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Twin Cities Tandem Club



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Annual Meeting (April 12) Minutes

Scribe: Matt Tillotson

The meeting started with an introductions of the TCTC board: Jean Hurlbert Head Loon (president), Mark Seaburg Loonie at Large (vice president), Lyle Quimby Loud Loon (webmaster), Deb Liang Golden Egg (treasurer, newsletter), Matt Tillotson Quill (secretary). We then had self-introductions of the 32 people in attendance. We discussed that in future newsletters we are planning to publish job descriptions for each board position, so anyone interested in a position can know exactly what that job entails – it's not as much work as you think. John Mattsen made a motion to re-elect all board members, this motion was seconded by Jill Apple. The vote was unanimously carried.

Next up was our financial report. We started 2018 with \$2,544.80 and ended the year with \$1,429.10. We did take in less money than we spent last year, but we had several expenditures that are not recurring. We are not renewing our Ride with GPS, we paid for two years of website hosting at \$204.88 per year, and insurance costs will be more this year than they were last year by \$100, from \$359.10 to \$462.50.

Next, we talked rides. At Jean's prompting we were asked to describe what goes into hosting a ride. The Kingsleys described their Apple Valley ride of 30 miles; the Porchers described their RootBeer Float Ride; Matt Tillotson described the Stillwater Scamper; Linda Sandell talked about their RealLife Ride; and the Mattsens talked about their Longfellow Ride. We also talked about giving club members a way of knowing when other non-club rides were going on, so members could maybe meet up at those rides.

The city of Albertville is having a celebration to mark their centennial on September 21st. They approached the club to see if we had members interested in doing a tandem ride in period kit. Not generally our thing, but if

club members are interested in doing a regular TCTC ride on September 21st, send a note to newsletter@twincitystandembike.com. If enough people are interested, we will see what we can arrange.

Ride ideas outside the metro area: Root River- Houston to Fountain, Old Abe Trail, Cannon River, Sparta Elroy. Stay tuned for suggested dates and locations.

MTR 2019 is in Columbus Indiana this year. At least 6 TCTC teams will be attending. Again, we should think if TCTC is capable of hosting an MTR. Our "turn" is coming up, but it does require quite a bit of effort and commitment.

The Loons Rally update: Nothing. Currently we do not have a date, nor a location. Lodging is our biggest challenge, as most of the locations where biking would be the best, are booked well in advance and we would have to plan more than a year ahead So we might be planning the Loons Rally 2020 this year. But ideas are still being explored for this season as well. Just, nothing as yet.

We have a new club team, Steve & Kayla, and they have opened a tandem bike shop - they currently have over 10 tandems in stock, Santana, CoMotion, KHS, DaVinci. (<https://www.twincitystandems.com/>).

Meeting was adjourned and socializing commenced...

The Great Long Fellow Ride... Or NOT? Sunday, June 2nd

Hosts: John and Helen Mattsen

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

Distance: 35 miles. 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. IF WE CAN'T DO THIS

ROUTE, THE RIDE WILL BECOME "THE AIRPORT EXTRAVAGANZA RIDE." Either way, it will be a day of fun with fellow tandem enthusiasts.

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. There isn't a bad climb on the route.

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 2, 2019, 8:45 AM briefing with 9:00 AM departure. Please RSVP (and give us your cell phone number) by Saturday June 1 to matts2@comcast.net.

Midwest Tandem Rally 2019 August 30th – September 2nd

Hoosiers Out On Tandems (HOOTs), a part of the Central Indiana Bicycling Association, invites you to join us for the 44th annual Midwest Tandem Rally. We are returning to the Columbus area, with a new headquarters located just north of the city of Columbus. This new location provides first rate hotel accommodations, easy access to I-65, and country roads connected directly to the parking lot.

Details and registration are on our website <http://www.mtr2019.org/> or email tandemhoots@gmail.com

Your hosts - Hoosiers Out On Tandems (HOOTs)
<http://www.tandemhoots.org/>

Midwest Tandem Rally (MTR) History Courtesy of the HOOTs

Here is some fun MTR history courtesy of the HOOTs!

In the 40+ years of MTR, there has been exactly one rally that was held outside of the Midwest. It was in Louisville, Kentucky. 38 teams attended "Midwest Tandem '78" which included a visit to Churchill Downs. Many teams took an optional Saturday evening cruise and dance aboard the Belle of Louisville; the last authentic sternwheeler steamboat in America.

The rally in Oshkosh, Wisconsin featured a tour of the Experimental Aviation Association Museum. 134 teams attended the 1986 Rally. Oshkosh is the home of "The Worlds Greatest Aviation Celebration," and Saturday's ride went to the Experimental Aviation Association Museum.

"Back Home Again in Indiana" was the theme of the rally in Indianapolis in 1995. "Back Home Again in Indiana," gave teams the opportunity to ride around the Major Taylor Velodrome on Friday night. The event was attended by 557 teams.

Shipshewana, Indiana's population (658) was exceeded by the number of rally participants (475 teams.) "Ride to a Slower Pace" was held in Shipshewana, a town of 658, in 2010 in the heart of Amish country. This small size allowed very short transit zones into the quiet roads of northern Indiana.

At the rally in Kokomo, IN '76 the formation of the Tandem Club of America was announced "Midwest Tandem 76," the first Midwest Tandem Rally was held on Labor Day Weekend. Thus the tradition of hosting MTR on this holiday weekend began. 35 teams attended the rally. The rally was patterned after "Tandem '75" which was billed as the "National Tandem Rally," but actually drew mainly people from the east coast. At Sunday evening's banquet, the formation of the Tandem Club of America (TCA) was announced.

The rally in Duluth Minnesota in 2001 included a ride to Lake Superior, and was the furthest north of all the MTRs. "A Duluth Odyssey," attended by 393 teams. The rally was covered by the Duluth News Tribune whose story ended with "PIGS might not fly, but they certainly bike."

Want more MTR history and trivia? Visit <http://www.mtr2019.org/>

News from the League of American Bicyclists

Bike Month is the best time to recognize 39 cities and towns for their proactive efforts to create better places for bicyclists. In our latest round of Bicycle Friendly Community awards, 14 new and 25 renewing communities earned bronze, silver, and gold status. [See what communities made the list](#) and learn more about how leaders and local advocates are joining our mission to build a more Bicycle Friendly America.

Earlier this month, we also recognized 83 Bicycle Friendly Businesses for committing to make biking better. The awardees ranged government agencies to museums to residential buildings to bike shops and more. Read more about [how these businesses are helping build a more Bicycle Friendly America for everyone](#).

Visit <https://www.bikeleague.org/blog> to read about these communities and businesses.

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your TCTC memberships! Memberships need to be renewed every year on June 1st.

Not sure if you have renewed? Email membership@twincitiestandembike.com to find out!

Newsletter Options

Save resources and save the club money! Are you willing to get your TCTC newsletter in email format only? Email newsletter@twincitiestandembike.com if you are interested and we will make that change!



2019 TCTC Rides

Want to add a ride to the calendar? Send an e-mail to: schedule@twincitiestandembike.com

Sunday June 2nd
The Great Longfellow Ride

Hosts: John and Helen Mattsen

Saturday June 22nd
Summer Solstice Celebration

Hosts: Jill and Scott Apple

Saturday July 20th
Enjoy Realife Ride & Potluck, Mounds View

Hosts: Linda Sandell & Stan Van Valkenburg

Sunday August 4th
Apple Valley Bike & Potluck

Hosts: Bob & Lisa Kingsley

Saturday August 24th (Rain date Sunday, August 25th)
Root Beer Float Ride

Hosts: Helmut and Joan Porcher

Sunday September 15th
Stillwater to Scandia Scamper

Hosts: Matt Tillotson and Deb Liang

Sunday September 29th
Chili Ride, Woodbury, MN

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

Notes from the Editors

Send articles, comments and ideas to:
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Welcome to the 2019 TCTC season!

Would love to get more club rides on the calendar! Rides can be added at any time! Ride updates and additions will be posted to the website as soon as possible. We will also get them into the next newsletter depending on the timing. And we can always send out a club email for rides that are added outside of the newsletter cycle.

Send an e-mail to:
schedule@twincitiestandembike.com if you have a ride you would like added to the schedule.

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

Please join the Twin Cities Tandem Club (TCTC) As a member, you are entitled to receive further issues of the Twin Cities Club Newsletter, as well as to participate in TCTC functions, events, rides, and to enjoy the privilege of wearing a TCTC Jersey. You are also covered during club activities by our LAB Medical and Liability insurance. Dues are \$20.00 per household team. Make checks payable to: Twin Cities Tandem Club			Mail this form to: Deb Liang & Matt Tillotson 1236 Hague Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104		
Name(s)	Last	First	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile
	Last	First	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile
Address		City	State	Zip	
Email Address(s):					
Waiver: In signing this release and waiver for myself and or a named applicant under the age of 18, I understand that the Twin Cities Tandem Club, its officers and members, are not insurers of my personal safety. I understand that bicycling is potentially a dangerous activity and I might be severely injured or killed while riding a bicycle. I hereby accept the risk of serious bodily harm or death. For myself and/or said minor, my (and my minor's) heirs, executors, and assignees, I hereby waive, release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless the Twin Cities Tandem Club, its officers and members and any organizers, sponsors and their representatives of any organizational events, singly and collectively, from any and all claims, liability, injury, damages, loss or harm from my (or my minor's) having sustained personal injuries or personal or economic damage by reason of their actions or inactions in further in organizational activities and during participation in organizational events or during travel to, and return from, such events. I waive any and all specific notice of the existence of the risks and hazards. I inspect my bicycle and keep it in reasonably good and safe conditions for the rides. I have an adequate and reasonable knowledge of what is prudent and safe bicycle riding and shall ride in that manner for my own protection and the protection of others. I am aware of and have knowledge of the applicable Bicycle Rules of the Road. I will wear a helmet during all club-sponsored rides. The above agreements and representations are my express understanding of the risks and I assume these voluntarily and freely without coercion or duress. This agreement may not be modified orally and may not be Waived in any respect.					
Applicant's Signature:			Applicant's Signature:		
Printed Name:			Printed Name		
(Must be signed by both applicants)					
The undersigned parent or guardian hereby consents to the applicant's participation and waives and releases all rights and claims for damages as is more fully set forth above. Parent or guardian please sign below if applicant is under 18.					
Signature Parent/Guardian:					

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