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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW OF RUSA #8 LOIS SPRINGSTEEN



Photo Credit: Bill Bryant (#7)
Location: San Francisco, California
Details: One of our esteemed founders the start of the AIDS/LIFE CYCLE in 2023

PONY EXPRESS PERMANENT #95

The Pony Express route saw 19th century mail transported across the United States from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California by teams of horseback riders working in relay.

Before Lachlan Morton, the 34 year old Australian EF pro cyclist, broke the 165 year record on the Pony

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM THE INDIANA RANDONNEURS



Photo Credit: Dawn Piech (#10146)
Location: Carbondale Tavern in Carbondale Indiana
Details: The Devil's Dozen 100k hosted by the Indiana Randonneurs on October 25, 2025

ELECTION UPDATES: VOTE BY NOVEMBER 30TH

On November 1st, you should have received an email to vote ***from Election Buddy directly. Any questions, please reach out to our Election Chairperson Don Hamilton at election@rusa.org***

- Elections open from November 1st through November 30th.
- The email that you will receive:

Express this fall, a pioneer in our own community identified the allure of the route before it was hip.

In 2007, Regional Brevet Administrator Spencer Klaassen developed a point-to-point 3079 km permanent (#95: currently inactive). It is the longest permanent in our database, a 6 state, 3000km monster from St. Joseph, MO to Sacramento, CA.

In 2008, Spencer Klaassen (#1989) and Danny Clinkinbeard (#1834) rode the point-to-point permanent. The route covered 6 states with 95,000 feet of climbing.



As Spencer recently shared, *"Danny and I met Thomas Faust on US-50 in Nevada by total chance. US-50 is known as "The Loneliest Road in America, " but it wasn't lonely enough to keep three cyclists from meeting up."* And interesting enough, all there are Randonneurs USA members.

There is a 2009 American Randonneur article (Vol 12, Issue 1) about their adventure if you would like to know more.

Take a gander from our American Randonneur Magazine archives to learn more about his inspiration and

From: Randonneurs USA <**invit...@mail.electionbuddy.com**>

- The content of the email will look like this for reference (*NOTE: 2026 ballot as an example*)

Vote now: Randonneurs USA - 2026 RUSA Board of Directors Election

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You are invited to vote in the Randonneurs USA - 2026 RUSA Board of Directors Election.

The voting deadline is Nov 30 2025 11:45pm Eastern Time (US & Canada).

We are using an online election system to tabulate the vote. You have been assigned a unique access key which can only be used to vote once and your voting choices will remain anonymous. Do not forward this email. Do not reply to this email to vote, as your vote will not be registered.

If you have questions or want to be removed from notifications regarding this vote, please email Randonneurs USA at election@rusa.org.

Remember, once you submit your vote, it cannot be changed.

To vote, visit:

https://secure.electionbuddy.com/BFBW-5FL4-YGSS-SVLK/

Or copy and paste the link into your web browser.

You can also visit https://secure.electionbuddy.com/ballot/ and enter **"BFBW-5FL4-YGSS-SVLK"**

Unsubscribe from any further emails about this election.

ElectionBuddy
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The following members are slated on the ballot.

Regular Board Positions

Deb Banks (#4405)
John Hugo Ellis (#18381)
Jonas Nygard (#6335)
Joseph Ray (#10408)
Kevin Williams (#13395)
Pam Wright (#3205)

Regional Brevet Administrator (RBA-L) Liaison

Wei Sun (#9917): by process of acclamation

their adventure on the Pony Trail Permanent #95.

READ AMERICAN RANDONNEUR ARTICLE

This fall, Lachlan Morton completed the 1,998 mile route in 6 days, 21 hours and 15 minutes, covering an average of more than 400km a day.

This article in the Atlantic shares how this record was broken this fall. As author Jessica Hopkins shares, *"Lachlan Morton is living testimony to the old Muhammad Ali maxim that impossible is a matter of opinion. In 2021, he rode every stage of the Tour de France unsupported; three years later, he completed an 8,823-mile (14,200km) lap around Australia in record time. Then, last month, he set his sights on the Pony Express."*

READ ATLANTIC ARTICLE

WHO IS YOUR RANDO SUPERHERO?

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**

All interviews are available to view.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW OF THE PONY TRAIL PERMANENT #95



Photo Credit: Spencer Klaassen (#1989)
Location: US-50 in Nevada
Details: A chance meeting between Spencer Klaassen, Danny Clinkinbeard (#1834) and Thomas Faust (#3086) on "The Loneliest Road in America back in 2008.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: MARKETING BETWEEN CONTROLS

We are looking to grow our team in Marketing and Between Controls. Are you interested in learning more?

We would love to chat more, contact **dawnpiechrusa@gmail.com** to chat & get details.

FEELING GRATEFUL. THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2026 VOLUNTEERS.

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**.

PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPOSITION 2027

VISIT OUR BOOTH at the 16th Philadelphia Bike Exposition on May 8-9th, 2027 at the Philadelphia Convention Center.

Come on out, enjoy the **Philly Bike Show** & connect with us. Let's meet for a bike ride and/or a coffee on the east coast!

Details to follow once finalized on all of our communication platforms.

Come one, come all to the "City of Brotherly LOVE" and consider this an invitation...



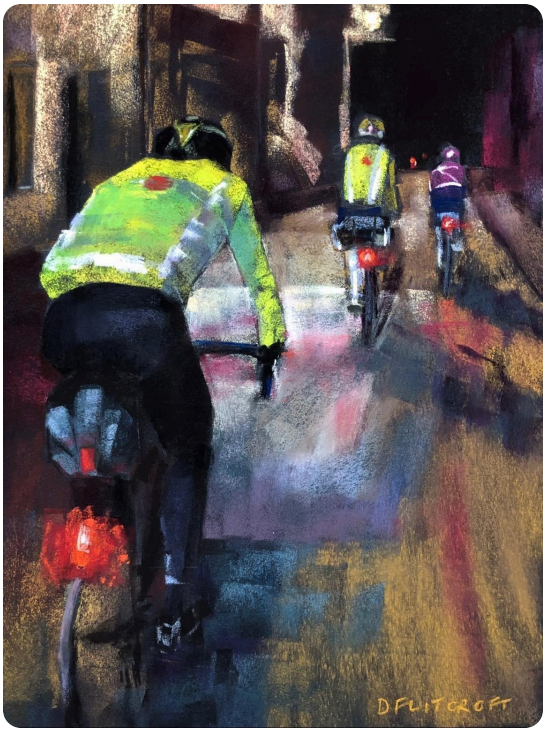
Super Audax Randonneurs USA Volunteer

We appreciate the hard work, dedication and service of all of our 2026 volunteers.

As a token of our sincere appreciation, Regional Brevet Administrators (who requested some) have received patches to distribute to their designated volunteers.

We would like to also recognize the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and all of committee members.

We have a stellar village of volunteers in our cycling "Big Tent"









RELENTLESS FORWARD MOTION

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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**

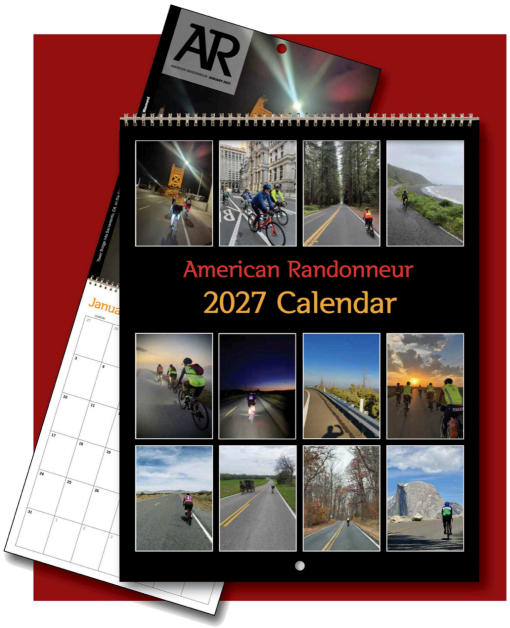
Mission, organizational objectives & value **principles**



Location: Philadelphia Convention Center, PA
Details: Randonneurs USA members representing and sharing our collective RANDO LOVE at the 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026 Philadelphia Bike Expositions



AMERICAN RANDONNEUR 2027 CALENDAR: LAST CALL!





The window to order your 2027 American Randonneur Magazine calendar closes on Sunday, November 22nd. Projected delivery is the week of December 21st.

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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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