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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM ARIZONA



Photo Credit: Unknown

Location: Canelo Pass Road near Patagonia, Arizona

Details: Lydia Trott (#11747) representing at the [Lael Rides Komoot Women's Arizona Rally](#) on 11/13/25

RANDO RADIO: THE POWER OF WOMEN

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INTERVIEW: SARAH RICE CHICAGO RANDONNEURS



Sarah Rice (#9480) joins UltraCycling Magazine Live to share her journey from back-to-back First Woman finishes at the [Mishigami Challenge](#) in 2024 and 2025 to her bold plan for the 2026 TransAm.

As the Chicago Regional Brevet Administrator (RBA), Sarah also leads a thriving community of 140 riders, balancing personal endurance goals with grassroots leadership.

This interview:



In our first installment of Rando Radio, we interview women in our community who inspire us to continue to pedal forward together.

Dawn Piech (#10146) hosts this lively chat with:

- Terri Boykins (#7183)
- Harriet Fell (#18762)
- Melinda Lyons (#79)
- Emily O'Brien (#3597)
- Pamela Wright (#3205)

In this interactive discussion, they share how they found cycling and randonneuring, thoughts on how to grow women in cycling and their perspective on the evolution of gear and equipment.



GET GEARED UP!

- Dives into what it takes to move beyond 200 mile days
- Shares how randonneuring builds both stamina and strategy
- Explains what Sarah has learned from years of ultra-distance cycling

Whether you're chasing your next brevet or dreaming of a cross-country ride, this conversation will inspire and inform.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: HARRIET FELL



Photo Credits: [Sheldon Brown website](#) and [San Francisco Randonneuers](#)

Details: Harriet riding the 1975 Paris-Brest-Paris and recent photos from the San Francisco Randonneuers International Women's Day ride

Kim Freitas (#428) shares: *"Harriet Fell is an American cyclist and mathematician whose adventurous spirit helped blaze a trail for women in long-distance randonneuring. In 1975 she became **one of the first American women** to complete the legendary 1,200 km Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP), riding from Paris to Brest and back within the official time limit despite difficult conditions. Her PBP narrative includes rain, cobblestones, overly long French meals, fixing 5 flats on sewups, the value of speaking some French and the novelty of being American. She finished in 88 hours 40 minutes and recounted the joy she found in the communal spirit of the pelotons.*

Beyond cycling, Harriet Fell's academic life is equally impressive. She earned both her B.A. and her Ph.D. in Mathematics from MIT before a distinguished academic career that included professorships in



We have new items in our store which include the following:

- 2 new socks
- Gear Bag from Pedal Industries
- Short and long sleeve light and midweight wool jersey from Cimi Coppi

Other items in our store currently include:

- Reflective vests
- Reflective leg bands
- Reflective mud flaps
- Reflective yield sign
- Decals
- Awards and medals
- American Explorer Award display

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RANDONNEURS USA KITS
STORE OPEN UNTIL APRIL 5th



The Voler store is open now until April 5th to order the blue and/or pink kits. Shipping on May 15th.

The store includes:

- Short and long sleeve jersey in 5 style options, regular and thermal
- Wind and thermal vest
- Wind jacket
- Shorts
- Bibs
- Hats
- Arm sleeves

computer science and mathematics. This intersection of analytical rigor and physical endurance mirrors the challenges she embraced on the bike. She later married well-known cycling figure **Sheldon Brown**, the celebrated bicycle mechanic, writer, and blogger, whom she met on a Charles River Wheelmen ride, and the two shared a life rooted in both cycling culture and intellectual curiosity. Janice Cherkoff (#1172) referenced Fell's faith in herself and her willingness to extend her limits. Harriet Fell turns 81 this year and hopes to do a Populaire with San Francisco Randonneurs near her home in Oakland, California."

Welcome to Randonneurs USA Harriet (#18762). We are so glad you have joined our community.

PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPOSITION BOOTH 221

<p>Bikes & Community & Adventure & Randonneurs USA.</p>	<p>PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPO</p> <p>Philly Bike Expo Philadelphia, PA March 14 & 15, 2026</p>
<p>MARCH 14, 2026</p> <p>SATURDAY RIDES & SEMINARS</p> <p>Philadelphia PA March 14 & 15, 2026</p>	<p>SATURDAY MORNING RIDES</p> <p>PSE Gravel Ride w/ Jamaica Tourist Board Saturday, March 14th, 7:00am Meet at the Rocky Steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art Ride to the Expo with the Philly Charity Bike Rides Saturday, March 14th, Meet at 8:00am, Roll at 8:15am Meet at Broad and Race streets</p> <p>International Women's Day 107k Saturday March 14, 9:00am - Registration Required Meet at the Center Info Booth inside 30th Street Station, 30th and Park St.</p> <p>Brommie Breakfast Roll - Folders Erolo Riders Again Saturday March 14th 8:30am Meet at the Center Info Booth inside 30th Street Station, 30th and Park St.</p> <p>Ride with Dave & Bobby of the PSE Sound Saturday, March 14th, Meet at 9:00am Meet at the Bala Cynwyd SEPTA train station</p> <p>2 Hour History Tour w/ Philly Bike Tour Co. Saturday, March 14th, 9:00am</p>

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our booth at the 15th annual Philadelphia Bike Exposition on March 14-15th. It was jamming, electric and engaging in Rando Alley and our booth.

And great job [Pennsylvania Randonneurs](#) on hosting an International Women's Day 107k Populaire, with 63 registered riders.

Special thanks to the volunteers at our booth:

- Nigel Greene (#6245)
- Brad Layman (#14291)
- Emily O'Brien (#3597)
- Joe Ray (#10408)
- Mac Vergara (#12619)
- Michelle Ray (#13998)

- Cap
- Gloves

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2026 GOALS

As we look to the year ahead, we wanted to share our strategic goals so you can see where we are headed in 2026. You can also see all of our initiatives and projects.

If you have any questions, comments, or thoughts, contact rusa@board.org

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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM A SEATTLE DART POPULARIE



Photo Credit: Jan Acuff (#2163)

Location: 5 Stones Coffee in Kirkland, Washington

Details: Ladies of the Lakes and Locks team which includes from L-R: Jan Acuff, Kristi Harrington (#15897), Lisa Kennan-Meyer (#18706), Sharan Daniel (#12811) and Elizabeth Smith (#12942) on 2/28/26

- Noah Swartz (#13453)
- Jake Kassen (#3598)
- Dawn Piech (#10146)

Stay tuned to American Randonneur for a full summary.



Photo Credits: Philadelphia Bike Exposition

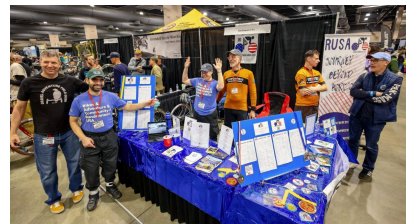
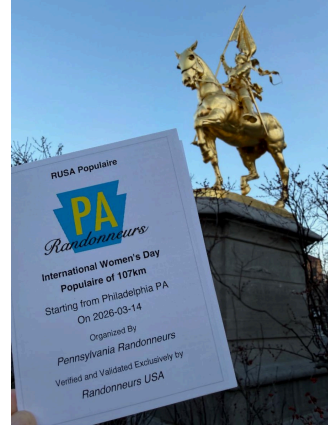
BEHIND THE SCENES

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

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RANDO MOMENTS AT THE 2026 PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPOSITION & PENNSYLVANIA RANDONNEURS 107K



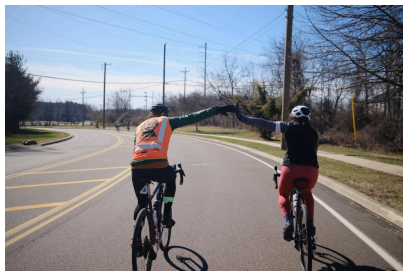
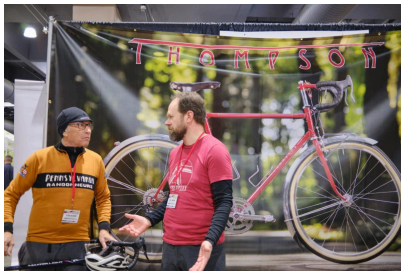


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