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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM AN OHIO ROULEUR



Photo Credit: Sydney Chinchana (#18337)

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Details: Midwest fun and sunshine at the Central Ohio 107 KM
Rouleur on 8/9/25

ARIZONA ROULEUR WEEK: FEBRUARY 11-16TH, 2026



PERMANENT PROGRAM FEE \$0

The annual Permanent Program fee of \$10/year has been removed for 2026.

The annual permanent fee began in 2020, with the introduction of the new permanent program. This coincided with when we opened up riding during the pandemic.

Before that, there were permanent route owners, who could charge a fee per ride.

Questions, contact board@rusa.org

PERMANENT PROGRAM

CLIMBING RESULTS DISPLAYED

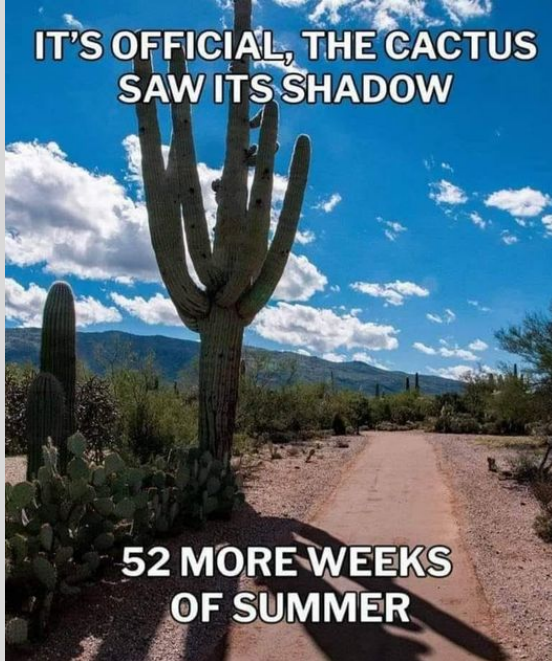
Beginning on January 1, 2026, your results will be expanded to include meters of climbing. The data collected in 2026 will be used to establish climbing award tiers, and then climbing awards will be given for 2026 and future years.

- RWGPS routes will be used to determine the climbing for any given brevet, permanent, or team event.
- The climbing recorded by your GPS device will not be the measure for the amount of your climbing.
- Team event climbing will be optional, based on your approved route.

With the 2026 climbing data collected, the Board will be able to determine realistic tiers for annual and lifetime climbing. For goal-setting in 2026, however, you might want to think about increments of 10,000 meters (32,808 feet).

Questions, contact board@rusa.org

**IT'S OFFICIAL, THE CACTUS
SAW ITS SHADOW**



**52 MORE WEEKS
OF SUMMER**

Are you wondering how long you'll be cooped up on your trainer in your basement this winter?

Do you want to get away from shoveling your driveway and scraping the ice off of your windshield?

Are you thinking about how to treat yourself and/or your sweetheart to a fun, relaxing, sun-filled time on Valentine's Day?

Join Arizona Randonneurs as they host a Rouleur Week on February 11-16, 2026.

- Six days of camaraderie, sun, warmth and cycling
- Do the entire series or ride the day or distance that suits you
- The Rouleur award distances include a 100k, 125k, 150k, 200k and a Dart Team event
- Post team event BBQ with the Regional Brevet Administrator, Mike Sturgill (#1847) at his home

Start your planning now!

Phoenix is a very desirable cycling and outdoor destination in February.

DETAILS / FORMAT / LODGING

**NEED INPUT: MARKETING /
EXPOSITIONS / LOCAL EVENTS**

We want to grow our community and need

**FEELING GRATEFUL.
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2025
VOLUNTEERS.**



We appreciate the hard work, dedication and service of all of our 2025 volunteers.

As a token of our sincere appreciation, Regional Brevet Administrators (who requested some) will receive both patches and stickers to distribute to their designated volunteers.

A RANDONNEURING POEM

Randonneuring Wishes

I wish to ride all day, I wish to ride the night
I wish to earn trinkets that shine in the light.
I wish for companions that are just right
I wish for roads that are smooth and long
I wish for a world where we could forget our troubles and just ride along...

by Robert Booth (#4957)

your input. Your ideas are crucial as we continue to expand!

What are the best opportunities for us to have a presence?

Events: Where should we showcase RUSA at? Think bike swaps, expos, or outdoor events (non-RUSA) in the US.

Marketing: What are your general, outside-the-box ideas for advertising and outreach?

Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

AMERICAN RANDONNEUR AWARD: NOMINATIONS OPEN

This is awarded annually to a member who has made significant and outstanding contributions to randonneuring in the United States.

Nominations are open and are being accepted by Tim Sullivan (#28) until December 15th by contacting amrandaward@rusa.org.

NOTE: All nominations received must also be accompanied by a supporting statement to be accepted.

Award details, instructions for nominating and a list of previous recipients can be found at [this link](#).

FUEL YOUR RANDONNEURING WANDERLUST

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BEHIND THE SCENES

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



Photo Credit: Melissa Hardin

Location: Madison, Wisconsin

Details: Robert Booth (#4957) sharing his randonneuring pride in the midwest.

VOTE

Our Randonneurs USA voting started on November 1st. We use Election Buddy to cast your vote and the ballots were emailed from Election Buddy on November 1st.

NOTE: If you joined after November 1st, you will receive an email to vote from our election official.

Candidate statements and completed recorded interviews are available [here](#).

If you have questions, contact Don Hamilton (#684) at election@rusa.org

"Randonneuring creates opportunities for generosity."

-quote from Bill Watts (#5365), founder and Regional Brevet Administrator of the Indiana Randonneurs 2014-2025

headed?

Board of directors meeting [minutes](#)

2025 strategic [goals](#)

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Do you have a fun rando photo, video or something you think would be nice to highlight in a future monthly newsletter?

Share with us at enews@rusa.org

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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