seatposts w/Brooks leather saddles front and rear. Front and rear Jack Taylor luggage racks and four panniers. Also included are an extra set of wheels. All 4 wheels are 27" x 1" Wolber 58 Super Champion rims with 48 double butted SS spokes. One pair has Phil Wood hubs and disk brakes front and rear, the other has French Mavic hubs, including the famous rear drum brake. A Vitansel Tandem car roof rack is included. The tandem has never been crashed or dropped, and there are no scratches or rust. It has always been carefully maintained and is in excellent condition. Apart from occasional short runs, it has not been used seriously since 1998. Asking \$1000, but will consider any serious offer from someone who is willing to enjoy this classic as the collectors' item that it is. I might even be persuaded to donate it to a serious collector who will keep it up.. New owner is to collect or arrange packing and shipping. For more information or details, please contact Jim Scott, ph: 772-287-3250 or e-mail:



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FOR SALE: 2008 Santana Beyond, Medium size frame. Very smooth and very fast. IsoGrid double-butted carbon tubing with co-molded titanium ends, Perfect-10 shifting, Carbon crankset, Shimano Sweet-16 wheelset, upgraded Reynolds fork, Dura-Ace brakes, Shimano STI 6700 shifters, rear rack, and new front derailleur. Selling because we need (and have purchased) a coupled tandem. \$9,000. Also have BikePro USA Oversize Tandem Case (\$450). Contact Jim Flesch by e-mail @ jaflesch@lawggf.com or call @ 312-346-1080 (IL). Pictures are available. (IL) 09/12

**FOR SALE:** 2002 Santana AL Triple Sovereign. 95cm x 92 cm. Blue. Purchased from Tandems Limited, this bike has an estimated 3000 miles of usage. We rode BRAG five times, and used the bike for other family outings. Ultegra Group, 9 speed XTR rear derailleur. Hadley Hubs on 48 spoke wheels. Rear drag brake. Avid caliper brakes. AHeadset headset. Flight deck and second cyclometer at rear stoker station. Old Man Mountain rear rack. Serfas saddle for captain, Terry saddles for stokers. Stoker 1 position has pneumatic shock absorber in seat post. 5 water bottle cages (capacity of seven). The paint has like-new luster and does have nicks, chips, etc around the rear drive train. Includes ATOC triple bike mount for roof rack. Can provide with our without SPD pedals for each rider. Shipped with new Gatorskin Kevlar tires. Captain's top tube bears autograph of Tour de France cyclist, Bob Roll. Asking \$4500 + shipping. I hate to see it go, but it needs to be ridden. Edgar Dalrymple. E-mail edgardal@hiwaay.net. Bike is located in Huntsville, AL 09/12

FOR SALE: Santana forged aluminum Octalink crankset. Includes 4 arms and 5 chainrings for stoker triple (170mm, 53/39/30t), timing chain (40t), and captain's cranks (175mm). Good

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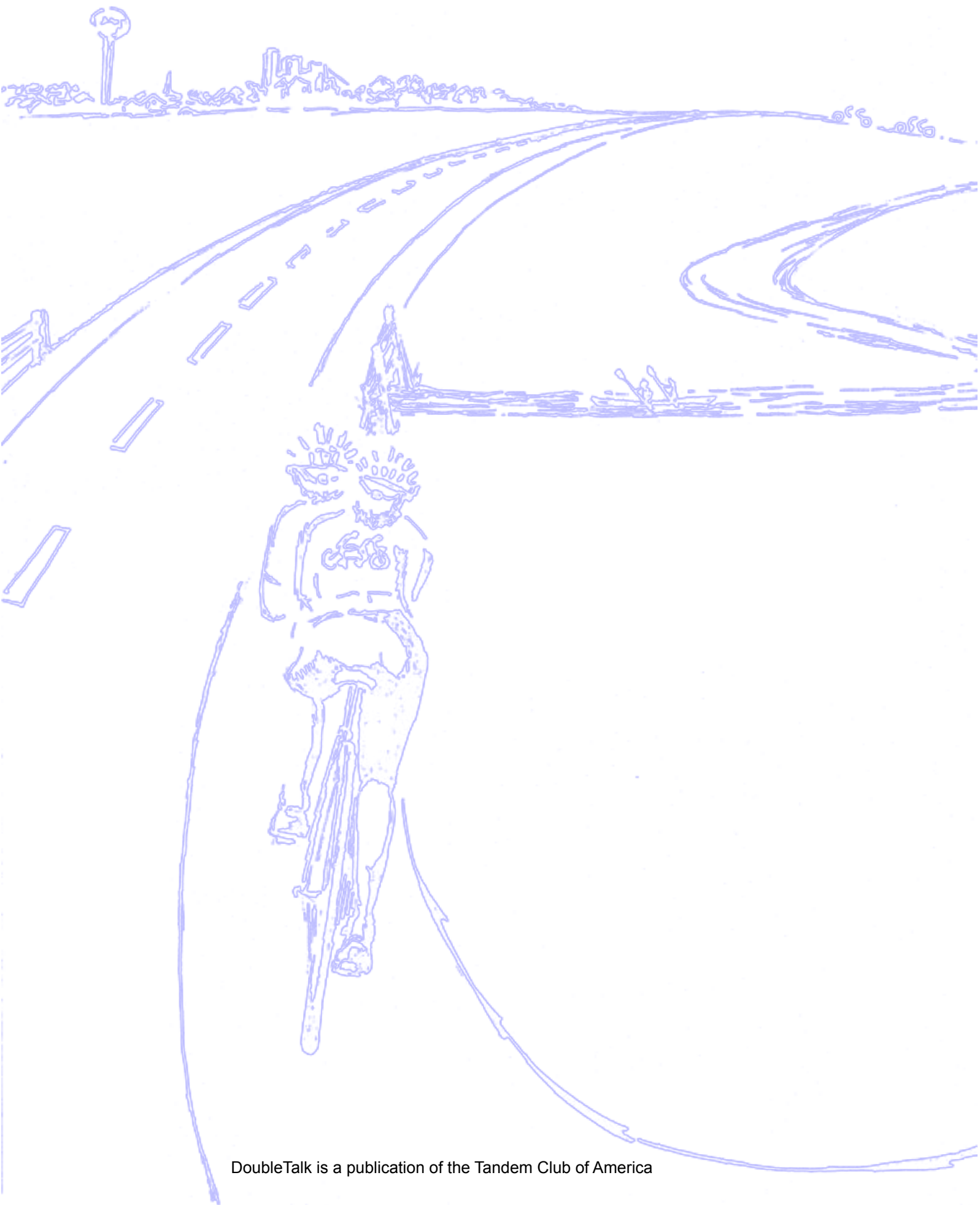
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