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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM PENNSYLVANIA



Photo Credit: Brad Layman (#14291)

Location: Water Gap, Pennsylvania

Details: Anton Lindberg (#13708) rides through a mid-April snow on the Pennsylvania Randonneurs Water & Wind Audax Club Parisien (ACP) brevet 300k on April 12, 2025.

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HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE: IN THE NEWS

Sheri Rosenbaum (#18011) joined our "Big Tent of Cycling" in March 2025 and attended her first event on April 5th.

She shared her experience in her article titled "Randoneuring Rookie: Tales from the Long Road" in the April issue of Road Bike Rider.

ARTICLE

Do you have something you would like to share? Maybe you have a photo, story or a favorite "rando centric" article?

Feel free to share it with enews@rusa.org.

BEHIND THE SCENES

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Kat Leyh (#15954) shares, *"Nocturne is a non-fiction podcast that covers practically anything, with the only theme being 'night'. So the first episode that features randonneuring starts with a description of riding your bike through the night. The host, Vanessa Lowe, goes on to describe the sport, and speaks with a few seasoned randos about Paris-Brest-Paris and what it's like to ride incredible distances, sometimes through the night.*

This was the first I had ever heard of randonneuring and I was instantly intrigued. My kind of cycling had started from a purely practical place - I needed to get around the city and run errands. At the time I listened to those episodes, I'd also been getting into long distance riding through bikepacking with a local organization, Out Our Front Door. I was learning that I really loved the sense of accomplishment that came from riding long distances.

So the sport interested me, but I also realize the other major aspect of randonneuring that was emphasized in those episodes was the camaraderie. I was slow to start with randonneuring (I only did one 200k my first year) but with the new Chicago Randonneurs region in 2024, I've really felt that sense of community. There's always an enthusiastic group to ride with, ready to give motivation and advice. "Joy shared is doubled and sorrow shared is halved"; I'm sure we can all think of a ride or two that applies to! I'm looking forward to longer attempts and shorter times with my club!"

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM LANDS END



Photo Credit: Wei Sun (#9917)

Location: Lands End, England

Details Left to Right: Bill Watts (#5365), Michael Chalfant (#10340), Matt Vining (#12776), Wei Sun (#9917) and Mimo DeMarco (#12711) at the start of Lands End to John O'Groats (LEJOG) 1400k in Country Cornwall on the morning of July 28, 2024.

ROULEUR

The Rouleur award is a domestic award earned by completing at least one event within each type and distance in the same calendar year:

- a 100-124 km populaire
- a 125-149 km populaire
- a 150-199 km populaire
- a 200-220 km brevet
- an 8-hour Dart populaire team randonnée of 120 km or longer. At least three team members must finish the ride together for this event to count for the award.

Each ride must be an event on the Randonneurs USA calendar.

Permanents and foreign events cannot be used to earn this award.

The award can only be earned once per calendar year.

Longer events cannot be substituted for shorter events (e. g., a 130 km populaire cannot be used for the 100-124 km counting event requirement; a 13.5-hour Dart team randonnée cannot be used for the 8-hour Dart team populaire.)

Congratulations to all of our Rouleur **Awardees.**

Here are the links to the Nocturne 2-part episode:

Additional [details](#) about the Rouleur.

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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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