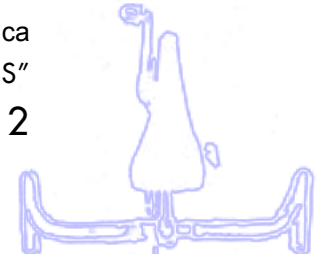
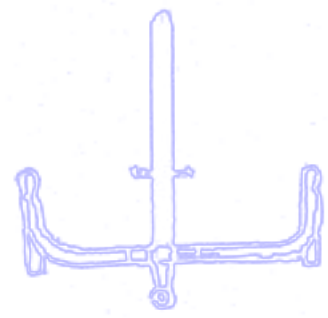


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From the Editors

Has it only been two months since the last issue? Where has the time flown? Since the last issue went to press, we've attended the 2012 Midwest Tandem Rally in Madison (actually Middleton), Wisconsin, along with nearly 1,000 of our closest friends. What a blast! We were a bit concerned about tandeming in an area where University of Wisconsin was opening their 2012 football season, but the organizers were great! They quickly got us out of the metro area on roads with only a few cars. In fact, I'm not sure we saw more than a handful of University of Wisconsin football fans (or their opponents fans) while we were tandeming. [Note from Susan; In fact, at least one team of Northern Iowa football fans attended the rally so they could attend the game. When they found out that the Wisconsin Bike League offers valet bike parking at the game they seriously considered riding their tandem to and from the game.]

I (Jack) also made it out to the Interbike dealer expo again. Not much new to report on the tandem front this year. Tandem representation was very sparse, with only the big boys (Co-Motion, Santana, DaVinci) having full "tandems-only" booths. KHS had a couple of tandems in their booth, along with their great display of singles, and that was just about the extent of it. Co-Motion was showing a new model, the Equator, a fully-belt-driven tandem (using the Rohloff internal hub), and also showing the newly-redesigned

Supremo with its open frame design (no lateral tube).

The Santana booth was done up in black and white this year. All bikes on display were either black, white, or possibly silver (titanium). Is that all they are offering for colors? No. In fact, Santana's big news was that they are offering most of their bikes in a broad choice of colors, rather than the usual 4-6 colors offered in the past. Also, their new internal hub-model, the "Smooth" was on display. Santana is using the NuVinci hub with is a CVT-hub (constantly variable transmission). There are no distinct gears in this hub, so most people should be able to find exactly the right gear ratio for their pedaling style.

DaVinci continues to make beautiful bike with his patented ICS system, which lets each rider pedal as necessary. No new models on display, but Todd is still cranking out some beautiful tandems for those folks who enjoy ICS.

And that brings you up to date on what's happening here. Now, to bring up some news about DoubleTalk. As you'll note, this is one thin issue. Why? We need your articles! Without your articles, there will be no DoubleTalk. TCA is your organization, and DoubleTalk is your magazine. That means we edit and reprint what you send us, [the priority and preference is for original material. If you're offering material for reprint please make sure that copy-right permission is included.], as long as it is tandem or TCA-related. Do you want DoubleTalk to continue in a printed format? Then send us your articles now so that we can

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build up a backlog that we can rely on to tide us through those months where you are out riding, too busy to write us an article. We enjoy editing and publishing DoubleTalk, but we are not the content providers. You are. (You most likely wouldn't enjoy reading only our words each issue, anyway). Help keep D-T going! Send us your articles now!

The rally season is coming to an end for us, with only the Southern Rally yet to come. It's our final tandem event of the year, in St Augustine, Florida. We're looking forward to this event, as we've never cycled in the St Augustine area. The host hotel is the Mariott's World Golf Village, and it should be a fine experience. It will be history by the time you read these words.

We hope you had a great year in 2012, and that you will send us your articles immediately, so that we may share them with other TCA members through

the pages of DoubleTalk. Please send your articles, photos, photo essays, and letters to us via e-mail (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.

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Life After The Tandem

My wife Anita and I have been avid tandem riders for 30 years. In 1984 we upgraded to a new Santana. Although Santana, today, is a major company with distributors across the nation, in those days it was a small operation and the founder, Bill McCready, was involved with many of the sales and knew the owners personally. Our bike was set up for touring and we often carried 70 pounds (total) in our front and back panniers. Even in my prime -- when I believed I was tough and brave enough to fight my weight in wild tigers -- I did not have the power to ride up hills or the courage to ride down hills. Our tours were always designed with gentle terrain. We have toured Holland, Denmark, Belgium, the Canadian Prairie, the Maritime Provinces and many parts of California. Although we have toured with other couples, it is difficult to find teams that ride at our pace, and we have problems adapting to the schedule of others. As a result most of our tours have been alone and have become a special togetherness activity.

Through the years, I have enjoyed being on Santana's mailing list and reading about the activities Santana offers. We have always talked about a tour of San Juan Islands. Santana scheduled a rally in these islands a few years ago. This was a chance to make the tour and try a rally! The experience was wonderful. We had never seen so many tandems on one ride. Everyone was excited and the camaraderie great. We felt we were participating in a happening. Santana Cycles provided

a variety of rides so everyone could find as much or as little challenge as they wanted.

With so many riders, there was always someone to ride with. The San Juan Islands provided gentle terrain. The one day on the hilly Island, we rode our bike to the bus stop, locked the tandem and rode the bus to lunch. We were able to see the island and participate in the luxury banquet. We then took the bus back to our bike and rode back to the ferry. We had ridden enough to claim participation.

We left the rally with hope of participating in other tours. Shortly after the ride, Bill McCready sent out a survey asking riders to indicate the rides they were interested and likely to participate. We listed Columbia Gorge number one, and California Wine Country as second choice. A short time later we received a promotional for the California Wine Rally. Bill advised that he was having problems with the Columbia Gorge trip



Riders enjoyed the hike up Beacon Rock.

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Steam engine and the fish wheel at the Skamania county museum.

and did not believe it was going to happen. We were probably one of the first to sign up for the wine rally. I then received a note from Bill advising he had arranged for the Columbia Gorge rally for July 4th, 2012 but it was too early for details. We marked our calendar three years in advance.

The wine tour was great. We were able to coordinate a Washington wine tour with the Evergreen Tandem Club the following week and visited the Redwood Park areas between the tours. Bill told

us he was still working on the details for Columbia Gorge, and was not ready to promote it yet. I advise that it did not make much difference. We would see him then, confident all the details would be worked out. Our original plan was to coordinate with the Evergreen Tandem Club to participate in the Northwest Tandem Rally.

A lot can happen between rallies and sometimes the race against time is the biggest challenge. Old age can be a tough opponent. Health issues resulted in our giving up the tandem.

We contacted Bill about the possibility of participating in the Columbia River Gorge Rally 2012, but without our tandem. He made it clear that as a member of Santana Cycle Alumni Club, we would always be welcome. We were not sure how this would work, but we were willing to give it a try. It turned out better than we could have expected. The Skamania Lodge is a destination resort with an interpretive museum next door. The Lodge is a fascinating place to visit, no matter what you do. We rode our Jeep to all the sites and participated with the group. We wore our bicycle clothing and some may have been impressed how we could ride the route without a sweat. One day, Bill reserved a full size bus and a large U-haul truck. Everyone was on the bus to the starting point and then back to the lodge after lunch. We had the bus to ourselves most of the way, but we felt included in all the events. The narrow roads were little traveled by motor vehicles. In places our bus had problems keeping up with advance riders on the down hills.

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We participated in the Full Sail brewery tour. Lunch was at the historical Columbia Gorge Hotel, which is built on a waterfall. We enjoyed the interaction with riders. Many had been on tandems for a long time and we all had our “war stories” to share. Our “war story” was telling about Bill’s marketing tool years ago, when he was promising a “free” tandem lesson! Many had taken advantage of the free lesson from a top professional tandem expert so long ago. The result was a our Santana tandem! The tour ended with a fabulous brunch where Bill gave his talk on future adventures. I enjoy these programs because I love to fantasize about things that can no longer happen.

I am not sure what my plans will be now that I can no longer ride. I probably will not participate in tandem rallies, however my wife is fascinated with the idea of the Memphis to New Orleans River Cruise (2014). She points out that she would not want the tandem on the Cruise anyway! We live on the Amtrak line and both Memphis and New Orleans are on the line so there is no need for a car. I still have not given up on pedaling. In fact I have been looking into a four wheel pedal-powered vehicle. If any of the readers have some knowledge of these vehicles they care to share, I would appreciate your contact. 4hpppp@sandpoint.net or

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Harvey Pine
Sand Point, ID



The view from Vista Point is worth the clumb.



Two quads and a triple participated in this family fun rally.



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Test Dummies . . . Again?!

We have been avid tandem riders since 1975 and as such have seen many changes. Now at ages 80 and 77 we've become test dummies . . . again! They say "it's hard to teach old dogs new tricks" but somehow we do not fit that mold. In our decades of riding TWogether we've tested all sorts of tandems and innovations: suspension seat posts and airless tires; Biopace chainrings and ergonomic saddles; friction shifters, indexed shifters, barcons, grip shifters, and STI.

A proposition . . .

Our friend, custom frame builder and innovator, Bob Davis in Peoria, AZ had a great proposition for us. As our Zona tandem now had 34,000+ miles on the odo, how would we like to upgrade it a bit to . . . electronic shifting? We originally had spec'ed Dura Ace STI shifting back in 2003 on our then-new carbon fiber twicer, but we were never overly happy with the front derailleur's performance and after 3,000 miles stoker Kay suggested switching back the Shimano 9-speed barcons. We did, and we've been happy with the barcons. So, while we were acquainted with the Shimano Di2 system, we were satisfied with our status quo. We told Bob that a \$3,600 Dura Ace Di2 electronic shifting system upgrade was not in our retirement budget plan. Ah, but here comes the catch! He promised to retrofit/install the system on our tandem for free . . . plus upgrade to Di2 at minimal cost to us. In exchange we had to supply him with real life data on a

new battery setup for the system. While Shimano's standard Di2 uses a little black box, about the size of a cigarette pack, mounted by the bottom bracket that's the Di2's battery. Some innovative tandem builders -- like Calfee and Zona -- have opted to install the batteries in other out-of-the-way places, such as under a seatstay, or inside the stoker's seattube. Shimano utilizes a Li/Ion battery, but Bob, a retired aerospace engineer, opted to exchange the standard Shimano-supplied battery for a NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride) LSD (Low Self Discharge) setup that would fit in the stoker's seatpost. Even better -- it's rechargeable without removing either post or battery. Bob would provide the charging unit for the LSD battery, plus a bank of testing equipment and outlets to do voltage readings at start/finish of all of our tandem rides. Being a team, we debated the pros and cons of being test dummies again.

Pros:

- We were due for new chain rings anyway; plus a complete drive train upgrade could be nice.
- Cost . . . an attractive offer that's not easy to turn down.

Cons:

- We were used to a triple chain ring arrangement for many decades. Switching to Di2 shifting would limit us to 2 rings and mandatory 10-speed cassette and chain.
- Didn't know much about the electronic side, but heck we're willing to learn.

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Our decision was rather easy – we’d go for it!!!

To keep our gearing near to what we were accustomed to, we opted for 32/48T chainrings (compact gearing) with the outer third chain ring replaced with a 42 ‘no-teeth’ ring. Thus we could keep our triple bottom bracket and FSA crankset. The cassette would be an 11/34 10sp unit, necessitating the use of a longer rear derailleur arm mounted on the Di2 rear derailleur. The 48/11 combo gave us a bit lower top gear from our previous 130 inches, down to about 118 inches. In our younger days that top gear was great for barreling down hills, but let’s face it, now in our senior years, we no longer do much barreling! A 32/34 granny gear still gave us in the 20’s range, which our old legs needed for climbing our hills. The 3x9 gear setup, on paper, gave 27 gears, but really only about 20 to 22 usable gear combos. The 2x10 gear setup gives us actual/usable combination of all 20 gears. There is a bit of unavoidable rub in the 48/34 combo which we are not apt to use, if at all.

Bob modified our C/F frame so that the electronic cables would run internally the majority of the way. While the Di2 shifters look like carbon fiber Dura Ace STI levers, they work decidedly different. With STI you move the whole lever; with Di2, you have your choice of 2 different buttons to push on each lever to shift up or down. Shifting was instantaneous: perfect and with a little electronic ‘whirr’ as the servo-motor moved the derailleur. Brake levers function as normal. A miniscule electronic box by the front handle-

bar has red/green LED light indicators to show battery status. It also allows for fine tuning if shifting gets out of kilter. Green means full electric power. Flashing green indicates juice down to 50% ; flashing red indicates power at 25%.

What happens if you ignore those little LED lights? Eventually the front derailleur quits but the rear one is good for about 50 more shifts. If that does not get your attention, you will be stuck in whatever gear you were in when the battery ran completely down. Don’t ignore those flashing lights! Like traffic signals, green means good to go, flashing red means caution/stop soon (or at least shift into the gear you want to be in for the rest of the ride..

Let’s ride . . .

First ride impression was “WOW!” Instantaneous/perfect shifting with only slight/firm pressure on the actuating buttons located on each brake lever. Fast, effortless and better than any cable actuated shift system. A new level of precision that’s dead-on perfect. No fiddling to get rid of chain rub on front derailleur cage . . . Di2 automatically self-adjusts the front derailleur when you shift the rear! The shape of the levers is nice, and the brake hoods tend to be a little narrower than the old mechanical STI setups. Derailleurs look a tad bulkier. And, with the in-the-seat post battery setup, it’s what you DON’T see that’s different! The battery location is itself is not revolutionary, but evolutionary. On Shimano’s latest Di2 version, an in-the-seat-post battery is now available, at extra cost. Copycats? With our Zona’s setup, there’s no need to



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remove battery or seat post for recharging the system, which is good for up to one thousand recharges. Heck, we may not outlive that! We also have a couple small outlets under the stoker's saddle that allow us to check the voltage at start/finish of our rides and supply Bob Davis with data. So far, our battery has not needed recharging. Recharge time is about 1 ½ hours and predicted good for up to 1,500 to 2,000 miles depending on how often you actuate the shifting.

Problems? Nothing serious. In three months and just over 1,000 miles of test riding we had a couple of very minor issues. We heard a clunking noise on a couple of the gears on the cassette. We checked out the system and found a nylon cord wrapped in the cassette! Road

debris does not count as a system malfunction. We had a couple of overshifts on big chainring to the 'toothless' outer ring; we quickly pushed the downshift button and all was well. Possibly had finger a tad too long on the button or possibly a minor adjustment which we could make at the junction box to limit the derailleur's travel. Oops . . . not shifting! What the heck?! No flashing lights showing a battery issue. We checked all the connector in the system and found the one to the junction box by the handlebar had somehow come loose. Perhaps it was never pushed in firmly? Regardless, we reconnected it and we were good to go!

Easy to like . . .

Our analysis so far: **we are impressed!!!** And, after 200-thousand+ miles as tandemistas, we are not easily impressed! Campagnolo has introduced its electronic version and Shimano has their lower-priced Ultegra Di2 is on the market now. What's next? Competition and lower prices will make these improvements more mainstream and acceptable. We may soon see more mechanical devices supplanted by electronics on bicycles and tandems. The future has arrived . . .

Yup, we like it . . . and we are very happy test dummies!

Rudy and Kay Van Renterghem
Tucson, AZ



Tandem Headset Review

We've been riding tandem since 1999. My Captain has a hereditary hearing loss so having some assisted listening device has been essential to our happiness riding together. In case you've never run into a tandem headset, it's simply a way to make it easier for the Captain and Stoker to hear each other in wind and traffic without yelling at each other all the time. Typically there's a pack that resides in the Captain's back pocket that you both plug into. There used to only be two such devices available, Tandem Talk and Tandem-Com. And while one of those is gone now, there are finally new options to choose from.

We first learned about Tandem Talk shortly after beginning to ride tandem. They were a small family owned company who custom built a simple and affordable device (\$80) that worked quite well. It was a wired device with an on-off switch and no volume control. The headset was in-the-ear and could be used in either ear though we preferred the right so our traffic-facing ears were unencumbered. The first time our Tandem Talk died was less than a week before we were heading to Europe to ride. They were SO accommodating, rushing us a new one overnight in time for the trip. Sadly, the company no longer exists. Therefore, as our old device is on its last legs after crossing the country with us this summer, we've been on a quest for a suitable replacement.

The only other long-standing device is the Tandem-Com. We tried that early on and found we preferred the Tandem Talk. Tandem-Com offers both a wired

and wireless option and runs \$369 (<http://www.precisiontandems.com/tandemcomwireless2.4questions.htm>). We didn't like the fact that the volume needed to be adjusted every time it was turned on, and that the headset covered the left rather than the right ear. The worst part was the way the sound was setup made voice sound unnatural to our own ear.

Thankfully technology is catching up. For a long time now there've been Bluetooth devices for motorcyclists and if you search the web there are riders who've jerry-rigged the motorcycle headsets to work on bicycle helmets. That is no longer necessary. As of this season, the company who makes motorcycle headsets has developed a system for cyclists. We tried one out recently. The Cardo BK-1 Duo runs \$480 (<http://www.cardosystems.com/cardo-bk/cardo-bk-1-duo>). It has a transmitter that straps on the top of your helmet. Because it's Bluetooth it has the advantage of being able to hookup with a smart phone, MP3 player and/or GPS so you can take calls and get directions in your ear. Sadly a brief test ride with this system left us unimpressed. There was a tinny echo and slight delay as we spoke to each other which was annoying. We found it completely unusable.

On to the next option: from Eartec in Rhode Island (my home state). They've been around a long time and build headsets for a wide assortment of specialized purposes. The Simultalk Cycle-Com Wireless System runs \$300 (<http://www.eartec.com/cycling.html>). So far this system is a keeper.

Pros



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- Great natural sound
- Comfortable lightweight headsets
- Wireless and works up to 150 ft
- Optional headset upgrade
- Can carry a pre-charged backup battery for longer rides
- It has a series of dip switches so the two packs can be set to communicate with each other on a unique channel that won't compete with your Garmin or other technology. It took us a couple of rides to realize that's why my heart rate monitor and cadence were no longer working. But with a little trial and error we ironed it out in no time.

Cons

- The volume is controlled with the on switch so has to be reset with every use.
- The battery pack can only be charged in the unit (takes 6 hours and should not be left charging more than 12 hours).
- The battery pack will only last for about 4-5 hours of talk time, longer in standby mode.
- The headset that comes with it is a left ear headset.
- We tried the upgraded headset which costs more and is a right ear headset but it hurt the top of our ear where it sat.

On the horizon is a system out of Sweden called the Hiod (<http://www.hiodsports.com/products/hiod-one>). They don't have it licensed for US sales yet so we haven't tried it yet. Judging only from the website it looks to be an innovative and unique approach. Only time will tell how it performs and what it costs.

Meanwhile, we are thrilled to have found the Eartec solution and hope you'll find this information useful.

Shelia Hoffman
Seattle, WA



MTR 2012 - Middleton, WI It seems that the organizers thought of every detail. You could purchase MTR label mustard at the Mustard Museum in Middleton, Wisconsin. There were four custom blends to select from.

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Tandem Bike

Captain:

“Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?”

“I do, I do,” I said and we’ve had a wonderful life

Many years of bliss doing anything we like

But it all went south, when we went out, and bought that
tandem bike

Stoker:

He’s leaning to the left while I’m leaning to the right

I’m pedalin’ like Lance Armstrong when he brakes with all his
might

It’s clear to everybody that we’re going nowhere fast

We best start riding solo if we want this love to last

ALL:

Tandem bike, wheels go ‘round
Tandem bike, we went down

Just the memory of it makes me wince
We’ve been cussin’ and a-fightin’ every since

Captain:

I’ll share a bed with you,

I’ll share my French fries too

Stoker:

Just don’t start calling me “Daisy”
‘Cause that will drive me crazy

ALL:

Tandem bike, wheels go ‘round
Tandem bike, we went down

Just the memory of it makes me wince
We’ve been cussin’ and a-fightin’ every since

Captain:

Why you messing with my fanny pack?

Stoker:

I’m just covering up that cute crack!

ALL:

Tandem bike, wheels go ‘round
Tandem bike, we went down

Just the memory of it makes me wince
We’ve been cussin’ and a-fightin’ every since.

Our thanks to the wonderful folks at Midwest Tandem Rally. Not only did they donate space in the vendor hall for a TCA sign-up / information table, but they also allowed us to reprint the text of our banquet song. We were pleased and surprised to learn that several committee members enjoy Barbership singing. And these creative folks crafted a new tandem song. Sung to the tune of “Those Darn Accordians” revised by Wisconsin COWS read and enjoy, “Tandem Bike”.



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TCA Thanks

TCA thanks all the wonderful members who were willing to share some of their MTR time and staff the TCA booth in the vendor area. Richard & Shirley DiLorenzo of Muncie, Indiana, and Jackie & Dick Homan of Illinois were great TCA ambassadors, Explaining what fun it is to be a TCA member, signing up renewing and new members. It takes all of you to make TCA the great organization that it is.



Scenes from MTR 2012 - Middleton, Wisconsin



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TANDEM CALENDAR

November 9 – 11, 2012. **Eastern Tandem Rally Off-road Rally at Minnewaska-Mohonk.** New Paltz, NY. As in past years we plan three riding days on the beautiful graveled carriageways in the Mohonk Preserve and Minnewaska State Park outside New Paltz, NY in the southern Catskills. Just enough distance and hills to leave you a bit tuckered and ready for some dinner. Home base is Minnewaska Lodge. Please book quickly [Http://www.minnewaskalodge.com](http://www.minnewaskalodge.com) Malcom Boyd and Judy Allison are the hosts <http://easterntandemrally.org> or president@easterntandemrally.org

November 10, 2012. **CRABS (Couples Riding A Bicycle Simultaneously) Tandem Tailgate.** Maryland area. Contact the CRABS www.baltobikeclub.org - Club Offerings: BBC Tandems for more details about joining in the fun with Baltimore area tandemists.

November 10, 2012. **Evergreen Tandem Club Annual Membership Meeting.** Seattle, WA. By law ETC is required to have an annual meeting. Why not turn this event into something fun? Hale's Brewery and Pub in Ballard, 5pm. <http://www.evergreentandemclub.org/>

November 10, 2012. **Houston Area Tandem Society Braille Ride.** Katy, TX. The Braille Ride is an opportunity for an experienced captain to team up with a blind stoeker to share the cycling experience with someone who would otherwise never know the joy we receive on our bikes.. <http://www.tandem-hats.org>



Midwest Tandem Rally 2013

CALENDAR



MTR in Wisconsin = ice cream is necessary



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November 16, 2012. **DOGS (Doubles Of Garden State (NJ)) Tandem 'Turkey Bike'**. Montville, NJ. Our local bike shop, CycleCraft, has sponsored a ride they call Turkey Bike for the last 3 years. You start at the bike shop, ride to a supermarket, buy a frozen turkey, somehow carry it on your bike and bring it to a food bank for donation. This year, the donation site is SmartWorld coffee in Denville, where coffee and snacks will be provided. Ride from our house to CycleCraft (6.5 miles), TurkeyBike and bake to our house, 38 miles total for the day. Join us for lunch contact us to join in the fun. Mike and Caren Bianco <http://www.d-o-g-s.org/>

December 8, 2012. **DOGS (Doubles of the Garden State (NJ)) Winter Solstice Party**. Marlboro, NJ. This has always been one of our "Signature Events" and a lot of fun as we talk about the rides we had done and the rides we will do, while we indulge in the excellent culinary skills of our club members. All DOGS members are welcome and encouraged to attend. <http://www.d-o-g-s.org/>

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

March 28 – April 1, 2013. **Tandem Club of the UK Easter Rally and General Meeting**. Cheltenham. <http://www.tandem-club.org.uk/>

April 5-7, 2013. **Alabama Tandem Weekend 2013**. Sylacauga, AL. Home of Jim Nabors aka Gomer Pyle. This small town has some wonderful surprises. A low key, spend what you want event. Like us on Facebook or check out the blogspot alabamatandem.blogspot.com

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

May 25- June 1, 2013. **International Tandem Rally 2013**. Loire Valley, France <http://www.tandem-club.org.uk>

June 28-30, 2013, **Indiana Tandem Rally**. Fort Wayne, IN. Save the date! Same location but new routes are in the works for 2013. Details to come. Kent & Anne Ellis tandemindiana@gmail.com

July 3-7, 2013. **Northwest Tandem Rally 2013 Two If By Land...Two If By Sea** Bellingham / Whatcom County Washington. Pedal-Paddle. Explore the beauty of Whatcom county by land... and by sea, with optional water adventures for all. Pedal: Mt Baker, Chuckanut Drive, Lummi Island. Paddle: Bellingham Bay, Nooksack River, Lake Whatcom. <http://www.nwtr.org/2013/> or Info@norka.us

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August 1-4, 2013. **Eastern Tandem Rally 2013.** Warren, NJ. The first group ride will be a remote start from the Four Sisters Winery in Belvidere, NJ on Friday, August 2. The roads around the winery are among the emptiest, prettiest roads in the state. Saturday and Sunday rides will depart from our hotel base. <http://www.eaterntandemrally.org>

August 10-17, 2013. **Tandem Club of the UK Tandem 2013.** Somerset, UK. This is the Club's national rally. <http://www.tandem-club.org.uk/>

August 30 – September 2, 2013. **Midwest Tandem Rally 2013.** Greene County (Dayton), OH. G.O.A.T.S. Going Greene. The GOATS have been working hard for quite some time already and the Greene County Tourism group is helping them out. Sign up soon, you can book your hotel now for this great end of summer event. <http://mtr2013.org>

October 18 - 20, 2013. **Southern Tandem Rally 2013.** Cullman, AL. Save

the date. Details will be released in early 2013.

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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. 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. You will need some basic information such as your e-mail address, your address, and contact information.

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FOR SALE: 2010 Cannondale (made in the USA) Street Tandem (26" wheels), Green, Medium/Small SRAM X5 drive train, Panaracer RibMo PT tires, Shimano one-sided SPD pedals--clipless or clip-in, dual Cateye computers, dual rear-view mirrors. Excellent condition. Asking \$1,400. Contact Don Carlin, Clarksville TN (1 hour north of Nashville), Phone 931-216-9949; email: dgcarlin@gmail.com TN 03/13

FOR SALE: 2001 Santana Arriva SE road tandem. It's red, size small/small. It's been ridden less than 400 miles, and it's in like new condition. Asking \$2500. Located in Kansas City, KS. Pictures are at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ko97rhd3ua50912/TTcV0pDhQj#/>. We're also including a tandem mount (old style) for a Yakima roof rack. Contact Deb at mitchdeb@gmail.com or 913-226-8517. KS 03/13

FOR SALE: Tandem-size Bike Pro bike bag with optional hard sides. It's been to Europe a few times but still in very good condition. \$125, delivery negotiable. Call 248-608-4037 or send an email to: d.plzak@att.net. Doug Plzak. NC 01/13

FOR SALE: 1983 Jack Taylor touring tandem. Hand-crafted by Jack Taylor and his two brothers in Stockton on Tees, England. Double-buttend 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: jimscottfl@comcast.net (FL) 11/12

FOR SALE: 2008 Santana Beyond, Medium size frame. Very smooth and very fast. IsoGrid double-buttend carbon tubing with co-molded titanium ends, Perfect-10 shifting, Carbon crankset,

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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 Over-size Tandem Case (\$450). Contact Jim Fleisch by e-mail @ jaflesch@lawggf.com or call @ 312-346-1080 (IL). Pictures are available. (IL) 11/12

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 11/12

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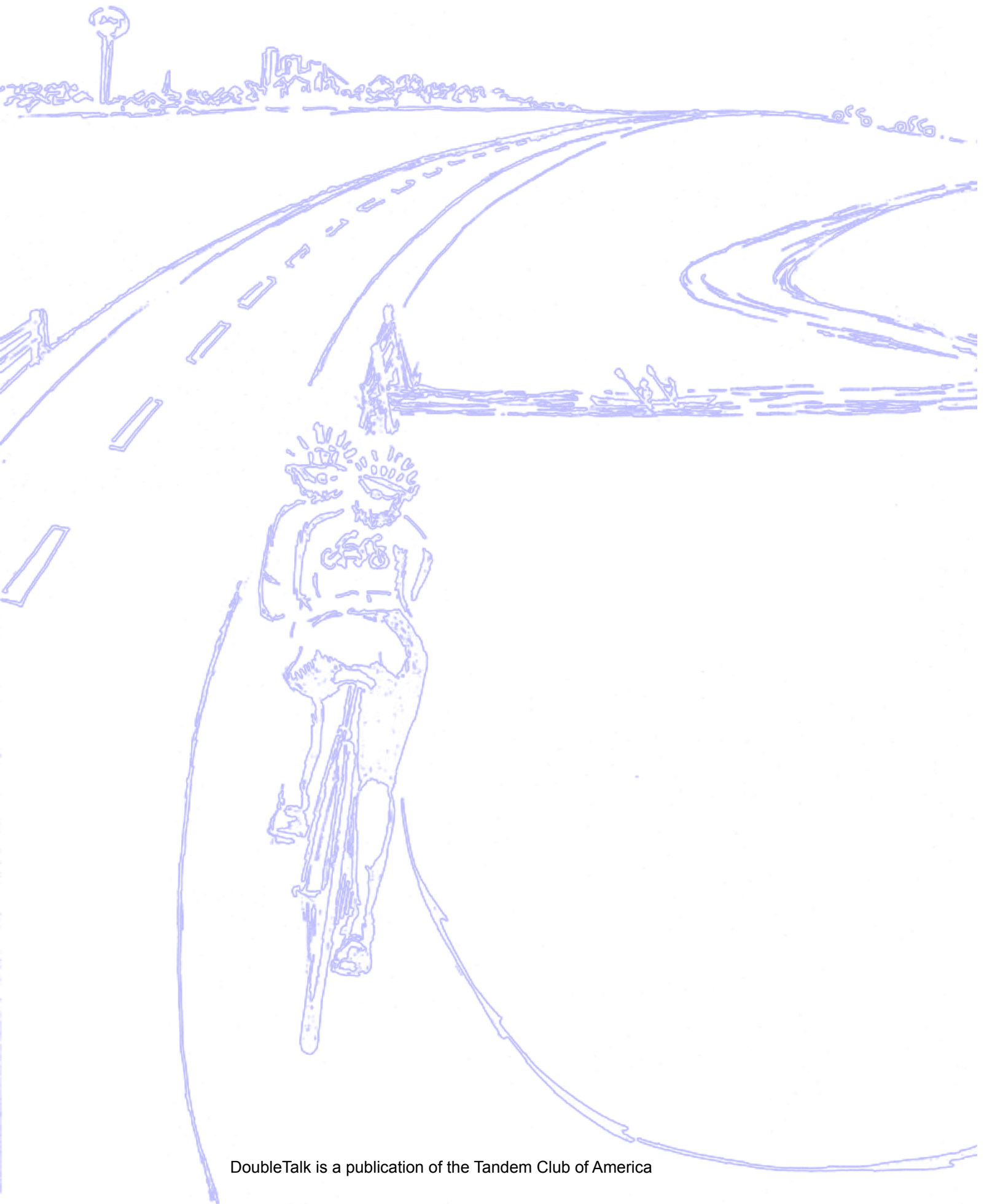
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