



HOOTs (Hoosiers Out On Tandems), a committee of CIBA (Central Indiana Bicycling Assn) is pleased to welcome you “Back Home Again in Indiana” for the 35th annual Midwest Tandem Rally (MTR 2010) September 3-6, 2010 in Shipshewana, IN. Conveniently located just off I-90 in the north central part of Indiana, Shipshewana is in the heart of Indiana’s Amish country, with gently rolling countryside and scenic farms.

There is an optional ice cream ride on Friday, rides of various lengths on Saturday and Sunday, and an on-your-own breakfast ride on Monday. And plan to spend some time exploring the famous Flea Market, one of the largest in the nation, on Labor Day Monday.

REGISTRATION **INFORMATION**

You can choose to print the following Registration Form pages and mail them to the address noted. Or you can register on-line at www.active.com.

Please be sure to register ALL family members or participants on your rally team. There is no charge for children under 5. Please include them on the registration form so we can establish accurate participant counts.

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOST HOTEL:

The Farmstead Inn & Conference Center
370 S. Van Buren Street
Shipshewana, IN 46585
(260) 768-4595

You must call the hotel to book your room as the entire hotel (150 rooms) is reserved for MTR 2010. Room rates \$99-\$109/night plus tax. The Inn is smoke-free and alcohol-free – a \$150 violation fee applies.

www.FarmsteadInn.com

Overflow Hotel #1

Amish Country Inn
800 S. Van Buren Street
Shipshewana, IN
(260) 768-7688

Many rooms are configured for families, with bunk beds adjoining queen bedroom. Connected to Splash Universe Indoor Waterpark. \$99/night plus tax.

www.AmishCountryInn.net

Other Area Hotels:

Super 8 Motel (260) 768-4004
www.super8shipshewana.com

Der Ruhe Blatz (260) 768-7750
www.derruheblatzmotel.com

Country Inn & Suites (260) 768-7780
www.countryinns.com/shipshewanain

All hotels will hold rooms for MTR participants until 5/31/2010; after that time, rooms and pricing are subject to availability.

Campgrounds:

Shipshewana Campground North Park
4 miles north of Farmstead Inn
(260) 768-7770
www.Amish.org

Shipshewana Campground South Park
1/2 mile south of Farmstead Inn
(260) 768-4669
www.ShipshewanaRVPark.com

Shipshewana RV Park
located across the street from
Farmstead Inn
(260) 768-4129
www.TradingPlaceAmerica.com

FOOD, GIVE ME FOOD!

All hotels listed provide some breakfast offerings included in their room pricing. No central breakfast will be available.

Lunches on Saturday and Sunday are included in your Registration Fee. Please indicate on the registration form if you desire a vegetarian lunch.

Friday and Saturday nights you are free to sample the local dining establishments. Look for additional restaurant information in your Registration packet.

SUNDAY DINING & BANQUET BUFFET

The banquet festivities, including entertainment, are a large part of MTR weekend fun. We have intentionally priced the banquet as reasonable as possible to encourage all teams to participate. The Banquet will be held at the Shipshewana Town Center, walking distance from the Farmstead Inn. Seating is limited, so be sure to order your banquet tickets when you register.

Sunday (because of religious beliefs in the community) is a quiet time in the town of Shipshewana with most businesses closed.

We will provide maps (both biking and vehicle) to restaurants in neighboring towns. The closest of these towns is 10 miles. The towns of Goshen and Elkhart, which provide more “upscale” dining, are 20 and 25 miles away respectively. Just a reminder, Sunday breakfast can be at your hotel, and lunch is included (at a working grist mill where you can observe the milling of grain and head home with a bag of wheat or corn flour.)

VENDORS & WORKSHOPS

The vendor display area will be located in the Farmstead Inn Conference Center. A variety of vendors from around the country will be displaying their latest accessories, tandems and cycling toys. Check out what’s new and what you “can’t live without”! If you are interested in being a vendor at MTR, contact Marc & Barbara Freeman, 317-459-8128, vendors@mtr2010.org

A variety of workshops by and for the tandem cyclist will be offered on Saturday afternoon/early evening. It’s a good time to research and learn from those who have been there or gone before. If you would be interested in conducting a workshop, contact Ray & Linda Cannarella, 317-439-2197. workshops@mtr2010.org.

MTR MERCHANDISE

We are offering MTR short sleeve and sleeveless jerseys for men and women, made by VOMAX. Also available are MTR polo shirts, socks, T-shirts, and license plates. Check out full color illustrations of the merchandise at www.mtr2010.org. Check the sizing charts before you order. Jerseys cannot be ordered after June 15. Other merchandise must be ordered by August 1. MTR merchandise will NOT be available for purchase at the Rally.

BICYCLE STORAGE

Secure bicycle storage will be available at the Farmstead Inn, as well as at some of the overflow hotels. Please indicate your storage need (and bicycle size) when registering. There is no charge for this storage; check-in and check-out procedures will be utilized; and specific hours will be posted. No bikes will be allowed in hotel rooms.

SAG SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Participants are expected to be prepared and able to complete the selected routes. Your bicycle should be in good working order, and you should carry the tools and spare parts necessary to make minor repairs. Sag and communications support will be available to help in the event of an unforeseen problem or emergency.

LATE REGISTRATION AND REFUNDS

Refunds for registration and meals will only be granted upon receipt of a written request to the Registration Chairs received by August 1, 2010 (register@mtr2010.org). A \$10.00 handling fee will be charged. No refunds will be made after August 1, 2010. There will be no refunds for ordered merchandise or for Active.com fees.



**ALL PARTICIPANTS
ARE REQUIRED TO
WEAR HELMETS ON
ALL SCHEDULED
RIDES AT MTR 2010.**

**YOUR SAFETY IS A CONCERN
FOR ALL OF US!**

POST TOUR

There is a separate Post Tour September 6-10, based in LaPorte, IN. For more information and to register, click the "Post Tour" tab at www.mtr2010.org.

HOW TO GET TO MTR

To get to Shipshewana, IN:

From the West:

I-80/I-90/Indiana Toll Road toward Ohio. Take the IN-13/US 131 exit, Exit 107, toward US 131/Constantine/Middlebury. Turn right onto IN-13, 1.6 miles. Turn left onto IN 120, 5 miles. Turn right on SR 5, 4.1 miles. Continue straight on SR 5 (N. VanBuren Street) 3.5 miles through downtown Shipshewana to Farmstead Inn on right side of street.

From the East:

I-80/I-90/Indiana Toll Road toward Illinois. Take the IN-9 exit, Exit 121, turn right onto SR 9 (south), 1.2 miles. Turn right (north-west) onto SR 120, 8.1 miles. Turn left (south) onto SR 5, 4.1 miles. Continue straight on SR 5 (N. VanBuren Street) 3.5 miles through downtown Shipshewana to Farmstead Inn on right side of street.

Distances from other Midwestern Cities:

From Grand Rapids, MI 100 miles
From Indianapolis, IN..... 180 miles
From Chicago, IL 130 miles
From Detroit, MI..... 180 miles
From Toledo, OH 130 miles
From Cleveland, OH..... 230 miles
From Toronto, Canada 430 miles

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, September 3

Registration &
Info Pickup2:00 - 9:00 PM

Vendor Set-Up Noon - 4:00 PM

Bike Storage2:30 - 10:00 PM

Vendor Displays Open4:00 - 9:00 PM

Ice Cream Ride4:30 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 4

Bike Storage6:30 - 9:30 AM

Registration &
Info Pickup 7:00 - 9:00 AM

Ride Announcements..... 8:45 AM

Ride Mass Start 9:00 AM

Lunch On Route

Bike Storage2:00 - 6:00 PM

Vendor Displays Open3:00 - 9:00 PM

Seminars..... 5:00-6:00 & 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, September 5

Bike Storage6:30 - 9:30 AM

Ride Announcements..... 8:45 AM

Ride Mass Start 9:00 AM

Lunch On Route

Bike Storage2:00 - 5:00 PM

Vendor Displays Open2:00 - 5:00 PM

Social Hour & MTR Banquet....5:00 PM +

Monday September 6

Bike Storage7:00 - 9:30 AM

Optional independent rides / Departure-
Shipshewana Flea Market

Post Tour in LaPorte, IN

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION CONCERNING MTR 2010, GO TO
www.mtr2010.org

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Following is the Registration Form for MTR 2010. Please be sure to fill out and return all pages to the Registration Address shown.