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### RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM AN INDIANA PERMANENT



Photo Credit: Mark Rada (#18337)

Location: Delphi, Indiana

Details: Indiana Randonneurs Jeff Marrah (#17243) and Brian Enyart (#13216) at sunrise on the Kokomo-Delphi-Peru 200k permanent on 9/17/25

### PHILADELPHIA BIKE EXPO 2.0

Come on by & join our Randonneurs USA party at our booth the 15th annual Philadelphia Bike Exposition!

We had such a great time in March, with plenty of lively conversation and genuine grassroots outreach, that we're heading back to continue to grow and share our "Big Tent" cycling community:

- Dates: March 13th + 14th
- Booth #221 in the famous Rando Alley
- Location: Philadelphia Convention Center
- Register [here](#) for the Exposition
- Pennsylvania Randonneurs are hosting a 100k on Saturday, March 13th, details [here](#)
- Come on by our booth and receive a special gratitude gift

### FUEL YOUR RANDONNEURING WANDERLUST

Access our [calendar](#)

Geosearch interactive [map](#)

Region [list](#)

Types of [events](#)

Types of [awards](#)

### FEBRUARY WINTER ESCAPES

Are you looking to get a break from the winter with some warm weather and Vitamin D in February 2026?

Check out these special offerings hosted by both the Arizona Randonneurs and the Northeast Florida Randonneurs:

- [Arizona Rouleur Week](#) on February 11th through the 16th
- [Northeast Florida Brevet Week](#) on February 14th through the 21st

### NEW STORE ITEMS: WOOL JERSEY + GEAR BAG





As you begin to look at your 2026 rando adventures, don't miss out on these **NEW** items in our store by external vendors:

- Gear bag produced by Pedal Industry
- Wool jersey (light weight or mid weight in both long and short sleeve options) produced by Cimi Coppi

You can view and purchase both of these directly from the vendors. If you have any questions, please contact them directly.

[VIEW / PURCHASE](#)



## ELECTION RESULTS

We are pleased to announce that Emily O'Brien (#3597) and Noah Swartz (#13453) have been elected to serve a 3-year term (2026-2028) on the Board of Directors. Chris Argo (#11707) is the Regional Brevet Administrator Liaison (RBA-L) for 2026.

Randonneurs USA would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to both Matthew Bird (#14124) and Dan Colvin (#8295) for their willingness to serve and be slated on the ballot.

Thank you to Bill Bryant (#7) and Gardner Duvall (#5770) for their service on the board from 2023-2025. Both will be stepping down at the end of this year.

We also extend our gratitude to both Don Hamilton (#2) and Tim Sullivan (#28) for managing this election.





## CLIMBING DATA IN RANDONNEURS USA EVENTS

Starting on January 1st, 2026 we will track cumulative elevation gain in member results. This includes elevation gain from all existing sources of credited Randonneur USA (RUSA) distance, including permanents and all types of calendared events.

Here are the key points:

1. All processes will standardize on RideWithGPS routes, not ride tracks, for determining elevation gain.
2. When submitting permanent results, there will be additional inputs to indicate the direction ridden and optionally report a lower amount of climbing due to free-routing.
3. Team events will award credit for the amount of climbing. Teams will be responsible for drafting a RideWithGPS route corresponding to what was ridden, and submitting it to the organizer in a timely manner.

Additional details are provided in the 2026 Climbing FAQ below.

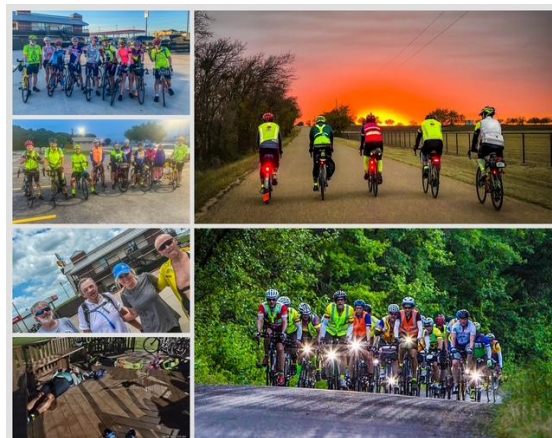
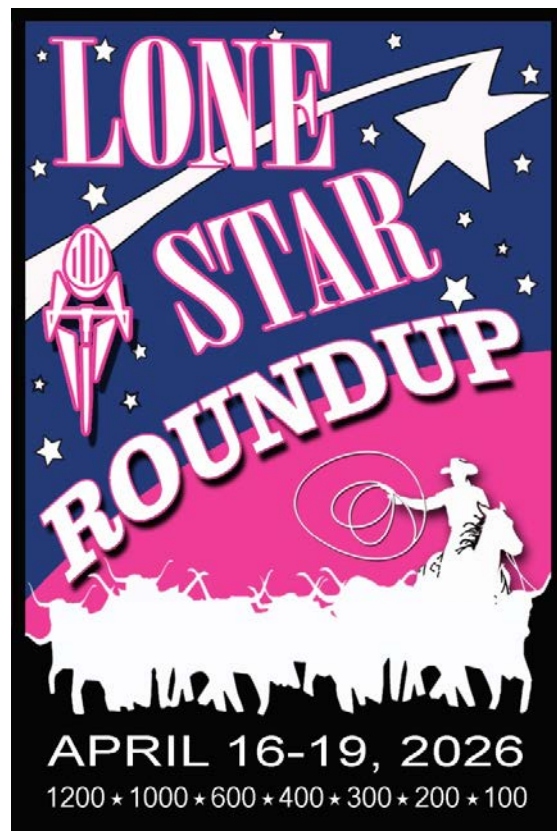
Questions, contact [board@rusa.org](mailto:board@rusa.org)

### CLIMBING FAQ

## ELECTION RESULTS

## REGION HIGHLIGHT: DALLAS, TEXAS / LONE STATE RANDONNEURS

### COME RIDE WITH US





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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](#)

2025 strategic [goals](#)

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

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## PERMANENTS PROGRAM SIGN UP

Just a reminder that signing up to participate in our Permanents program is an additional step and distinct from your general RUSA membership. This requires a RUSA site account and log in. This allows you to register annually for the program, register for each ride, and submit your results.

Questions, contact [permanents-committee@rusa.org](mailto:permanents-committee@rusa.org)

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## RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM DC RANDONNEURS

Dan Driscoll (#390) Regional Brevet Administrator of the Lone State Randonneurs out of Dallas, Texas shares:

*Reading about another region from your couch is fine... but if you'd like to get a real taste, come on down and ride with us!*

*Whether you're looking for early-season base miles, an American Explorer state, a Rando Scout point, half of an American Randonneur Challenge, another Domestic Grand Randonnée toward your Coast-to-Coast Award, more kilometers for your K-Hound, or simply a great ride with old and new friends — on April 16, 2026, your Texas Rando buddies will host the Lone Star Roundup. We'll offer a 100 km Populaire and all brevets from 200 km to 1,200 km.*

*Come join the party — registration is open and we'd love to have you!*

### LONE STATE RANDONNEURS

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## PERMANENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration for the Permanents program for 2026 is available. As we shared last month, there is no longer an additional \$10 fee to participate.

If you are registering for the first time in the Permanent program, your December 2025 Permanent registration will extend through the end of 2026.

NOTE: Don't forget that your general membership must also extend through the end of 2026.

Questions, contact [board@rusa.org](mailto:board@rusa.org)

### PERMANENT PROGRAM

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## STAY CONNECTED TO OUR RANDO ECOSYSTEM

Renew your 2026 membership & let's continue to transform randonneuring together.

Questions about your membership or any membership related concerns, contact



Photo Credit: William Beck (#)

Location: Greater Washington region

Details: Ben Swartz (#15690) enjoying the Grand Tour de Gettysburg 200k on 12/7/25 with portion of the route on a 21 mile tour of the Gettysburg battlefield.

RENEW

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## UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS / EMAIL

If you have an address change and/or would like to update you member profile or email, you can access the webpage [here](#)

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