

---

---

# HOUSTON AREA TANDEM SOCIETY HATS

DECEMBER 2011 NEWLETTER

---

---

## DECEMBER RIDE

Christmas Lights Ride in the Heights

6:00PM DECEMBER 18, 2011

**DIRECTIONS:** Steve Colvin and Frances Johnson will host the annual Christmas Lights Club Ride through the Historic Heights. We will meet at their home at 623 W 15<sup>th</sup> Street at 5:30 pm (note that this is a different address than the last time they hosted the ride). We will have 30 minutes to decorate the bikes before the ride starts at 6:00pm. Please observe that all bikes must have a head light and tail light. The Historic Heights has traditionally been one of the most popular areas in Houston for decorated homes. Steve and Frances have planned a ride that will take us to view these historic homes in their holiday splendor. We can add to the festive atmosphere with equally festive decorations on our tandems.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

DECEMBER RIDE

Ride Calendar

CHILI RIDE

Ride Reviews

## Top Hats

Stephen and Janet Bain [bainsj@att.net](mailto:bainsj@att.net) or  
[sbain32@excite.com](mailto:sbain32@excite.com) Home 281-599-9919 Cell  
281-785-7603

## Christmas light ride (continued)

. Following the ride we will drive to BB's Cafe at 2701 White Oak Drive. This is a popular New Orleans-themed located in the Heights.

Please reserve this Sunday evening for this HATS Holiday Tradition!



## NEXT RIDE – DECEMBER 18

The next scheduled ride is December 18 in the Heights at 5:30 PM **hosted by Steve Colvin and Frances Johnson.**

**MSCOLVIN@gmail.com for information.**

## HATS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 18- COLVIN/JOHNSON - Christmas lights ride in the Heights

January 1, 2012 New Year's Day Ride – Houston Bicycle Club annual potluck lunch ride West University Place Community Center, 6104 Auden - on the corner of Rice Blvd. (2 blocks east of Wesleyan).

January 8, 2012 – HATS Christmas Party: Location and details to be announced

January 15, 2012 – Chili Ride hosted by the Mahoney's

### Cat Springs ride: November 19, 2011

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Stephen and Janet Bain were Ride Leaders for a Houston Bicycle Club (HBC) ride in Cat Springs, TX Northwest of Sealy. About 15 HBC singles participated and three HATS teams:

Stephen and Janet Bain, Jo and Kevin Shaw, Loran Wilson and Kelly Bennett.

Loran and Kelly started with the singles while the Bains and Shaws started later. The Cat Springs area is gently rolling hills with some great low traffic secondary roads. The day started with a threat of rain but cleared about half way thru a 40+ mile ride. The Shaws set an easy pace which allowed the much slower Bains to keep up and visit. Janet's first ever Garmin route mapping went very well with only some slight navigation errors by the Captain.

### **2012 Chilly (Chili) Ride, Sunday January 15th**

Start the year off by getting back on the bike! Join the Mahoneys for this annual event at their riverhouse on the San Bernard River for a morning of cycling and an afternoon in the country enjoying warm and tasty food and great conversations. Join us **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** and start the day with a ride at 10am (routes of 12 to 50 miles through flat, farm country). When you return to the house, you'll be overwhelmed by the aroma of various chilis, soups and other goodies.

If you plan to attend, **please RSVP by Wednesday, January 11th** and let us know what you can bring (chili, soup, side dish, dessert). Drinks will be provided. Contact Team Mahoney at [m-smahoney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-smahoney@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP and/or to request a map to Riverhaven, located about 60 miles from Houston. If you're not up for a ride or the weather doesn't cooperate, plan to join us for lunch, starting around noon.