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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM IOWA...

Greg Smith (#8170)

Location: On the High Trestle Trail Bridge, crossing the Des Moines River Valley

Details: Dan Diehn (#3812) and Eric Peterson (#2812) on the Ames to Audubon 400k on May 7th, 2023

Region: Iowa Randonneurs



TOP TUBE BAGS

We recognize that there are so many bike bag solutions available. Have you used a top tube bag in your randonneuring adventures and had issues with stability (either initially or after time) with it leaning to one side or the other?

In this Bikepacking article review, Cass Gilbert and Neil Beltchenko check out Tailfin's latest release, a range of five top tube packs available in three sizes and with two closure systems. This article presents some great ways to think about bicycle luggage.

[Tailfin Top Tube Packs Review](#)

NEW JERSEY-KITS AND REFLECTIVE VESTS NOW AVAILABLE

Store closes June 26th!



Show your Randonneurs USA Pride with some new swag!

TRUTH AND DIGNITY

On July 24th, 2022 Erick Cedeno (aka Bicycle Nomad), crossed into St. Louis, Missouri, after spending 41 days in the saddle. The 1900-mile journey born of a commitment to bring truth and dignity to an often forgotten part of history.

Erick's ride serves as not only an invitation to learn the story, but also a means of paying homage to the Buffalo Soldiers' 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps by reliving their history.



Additional details on the Buffalo Soldiers' 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps [here](#)

SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES WITH US!

Don't forget to tag @randonneurs.us in your shared adventures via Instagram so we can follow your journeys! And follow our Instagram by clicking on the button in the footer below.

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

Interested in seeing what's going on behind the scenes and where we are headed?

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

2023 CALENDAR

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

We are excited to announce a national jersey, which also includes matching arm warmers, knee warmers, vests, caps, jerseys, shorts, jackets and gloves. There are two full kits on offer which include the color options of blue and pink. We also have three colors of reflective vests available in orange, yellow and pink.

The reflective vests:

- Have three pockets in the back
- Have a two way zipper
- Are made of technical fabric
- Are race cut fit so tighter than club cut jerseys. *NOTE: You may want to consider sizing up when worn over a jersey with full rear pockets and/or over a long sleeved jersey.*
- Are sized the same as Voler regular vests for comparison.
- Are compliant with Paris-Brest-Paris rules, in terms of Hi Vis and square inches of reflective, but are not EN 1150 or EN ISO 20471 certified.

All orders will be direct with Voler.

The ordering window closes June 26th, and will be shipped Aug 4th.

Thank you to everyone who worked on these designs, development and initiative, with a special shout out of gratitude to Amy Gumprecht (#11669).

NOTE: For all 5 of these categories we will need 25 items each, for the orders to go to production. For the kits a combination of gloves, caps, jerseys, shorts will all count toward the 25 minimum. If not all of the reflective vest colors make the minimum 25 count once the window closes, you will have the option to either get a refund or move your order to a different colorway to make the minimum.



[View + Purchase NEW swag here](#)

NEW MEMBER RESOURCES

Are you a new member? Welcome to our "Big Tent" of cycling! If you need a quick reference on everything we have to offer, check out our New Member "Getting Started" page on the main page of our website.

[Getting Started + Resources](#)



Randonneuring has been at the heart Rene Herse Cycles since 1938. Reborn in Seattle in the early 2000s, Rene Herse offers a curated program of tires, handlebars, generator hubs, lights and other components specifically designed and tested for long-distance riding. More information at renehersecycles.com

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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