

## **Hoosiers Out On Tandems (HOOTs) 2015 Year End Report to the CIBA (Central Indiana Bicycling Association) Board**

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### **Event Leaders for 2015 – THANKS!**

HOOTs Winter Social	Jerry & Ellen Simon
(Southern)HOOTs Social	Ian Seecof and Cheryl Sunman
Broad Ripple Evening Ride	Tom & Laurie Schumacher
Spring Blind School Ride	Ron Fraley
Rolling Eagle Ride	Rick & Andrea Rader
Race Day Rally	Nathan & Kristen Dinges
Madison Weekend	Bob & Charlotte Canida, Jon & Ann Wineland, Don & Chris Kirk, John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
Auburn Land & Lakes	John & Kathy Fribley
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ride	John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
Fishback Evening Ride	Bill & Cris Bahret
Wabash Ramble	Kent & Anne Ellis with Kevin & Peggy Cordes
Smokey Row Evening Ride	John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
MTR Social	John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
Fall Blind School Ride	Ron Fraley
Tour de Carmel	John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
Fall Finale	Jay & Linda Hardcastle
Financial Oversight	Dolly Craft

### **New HOOTs Bicentennial Jersey**

We expect to start taking orders in November with the order placed in late January.



## What to Expect in 2016

Although we expect most of the rides will be in the 9-county central Indiana region, we plan to host at least two events that appeal to teams from the rest of the state and beyond. We'll return to Madison, IN the weekend after Memorial Day. We also hope to host a rally in Lafayette, but the date is unknown. Finally, we will attempt to host a ride in Batesville in conjunction with an event by the Cincinnati Cycling Club on the same weekend

## Midwest Tandem Rally 2015 – Rockford, IL

We had a great Indiana turnout for the 40<sup>th</sup> Midwest Tandem Rally in Rockford. Only Illinois had more teams, and on a per capita basis, we even beat them! HOOTs hosted a happy hour at the host hotel with over 50 people attending.

## Midwest Tandem Rally 2020 – Somewhere in Indiana

HOOTs is “penciled in” to host MTR in 2020. Our goal is to have a location and core committee in place by Labor Day Weekend of 2017. This probably means that we will be chairs (or co-chairs), but it's not a requirement.

## 2015 Ride Attendance\*

The winter social was attended by about 40 people, which is comparable to previous year's attendance. We hosted 14 riding events during the year.

	2015	2014	2013
Teams attending 1 or more rides	65	62	38
Teams attending 2 or more rides	24	21	20
Teams attending 3 or more rides	19	14	12
Teams attending 4 or more rides	12	7	6

\*Attendance does not include the non-riding winter socials and the MTR social. The 2014 Batesville rally was recounted as a single ride.

## Tandem Rally at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The May event was washed-out due to a tornado warning, but we had a successful ride in September with about a dozen blind stokers riding with captains from our club. CIBA member Ron Fraley, who is the nurse at the school, led the event. The ride was held on a Monday evening and consisted of a short ride followed by refreshments at the school. This is a unique event that is fun for the students and our members. Many of the captains came from outside of our normal pool of captains. Women, who normally served as stokers, rode their single bikes along with the group. We plan to continue this event in 2016 and perhaps expand it to include a few smaller rides of longer duration.

## Madison Tandem Weekend

We had three days of riding in the scenic Madison area. The event was headquartered at the Riverboat Inn overlooking the Ohio River. The hotel staff was very accommodating and the hotel patio allowed for a continuous happy hour when we weren't riding. Bob and Charlotte Canida with Jon and Ann Wineland provided local support for the event. We hope to make this an annual event the weekend after Memorial Day.

## **Auburn Land & Lakes Weekend**

John & Kathy Fribley opened their Whispering Pines Bed & Breakfast for HOOTs. Thirteen teams, including one triple toured the scenic Auburn / Angola area. Thanks to the generosity of the Fribleys, the event contributed \$485 to the Auburn Trail Project

## **Tour de Carmel**

Rain washed out our attempt to form a tandem group at this year's Tour de Carmel, but we plan to return in 2016. Tour de Carmel is a family friendly ride with about 800 participants riding through the neighborhoods of Carmel. Our participation is an outreach to teams that may not normally ride the HOOTs events. We're looking for new teams, teams with children, and riders that enjoy a more casual pace. This is important to the long-term success of HOOTs

## **[www.TandemHoots.ning](http://www.TandemHoots.ning)**

We plan to continue using the social website from NING. If we can grow the club to perhaps 200 active members from around the state, it will certainly make sense to keep the site indefinitely.

## **HOOTs Membership**

We have been "weeding out" some of the names from the HOOTs website. So far, these have been out-of-state teams that have not participated in an event during our three year tenure. We will continue to remove inactive teams that do not keep their profiles up to date.

For 2016 we will require that members be dues-paying members of an Indiana bicycling club. There are currently 25 such clubs in Indiana, including the state-wide Bicycle Indiana. A team not belonging to one of these clubs may join by paying \$10 for the calendar year. We will eliminate the category of "HOOTs Guest" as we move (slowly) towards a more formal membership system.

Should a HOOTs member who is not a CIBA member lead a ride, it will be sanctioned by the qualifying Indiana based club. The host club's insurance and waivers will apply.

## **Finances**

Financial guidelines were approved by the CIBA Board on April 21, 2015. These guidelines appear at the end of this report. Dolly Craft continues to serve as HOOTs treasurer, keeping an eye on our expenditures.

## **Hoosiers Out On Tandems (HOOTs) Financial Guidelines**

HOOTs has operated under the umbrella of CIBA since the mid nineties. This means that HOOTs has no separate legal existence; it doesn't have to file any of the paperwork for a non-profit nor obtain its own separate insurance for events. The President of CIBA selects the HOOTs committee chair. This chair is responsible for developing goals for the year, and a budget that must be approved by the CIBA Board. In addition to this Board approved budget, HOOTs may generate income on its own by hosting events around the state. In the past, HOOTs has hosted Midwest Tandem Rallies (MTRs) that have generated a surplus of up to \$20,000 per event. Most of this surplus has been gifted to supporting organizations, including local police, fire, parks departments, area bicycle organizations (eg. Friends of the Pumpkinvine Trail and Bicycle Indiana). Although MTR committees typically consist of 50% CIBA members, the other half of the committee may belong to other clubs. These people are asked to join CIBA for the duration of MTR, but CIBA isn't their primary club.

The guidelines that follow recognize that HOOTs in many ways acts as a state-wide organization supporting events that requires a certain amount of autonomy from the CIBA Board. These guidelines were approved by the CIBA Board on April 21, 2015.

### **CIBA Board Budgeted Local Activities**

The Board shall approve a yearly budget line for HOOTs activities. These budgeted funds shall only be used for activities in the 9-county central Indiana area. These activities might include rides, social events, seminars, etc. These events benefit the cyclists of central Indiana and primarily CIBA members. These events are a reason cyclists might choose to join CIBA. Although a great benefit to CIBA members, these events are not designed to attract teams from outside the central Indiana area.

### **HOOTs Fee Events**

When HOOTs conducts a fee-based event under the CIBA umbrella, the event must be approved in advance by the CIBA Board. Prior to approval, HOOTs shall submit a written description of the event including the expected number of attendees and the location of the event. The summary should detail how excess funds will be used. It's not necessary to list every charity, but any group expected to receive more than \$1,000 should be approved before or after the event.

Any excess funds from an event shall be held in the CIBA / HOOTs (MTR) account. These funds will be used to support tandem activities around the state (including the Indianapolis area to supplement the Board budgeted funds). Although legally the CIBA Board has control of these funds, it's understood that the Board would only draw on these funds in "extreme" circumstances, and HOOTs will be advised of such a "draw down" prior to the actual withdrawal.