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NEW MARKETING COMMITTEE



We are thrilled to announce the establishment of a Marketing Committee. This committee is dedicated to advancing our mission of promoting the sport of randonneuring and supporting our Regional Brevet Administrators (RBAs) and their clubs.

The Marketing Committee will focus on elevating our communication strategies and developing outreach initiatives to raise awareness, attract new participants, and strengthen the randonneuring community nationwide. By harnessing the expertise and insights of our members and RBAs, we aim to drive growth and engagement within our community.

If you are interested in getting involved or have ideas to contribute, please reach out via marketing@rusa.org.

WEATHER APPLICATION: RANDOPLAN

We recognize that there are many weather applications out there. We highlighted the Epic Ride Weather application in our <u>April</u> <u>2023 issue</u> of Between Controls.

We also want to share Randoplan, a weather application developed by member Brian Feinberg (#9205) of the San Francisco Randonneurs.

TOP TEN WAYS TO CONNECT WITH RANDONNEURS USA:

- Website and Announcements on our main webpage: https://rusa.org/
- 2. American Randonneur quarterly journal: https://rusa.org/pages/mag
- 3. Email us at board@rusa.org
- 4. Between Controls monthly enewsletter: https://rusa.org/pages/between-controls
- 5. Randonneurs USA Google group: randonneurs-usa@googlegroups.com
- Regions list: https://rusa.org/cgibin/regionsearch_PF.pl
- Public Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/r usa.org
- Members ONLY private Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/g roups/1075883712467790/
- 9. Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/randonneurs.us/
- 10. YouTube channel: https://youtube.com/@RandonneursUSA

FUEL YOUR RANDONNEURING WANDERLUST

Access our 2024 calendar

Geosearch resource

Types of **events**

Types of awards

BEHIND THE SCENES

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

Randoplan has similarities to Epic Ride Weather, but there are some features specific to randonneuring:

- Ability to select a source of data for forecasting. Epic Ride Weather uses only Apple Weather Kit. Randoplan allows you to select from several other forecasting sources (eg: National Weather Service or Weather API) in a dropdown menu.
- Ability to enter planned stops.
- Enter your pace on the flats and the algorithm adjusts that speed for the conditions (hills and wind).
- Display how much time you have to spare on the brevet clock at the end of each of the controls that are listed.

Randoplan runs in any browser and does not require you to download an app.

RANDOPLAN

Randoplan is free to use. However, the app's creator asks that users consider contributing via the donate button for the creation of further enhancements.

If you have questions or comments send them to randoplan.ltd@gmail.com

RANDONNEURS USA HANDBOOK

The 5th edition of our Member's Handbook was shared in 2013. And although we acknowledge that some parts are outdated, such as proof of passage and new awards, many of the Handbook's resources are relatively timeless, including the basics of randonneuring, brevet rules, and the history of our organization and the sport of randonneuring. Members old and new may find the Handbook to be valuable reading. That handbook can be found here:

5th EDITION MEMBERS HANDBOOK

To find this on our website, go to the Member's link on our main webpage.

Thank you to the all of our members who contributed to the handbook.

Archived board of directors meeting minutes

2024 goal review

Mission, values and organizational **principles**

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM WASHINGTON DC...



Photo Credit: William Beck (#3446)

Location: Washington DC

Details: The start of the Mountain Church Audax Club Parisien 200k

Brevet on 3/16/24

TAKE NOTE

AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN CALENDAR CHANGE

Audax Club Parisien (ACP) has changed the <u>Super Randonneur Award</u> so that it is achieved by riding an ACP 200k, 300k, 400k, and 600k brevet in a *given calendar year (January 1 - December 31)* versus the ACP fiscal year of November 1 - October 31.

Additional details are available via this announcement which was shared on our website on April 11th.

IN THE NEWS

Adventure Cycling Magazine May-June issue gives a shout-out to San Francisco Randonneur. The two-page article is titled "San Francisco Treat."

SAN FRANCISCO TREAT

Thank you Megan Arnold (#7319) for the share.

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM A FLECHE...



Photo Credit: Lydia Trott (#11748)

Who: Regional Brevet Administrators (RBAs) from Left to Right include Sarah Rice (#9480, RBA of Chicago Randonneurs), David Buzzee (#14, RBA of Ohio Randonneurs), David Buzzee (#15, RBA of Ohio Randonn

Details: The finish of the Ohio Randonneurs Fleche on 5/4/24 at Chateau Buzzee. Dave Buzzee is one of the founders of Randonneurs USA and hosts post ride merriment and tales of the adventures. This Midwest Ohio fleche celebration has been a destination affair for a few years now. This year, three teams were present representing four regions.

Location: Columbus, Ohio

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.

Randonneurs USA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization.







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