

Hoosiers Out On Tandems (HOOTs) 2019 Year End Report

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Event Leaders for 2019 – THANKS!

HOOTs Winter Social	Gary & Deanne Browning and John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
Spring Kickoff Ride	Bill & Cris Bahret
Spring Blind School Ride	Jason Askren & John Calhoun
Race Day Rally	Nathan & Kristen Dinges
Fort Wayne Weekend	Kent & Anne Ellis
24 Foundation Ride	John Calhoun
July 4th Ride	John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
Frankfort Hotdog Overnight	Don & Cris Kirk with John Calhoun & Madelyn Zalon
Tour of Madison County	Rick & Anna Stanley
Summer Blind School Ride	Jason Askren & John Calhoun
MTR Stuffing Party	Jerry & Ellen Simon
MTR Happy Hour	Madelyn Zalon
Fall Finale	Jay & Linda Hardcastle
Financial Oversight	Dolly Craft

Welcome to New HOOTs Chairs Kent and Anne!

We are pleased to announce that Kent and Anne Ellis are the new leaders of HOOTs. Kent and Anne chaired the 2014 MTR in Fort Wayne, the 2008 Southern Tandem Rally in Bowling Green, KY, (3) Southern Kentucky Tandem Rallies, and (3) Indiana Tandem Rallies. We look forward to a smooth transition & new things to come with the new leadership. We wish them the best. Madelyn and I have enjoyed our seven years at the helm.

Midwest Tandem Rally (MTR) 2019 – Rediscover Columbus

An all-star cast of directors hosted a great Midwest Tandem Rally in Columbus, Indiana. Madelyn and I were delighted with the event, and we met our three goals: 1. Present an event that is enjoyable for both the committee and the participants 2. Promote tandem riding in general and specifically in Indiana 3. Generate a surplus of \$5,000 to fund our events over the next five years. Not only did we fund HOOTs, we generated extra money to give to numerous charities. Please see the financial section for details.

In addition to the fully supported rides on Saturday and Sunday, we had two firsts for MTR. Friday's ride was a modified poker run which included a tour of the architectural highlights of Columbus. Monday had two ride options including a mountain bike ride at Brown County State Park.

2019 Ride Attendance*

The winter social was attended by about 39 which is a little less than the previous year's attendance. We hosted 10 riding events during the year, which is 3 less than in 2018.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Teams attending 1 or more rides	52	75	89	79	65	62	38
Teams attending 2 or more rides	24	32	36	43	24	21	20
Teams attending 3 or more rides	14	15	26	23	19	14	12
Teams attending 4 or more rides	9	9	16	17	12	7	6
*Attendance does not include the non-riding socials nor MTR							

The attendance numbers do not include people attending the Midwest Tandem Rally. Here are some stats from MTR courtesy of Kent Ellis:

- 290 Total Teams in attendance
- 275 Paid Teams in attendance
- (60) 1st Time Tandem Rally participants (22% of all teams) – there were (7) additional 1st time MTR teams that had been to other rallies
- (75) teams from Indiana, (31) that are not current HOOTs members
- Total # of teams for 0, 1 & 2 years (relative rookies) : 132, almost ½ of the teams. THIS IS ENCOURAGING!

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

We had two successful and fun rides with the students again in 2019. Unfortunately, we had low student turnout on both rides with 5 students in May and 7 students in August. We continue to have the gracious support of Brics Ice Cream in Broad Ripple. We purchased 24 helmets for the school.

Northeast Indiana Tandem Weekend in Fort Wayne

Kent and Anne Ellis hosted a beautiful weekend of riding hosted at the Holiday Inn on the southwest side of Fort Wayne. On Friday we rode to Sweetwater, the world’s leading music technology and instrument retailer. On Saturday we traveled through Roanoke, and then had a family style banquet at Casa! Ristorante. Finally, on Sunday, we rode through the farmlands southeast of Fort Wayne. Twenty-five teams attended this event at the end of May.

Frankfort Hot Dog Festival Overnighter

Seven tandems and one triple rode from Carmel to Frankfort for the annual Hot Dog Festival on the last weekend of July. This was a casual 40 mile ride with stops in Sheridan and Kirkland before arriving at Frankfort for lunch. Two teams rode an additional 19 mile loop. Dinner was at Arni’s on the Frankfort Square.

HOOTs Membership

Kent and Anne Ellis will be reviewing the membership format.

Finances

Dolly Craft continues to serve as HOOTs treasurer, keeping an eye on our expenditures. HOOTs received \$485 from CIBA to support activities in the 9-county central Indiana area. We started the fiscal year with a bank balance of \$9,763 and we currently have \$24,730.01 although we owe CIBA about \$1,700 for MTR insurance and paint.

We had a surplus from MTR, and we were able to make several contributions to several organizations. We expect to make additional contributions.

Group	Amount	Notes
HOOTs General Fund		
CIBA Foundation	\$2,500	
Bicycle Indiana	\$1,000	
Columbus People’s Trail	\$500	
Columbus Mill Race Senior Center	\$200	
Columbus First Christian Church	\$300	Made in the name of Charlie & Diane Zaharako
Columbus Unitarian Universalist Church	\$200	Saturday SAG Stop

Columbus Amateur Radio Club	\$500	SAG and Communication Support
Columbus Hospice	\$300	Concert Seating
Columbus Turning Point	\$300	Made in the name of Matt Battin for mechanical support
Indiana School for the Blind	\$129	Helmets