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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM MARYLAND



Photo Credit: William Beck (#3446)
Location: Cambridge, Maryland
Details: No Headwinds Allowed Audax Club
Parisien 200k/300k on April 4, 2026.

20 YEARS OF R-12: CONGRATULATIONS WILLIAM BECK ON YOUR R-240



IN THE NEWS: THOMAS SOUTHWOOD



Thomas Southwood (#16181) with the Indiana Randonneurs was recently interviewed by Bicycle Indiana.

In the episode, Bicycle Indiana shared, "we interview local cyclist, Tommy Southwood. He travels all over the state and USA to ride his bike. But these rides aren't just a simple ride, they are unique approved events with the Randonneurs USA and the Indiana Randonneurs. Self supported long distance cycling events with mandatory checkpoints (controls) that has the riders racing against themselves and the clock. Tommy Southwood has been riding his bike for many years, and has fallen in love



Video and Photo Credit(s): DC Randonneurs
 Location: Cambridge, Maryland
 Details: William Beck (#3446) at the finish of his R-240; Jack Nicholson (#7203), Bill Smith (#535), Mimo Demarco (#12711) and William Beck celebrating his R-240 finish

On Saturday, April 4, 2026, William Beck (#3446) with the DC Randonneurs completed his R-240. William rode 240 consecutive months (20 years) of riding at least a 200k **every month consecutively** from 2006 to 2026. So he rode a R-12 every year for 20 years, no interruption, no stop.

William exclaimed, "It's too much fun to stop yet" and shared the following:

- He survived 4 surgeries to complete this
- He survived a can of black (gun) powder in his face
- First hilly 200k in March 2006 in 8hr:45 minute
- Flat 200k on April 2026 in 9hr:40 minute

Additionally, Gardner Duvall (#5770) exclaimed "Bill Beck, achieved his consecutive R240 on April 4, 2026. That's two Ultra R12s, but there is so much more to say about Bill. He has two Galaxy awards, an Ultra K-

with randonneuring and touring. We hope you enjoy this discussion about what randonneuring is and how to get involved."

If you have something you would like to share with our community about how your and your region are sharing Randonneurs USA with your area, we'd love to hear all about it. Reach out & share it with us at enews@rusa.org



GET GEARED UP!



Don't forget to check out the offerings in our store which include the following:

- Custom Gear bag from Pedal Industries
- Custom lightweight and midweight wool jersey from Cimi Coppi
- Socks
- Reflective leg bands
- Stickers
- Deluxe T2S Reflective Wind Resistant Vest (no pockets)

Hound, an Ultra P-12, an Ultra Randonneur, RUSA Cup, ACP Randonneur 5000, multiple 1200s including PBP, and the Rando Scout 75+, among other feats. But there's more! Bill was the original RBA for the MD: Capital Region, he serves on the RUSA Rules Committee, he is the SR600 Liaison, has contributed routes and permanent routes, and he is an active volunteer at DC Randonneurs."

Thanks to Bill for all you do and congratulations on this amazing & truly inspiring accomplishment!



OREGON RANDONNEURS



Photo Credit: Michael Powell Parish (#7841)
Location: near Forest Grove, Oregon
Details: Johnmark Larson (#15962) and Sven Gunvalson (#14085) on the Three Capes Audax Club Parisien 300k on April 4th, 2026.

Are you heading to the MADE multi-day trade/consumer bike show in Portland on August 21-23rd?

- Reflective mud flaps
- Reflective yield sign
- American Explorer Display
- Awards

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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM MARYLAND



Photo Credit: William Beck (#3446)
Location: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
Details: Krister Anderson (#15292) riding through high water with the DC Randonneurs on 4/5/26

BEHIND THE SCENES

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

Board of directors meeting [minutes](#)

2026 strategic [goals](#)

Mission, organizational objectives & value [principles](#)

UPDATED FORMAT

We've updated the email format a bit. Made some of the text a bit larger,

Or maybe you may be vacationing in the area and have some time want to pick up another unique route for your [Rando Scout](#) and/or your [American Explorer](#) quest?

Check out the Oregon Randonneurs to see all that they have to offer!

OREGON RANDONNEURS

increased the text to background contrast in some areas. A goal of continuously improving and using some web standards around accessibility to guide us.

There are also some links in the header and footer to key pages on the website. Let us know if there's anything else you need!

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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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