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# Twin Cities Tandem Club



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## Frozen Custard Ride Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Hosts: Mike Lindgren and Terri Backes

Mike Lindgren and Terri Backes are going to lead a tandem ride out of our lake home just north of Cumberland WI on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We plan on starting at 11am.

Our stop will be at the 20 Mile Organic General Store, in the town of Barronett, for some frozen custard. One of their specialties is Salted Caramel Cashew Praline. They may have Honey Custard and Rhubarb Custard available by then.

The route options out are 11 or 16 miles. The route options back are 8, 10, or 16 miles. The ride is on rolling terrain with minimal traffic.

Post ride snacks will be available. You're welcome to use our showers to clean up before heading home.

Please RSVP if you plan on coming.

The home is located north of Cumberland at 2524 4th St (County Rd H).

For more info contact us at:  
[mrandtb@usa.com](mailto:mrandtb@usa.com) or (715) 822-3708

## Tony and Bean's Anniversary Ride Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Hosts: Tony Ableson & Jean Hurlbert

HAPPY 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO US. That is about how many years Tony and I knew each other before we hit the wedded bliss part of our relationship. So WOW, over 25 years of which all have been spent bicycling and many tandem bicycling.

While we don't seem to tandem cycle near as much as we used to it is still a big piece of our quality time together.

We hope you can come and join us for one of our favorite routes through the hills and dales of Minnetonka including a trip through the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum which should be alive with the Flowering Trees and Tulips. Or join us for an after ride meal and Brewski at the Gold Nugget a few miles down the road.

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – our actual anniversary date this year!

Time: 11 am

Where: Tonka Cycle and Ski  
16 Shady Oak Road S Hopkins, MN 55343

40 Miles with (25 Mile Option)

Questions? Feel free to call or email:  
[tonyandbean@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyandbean@yahoo.com); 612 201-5545.

## The Great Longfellow Ride Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Hosts: John and Helen Mattsen

This route gets an A+ for being constantly scenic and interesting. (Therefore "great").

Distance: Theoretically, 35 miles (or less). In years past, this route has been severely plagued by floods, road construction, rock slides, and has been closed off entirely for sanctioned bike criteriums and rock concerts.

The good news is that there is a steep hill on the course, but we will be going down that hill. The climb back to the ride start elevation is done on three separate "railroad grade" climbs. Almost the entire course is on bike trails or in designated bike lanes on city streets. We will be eating at the Longfellow Grill (for which the ride is named). It's just two miles uphill from the Longfellow Grill to the end of the ride. One mile up the hill is Izzy's Ice Cream. The bad news is that many of the people in the club have already done all of the segments of this ride.

Here is the route in a flash. We start at Aldine Park near Snelling and Marshall in St. Paul. Summit Avenue past the Cathedral, down through St. Paul on St. Peter Street, across the river on the Wabasha Street Bridge, down Water Street bike trails to the yacht club, up through Mendota on the bike trail, over the Mendota Bridge to Fort Snelling, through Minnehaha Park, around the lakes, down the Midtown Greenway to the river, over to the Longfellow Grill, and back up Marshall to Aldine Park. (Okay, there is one little hill on Marshall that is steeper than railroad grade).

No maps provided. Riders who need to be guided through the course should be able to maintain, say, 14 mph on flat terrain with no wind. However, anyone who knows the route can travel at any speed they like, and increase or decrease the distance as they please.

Meet at Aldine Park ( GPS reference 1712 Inglehart Avenue, St. Paul). Sunday June 4, 2017, 8:45 AM briefing with 9:00 AM departure. Please RSVP by Saturday June 3 to mattsen2@comcast.net, or Home 651-631-1131 or Cell 651-896-0550. We need a couple of cables to tie bikes up to the fence around the patio.

## Annual Meeting Minutes

Scribe: Matt Tillotson

The LOONS annual meeting was kicked off with introductions for the 40 attendees. We were at a different location this year – Wells Fargo Plaza, compliments of Jean! That did mean no shopping before or after the meeting, but we made up for that with socializing.

The agenda was Election of Officers; Financial Report; Ride Schedule; Jersey Design; Website Hosting; MTR; Loons Rally.

Officers - the current officers were introduced:

- Jean Hurlbert as Head Loon (President)
- Mark Seaburg as Loon at Large (Vice President)
- Deb Liang as Golden Egg (Treasurer)
- Matt Tillotson as The Quill (Scribe)

John Mattsen made a motion to reelect all officers. Mike Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

We could use a social media coordinator, someone who would like to take on the task of posting to Facebook, Twitter, etc... Any volunteers?

The financial report was next. For the second year in a row we took in less than we spent. We started the year

with \$3,532.01 and we ended the year with \$2,788.31. While not critical, this is something to watch in the future. The more teams that switch to digital copies of the newsletter will help save some cost, as printing and mailing the newsletter is one of our larger expenses. Insurance and LAB membership is the biggest cost we have. In reading the insurance rules, we did find that we can save some money this coming year due to not needing additional insurance for the LOONS rally.

The club also has a club account with “Ride With GPS”, a mapping, route tracking website. If anyone would like to utilize this, contact Mark Seaburg for access - mseaburg@mac.com

Rides: Last year we had 10 rides that actually took place, two that were canceled due to weather. This year we are planning on including “Rides of Interest”, rides that are not specific TCTC rides, but hosted by other clubs and may be of interest to TCTC members. This includes PIGS rally, COWs Rally, MTR, and some other local club rides. There is a Door County, WI century ride that a couple club teams will be attending. Let us know if there is a ride you are doing that you think members would be interested in and we will put a link to it as a ROI!

LOONS Rally: The date is set for August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and we are exploring holding it in the Mankato area. Cross Lake was just completely unavailable for us this year, but there are some good rides in the Mankato area, so this should be fun weekend. Scoping of ride options is ongoing - if you have ideas or are willing to make a scoping run to Mankato to check options out, let Mark know- mseaburg@mac.com.

Club Jersey: Jean has been working on a design. Options abound, but she is working with a professional designer to make it something we should all love. Look for image examples up on the website in the near future. We will also post on Facebook about them when we are farther along on the design path. Manufacturing options are also being explored, Podium Wear, a local company, is one option offered up at the meeting. We will be contacting them and other companies for pricing and sizing options.

We closed by talking more about ride options, including the fact that there will not be an Airport Extravaganza Ride this year because the air-show at the Anoka County Airport is not being held this year and all routes are either under water, or under construction, or not bike friendly.

John Mattsen then made a motion to dismiss the meeting, seconded by Mark Seaburg, unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned.

## Loons Rally 2017 August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

The Loons Rally is tentatively scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in the Mankato area.

Due to lodging issues, we are not able to return to the Cross Lake area this year.

Lodging options and route options in the Mankato area are still be explored and we are looking for help! If you have ideas or are willing to check out route options in Mankato, please contact Mark at [mseaburg@mac.com](mailto:mseaburg@mac.com)

## Midwest Tandem Rally 2017 September 1<sup>st</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>

The Greater Ohio Tandem Society (GOATS), welcomes you back to Ohio. In 2013 we were in southwest OH and now we would like to introduce you to central Ohio. Our host city is Dublin, a suburb of Columbus. Dublin is a bike friendly town with many trails available for leisure riding and checking out the town.

Info on this event is available at [www.mtr2017.org](http://www.mtr2017.org)

## 2017 TCTC Rides

*Saturday* May 13<sup>th</sup>

### Frozen Custard Ride, Cumberland, WI

Hosts: Mike Lindgren and Terri Backes

*Saturday* May 20<sup>th</sup>

### Tony and Bean's Anniversary Ride, Eden Prairie

Hosts: Tony Ableson and Jean Hulbert

*Sunday* June 4<sup>th</sup>

### The Great Longfellow Ride

Hosts: John and Helen Mattsen

*Sunday* June 11<sup>th</sup>

### Ride for Coffee

Hosts: Bill and Winnie Polta

*Sunday* July 9<sup>th</sup>

### Stillwater to Scandia Scamper

Hosts: Matt Tillotson and Deb Liang

*Saturday* July 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Enjoy Realife Ride, Mounds View

Hosts: Linda Sandell & Stan Van Valkenburg

*Friday* August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

### Possible Loons Rally

*Saturday* August 19<sup>th</sup>

### Root Beer Ride

Hosts: Helmut and Joan Porcher

*Saturday* September 16<sup>th</sup>

### End of Summer Ride, Cumberland, WI

Hosts: Mike Lindgren and Terri Backes

*Sunday* September 24<sup>th</sup>

### Apple Arb Ride

Hosts: Tony Ableson and Jean Hulbert

*Sunday* October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Chili Ride, Woodbury, MN

Hosts: Rachel & Chris Gilchrist, Lynn Pagliarini & Ralph Hapness

## 2017 NON-TCTC Rides

Please contact the specific rides for registration details. Most rides require pre-registration.

*Friday* May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

### COWS Rally

<http://www.couplesonwheels.com/club-rides/>

*Sunday* May 28<sup>th</sup>

### Chippewa Valley Century Ride

[www.chippewavalleyride.us](http://www.chippewavalleyride.us)

*Saturday* June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Tour of Lakes Ride

[www.paulbunyancyclists.com/tour-of-lakes.html](http://www.paulbunyancyclists.com/tour-of-lakes.html)

*Friday* August 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

### PIGS Rally

<https://sites.google.com/site/pigsontandembicycles/rally-information>

*Sunday* September 10<sup>th</sup>

### Door County Century Ride

[www.doorcountycentury.com](http://www.doorcountycentury.com)

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Welcome to the 2017 TCTC season!

Considering hosting a ride? It doesn't need to be fancy or complicated – we just like to get together to ride (and occasionally eat!) Contact the newsletter editors if you have a ride you would like added to the schedule.

Remember, we have a Facebook page and a webpage ([www.twincitytandembike.com](http://www.twincitytandembike.com).) Ride updates and additions will be posted to the website as soon as possible.

If you would prefer to get your newsletter via e-mail, just let us know! We send the newsletter out in .PDF format. It saves the club money and it saves resources! If you have any questions, just ask...

Happy riding everyone! Hope to see you out at rides soon!