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## INTERVIEW: NIGEL GREENE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON



Peter Curley, host of the *Paris-Brest-Paris Stories* podcast, shares an interview from last fall with Nigel Greene (#6245) our intrepid Membership Chairperson.

Nigel rides with both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Randonneurs and is a two-time Paris-Brest-Paris finisher (2015 and 2019). In this interview from last fall, he discusses his experience at the 2025 London-Edinburgh-London, which was unexpectedly cut short when a severe summer storm forced a mid-ride cancellation.

Additionally Nigel shares some randonneuring tips which include:

- Sleep will make you faster.
- It's always a privilege not a punishment.
- Always keep moving forward.

## PORT TO PORT: A 6,550 km Retirement Project

## RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: VIEWS OF THE MINNESOTA RANDONNEURS



Photo Credits: Minnesota Randonneurs

## THE ART OF TAKING IT SLOW

Last September, *New Yorker* magazine showcased an article about Grant Petersen, the bicycle designer, writer and founder of Rivendell Bicycle Works.

Petersen has written that bikes can “just about save the world, or at least make you



happy." He also urges people to get comfortable bikes, and go easy.

Is Grant maybe talking about "Slow Roll Rando?"

## ARTICLE

### 2025 AMERICAN RANDONNEUR AWARD: Rob Hawks



The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the 2025 American Randonneur Award was awarded to Rob Hawks (#2515 ).

Rob has been a dedicated member of Randonneurs USA since 2004, supporting the organization through numerous leadership roles both on and off the Board of Directors. His service includes terms as President (2016) and Vice-President (2013–2015). Since 2007, he has served as the Regional Brevet Administrator (RBA) for the San Francisco Randonneurs and recently concluded a four-year term as the RBA Liaison (2021–2024). Additionally, Rob has chaired the Brevet Committee, served on the Membership and inaugural Gravel Committees, and has represented Randonneurs USA at the annual Audax Club Parisien (ACP) meetings in France.



In August, Joe Ray (#10408) started his Port-to-Port American Randonneur quest with his wife, Michelle (#13998). After decades of work, his first official order of business in retirement was to trade the office chair for the saddle and the daily grind for the road on an eight week adventure.

His audacious goal was a coast-to-coast ride connecting 35 brand-new, linked RUSA permanents from Seaside,

Upon receiving the award, Rob shared: *"My randonneuring mentor, Bruce Berg (#1349) showed me that by giving back to our sport, all the gifts received are just amplified. Volunteering in such a way that others coming to the sport of randonneuring get the same experience as I had is the polestar that I use to guide myself. Bruce and many others helped me*

Oregon, to Portland, Maine.

Fun Rando Facts:

- 32 of 35 permanents completed
- Total distance - 6,550 km
- 36 riding days
- Only three days involved rain
- Only two flat tires

Stay tuned to the next American Randonneur issue as Joe shares the full story of his planning and adventure with Lefty's (his wife's nickname) on their 8-week Port-to-Port adventure.

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## RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM KENTUCKY



Photo Credit: Robert Sexton (#7622)

Location: Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Minnesota Randonneur Dan Diehn (#3812) on the [Lickskillet Loop permanent](#) on 1/17/26 as he continued his R-12 streak at 57 months in a row.

Dan shared: "I was looking for somewhere warmer to ride over the three-day weekend. With the whole middle part of the country in a cold snap, the best I could find was Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Ended up riding the Lickskillet Loop perm. It was cold but the roads were dry and perfect. Starting temp of 14° that warmed to 31° with brilliant sunshine. One of the best perm routes I've ridden. Great scenery, no traffic, and perfect pavement. Got to ride with Robert Sexton as a big bonus. The streak survives at 57 months! Now just need to drive the 9 hours home."

*when I started out and that is what I wanted to do for others. The honor of receiving the American Randonneur of the Year Award tells me that I might have just gotten it right."*

Additional details about Rob and his service to our community will be in the next issue of our American Randonneur magazine.

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## AMERICAN EXPLORER INTERACTIVE MAP

You can visualize American Explorer locations you've visited on an interactive map. It plots the locations that you've claimed via the American Explorer award by default. You can toggle to include unclaimed credit (if you don't have 10 locations yet, or if there are some pending credit discrepancies).

If you want to go on a state hunting expedition with other members, you can also plot multiple people together to get a visual sense of what would benefit the group as a whole.

The tool is linked from the American Explorer details page and from the awardees list.

[SEE YOUR MAP](#)

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## RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM MARYLAND

TOGETHER WE RIDE.  
TOGETHER WE INSPIRE.



Join the 7th annual International Women's Day Together We Ride global empowerment peloton on March 8th through March 11th. Come and celebrate the 115th anniversary of International Women's Day.

There are currently 22 regions that have scheduled rides on our calendar in this timeframe.

Everyone is welcome.

**TOGETHER WE INSPIRE**

### REGIONAL MEET UP: PHILADELPHIA IN MARCH

Come visit our booth #221 at the 15th annual [Philadelphia Bike Exposition](#) on March 14-15th at the Philadelphia Convention Center.

Additionally, join the Pennsylvania Randonneurs on a [107k](#) populaire and pick up an unique route for your [Rando Scout](#) and/or [American Explorer](#) quest on the east coast.



Photo Credit: Bill Beck (#7622)

Location: Frederick, Maryland

Braving the elements on 1/31/26

### REGIONAL NAME CHANGES

In order to present a more cohesive identity to cyclists in the New York and New Jersey area, Will Sherman and Paul Kramer (Regional Brevet Administrators of NY: Long Island and NJ: NYC and Princeton, respectively) have asked for a name change.

As a result, you will now see the following updates:

- Long Island is now *NY: NYC and Long Island*
- NJ: NYC and Princeton is now *NJ: Princeton*

NJ: Princeton	New Jersey Randonneurs	events	info	Paul Samuel Kramer
NY: Central/Western	Finger Lakes Randonneurs	events	info	Peter W Dusel
NY: NYC and Long Island	Long Island Randonneurs	events	info	Will Sherman
NY: Saratoga	Adirondack Ultra Cycling	events	info	John J Caseri, Jr

### IN THE NEWS: BIKE VESSEL

## RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM SANTA CRUZ RANDONNEURS



Photo Credit: Juliayn Coleman (#7241)

Location: La Gloria Road, unincorporated San Benito County, CA

Conspicuity Chief Jack Holmgren (#1625) enjoying the wilds of San Benito County, along the route of the upcoming new gravel brevet La Gloria 300k, hosted by the Santa Cruz Randonneurs on March 7.

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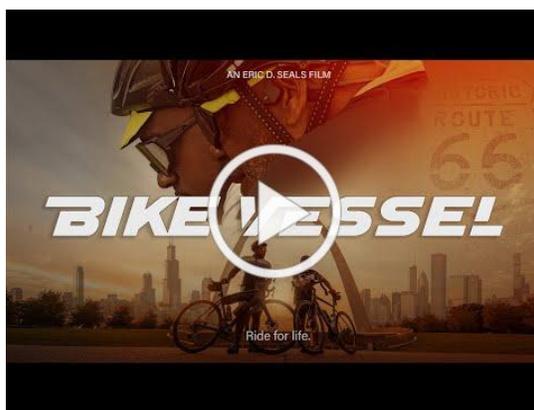


Photo Credits: Donnie Seals (#17824)

Donnie Seals (#17824) with the Chicago Randonneurs was featured in the documentary, *Bike Vessel*, which premiered in February 2025 on Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

***Bike Vessel*** shares a father and son connection while biking from St. Louis to Chicago covering 350 miles over 4 days.

From the PBS website: "In their journey, as they push each other on the bike, they find a deeper connection and a renewed appreciation of their own health and to reimagine Black health."



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## BEHIND THE SCENES

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

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## PORT TO PORT PHOTOS: Courtesy of Joy Ray (#10408)





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