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## RANONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM NEW JERSEY



Photo Credit: Nigel Greene (#6245)

Location: Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Details: A cold start to the partial pre-ride of the "Hope to New Hope 200k" on January 1st, 2025.

## REGION HIGHLIGHT: WISCONSIN WESTERN REGION / DRIFTLESS RANONNEURS

## BEHIND THE SCENES

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## RANONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM THE ASHEVILLE INTERNATIONAL RANONNEURS

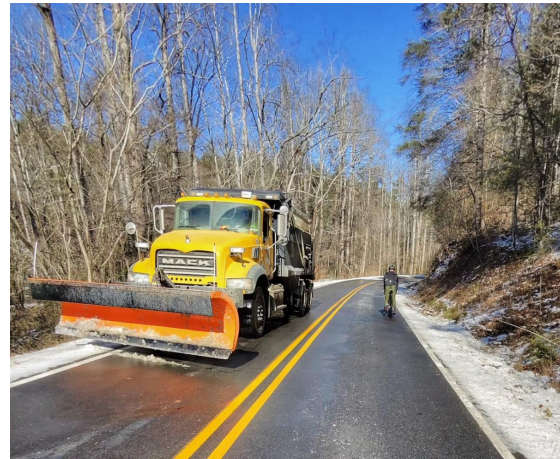


Photo Credit: Dana Messina (#15765)

Location: Nebo, North Carolina

Details: Carl Bolterstein (#17753) on the Lake James 100k on January 12, 2025. The ride was delayed 1 day due to winter storm Cora.

## TOGETHER WE RIDE. TOGETHER WE INSPIRE.



Photo Credits: Greg Smith (#8170)

Regional Brevet Administrator Greg Smith (#8104) invites you to come see what riding in the Driftless region of southwestern Wisconsin is all about: quiet roads, challenging climbs and beautiful vistas. He promises that no matter where you've been, in the country or around the world, you'll find some of the best riding anywhere.

Greg built the region 10 years ago and offers distances ranging from 100k populaires to the 1000k "Tour of the Driftless" and an 8k600k.

For those looking for more of a challenge, the Tour of the Driftless 1000k, held around the summer solstice, gives the opportunity to sample all the best things the region has to offer: quiet roads, challenging climbs and beautiful ridgetop vistas with the added bonus that the route passes through four states (IA, IL, MN, WI) for those chasing American Explorer points.

**DRIFTLESS RANDONNEURS**

### PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPO 2025

Come and join our "Rando Party Peloton"



Join the 6th annual International Women's Day Together We Ride global empowerment peloton on March 8th through March 11th.

Come and celebrate the 114th anniversary of International Women's Day.

Everyone is welcome.

**TOGETHER WE RIDE**

### AMERICAN RANDONNEUR AWARD: SUSAN GRYDER



The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the 2024 American Randonneur Award was awarded to Susan



and celebrate our community at the 14th annual Philadelphia Bike Exposition on March 8-9th, 2025:

- Come visit booth #3104 in "Rando Alley", a rando-centric location near Rivendell, Coast Cycles, Chapman Cycles, Bassi and Rivet Cycle Works.
- Dynamic panel presentation on March 8th at 3:00 pm.
- **107k Populaire** hosted by the Pennsylvania Randonneurs on March 8th at 8:00 am.

## PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPO

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Gryder (#9931).

Susan has been a member of Randonneurs USA since 2014, volunteering and supporting events for all three Florida regions, from 200k to 1600k and everything in between. She manages a major part of the RUSA store and exemplifies the "unsung hero" RUSA volunteer. Susan steps up to the plate whenever that's required.

Upon receiving the award, Susan shared: *"Words cannot express how touched I was at receiving the American Randonneur Award for 2024. As Joshua Haley stated, "it's not often Susan is at a loss for words." I was left speechless and in tears when I was presented with the award. It was a conspiracy! I had no idea! Thank You is not a strong enough phrase! I was hit by a car in 2023 & have been unable to ride. I have always believed in giving back to my community & what I love. I have been volunteering for RUSA since I joined in 2014. Volunteering in 2023 & 2024 provided even greater meaning. It allowed me to continue to be a part of my cycling family. The journey doesn't have to be mine to be incredibly valuable."*

Additional details will be in the next issue of our American Randonneur magazine.

**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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