

Southern Tandem Rally 2008



Bowling Green, Kentucky
September 19-21, 2008

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We'd like to extend our welcome to Bowling Green and thank you for registering for STR2008. We currently have over 90 teams registered from 23 states, 3 countries and **2 continents**. We'll continue to accept registrations until Sep 12, so invite your tandem friends to join us.

Below are the highlights for the weekend schedule. Look at the following pages for details. Please contact Anne or Kent at 270-796-8625 or e-mail us at tandem.ellis@insightbb.com if you have any questions.

Friday Schedule: September 19

Registration at Hampton Inn	9:00 AM—12:00 PM
STR Corvette Assembly Plant Tour	10:00 AM—11:00 AM
Friday Ride (from Smiths Grove)	1:00 PM Escorted Start
Registration at Hampton Inn	4:00 PM—8:00 PM
Dinner on your own—we'll provide a list of local restaurants at registration.	
Ice Cream Social (Culver's & Cookies)	6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Saturday Schedule: September 20

Registration at Hampton Inn	7:30 AM—8:30 AM
Riders gather in Hampton parking lot	8:45 AM
Saturday Ride Start	9:00 AM Escorted Start
Time Trial Start (along route)	9:15 AM—9:30 AM
Remote Start (26 mile route)	9:30 AM
Lunch open at Chaney's Dairy Barn	11:30 AM—2:00 PM
Social Hour at Knicely Conference Center	6:00 PM—7:00 PM
Banquet at Knicely Conference Center	7:00 PM

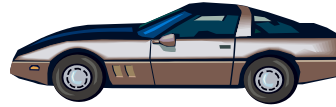
Sunday Schedule: September 21

Sunday Ride Start	8:00 AM Escorted Start
Check out time from Hampton Inn	12:00 PM
We will have two rooms (one male, one female) available for showers most of the afternoon.	

Friday Details

Corvettes, Caves, Culvers & Cookies

Corvette Assembly Plant Tour:



There is a \$5 per person fee for the Factory tour. If you are going on the tour, we will collect the fee at the assembly plant prior to the start of the tour. Please take note of the following requirements for the tour:

Closed toe shoes must be worn.

No cameras or cellphones

No children under 7

Backpacks, **purses**, fanny packs are prohibited.

Driving directions to Corvette Assembly Plant:

Take Exit 28 off of I-65
Turn right at first light onto Corvette Drive
Drive and follow the plant signs to the tour entrance

Friday Ride:

Friday's ride starts from a remote location at 1:00 PM. We will provide a list of lunch locations convenient to the Corvette plant tour, host hotel and remote start location. There will be restrooms available at the ride start to change clothes for the ride. We will have 30 & 60 mile route options available.

Both routes will travel through Mammoth Caves National Park, but will not pass by the visitor's center or the cave entrances. If you are interested in touring any of the caves (Diamond Caverns and Lost River Cave also have tours available), we suggest you schedule time after the ride Saturday or Sunday for the cave tours.

Directions to the ride start: Driving time from Host Hotel (Hampton) is 20 minutes

Northbound on I-65:
Take Exit 38
Turn left onto KY101
Turn left onto Kirby St (1st left)
Straight ahead into Spears Park

Southbound on I-65:
Take Exit 38
Turn right onto KY101
Turn left onto Kirby St (1st left)
Straight ahead into Spears Park



Friday Evening Social: Culvers's & Cookies



Friday evening dinner is on your own. We'll provide a list of all the finest eating establishments and questionable joints in Bowling Green for your selection.

We'll host a an ice-cream social from 6:00 PM–8:00 PM. We'll provide Culver's famous frozen custard for each of the ride participants and, because we enjoyed the homemade cookies so much last year in Chattanooga, we'd like to follow their lead and encourage each of you to bring a batch of your favorite cookies to the social!

Saturday Details

Saturday Ride:

Saturday's ride starts from the parking lot of the host hotel (Hampton Inn) at 9:00 AM with a police escort for several miles at the start of the ride. We are offering an optional Time Trial event that will start along the Saturday route (see details for the Time Trial below). Route options for Saturday are 52 and 72 miles. A 25 mile option, with a remote start at Chaney's Dairy Barn, will also be available. All routes will have SAG stops along the way and we will have at least one support vehicle on the road.

Time Trial:

We are offering the opportunity to participate in a 5 Mile Time Trial on Saturday. The Time Trial route will start about 6 miles out from the start at the Hampton. If you do the Time Trial, it will add 6 1/2 miles to the ride distance for the day.



NOTE: THIS TIME TRIAL IS INTENDED TO BE A FUN, FRIENDLY EVENT SO THAT EACH TEAM CAN TEST THEIR OWN ABILITY. IT IS NOT A RACE-IT IS A TIMED EVENT! THE TIME TRIAL ROUTE IS NOT A CLOSED ROUTE—VEHICLES (CARS, TRUCKS, BUSES, TRACTORS, ETC.) WILL BE ON THE ROAD WITH YOU! OBEY ALL RULES OF THE ROAD. RIDE RESPONSIBLY!

Okay, hope you got that message.... We will have marshals at the beginning and end of the time trial route to start you out and capture your time at the finish. Expect fun prizes and possible belittlement at the banquet!

Additional Details for Saturday's ride and the banquet will be included in your registration packet.

Sunday Details

Sunday Ride:

Sunday's ride will again start from the parking lot of the host hotel (Hampton Inn), but will start at 8:00 AM to provide a chance to ride and get back to the hotel before checkout time. Hampton Inn has agreed to a 12:00 PM checkout for all STR participants and may allow some additional later checkouts. We have also arranged to have rooms available for the participants to use for showers throughout the afternoon.

We are offering 35, 45 & 55 mile routes on Sunday, with one SAG stop for the ride.