

## INTO THE RIDE #102

**RANS Rally 2011**

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*2010 RANS RALLY ATTENDEES*

The RANS Rally will be held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of September, over the Labor Day weekend. The event features 3 days of rides that vary in length and location. Come prepared to ride in either cool or warm weather (we are guessing warm), but this is Kansas, and you can be pleasantly surprised, or literally blown away!

Hotel accommodations are available close by, with several hotels being located on I-70 at US 183, just a couple miles northeast of the RANS factory.

Friday starts off with an ice cream ride from the factory at 3PM, winding through downtown Hays to a traditional soda shop. After loading up with treats we will ride about town, working our way back to the factory for a total of about 10 miles. This route will not be mapped, so riders will have to stick together, or can opt to head back to the factory after the ice cream stop. That evening, there is an opportunity to meet at Gella's for dinner at 7PM. If you wish to ride to and from dinner, bring lights!!!

Saturday is packed with activity, starting off with a choice of three rides at 8:00 AM. We launch from the factory parking lot for all three. The rides include a gravel-road ride starting with a loop around our trail behind the factory, and two road rides featuring either a long or short ride on paved rural roads. Lunch will be on your own.

Saturday afternoon starting at 1:30 PM we do a tour of the factory, and allow attendees to demo bikes and ride the test track.

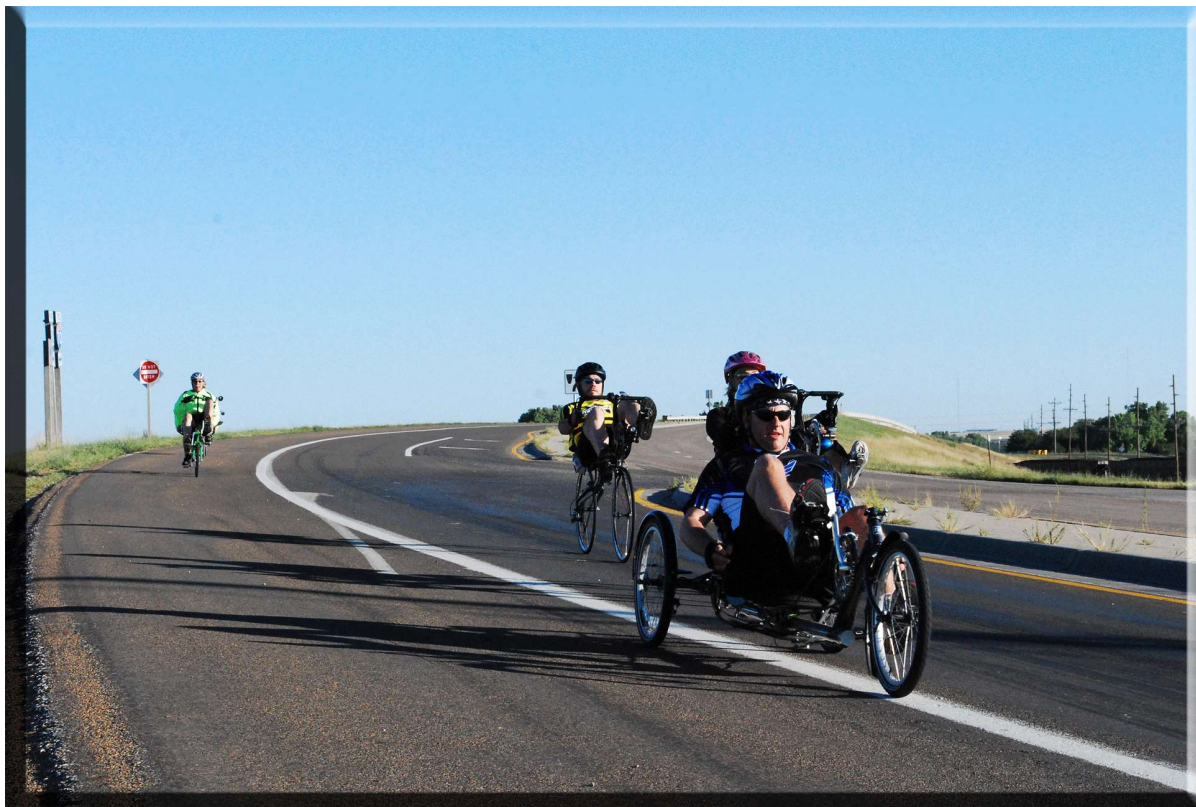
At 3:00 PM we hold an off-road time trials race on our trail behind the factory ([see ITR #100](#)). We will take the best time of two attempts.

At 5:00 PM we take a break, then meet back at the factory at 7:00 PM for a dinner of grilled delights. After the dinner we are having a surprise presentation, which in order to keep it a surprise, we cannot reveal any more!

After the presentation, guests are invited to visit and enjoy each others' company, wrapping up around 9:00 PM.

Sunday morning we meet at the parking lot of the K-18 Café located, of course, on K-18 in Lucas, Kansas, for a 26-mile ride through the back side of Wilson Lake. This is a ride with rolling hills on quiet rural roads, very beautiful, somewhat challenging. After the ride we meet at the Midland Hotel in Wilson, Kansas for a good-bye lunch.

Everyone at RANS invites you to attend the rally, and enjoy the weekend's events. I hope to see you here, and look forward to riding with you. Until next month, ride safe, and stay into the ride!







*2010 RANS RALLY PHOTOS*

## **RANS RALLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2011**

3:00 PM Ice Cream and Around Town ride. Starts and ends at factory parking lot. About 10 miles.

7:00 PM Gather for dinner at Gellas, the local micro brewery.

### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2011**

You have a choice of rides: hard-top road or gravel road.

8:00 AM Gravel Road Ride The start includes an optional loop around the RANS test track. 27.3 miles if taking the test track loop, 26 otherwise.

8:00 AM Short Road Ride 18 miles.

8:00 AM Long Road Ride 34 miles with a stop at Victoria Kansas to view the Cathedral of the Plains.

1:30 PM An afternoon at the factory, testing bikes, riding the track out back, and touring the factory.

3:00 PM Test Track Race. Race against the clock around the test track. Best time out of two attempts, winner awarded \$100 gift certificate for RANS products, and of course bragging rights!

7:00 PM Awards Dinner and Raffle at the factory, provided free to those attending the event. We will grill up some tasty dishes right on the spot. Prizes awarded for various achievements:

- Owner of the most RANS bikes
- Longest Distance traveled to Rally
- Most bling on a RANS bike

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2011**

8:30 AM Wilson Lake Ride The ride starts at K-18 Café parking lot in Lucas, Kansas, 26 miles. Riders meet for lunch at the Midland Hotel in Wilson Kansas.

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