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# Twin Cities Tandem Club



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## The Northern Chili Ride Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Hosts: John and Helen Mattsen, Chris and Rachel Gilchrist

Due to some scheduling difficulties for Chris and Rachel Gilchrist, the annual epic Chili Ride will start and finish at the home of John and Helen Mattsen in New Brighton. Potluck after the ride of course.

The potluck is a rain or shine event.

**When:** Sunday September 26, 2021. Gather and snacks available at 9:00 AM. Briefing at 9:30 AM, with a departure as a group at 10:00 AM.

**Where:** 1859 Mississippi Street, New Brighton, MN. (Be aware of construction at 694 and 35W. Give serious consideration to avoiding northbound 35W in that area all together.)

The 25-mile route that justifies eating all that good food is scenic and pretty easy. The route intentionally goes around a couple of hills and down a couple of reasonably steep hills. The subsequent climbs are gradual and short. Nothing like the normal Chili Ride climb out of the St. Croix River valley. We will ride together as a group.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Preferably by 5:00 PM on Saturday September 25, send us an email message at [mattsen2@comcast.net](mailto:mattsen2@comcast.net) giving us your cell phone number, and telling us what you plan to bring to the pot luck meal. Our cell phone number is 651-895-0550.

See you on the 26th! John and Helen Mattsen

## MN Bike and GO

We were contacted by someone from the University of Minnesota who is working on a summer project to spread the word about a new mapping resource for bicyclists. A new website has been developed called MN

Bike and Go. This resource was developed by faculty and staff at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing and USpatial. While we are not officially endorsing this project as a club, we did want to let you all know about it in case you wanted to contribute to it or use the website! Below is the information they provided to us regarding the project.

“Bicyclists--Be in the know with MN Bike and GO! Have you ever wondered where the nearest public restroom or portable toilet is while you are on a ride and what its condition is like? Be part of a new, ongoing project from U of MN to map public restrooms/toilets along bike routes in MN. When you locate a restroom/toilet on a ride, you can add it to interactive map (super cool!) then complete a short survey to report features (such as cleanliness, available toilet paper, hand sanitizer, etc.). The survey has a link to google maps to find directions and distance to a restroom on the map during a ride or to plan rest stops ahead of time.

You can also enter your contact info for a chance to win prizes. Use this link to use the map and survey.  
<https://z.umn.edu/MNBikeandGo>

### **Some additional background information:**

The project called MN Bike and GO was developed by faculty, staff and students at the University of MN and is actively collecting information using crowdsourcing. All bikers and even runners who use shared paths can participate.

This is an ongoing project using crowdsourcing, mobile devices, and geographic information science (GIS) to map the locations of public restrooms in permanent buildings (such as libraries and rec centers) and portable toilets. You can use the map and survey during a bike ride or plan your rest stops before you start. The short survey rates features of the restroom/toilet which can be updated as they change. The information is freely available.”

## Midwest Tandem Rally 2021 September 3<sup>rd</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup>

Couples on Wheels invites you to MTR 2021, the 45th Annual Midwest Tandem Rally! The event will be held in Racine, Wisconsin, conveniently located in the southeast corner of the state, on the shores of Lake Michigan.

### UPCOMING KEY REGISTRATION DATES

- August 13 — Last day to cancel MTR reservation. See cancellation policy on the MTR website.
- August 20 — Reservations made after this date are not guaranteed lunch choice, although every effort will be made to accommodate your selection.
- September 3 — Rate increase to \$105/person.
- September 3 — MTR 2021 begins! Further details and registration are on the website - <http://mtr2020.org>



### 2021 TCTC Rides

Want to add a ride to the calendar? Send an e-mail to: [schedule@twincitiestandembike.com](mailto:schedule@twincitiestandembike.com)

*Sunday*      *September 26<sup>th</sup>*

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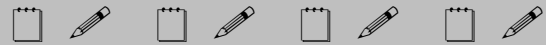
### 2021 Club Rides Guidelines

Reminder of our 2021 Club Ride Guidelines:

- Rides are for members and first-time guests only - make sure your membership is current.
- If you are not feeling well or have a temperature, do not come to a club ride.
- Be prepared to be self-sufficient.

- Masks are recommended but not required at the ride start and rest stops. Masks may be needed if entering businesses during or after the ride.
- Be respectful of others' space at all times, including spacing while riding.
- Social distancing is recommended at the ride start and rest stops.
- Read the ride details completely for additional requirements on specific rides.
- Check the schedule for new ride postings and the club website for other updates.
- TCTC Officers reserve the right to suspend group riding based on the current status of the epidemic and local health guidelines.

### Notes from The Newsletter Editors



Send articles, comments and ideas to:  
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Interested in hosting a late summer or fall club ride? It's not too late! It would be awesome to get in a few more club rides this year...

If you are interested in hosting a club ride, please send the details to [schedule@twincitiestandembike.com](mailto:schedule@twincitiestandembike.com) - this email address goes to both the webmaster to get the ride details posted on the website and to us to include in either the next newsletter or an email to the club specifically about a particular ride.

FYI - we have both a club website - <https://twincitiestandembike.com/> - and a club Facebook page - <https://fb.me/TwinCitiesTandemClub>.

Stay safe and happy riding everyone!

