

**WTW – Fall 2009**  
**September 18-20 ~ Wilmington, NC**

This might have been the biggest WTW so far since inception. A great group Friday evening for pizza and a special adult punch. Laura thought one huge bowl would have been enough but she misjudged all us thirsty travelers and did a second batch.

A lot of GRITS folks that we would meet from the Raleigh, NC area. With Smith and Claude Doss arranging this weekend getaway from a rain out earlier in the year, we were all happy to re-congregate at the McCabe pad.

The laptop was available for those wanting to see the dynamic pictures of Sara/Bill and Laura/Duncan's most recent trip abroad – Spain in 11 days. Their own self-contained tandem tour. (Ask Duncan for the specifics).



Those attending:

Duncan and Laura

Smith and Claude

Carl & Ayako

Bill and Sara

Art and Cindy

Gary and Maggie

Doug and Robin

Ed and Jeanne

John and Susanna

Jim Smith and Tracy Botruff (single bikes)

Accommodations were avail. at: Dr. Doss, McCabe & Leland/Lundin homes. We had three teams that were not able to come at the last minute.



Saturday, Sep. 19

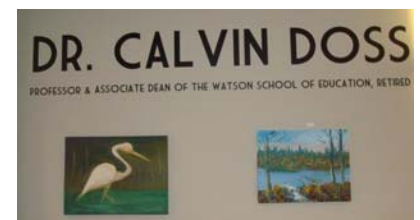
Smith put together some route options of 35/63 taking the longer route to Ft. Fisher ferry staging area where we stopped for a break. The ferry hours were cut back from 30 min. cruise to 45-60 min. slots. We would do an out and back leaving a ten mile route after lunch for a finished mile day.



With lunch at Flaming Amy's Burrito Barn we would arrive around 12:00 and find the other teams relaxing after their lunch.

After lunch teams decided their route back.

Those wanting an extra ten miles to see an art exhibit over at Landfall would head out with Duncan/Laura. The rest of us wanted to see Dr. Doss art exhibit at the university. Smith led us on our merry way. Dr. Doss' education history was amazing to know after our stop to see his work.



Finished miles: 63 (those going to Landfall had 73 ml day)  
Avg. – "RELAXING"

Rest of the day consisted of socializing and enjoying learning about the other teams and their tandem experiences. More food, more drinks, a lot of laughing.



Five pm happy hour would be at Wrightsville Beach at Sara and Bill's beach house. Contribution of appetizers would take us up to the top view to enjoy the breezy outside weather. Too soon we would head back for dinner that Laura and Duncan's. A great cook out; sides and desserts were in abundance. Some of the girls were fighting over the carrot cake from Smith when he left for the evening with the leftover.

### Sunday, Sep. 20

One tandem team and the two single riders would leave at 7:00 am for an early 35 mile ride. Our ride today consisted of a 9:00 am start of 35 miles. You guessed it ~ those above mentioned riders would have their metric century miles in for the day (63). Winding around the city we would end up at George Street with Matthew as our wait-man. Still too early to start on adult beverage we would go through pitchers of ice water and tea.

We had a great view of the water while we brunched. All too soon it was time to get back on our tandems for the short ride back to host home.



Finished miles: 35  
Avg. "RELAXING"

A big thank you to Smith and Claude for pulling together this GRITS weekend in Wilmington which was made available to the TailWind members through Laura and Duncan. Thank you to Laura and Duncan for making your home open to all of us attending. The food was delicious as usual and your warmth and hospitality is always 100% genuine.

TailWind teams: this is a relaxing event if you ever want to attend. The course is flat, the weather is usually moderate

temperature, the scenery breath-taking, laid-back atmosphere and great teams to meet for on-going friendships.

For the full picture album go to:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=1AZtmjZi2cMWYr>



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