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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM THE SAN DIEGO RANDONNEURS



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Stephanie Garcia (#16417), Melissa Walker
(#16860), Emily Cosco (#19292), Ernesto Rivera
(#17847), Leticia Lee (#18600), Daniel Markowitz
(#18650) and Dean Dobberteen (#10847)
enjoying the 2nd Annual Bastille Day-Tour Des
Croissants 100k on 7/11/26.

UPDATED AWARDS for 2027

We have some exciting changes to announce for our awards in 2027!

First, a new award! A proposal was submitted for an award celebrating riders who have completed 10 domestic 1200ks. In evaluating this proposal we realized there was a dearth of awards acknowledging similarly difficult rides such as the 1000k, the 8k600, and the SR600. So

GETTING READY FOR PARIS- BREST-PARIS? 2026 WINDOW IS STILL OPEN

If Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP) 2027 has been sitting in the back of your mind, here's a nice bit of news: ACP brevets before October 31st still count for pre-registration. Your longest completed BRM in 2026 determines how early you can pre-register next year. A late season's 200k or 300k isn't just a good ride, it's a small head start.

The window for that optional pre-year qualification runs through October 31, 2026, which still leaves a few weekends on the calendar. The PBP qualifying series — 200k, 300k, 400k, and 600k, where a longer ride can always stand in for a shorter one — runs November 1, 2026 through June 2027, so there's no rush for qualification, but you do need to plan.

If you've got room on the schedule this fall, it's worth checking what's still out there and allowing yourself the ability to get an earlier PBP registration. And if there are ACPs in November and December which are of interest, these can start your qualification rides.

we are excited to announce a to-be-named award for riders who have completed a combined 12,000 KMs of those rides domestically. Our working title is the RUSA Grand Tour, but we're open to suggestions before finalizing. For those curious about how it will work, it will be automatically awarded and excess KMs will carry over to the next award. It will be retroactive, counting a lifetime of RUSA riding history.

Second, changes to the

Rouleur. Even though the routes themselves are much less challenging than Grand Tour events, we've seen that achieving this award can be very difficult. Only 1/3 of our regions have offered a full slate of the requisite events in the past three years, not to mention that it takes 5 rides to complete - more than the SR. A member can't miss any qualifiers, and all rides must be completed within the calendar year. To increase accessibility, we are allowing riders to use Permanents to satisfy the fixed-distance ride requirements, but only after Oct 1 in each calendar year. For the team event, we'll be developing a Permanent-based team event qualifier, again available from Oct 1 onwards. To keep riders connected to local regions at least one qualifying event must be region-calendared. Stay tuned for details! These changes to the Rouleur will take effect in 2027 and will not apply retroactively to prior years.

The Ultra Fleche award will be changed and renamed. Grand Team? Again we are open to

- Find a ride: [RUSA Event Calendar](#)
- Browse by region: [Region Search](#)
- All the PBP details: [Paris-Brest-Paris](#)
- New to registering for events? [New-Member Guide](#)

SIX MONTHS OF CLIMBING DATA

Back in January, we started tracking cumulative elevation gain across member results — RideWithGPS routes as the standard, permanents and calendared events all feeding in. We're about halfway through the first year of that, which felt like a fair point to check in.

Nothing's changing about how it works, this is just a nudge that the FAQ is still there if you're submitting permanent results and aren't sure how the direction-ridden field or free-routing adjustment applies to you.

If you've got questions the FAQ doesn't answer, board@rusa.org is still the right place to ask.

CLIMBING FAQ

EQUIPMENT DEBATE: TIRE PRESSURE AND TUBES

One of the fun things about this sport is how wide the equipment spectrum runs, and how strong the opinions are. You'll find folks doing a 400k on a steel rim-brake frame with latex tubes and a saddlebag that's older than some riders, right alongside people

suggestions. We felt that we should encourage attendance for more than the ACP Fleche so we are now including all RUSA team events: Arrow, Dart and Dart Pop. The award will be achieved by accumulating 3600 kms in team events. Of course, current Ultra Fleche awardees will automatically have accumulated 3600 kms and receive this award. Like the Grand Tour, it will be retroactive and kms will carry over to the next award. Foreign Fleche completions under ACP rules will count, up to 50% of the kms.

[AWARD UPDATES LINK](#)

MADE SHOW AND OREGON 200K

A personal invitation from Cesar Villegas and the Oregon Randonneurs to come to Oregon for their ACP 200k on August 22nd.

This ride coincides with the [MADE show](#) (cool bike stuffs!) which could make a trip more than about a ride. The route itself is BEAUTIFUL and moderately difficult with a LONG and STEADY climb as the signature feature. Feel free to reach out to the Club with any questions.

[OREGON 200k](#)

running the newest tubeless, disc brake, electronic shift carbon frame available. All approaches finish the ride. Ask someone about tires, tubes, and tire pressure, ideally at the beginning of the ride, because it can be a long discussion.

That's what makes René Herse's recent [write-up on TPU tubes](#) and tire pressure worth a read regardless of which camp you're in. It is less "you need to switch" and more a look at how small pressure and tube choices change the way a bike feels over long miles, which matters whether you're on latex or the latest polyurethane. Their [gravel tire guide](#) is a good companion piece if you're weighing options before a fall gravel brevet.

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