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### SPOTLIGHT ON PERMANENTS

The Pacific Coast Permanent Populaire Series

Kitty Goursolle (RUSA #3301) has created The Pacific Coast Permanent Populaire Series which consists of 25 permanent populaires linked together from the US-Canada border to the US-Mexico border, following the rugged and scenic Pacific coast.

#### Details:

- The complete series is 2,015 miles long, with over 111,000 feet of climbing.
- A rider can do any or all of the 25 stages.
- Routes are designed to be ridden from North to South, but they could be done from South to North. This is not generally recommended due to the prevailing winds from the Northwest.
- Most of the stages begin and end at state parks with camping, or riders can stay at motels, Airbnb, or WarmShowers.

View the epic collection <u>here</u> with a breakdown and hyperlink to each stage.

Special thanks to Kitty Goursolle for this imaginative and evocative concept. A big shout out to Crista Borras, Permanents Program Chairperson, for her collaboration to bring this special series to us.

### RANDONNEURING SHOWCASED IN BICYCLING MAGAZINE!

The December 2021 issue of Bicycling magazine showcased our sport. The author highlights his adventure with the Pennsylvania Randonneurs on the Tscheschter Kaundi 200K Brevet in the fall of 2021.

**Article Here** 

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Permanent Audit Committee would like a few volunteers, no skill set required and time requirement is less than an hour a month. Interested in hearing more details? Reach out **here.** 



Photo Credit: Steve Castellano (RUSA #12952) Location: Warren Township, New Jersey Details: Roadside stop in the leafless season.



### PARIS-BREST-PARIS WEBINAR #2

In October 2021, we hosted a Paris-Brest-Paris Prep (PBP) webinar that was attended by hundreds of randonneuses and randonneurs and featured seven presenters. The video of that webinar can be viewed above. Of course not every aspect of PBP could have been covered in a single webinar, so more are planned.

We would like to invite you to attend PBP Prep Seminar #2, where we will cover the advantages and disadvantages of each start group. Additionally, we will do an overview of the route. We will also have an interview with a randonneur that has gone to PBP more than once and we'll be asking why they went the first time.

<u>WHEN:</u> Feb. 6th, 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time Zone

<u>WHO:</u> The roster of presenters are as follows:

- 1. 90 Hour Start Group: Deb Banks
- 2. 80 Hour Start Group: Max Poletto
- 3. 84 Hour Start Group: Mary Gersema
- 4. The ups and downs of the PBP Route: Mark Thomas
- 5. An Interview: Narayan Krishnamoorthy

Register **here**.

# got a favorite randonneuring photo...

We would love to see it and possibly include it in a future edition! Criteria includes: taken by member on any RUSA/ACP event, brevet, permanent, populaire, team event, and/or grand randonnee; only landscape and bikes at this time; provide location and event. Email enews@rusa.org

#### **WEBSITE UPDATE**

We have a "New Member Getting Started Guide" available on the website **here**. This is a quick guide to the most important things to find out and do as a member, especially a newer member.

You can find this on the top of our main webpage, under the Members dropdown.

Much gratitude to John Lee Ellis and our web team for making this resourceful addition possible.

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2022 <u>here</u>. You will not want to miss out on all of the benefits of membership, including receiving American Randonneur magazine and Between Controls e-news.



Photo Credit: Mark Dennin (RUSA #7009)

#### **RUSA STORE**

Lots of other sweet swag & trinkets available... take a glance to see what blingbling is available.

## BEHIND THE SCENES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Interested in seeing what is going on behind the scenes?

#### **2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Your Board has chosen the officers for 2022:

- Dave Thompson President
- Tim Sullivan- Vice President
- Dan Driscoll Treasurer
- Tim Sullivan Secretary
- Rob Hawks RBA Liaison

The rest of the 2022 Board of Directors comprises:

- Charlie Martin
- Vincent (Vinny) Muoneke
- Dawn Piech

The last Board of Directors meeting minutes are <a href="here">here</a>, archived meeting minutes are <a href="here">here</a>.

Want to chat with RUSA Headquarters? We would love to hear from you either via email at board@rusa.org or via phone <u>here.</u>

#### **CALENDAR**

Glance at the **RUSA website for the latest schedule** and adventures available to you as you begin to plan 2022!

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