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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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June 1, 2013

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From the Editors

Can you believe how fast the year is going? Or does it seem that way because we're (your editors, not other TCA members!) getting older? Whatever the reason, it seems that the year is passing by quickly, and the TCA events are coming quicker and quicker!

We've already had at least two great events - The 2013 Sebring Rally and the 2013 Alabama Tandem Weekend are already history as I write this, and by the time the next issue is out, the 2013 Georgia Tandem Rally will also be in the past. The Sebring Rally – billed as the first great rally of the year - continues to grow in its current incarnation. Read about this year's happenings elsewhere in Double-Talk. The Alabama Tandem Weekend also continues to rock along. The ATW is possibly the most laidback weekend you can imagine - no fees, no frills, just let the organizers know you're planning to attend, make your hotel reservations at designated host hotel, and come ride some great roads with some some great friends. Both these rallies continue to be a nice way to get your year started. Both will be back next year, so if you want to plan now to start your 2014 cycling year, go ahead and pencil in these two events for next year (dates to be determined, but Sebring will be in February and ATW will most likely be in April).

Spring has definitely arrived in our part of the country, and that means spring rains, spring winds, and POLLEN! In the south, spring time is the time when the flowers and trees wake up and start thinking about new growth. That

means pollen, and with that, allergies abound. If you live in the pine forests, your cars, bikes, lungs, and everything else have a yellow-green cast to them this time of year. You don't need to worry about what to wear, because you know it's going to be yellow-green before you return. What color is your car? Bike? Yellow-green, of course.

We're looking forward to doing a good bit of cycling this year, and we hope you are, too. We plan to make the Georgia Tandem Rally in May, and we hope that you will be there also. Come say "Hello", and let us know what your cycling plans are for the coming year. Even if you don't make it to GTR, we'd still like to share your cycling plans with the TCA, so take a moment and tell us about the trips you've planned, or the trips you've just taken. Your adventures make for great reading, and often serve as a catalyst for others to make their own plans for their next adventure.

We hope you enjoyed the Membership List included in the last issue of DoubleTalk. We noticed that a number of names have dropped off the list, and we'd like them back! If your friends' names weren't on the list, please ask them to rejoin! And if you see another couple riding a tandem, tell them about TCA and ask that they join. It's still just \$15/ year (USA). We believe it's still one of the best bargains around.

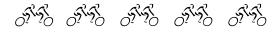
And of course, we always end our editorial by asking that you write us and article or two, and send them immediately. We want to share them with other TCA members through the pages of

Please
share your
thoughts
with
DoubleTalk

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DoubleTalk. Please send your articles and letters to us via e-mail itor@tandemclub.org). If you're including pictures (and pictures do make a better article), please don't embed them 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!

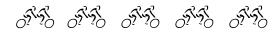


Dear Double Talk,

My husband and I are in the process of determining our next tandem. We are interested in talking to anyone who has experience with Paketa or Kent Eriksen road tandems. We are hoping that we can find some one through the various tandem clubs.

Initial contact can be made to bikeduet@windstream.net.

Thank you Kim Boyd Chagrin Falls, OH



Mr. Wheeler,

I just read your article in DoubleTalk which mentioned my name six times. Frankly, your article presented me in a less than favorable light.



Here are some quotes:

"If Mr Calhoun's bike has an assorted mix of components, he might want to try swapping at least the front derailleur to a Shimano unit from the same gruppo as the shifters."

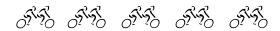
Our Co-Motion Speedster has an Ultegra front derailleur to go with the Ultegra STI levers. These are original equipment on the bike.

"Having a V-brake being operated by an STI's gear shifting mechanism such as like Mr. Calhoun's arrangement (or, alternateively, by a thumbshifter operated separately by the captain or stoker), can lead to accidents"

My article clearly states that the STI shifter (for the front derailleur) was used for controlling the drum brake, not the V-brake.

Please re-read my original article and submit a retraction to DoubleTalk. I'm very disappointed that the editors printed this article in its present form.

John Calhoun Indianapolis



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Dear Doubletalk,

Just a bit of reminiscing . . .

We really enjoyed the March/April 2013 issue, recollecting some of the early days of TCA! We joined the club in 1976 while attending the first Midwest Tandem Rally (MTR) in Kokomo, Indiana where we had 35 tandem teams participating in the Labor Day weekend tandemfest.

Shortly after joining up (TCA), there was a contest to name the club's newsletter that kept the widely scattered members in touch.

We submitted the winning entry, DoubleTalk, which was announced in newsletter #3.

Paid membership by then had soared to 151, with members in 22 states, Canada and England. Quite the increase from the original 45 members back in 1976!

Hard to believe that now in 2013, at ages 80 and 78, we are still happily riding TWOgether!

Pedal on! Rudy and Kay Van Renterghem Tucson, AZ

PS: Our temps have been in the low-90s the past few days . . . can spring be far behind?



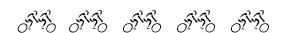
CORRECTION RATS Listing

The Richmond (VA) club (RATS) is listed on the TCA website, but did not show up in the club listing in the most most recent DoubleTalk. That may be because no contact info is available. While we don't have formal officers, the club is relatively active. We had about 20 teams at our last major get together.

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http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/rats2/





2013 Northwest Tandem Rally Cancelled

Open letter to NWTR participants and tandem enthusiasts

We regretfully announce the 2013 Northwest Tandem Rally rally, originally scheduled in Bellingham this year, will not happen. The reasons are complex, but the end result is the same. How did we get here and how will we prevent another occurrence?

Since 1986, the Northwest Tandem Rally has gathered cyclists for a weekend of fun, socializing, and cycling throughout our region. Rallies have been largely run by volunteer groups with no central organization. The location for the next year's rally was decided at the annual banquet. In 2002 nobody volunteered. Eugene stepped up and saved the day, putting on a rally with less than a year's preparation.

Since that time, a group of past organizers has met annually to make sure rallies were scheduled at least two years out. This group has passed along ideas and advice to each successive rally while encouraging them to retain the unique flavor of each community.

However, this group has had no capacity for oversight. When the Bellingham group failed to open registration as they posted, past organizers from Lacey (2004) and Salem (2012) reached out. They found the Bellingham group was overwhelmed and unable to proceed. For the past two weeks, significant efforts to

resuscitate the 2013 rally were made to no avail.

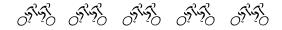
While we have determined it is not possible to pick up the pieces with only 3 months to go, Bellingham remains an attractive venue for future rallies. But this experience points out the need for an official oversight organization.

The past organizers group had actually already begun the process to create such an organization after last year's rally. It is now apparent just how much this is needed. We hope to finalize its creation soon with the proposed mission of providing support and guidance to assure the sustainability of annual locally-produced family-oriented Tandem Rallies in the Northwest.

Please know that cancelling a rally was not an easy decision. We are firmly committed to promoting quality tandem rallies in the Pacific Northwest for years to come.

We thank you for your past, present, and future support and look forward to seeing you at next year's rally. Stay tuned.

Jon Wolf Northwest Tandem Rally



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Tour de Galicia 2012

Continued from January/February 2013. Team BS (Bill Leland and Sara Lundin of Wrightsville Beach, NC) and Team DL (Duncan and Laura McCabe of Wilmington, NC) are taking an unsupported, loaded tandem tour of Galicia (northern Portugal into Spain).

Now, here's the continuation of the day-by-day accounting of our trip:

Sunday, 9 September, Pousada Sao Goncalo to Sabrosa (26 miles)

After the only disappointing breakfast of the trip (BAD coffee in Portugal?!), we completed the last 1.5miles of the climb to the top of the ridge, then descended to Vila Real. Some internet blog entries had commented on the highway construction in Portugal, and we were glad we covered this route on a Sunday when there was no work going on or truck traffic, as much of the route paralleled a new highway under construction and was quite chopped up. After stopping in Vila Real for coffee and sandwiches at an excellent little cafe, we climbed northeast for a few miles, and then dropped south to Sabrosa. This small town at the edge of the port wine production region was celebrating its annual music festival, and after settling in at the 3-star Solar dos Canavarros hotel and conference center, we walked to the festival to enjoy pizza and pork ribs cooked over charcoal, watch the dancers in native dress, and drink with the locals. We met a local man on holiday from his job in London, who introduced us to his entire family and told us about how difficult it is to find employment in Portugal, the extended Portuguese community he was

part of in London, and how he scheduled his annual vacation every year to come home for the festival. It was heart warming to watch how affectionately he was greeted by friends and relatives. We also learned that the reason the men and women were sitting in segregated groups was because the men were drinking, but traditional rural Portuguese women don't drink in public (my new friend assured me they make up for it at home!). The party broke up around 7PM as the locals returned home for a siesta. They would return around 11PM and party till dawn! I also discovered the men were actually drinking beer diluted with 7-up, pacing themselves for a night of partying. Alas, we did not pace ourselves and did not return for the late party.

Monday, 10 September, Sabrosa to Regua (26 miles)

This morning's descent from Sabrosa to Pinhao, on the Douro River, is probably the most beautiful ride we have



Laura & Duncan McCabe and Bill Leland & Sara Lundin on the Spanish coast near Baiona

ever done, a breathtaking 1600' descent through vineyards to the blue Douro below. We stopped at a couple of the port wine quintas for tastings, and then found accommodations at an agriturismo, Quinta de Marrocos, near Regua. We enjoyed the tour of the vineyard and winery with the friendly 4th generation owner, Cesar. We learned that the port wine industry is highly regulated and that most growers must sell their grape juice to one of the big port wine conglomerates we've all heard of (Dow, Sandeman, etc.), and that Cesar was one of only a handful of licensed 'boutique" port wine producers. Dinner was a rabbit stew prepared by his wife plus plenty of the quinta's wine and port.

Tuesday, 11 September, Regua to Sande (41 miles)

We had expected today to be a fun cruise down the Douro River. Instead, we ended up with 3800' of climbing, generally following the Douro, though it was often out of view. Pooped, we

Our 50 euro cabin for the night.

stopped for a long lunch of sandwiches, beer AND vinho verde (heh, we earned it!) and asked about "quartos?" I found the recommended Quinto dos Agros on Garmin just a few miles up the road. The turn-off to the hotel was 6/10-mile up a ridiculously steep cobblestone lane, which we walked. Now, more than pooped, we learned that the hotel was closed for renovations! However, Sara found the caretaker and convinced her to give us a small cottage on the property for the night (just 50 euros)! Ideally, we would have had provisions for a picnic dinner at our cottage, but since this was our last night out we had depleted our emergency snacks. So instead we hiked back down to the tiny village of Sande - in the dark looking for a restaurant. The next couple of hours involved several friendly Portuguese; all eager to help us find a place to eat. The result was a several-mile drive by a very talkative (and probably inebriated) driver, who backtracked the last hour we had ridden, taking us to a local

restaurant, chattering in incomprehensible (to us) Portuguese the entire drive. Except for the impending uncertainty about how in the \$?%*! we were going to get back to our cottage, we enjoyed dinner and provided a great deal of amusement to our waitress and the other customers. At its conclusion, another friendly non-English speaking Portuguese stepped forward and drove us all the way back to our cottage!

Wednesday, 12 September, Sande to Porto (37 miles)

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We awoke to haze, and lingered over breakfast at a small café in Sande, waiting for it to clear. By the way, you may be wondering how we seem to have had no trouble finding cafes and restaurants, even in the most remote areas. According to one book I read, the Portuguese eat out more than any other EU country and have 3X the number of cafes and restaurants.

Today was a perfect final day, both weather and terrain (a few climbs followed by satisfying descents). We took our time, stopping frequently, lunching at a restaurant overlooking the Douro, and celebrating with beers as soon as we reached Porto. We arrived at the Cale Guest House about 5PM and dismantled and packed the bikes in the cozy lobby.

At this point we became regular, plainclothes tourists, and we spent that evening and the following day touring Porto. This included a bus tour, port wine tasting, and having the infamous Francesinha sandwich at Santiagos for lunch (2 slabs of bread filled with a mountain of sliced ham, smothered in cheese gravy, topped with a fried egg and surrounded by French fries). Bill loved it, and Sara pronounced it "the worst meal of the trip!" That night, our hotel hosts arranged a taxi back to Matosinhos, our first day's lunch destination, for a delicious (but expensive) seafood dinner. The following morning, the reserved taxi was woefully inadequate to carry us plus all our luggage to the airport, so a second



The city of Porto, Portugal

was called. We arrived at the airport in plenty of time for the flight to the US. Arriving in Newark, we had to collect all of our luggage, exit the airport, take the airport train to domestic departures and recheck everything with US Airways. We were happily mystified that they again did not charge us \$100 for the fifth bag. The return home was uneventful.

Once home, I sorted through the 2000+ pictures we had taken and printed a photo book at www.costco.com, which some of you may have seen at the recent Florida tandem rallies. In summary, I hope I've convinced you to tour Galicia!

Laura McCabe (for Teams BS & DL)

Contact us for more info at mccabe@ec.rr.com or billdurham@yahoo.com.

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TANDEM TIRES

Most road tandems come with 700x28c tires, commonly wire bead Continental GatorSkins. They can handle the higher pressures tandems typically use, 120 psi and are fairly flat resistant, but are heavy at 300 grams actual (claimed 320 gm). So I have been using Continental Grand Prix 4 Season 700x28c Kevlar beaded tires which weigh in at 252 grams (claimed 250 gm) and are slightly wider, 27.5 mm vs. 26 mm. We have less than one flat per 2,000 miles per tire. Their main downside is that one of the layers peels off around the bead at the 120 psi we run.

Bicycle Quarterly has performed real world tire rolling tests that have documented, that all things being equal, wider tires can roll faster. While counter intuitive, their testing is convincing. Since a larger tire has a larger air volume and can run at a lower pressure to provide the same deflection, it promises to be more comfortable for stokers. I examined the available high performance 700c tires on the market that were 28c and larger, and came up with the table below. While the Continental wire bead GatorSkin 700x32c was my first thought, its 380 grams put me off.

Based on the Bicycle Quarterly rolling resistance tests which documented that a Grand Bois Cypres Green 700x32c (www.compasscycles.com) rolls slightly faster than either a GatorSkin or a Michelin Pro Race 2 700 x 23c, I decided to try it, although I was concerned about its ability to handle the tandem's higher loading. With the larger diameter, we

lowered the air pressure to 110 psi. After 2000 miles, we are elated with its performance:

1.Even with only the Grand Bois Cypres on the rear, it was obviously MUCH more comfortable, for the captain as well as the stoker. I, the captain, was shocked. With a Grand Bois Cypres on the front, matching the tire on the rear, the additional "plushiness" was noticeable only for the captain, and the bike felt steadier. Of course, these are subjective observations.

2. The bike felt as fast or faster than when equipped with the Contis, as confirmed by noting our average speeds on the same rides.

3. The tire has also held up well. In 2,000 miles we have had no flats, it shows no cuts, and it still shows its slight tread pattern. We should easily be able to get another 1,000 miles from it.

In conclusion, the Grand Bois Cypres Green 700x32c appears to be clearly superior to the 28c Continentals for tandems

I had considered the Rivendell Jack Brown Green but their literature says it "is like a plumper Roll-y Pol-y", which showed significantly more rolling resistance in the Bicycle Quarterly test. Has any one tried the Schwalbe Marathon Racer HS366?

> Christian Bratina Litchfield, CT

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			Listed	<u>Actual</u>		Weig	ght
<u>Brand</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Wheel</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	Claimed	<u>Actual</u>
Grand Bois	Cerf Green Label	700c	28c	27	29	248	252
Continental	Grand Prix 4 Season	700c	28c	26	27.5	250	252
Challenge	Parigi-Roubaix	700c	27c		27.5	260	279
Grand Bois	Cypres Green	700c	32c	29.5	32	290	294
Rivendell	Jack Brown Green	700c	33c		33	295	
Continental	GatorSkin steel	700c	28c	26	26	320	300
Schwalbe Marathon Racer HS366		700c	35c			360	
Schwalbe Marathon Racer HS429		700c	35c			375	
Continental	GatorSkin steel	700c	32c			380	
Rivendell	Jack Brown Blue	700c	33c			435	
Continental Sports Contact		700c	32c			480	
Continental Sports Contact		700c	37c			520	



Sebring Tandem Rally 2013

"The best ever" describes the third annual PANTHERS Sebring Tandem Rally, held March 22-24, 2013 at Chateau Elan, the resort hotel adjacent to Florida's famous Sebring International Raceway. Fifty-one tandem teams gathered for the event, coming from all over Florida as well as from Georgia, New Hampshire, Michigan, Virginia, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina and British Columbia.

Many couples arrived a day or two early to enjoy more riding time on the tandem-friendly roads around Sebring. Friday's self-starter rides offered distances from 23 to 60 miles, through flat or slightly rolling terrain dotted with large lakes and heavily planted with orange

groves. The trees were in full bloom, adding their delightful orange blossom fragrance to all of the weekend's rides. An ice cream social on Friday evening gave everyone a chance to greet old and make new friends.

Saturday brought a beautiful day with temperatures in the 70's, blue skies with



Sebring Tandem Rally riders assemble.



Warm sun, great roads.

puffy white clouds, and a brisk breeze. The routes (33, 48 and 60 miles) took riders around Lake June, Lake Placid, Lake Josephine and several smaller lakes. Riders on the longer routes took advantage of a tailwind to fly along Henscratch Road, followed by a well-earned rest stop at the Henscratch Winery. Lunch at the hotel, followed by an afternoon of rest (or more riding for the extra-dedicated), rounded out the day.

The Saturday evening banquet began with a social hour and progressed to a delicious dinner buffet catered by the hotel. Prizes for "most average" (age, that is) Captain and Stoker went to Rick Bley and Patty Young. Conrad and Barbara Bernier won the drawing for a free trip to the 2013 Florida Tan-

dem Rally (October 25-27 in The Villages, FL).

Sunday's 34-mile and 45-mile routes took riders northward through miles of orange groves, to the small town of Avon Park and more lake views, then back to the hotel for checkout and farewells until our next get-together.

Long-time tandemers will recall many years of previous Sebring rallies, but the event had been discontinued until the PANTHERS (Florida Tandem Club) decided to revive it in 2011. That year's event drew 24 couples. In 2012, the first year with headquarters at Chateau Elan, 32 couples participated. Compared to the older Sebring rallies, routes from the new venue are quiet and rural, since the race track is six miles from the old Sebring downtown and even further from the newer commercial areas. With 51 couples attending in 2013, PANTHERS president Bob Thompson believes that the Sebring Rally is firmly back to its tradition as the first tandem rally of the season in the Eastern states.

The date for each year's Sebring Rally will be determined by the Raceway's



The 12 Hours of Sebring schedule sets the Sebring Tandem Rally date.

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schedule, since it will occur the week AF-TER they hold their famous 12 HOURS OF SEBRING. As soon as the Raceway announces its schedule, the PANTHERS will reserve the following weekend for the rally. Meanwhile, mark your calendar for a tandem vacation in late March of 2014; dates will be announced soon at www. floridatandemclub.org

Diana Mirkin The Villages, FL

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Brenda Leblanc won the drawing for the 2013 Alabama Tandem Weekend quilt.

Alabama Tandem Weekend 2013

Our thanks to Tim & Beverly Presley. Alabama Tandem Weekend 2013 was a rousing success. Most riders joined in the Friday ice cream ride, a 36 or 47 mile loop that took us by the historic Kymulga Grist Mill. The Blue Bell factory store provides more ice cream than you expect for \$ 0.50. Some opted for a double scoop!

Saturday dawned a beautiful day for the southern loop to Weogufka with a lunch stop at a rural BBQ.

The group was a bit smaller for the 8am Sunday ride start. It was still cool as we headed out for a 24, 27 or 31 mile loop. It was a brisk ride on a beautiful day. All the riders noticed the haze - pine pollen season has arrived.

Next year will bring another great event at a new location.



Alabama Tandem Weekend Riders cruise through Weogufka



Saturday kyaking has been greatly enjoyed.

May 2013. Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. **Florida Panthers Tandem Club tandem rides.** The Villages, FL. If you're in the area please stop by and join us for one of our regular rides. http://floridatandemclub.org

May 4, 2013. ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club)

Duvall to Sultan Bakery and Back Ride. Seattle,
WA area. http://www.evergreentandemclub.org

May 5, 2013. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Hibachi Ride.** Darien, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

May 5, 2013. **HOOTS (Hoosiers Out On TandemS) Rolling Eagle Ride.** Eagle Creek Park, IN. http://tandemhoots.ning.com/

May 12, 2013. **CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride – Chesapeake City Ride.** http://www.baltobike-club.org click on BBC Tandems

May 16-19, 2013 Georgia Tandem Rally 2013. Covington GA. GTR 2013 will be held in Covington. We last visited Covington for GTR in 2010. Like many county seats in Georgia, Covington's center is its historic courthouse and town square. Many TV shows are currently using Covington as a backdrop for their shooting. Discover the beauty of the area on GTR 2013. www. georgiatandemrally.com

May 17-19, 2013 **COWS** (Couples On WheelS) **Spring Rally.** Lake Geneva, WI. Come ride with the COWS to celebrate their 25th anniversary! Enjoy riding in this beautiful area of southern Wisconsin. We have reserved 50 rooms, each with a scenic view of Lake Geneva (Guaranteed until April 17). Pre-registration is required. Deb Veerkamp at couplesonwheels- at- gmail.com. http:///www.couplesonwheels.com/cows-spring-rally/

May 24-27, 2013. 10th Canadian Tandem Rally. Niagara, Ontario, Canada. Come ride with us in beautiful Niagara. Join us for a 2 or 3 day getaway of tandem touring along the Niagara Gorge and through wine country. Discover the charm and beauty while experiencing some of the finest wines this part of the country has to offer. From novice to wine savvy increase your knowledge with our tutored wine tasting on Saturday. Ride past the infamous Niagara Falls for a picnic lunch along the Parkway gardens on Sunday. Learn even more as you ride through Niagara on the Lake and the historic sites of the War of 1812 and Fort George finishing the ride along the Welland Canal. Registration and on-line sign up soon www. mbstandems.com

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

June 2013. Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Florida Panthers Tandem Club tandem rides. The Villages, FL. If you're in the area please stop by and join us for one of our regular rides. http://floridatandemclub.org

June 1, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride. Lombard, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

June 1-2, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Methow Valley weekend. Seattle, WA area. http://www.evergreentandemclub.org

June 7-9, 2013. 2013 MATES (Mid Atlantic Tandem EnthusiastS) Rally. New Hope, PA. New Hope, PA is located in scenic and historic central Bucks Cunty, PA, along the Delaware Rive. There is so much to see and do here, youmay want to arrive on Thursday. We will lead a ride and provide route sheets for those who want them. Host hotel is Ramada of New Hope. Additional information: http://www.easterntandemrally.org

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June 8, 2013. **HOOTS** (Hoosiers Out On TandemS) Team D2 Jamestown Ride. Brownsburg, IN. http://tandemhoots.ning.com/

June 14-16, 2013. **Dirty DOGS (Doubles of the Garden State) Allegrippis Trails Weekend.** Lake Raystown. Many of us will be camping. There are hotels near by. The trail system has been expanded and now connects to Ridge Camp Loop. http://www.d-o-g-s.org/

TANDEM CALENDAR June 14-16, 2013. 4th Annual Saranac Lake Tandem Rally. Saranac Lake, NY. Get on your tandem and ride with us on one of the three scenic routes Saturday and Sunday. With the terrain ranging from rolling to hilly, the rides will be fun for both families and speedsters. Both days have rides ranging from 14 miles to metric centures. Following the rides, we'll gather for a barbecue and socializing. Pre-registration is required Rich Shapiro Rich@gtgtandems.com http://www.gtgtandems.com

June 15, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Tandem 101. Seattle, WA area. http://www.evergreentandemclub.org

June 16, 2013. **CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride – Runnymede.** http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems

June 21-23, 2013. **Prairie State Tandem Rally.** Starved Rock Area. Host hotel Fairfield Inn & Suites in Ottawa, IL. You must be a CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) member to attend. http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

June 22, 2013. **DOGS (Doubles of the Garden State) Summer Solstice Ride & Celebration.**Atco, NJ. Bring a pot-luck item and your bike for a day of fun. http://www.d-o-g-s.org/

June 28-30, 2013, **Indiana Tandem Rally**. Fort Wayne, IN. The 3rd annual ITR exploring the flat

to gently rolling country roads of northeastern Indiana, keeping the style of a small, friendly rally and adding new routes & lunch stop for 2013. The fee includes a Saturday evening banquet. The rally is limited to 60 teams so register early to reserve a spot for your team. Registration information available at www.3rvs.com. Register online at www.Active.com. Questions? Contact Anne & Kent Ellis, tandemindiana@gmail.com.

June 29-July 3, 2013. Dirty DOGS (Doubles of Garden State) Kingdom Trails VT Mountain Bike. East Burke, VT. The hosts will be camping but there are plenty of B&B and hotel options in the area. http://www.d-o-g-s.org/

June 30, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) The Road to Ribs Ride. Darien, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

July 2013. Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Florida Panthers Tandem Club tandem rides. The Villages, FL. If you're in the area please stop by and join us for one of our regular rides. http://floridatandemclub.org

July 6, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) one by Land Two by Sea Ride. Seattle, WA area. http://www.evergreentandemclub.org

July 3-7, 2013. **CANCELLED Northwest Tandem Rally 2013 Two If By Land...Two If By Sea** Bellingham / Whatcom County Washington. http://www.nwtr.org/2013/ or Info@norka.us

July 4, 2013. **HOOTS (Hoosiers Out On TandemS) 4th of July Ride.** Fort Wayne, IN. http://tandemhoots.ning.com/

July 20, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Night Ride. Union, IL. We will meet in downtown Union. Lights are required. We will ride about 25 miles and then have drinks at Clausens. Contact the ride leader before the ride start. http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

July 27, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Onion Pub Ride. Lake Barrington, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

Monthly 2013. Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Florida Panthers Tandem Club tandem rides. The Villages, FL. If you're in the area please stop by and join us for one of our regular rides. http://floridatandemclub.org

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 convene at our hotel base. http://www.eaterntandemrally.org

August 3-4, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Campfest 2013 Ride. Seattle, WA area. This is a camping socializing riding weekend. Come join the fun. http://www.evergreentandemclub.org

August 9-11, 2013. **PIGS (Paired Iowans Going Somewhere) Iowa Tandem Rally.** Jefferson, IA. Explore the Raccoon River Valley Trail and get to know Jefferson. https://sites.google.com/site/pigsontandembicycles/

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 11, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Steam Show Ride. Burlington, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

August 17, 2013. CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride –. http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems

August 17, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Blind Stoker Ride. Wheaton, IL http://

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August 17, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Ride eat, Ride Eat, Ride Eat Ride.

Seattle, WA area. This is a 50 mile ride and usually involves eating each course of your meal at a different location. http://www.evergreentandemclub.org

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

September 7-8, 2013. . ETC (Evergreen Tandem Club) Wine Ride. Yakima wine country, WA. Pre-registration is required .http://www.ever-greentandemclub.org

September 21, 2013. CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride – Eastern Harford Co. http://www.baltobike-club.org click on BBC Tandems

September 21, 2013. CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Leaf Me Alone Ride. Barrington, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

October 2013. Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Florida Panthers Tandem Club tandem rides. The Villages, FL. If you're in the area please stop by and join us for one of our regular rides. http://floridatandemclub.org

October 4, 2013. **Dirty DOGS (Doubles of Garden State) Get Dirty Off-Road in White Clay.** Newark, DE. We will be trail riding, BUT – this time we're staying at the Embassy Suites. http://www.d-o-g-s.org

October 6, 2013. CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride

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Otober 11-14, 2013. Fall Allegany Rally for Tandems (F.A.R.T.) FART XX. Allegany State Park, Salamanca, NY. This is our 20th consecutive year!!!!! And we have an extra day to play! Columbus day for the Americans, Thanksgiving for the Canadians. FART - an off-road MTB weekend for tandems. Private rooms. Bring food to share. 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. 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 FART web page at http://fartmtb.org

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October 18 – 20, 2013. **Southern Tandem Rally 2013.** Cullman, AL. Three great days of riding, and socializing should make this a rally to remember. Watch www.southerntandemrally.com for details or e-mail goertz@mindspring.com

October 25-27, 2013. **Florida Tandem Rally.** The Villages, FL. If you're in the area please stop by and join us . Pre-registration is required for the Rally. http://floridatandemclub.org

November 9, 2013. **CRABS (Couple Riding a Bicycle Simultaneously – Baltimore area) Ride – Tandem Tailgate.** http://www.baltobikeclub.org click on BBC Tandems

December 2013. Every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Florida Panthers Tandem Club tandem rides. The Villages, FL. If you're in the area please stop by and join us for one of our regular rides. http://floridatandemclub.org

December 14, 2013. **CATS (Chicago Area Tandem Society) Holiday of Lights Ride.** Arlington Heights, IL http://chicagotandems.home.mchsi.com

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FOR SALE: 2007 Co-Motion Supremo Co-Pilot. Large (23x20). Chris King Headset, FSA K-Wing Handebars front and rear, Shimano Dura Ace Brake Levers and Calipers. Also included is an Avid Mechanical Disc Brake (not installed). Rolf Wheels, Alpha Q Carbon Fork, FSA Carbon Cranks, FSA Ceramic Bearing BB's front and Rear. Alpha Q Carbon Seatposts. Fixed or Adjustable Stoker Stem, Two Cassettes, Shimano Flight Deck, Shimano XT Rear Derailleur, Ultegra front Derailleur. Asking \$6,250. For more info, please contact Tim Waugh at tjwaugh@msn. com. Bike is in NM. (7/13)

FOR SALE: Topline tandem captain (front) cranks. 175mm, silver, 110mm BCD, compatible with square taper bottom bracket. These used cranks still look nice. \$50, includes USPS shipping in the U.S. For more information, contact Michael at kantner@pacbell.net or 818-209-3767 (CA) 5/13

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 \$2000. 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 07/13

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 05/13

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: jimscottfl@comcast.net (FL) 07/13

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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) 07/13

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. Hadlley 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 07/13

FOR SALE: Used BikePro/Pedal Pack USA tandem hard case with extras. Cost new is \$680 plus shipping. Asking just \$350 plus shipping. Case is in very good but used condition. The extras include a blue tarp, never used; Velcro straps to hold everything firmly in place during transport of the bike; two-person color coded checklist for assembling and disassembling the bike (and photos of the bike in the case). Also included is a bike stand that allows you to take the bike frame out

of the case, install the wheels, and then place it on the stand for the rest of the assembly process. The case is being sold "as is" and the sale is final. Both a medium frame and a large frame Santana Sovereign tandem have been transported in the case without incident (not at the same time of course). John Mattsen. E-mail is mattsen2@comcast.net. (MI) 07/13

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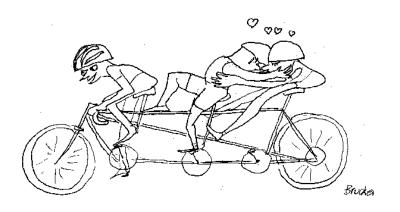
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