

Sweetheart Ride

By Roy Peche



Roy Peche and Nancy Dartnall

After a cool start, the temperature was 53 degrees at 10 o'clock. For an 11 o'clock start this wasn't bad. As the start time drew closer, I was impressed with the number of tandems that had shown up.



We had seven tandems (Susanna said that was the most we have ever had) and four singles for the ride.

The teams were:



Eric and Jo Lee



Jim and Nancy Ford



Bill and Joyce Murphv



Ed and Rosanna Stokes



Glenn and Sue Orcutt



Bill and Anna Clay

The single riders were Jay the Prez, NewsieSuzie Sisk, Warren Landis, and Butch Keeter.



Warren

Butch

Jay the Prez

The ride was a 35.55-mile was Forestview High School out to Crowder's Mountain and back. I chose a combination of the Gaston County Cyclists "W" ride and TaiWwind Tandem Club's Fall Leaf Tour. The scenery and weather nice for a February ride. Only one rider went LONG and that was NewsieSuzie coming in with 42 mls.

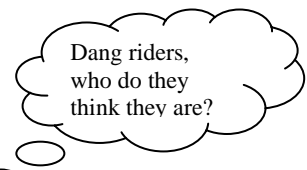
A chocolate treat stop was featured into one of the mid-point regroup locations. I promised more

treats of chocolate and brownies to riders at the end of the route

Butch informed me later that the two tandems he rode with were FAST! Isn't that what tandeming is all about?

Socializing after the ride some of the teams went into town for a sub sandwich and would rehash the fun of the rollers, the small grunt rises and the fun the teams had.

All and all the 2nd Annual Be Mine Valentine Ride was a great hit. Thank you to everyone who came out and made this ride a fun few hours of riding as a group.



NewsieSuzie