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## TOP TEN WAYS TO CONNECT + STAY CONNECTED WITH RANDONNEURS USA:

1. [Website and Announcements](#) on our main webpage
2. [American Randonneur](#) quarterly journal
3. Email [board@rusa.org](mailto:board@rusa.org)
4. [Between Controls](#) monthly e-newsletter
5. Randonneurs USA Google [group](#)
6. Regions [list](#)
7. Public Facebook [page](#)
8. Members ONLY Facebook [page](#)
9. [Instagram](#)
10. [YouTube](#)

You are automatically signed up to receive both the quarterly American Randonneur journal and Between Controls monthly e-newsletter when you join.

## SWAG / KITS STORE OPEN



## BEHIND THE SCENES

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

Archived board of directors meeting [minutes](#)

Mission, values and organizational [principles](#)

## RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW OF AUDAX ATLANTA ON A MEMORIAL RIDE

*"For many years the Audax Atlanta Club has held a 100K populaire in December. We typically ride it audax style, which is a great reminder that so much of what makes randonneuring fun and meaningful is our companions along the way. After our friend Jim Shanni (#4524) died unexpectedly in 2023, we renamed this December 100K the Jim Shanni Memorial Ride. Jim's brother-in-law and nephew have ridden with us, making our remembrance of Jim even more special. This route has an out-and-back section to Rutledge, GA. When we rode it on December 14, 2024, Santa was hanging out in the town gazebo. Everyone was a good sport to stop for a group photo with Santa." -Betty Jean Jordan (#9026)*



The Randonneurs USA blue + pink kits and additional apparel are available for purchase via Voler. There are 41 items available including a new hoodie.

Store closes January 20th.

**PURCHASE BLUE KIT + SWAG**

**PURCHASE PINK KIT + SWAG**

## FUEL YOUR RANDONNEURING WANDERLUST

Access our [calendar](#)

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Types of [events](#)

Types of [awards](#)

## RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW OF PETER WHITE CYCLES



Photo Credit: Local merchant

Location: Rutledge, Georgia

Details: Seated (L-R): Angelo DeSimone, Santa; Standing (L-R) John Butler, Ian Flitcroft, David Bolocan, Jake Cummings (Jim Shanni's nephew), Betty Jean Jordan, Brian Burke, Dick Marklein.

## PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPO 2025

We will be at the 14th annual [Philadelphia Bike Exposition](#) on March 8-9th, 2025 at the Philadelphia Convention Center!

Come and join our "Rando Party Peloton" with three ways to celebrate + share our community:

- Stop by booth #3104 in "Rando Alley"
- Check out our dynamic panel seminar on Saturday at 3:00 pm
- Join the 107k Populaire hosted by the Pennsylvania Randonneurs on Saturday

Final details will be shared next month here and on all of our social media channels, so stay tuned...

## WEB SITE UPDATES

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[master] {origin/master} {origin/HEAD} [Bug 1003] Truncate br
[Bug 778] Sort results during UAFprep invocations.
[Bug 1012] Just kidding, UAF certs can go up to 18 characters
[Bug 1012] Set cert length limit to 15 instead of 11 for UAFB
[Bug 994] Add some polish to the Perl Club Search in preparat
[Bug 992] Fix wedged member request by making it think an add
[Bug 1005] Use HTML-encoding when printing perm route names.
[Bug 1005] Add more HTML encoding for brevet route names in c
[Bug 1005] Use HTML-encoding for brevet route names.
[Bug 1002] Don't ask for foreign LRM documentation in award a
Include UAF brevets in RUSA SR trophy case designation. Updat
[Bug 981] Update a few more instances of 'LRM' to 'LRM'
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The Web Team sends updates to the Board every month, and now these have been **posted** for you to access. These are linked on the Records page of our website.

There's lots going on with the website. This is a way to keep up with new features you may like, and issues you may find

interesting.



Photo Credit: Patrick Chin-Hong (#6365)  
Location: Peter White Cycles, Hillsborough New Hampshire  
Details: A visit with long-time American Randonneur advertiser Peter White at his barn in September 2024.

**PETER WHITE CYCLES**

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Renew your membership, change your club affiliation, change your address or e-mail in one easy step.

**RENEW / UPDATE PROFILE**

NOTE: if you participate in the Permanents Program, remember to also join/renew. You can do this by clicking on the **Member Log in** link at the upper right corner of the home page. Then go to My Account and click on the Permanents link.

## 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Photo Credit: Dawn Piech (#10146)  
Location: Everywhere in our Randonneurs USA community  
Details: All incoming and outgoing Board of Directors on the December 8th, 2024 leadership meeting.

Your Board has chosen the 2025 officers in our January meeting:

- President: Dave Thompson
- Vice President: Dawn Piech
- Secretary: Gardner Duvall
- Treasurer: Lois Springsteen (not a Board member)

The remaining Board Members are:

- RBA-L (Regional Brevet Administrator-Liaison) Chris Argo
- Director: Bill Bryant
- Director: Charlie Martin
- Director: John Lee Ellis

## A VIEW FROM A DECEMBER 130K POPULAIRE & THE SAN DIEGO RANDONNEURS

Twas the day before Festivus and all around town  
 All the shoppers for Christmas in cars with a frown  
 They will drive from one mall to another, all stressed  
 At their tasks to buy presents, becoming depressed  
 But the randonneurs ride on that Festivus eve  
 You will breathe in fresh air and these blessings receive:  
 To be out with your friends and to share in the cheers



Then to finish it off with good food and great beers!  
That the feats of your strength you will show when you're done  
Plus new places to see and share laughter and fun.  
Not airing of grievances but this for yuletide:  
May your stomachs be full and each day a great ride!

**May 2025 bring fun adventures on or off our bikes.**



Photo and Parody Credit: Wei Sun (#9917)

Location: San Diego, California

Details: San Diego Randonneurs at their 2nd Annual Festivus populaire (Harbison Caynon 130k) and post ride party.

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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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