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## **RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM TEXAS...**

Wally Bigler (#5672)

Location: Between Sealy and Columbus, Texas

Details: Bluebonnets blooming along Kulow Road on the Bruner Mill Backroads 200K Permanent

Region: Houston Randonneurs



## **25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Randonneurs USA (RUSA) started in 1998. We are celebrating our 25th Silver Anniversary with a month-long celebration in August. Be a part and get a 25th Anniversary trophy case icon for your dashboard/results page. Criteria includes:

- Entire month of August to get a RUSA Ride done
- Only rides in the United States count
- Permanents and populaires qualify
- Upon completion, this icon will appear in your dashboard/results page. Thank you to Mike Pace (#12860) for developing the icon.

## **2023 CALENDAR**

Access the [RUSA website for the 2023 schedule](#) and adventures available to you.

## **RUSA STORE**

Lots of trinkets available, shop [here](#)

## **BEHIND THE SCENES: BOARD MEETING MINUTES MISSION/VALUES/OBJECTIVES**

Do you want to know what's going on behind the scenes and where we are headed?

- Archived board of directors meeting minutes [here](#)
- Mission, values and organizational



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## RAILS TO TRAILS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Earth Day is April 22nd. What a great way to celebrate by riding one of the many Rails-to-Trails routes. We even have many popularies and permanents that include various Rails-to-Trails throughout the United States.

Access this resourceful article from Outside magazine that lists their top 25 Rails-to-Trails routes:

[Rails-To-Trails](#)

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## ADDRESS/PROFILE UPDATE

Do you have an update to your address, membership profile and/or email? Or maybe you want to change your club affiliation? We've got you covered, log in and make changes. NOTE: All changes submitted will take 48-72 hours to take effect.

[Update Here](#)

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## CONNECT WITH US ON INSTAGRAM

Thanks to John Cap'n Ende (#1484) we launched our Instagram account in the fall of 2019. In January 2022, Ben Everett (#11919) took over the helm.

Please follow [@randonneurs.us](#) to stay updated on all the happenings + tag us so we can follow and possibly share some of your adventures with our 2,520 followers.

You can even connect to our Instagram account by clicking on the Instagram icon at the very bottom of this newsletter.

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## CENTENARY 400K

Ride an Audax Club Parisien (ACP) 400k brevet event July 21st/22nd and get a special ACP commemorative 400K medal. There are currently sixteen brevets on the calendar.

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## PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEURS USA JERSEY

Last chance to order your Randonneurs USA 2023 Paris-Brest-Paris jersey manufactured by Voler. Window closes April 23rd. Purchase [here](#).

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## PARIS-BREST-PARIS PRESENTATION



This video is our 3rd Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP) Prep seminar and focuses on drop bag services and pre-registration.

UPDATE TO VIDEO PRESENTATION: The "Diary" section of the PBP website mentions [Les Randonneurs Mondiaux](#) brevets: "To register, you will have to complete between 1/11/2022 and 6/30/2023 a Super Randonneur brevet series: 200 km, 300 km, 400 km and 600 km. A missing brevet can be replaced by a brevet of a greater distance. It is even possible to replace a Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux (BRM) 600 with a BRM 1000. Only BRM and Randonneurs Mondiaux >= 1200 km will be considered."

We have confirmation from Audax Club Parisien that "a Randonneurs Mondiaux >= 1200 km can replace any requested brevet."

## NEW SPONSOR: NORTHWEST BY MOTION

One of our new sponsors, Northwest By Motion shared their fall gravel tour which is typically done as a bikepacking tour. They invite you to join them for a \*supported\* 300-mile gravel ride across Sicily through rustic small towns and villages. Additional details [here](#)



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**Randonneurs USA's mission is to promote non-competitive, long-distance cycling and serve as the sanctioning body for randonneuring events in the United States.**

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