

2018 American Randonneur Award

DAN SHADOAN

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Dan, ever the organizer.

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Dan Shadoan, recently retired as RBA of Davis, CA, was the president of the Davis Bike Club (DBC) long before RUSA was constituted. In fact, under the umbrella of International Randonneurs, riders affiliated with DBC participated in Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP) as early as 1979. In 1990, Dan helped to start the Davis brevet series that continues to this day. In 1991, he organized a 1000km in addition to the series, creating multiple opportunities for riders to qualify and be ready for PBP.

Dan successfully finished PBP three times: 1991, 1995, and 1999.

In 1995, Davis sent the most riders (over 100) to PBP and was awarded a trophy from Audax Club Parisian for doing so. In addition, the DBC was presented a second trophy for bringing the most women to PBP and a third

from the Mayor of Paris for bringing visitors to the event. Riders who qualified through the DBC did better than the U.S. average, which added another feather to the DBC cap. Dan's tireless mentoring, support, and behind-the-scenes work had a significant impact on these PBP results.

Dan also had a hand in the birth of RUSA. Dan and the DBC sponsored Bill Bryant to travel to Boston for the initial meetings that launched RUSA.

Davis then became the “patron club” of RUSA, helping to seed its beginnings with DBC funds. Without Dan's support, RUSA would not be where it is today, the largest randonneuring organization outside of France.

Finally, under Dan's guiding hand the Gold Rush Randonnée (GRR) was created. With support from others, it had been decided that it was time for the Western United States to have a 1200km. The GRR, the second grand randonnée to be developed in the U.S. (behind Boston-Montreal-Boston), has been run successfully every four years since 2001. Dan has been at the helm of the event five times.

The DBC has much to celebrate as a club, but the leadership of Dan Shadoan and Ann Lincoln (his smarter half!) have been crucial in establishing randonneuring in Northern California, and he has also had a nationwide impact on our sport. As an accomplished rider, a mentor to countless randonneurs for decades, a person who had the vision to help create the organization we now call RUSA, and a guy who got

Dan speaks to Gold Rush Randonnee riders.

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RUSA #14 and #15 volunteering at California Central Coast 1200k in 2014.

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Below, Dan works the computers during a Gold Rush Randonnee ride.

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up at 4:00am to bring donuts and coffee to the start of all of the events he hosted, Dan Shadoan is this year's well-deserved recipient of the American Randonneur Award. 🚴



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We welcome submissions of interest to readers of *American Randonneur*. Articles with photos or other visual elements are particularly welcome. While the focus of AR is on randonneuring events held in the U.S., articles on international events are also published.

Types of articles include but aren't limited to the following:

- Ride reports
- Ride promotional articles
- Technical articles
- Gear articles
- Training, health, nutrition articles
- Humorous articles
- Collage articles incorporating tweets, facebook quotes and/or short quotes from blog posts
- Reprints of blog posts (occasionally. Material not printed elsewhere is preferred, however, exceptions may be made.)
- Reports on non-rando long-distance/endurance events of interest to randos
- Letters to the editor
- Book reviews
- Cartoons
- Sketches

Length of articles: articles of up to 2000 words would be appropriate. There is no minimum length requirement, but please contact the editor if you wish to write more than 2000 words.

Photos: must be high resolution and unaltered. They can be submitted as attachments to email messages. Other options are available and can be discussed with the editor.

How to submit articles: articles should be sent as Word files (no PDFs, no links to blog posts) to editor@rusa.org or jchernekoff@yahoo.com. Send photos separately; do not include them in articles.

The editor reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity, accuracy and brevity.

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