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EDITION



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**Audax Club Parisien**

**PARIS**  
SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES  
**BREST**  
SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES  
**PARIS**  
SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES  
**RANDONNEUR**



August 21-25, 2011

Hosted by the **Audax Club Parisien** with the support of the **control towns** and of the **Agglomération de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines**



# 2003

In 2003, the event was managed by a quartet composed of Marie-Thérèse MARTIN, Pierre THÉOBALD, Bernard WARIN and Jean-Pierre PENDU.



# 2007

Jean-Pierre PENDU became project leader in 2007, assisted by Pierre THÉOBALD and Jean-Gualbert FABUREL.

PBP is 120 years old.  
2011

SINCE 1999, THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS EXPLODED. 3573 RIDERS REGISTERED IN 1999, 4184 IN 2003 AND 5311 IN 2007. THE EVENT BECAME MORE AND MORE INTERNATIONAL. IN 2007, MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES FROM THE FIVE CONTINENTS WERE REPRESENTED, MAKING PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR THE BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL RANDONNEURING EVENT.

# 1991

For the first time, Paris-Brest-Paris is held at the Agglomération de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines.

## REGISTRATION

The registration period begins **on June 4 and ends on July 17, 2011**. Registrations can only be made through the PBP Web site.

**You can register before having completed the qualifying brevets, but you need to provide the missing brevet certification numbers before July 17 or your registration will be cancelled.**

More details are available on the PBP Web site

[www.paris-brest-paris.org](http://www.paris-brest-paris.org)



## PBP 2011 SCHEDULE

This schedule is preliminary and subject to changes.

### April 3, 2011 : Opening of Preregistration

Preregistration will be open to riders who completed at least one BRM in 2010.

Preregistered riders still need to register definitely by June 19, 2011 or their preregistration will be cancelled.

### June 4 - July 17, 2011 : Registration

Only online registrations will be accepted.

### August 20 - 21, 2011 : Check-In

During this period, riders will go through the bike check at the Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme in GUYANCOURT and receive their brevet booklet, control badge, frame badge and other documents.

### August 21 - 25, 2011 : 17th PBP Randonneur

Start and finish is at the Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme in GUYANCOURT, which is part of the Communauté d'Agglomération de SAINT-QUENTIN-en-YVELINES.

## A SHORT EXTRACT FROM THE RULES

The Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur is open to FFCT, UFOLEP and FSGT members, as well as to all international riders covered by insurance. The minimum age is 18 years at the date of the start.

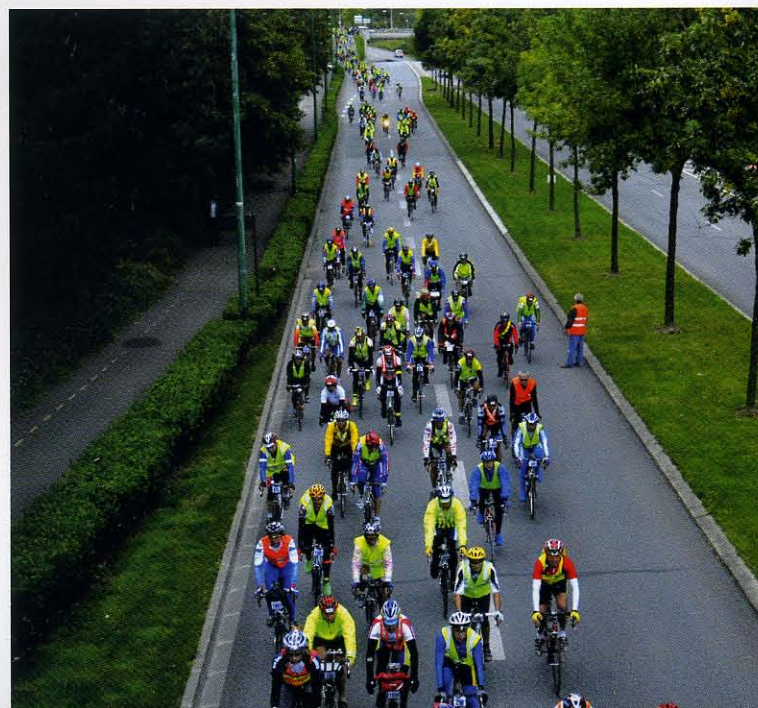
- Triathlon handlebars and all forms of bar extenders are forbidden.
- Support vehicles are forbidden on the designated route for the riders, except around the area of the control points.

### At registration, you will have to select one of three start times :

- Sunday, August 21 - From 5:00 PM  
80 hour time limit
- Sunday, August 21 - From 6:30 PM  
90 hour time limit
- Monday, August 22 - From 5:00 AM  
84 hour time limit

### About safety :

- Bicycles must be equipped with front and rear lights attached firmly to the bike. Lights must be in working order and in non-flashing mode.
- According to French law, a reflective vest is mandatory when riding at night. Alternatives like a reflective sash or belt are not acceptable as substitutes. Reflective ankle bands are recommended as an additional safety feature.
- It is recommended to wear a helmet.
- Bicycles must be equipped with front and rear brakes.



## THE INTERNATIONAL NATURE OF PARIS-BREST-PARIS

In 2007, 3015 of the 5311 registrations came from abroad, representing 45 nations.

The procedure at the control points will remain fundamentally the same as in the last five editions of PBP, i.e.

- Volunteers will stamp the brevet cards.
- The times of passage will be recorded by scanning the control badges.
- Every ten minutes, the times of passage will be transmitted to our Web site.



The location of the control points remains the same as in 2007:

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Dreux              | return only, at km 1151 |
| Mortagne-au-Perche | return only, at km 1067 |
| Villaines-la-Juhel | km 220 and km 988       |
| Fougères           | km 306 and km 902       |
| Tinténiac          | km 360 and km 848       |
| Loudéac            | km 445 and km 763       |
| Carhaix-Plouguerv  | km 521 and km 687       |
| Brest              | km 604                  |

Experience has shown that we can have confidence in the expertise and dedication of the staff at each control. More than 1500 volunteers overall will welcome you with all the friendly attention and understanding you will want for your physical and moral support.

Moreover, in 2011, we will offer an additional sleeping facility between Loudéac and Carhaix and a drop bag service to some controls to be designated.

CONTROLS (CHECKPOINTS)

| NATION           | Woman      | Man         | Total       |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| France           | 136        | 2158        | 2294        |
| USA              | 84         | 522         | 606         |
| Germany          | 11         | 376         | 387         |
| Italy            | 19         | 348         | 367         |
| United Kingdom   | 18         | 316         | 334         |
| Spain            | 7          | 199         | 206         |
| Denmark          | 7          | 175         | 182         |
| Australia        | 9          | 114         | 123         |
| Belgium          | 6          | 114         | 120         |
| Canada           | 17         | 99          | 116         |
| Japan            | 12         | 100         | 112         |
| Netherlands      | 3          | 86          | 89          |
| Sweden           | 4          | 83          | 87          |
| Russia           | 5          | 40          | 45          |
| Switzerland      | 2          | 38          | 40          |
| Austria          | 2          | 30          | 32          |
| Norway           | 2          | 22          | 24          |
| Greece           |            | 22          | 22          |
| South Africa     | 3          | 16          | 19          |
| Finland          |            | 13          | 13          |
| Ireland          | 2          | 11          | 13          |
| Brazil           | 1          | 10          | 11          |
| Bulgaria         |            | 11          | 11          |
| New Zealand      | 2          | 7           | 9           |
| Israel           |            | 8           | 8           |
| Slovenia         |            | 7           | 7           |
| Poland           |            | 6           | 6           |
| Taiwan           |            | 3           | 3           |
| Luxembourg       |            | 3           | 3           |
| Hungary          |            | 3           | 3           |
| Costa-Rica       | 1          | 1           | 2           |
| Portugal         |            | 2           | 2           |
| Philippines      |            | 2           | 2           |
| Mexico           |            | 2           | 2           |
| French Guyana    |            | 1           | 1           |
| Puerto Rico      |            | 1           | 1           |
| Chile            |            | 1           | 1           |
| Estonia          |            | 1           | 1           |
| India            |            | 1           | 1           |
| San Marino       |            | 1           | 1           |
| French Polynesia |            | 1           | 1           |
| Ukraine          |            | 1           | 1           |
| Argentina        |            | 1           | 1           |
| Western Samoa    |            | 1           | 1           |
| Singapore        |            | 1           | 1           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>353</b> | <b>4958</b> | <b>5311</b> |

In 2011 again, the five continents will be represented. Given the worldwide growth in the sport of randonneuring, we expect to see in 2011 an even bigger diversity of nations than in the past. **The Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur proves to be the most international cycling event in the world.**

## 1948

The ride was not organized in 1941 due to World War II. The second PBP Randonneur started from the Porte Maillot in 1948 with 189 riders.



In 1966, Gilbert BULTE took the reins of PBP. He knew it well, since he was the first finisher on a tandem (with Lucien DETEE) in 1956 and finished third (solo) in 1961. The time limit was reduced from 96 to 90 hours.



## 1951

In 1951, under the direction of Pierre BONTEMPS, a strong increase in the number of riders yielded 379 finishers. This was the last time professional cyclists participated in PBP.

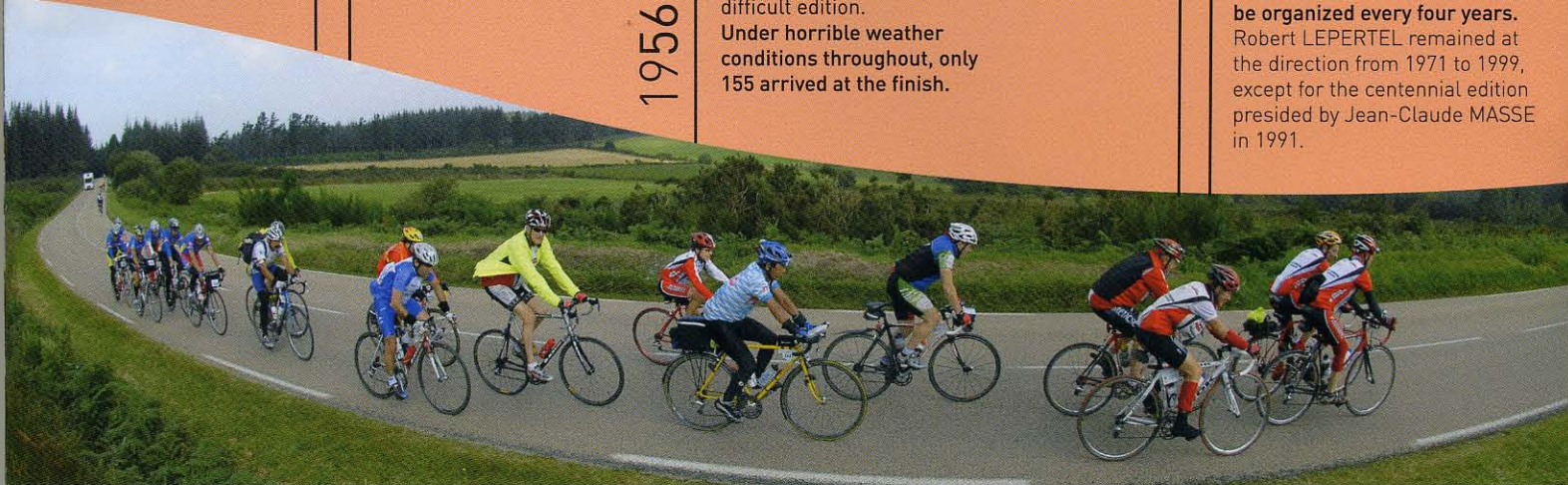
René MARTINEZ was at the head of the two editions in 1956 and 1961. Only 220 and 179 participants, respectively, started from the café Aux trois Obus. 1956 certainly was the most difficult edition. Under horrible weather conditions throughout, only 155 arrived at the finish.

## 1966

## 1971

Starting with 1971, PBP was to be organized every four years. Robert LEPERTEL remained at the direction from 1971 to 1999, except for the centennial edition presided by Jean-Claude MASSE in 1991.

## 1956



## LIMITATION OF NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

We might be led to restrict the number of registrations in order to ensure the safety and quality of this event. Countries with a substantial number of participants will have a quota assigned, based on that country's results in PBP 2007 and the evolution of the number of homologated brevets in that country between 2007 and 2010. The other countries will share a pool of available registrations. The maximum total number of participants and the quota per country will be communicated early in 2011.

## PREREGISTRATION

From April 3, 2011, a preregistration scheme will enable you to know day after day how the ride fills up. To assure your best chances of participating, we recommend riding ACP-sanctioned brevets (i.e. BRM = Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux) in 2010. Brevets completed between November 2009 and October 2010 cannot be used to qualify for PBP, but give you the advantage of early preregistration as follows:

| HOMOLOGATED ON 2010 |   | PREREGISTRATION OPENS ON |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| BRM 1 000 km        | → | April 3, 2011            |
| BRM 600 km          | → | April 17, 2011           |
| BRM 400 km          | → | May 1, 2011              |
| BRM 300 km          | → | May 15, 2011             |
| BRM 200 km          | → | May 29, 2011             |

If the number of preregistrations exceeds the global rider limit, we will establish a waiting list.

You still need to start the definitive registration process before June 19, 2011 or the benefit of your preregistration will be lost. A 1200 km event sanctioned by the Randonneurs Mondiaux between November 2009 and October 2010 can replace a BRM 1000 km.



## QUALIFYING BREVETS

To qualify for PBP you must complete a Super Randonneur brevet series (200, 300, 400, and 600 km) of ACP-sanctioned brevets in 2011. Those brevets are offered in over 35 countries around the world.

For example, we are suggesting the following schedule to regional brevet administrators in France:

| HOMOLOGATED |   | TIME OF YEAR                 |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| BRM 200 km  | → | from February 26 to April 24 |
| BRM 300 km  | → | from April 9 to May 22       |
| BRM 400 km  | → | from April 23 to June 4      |
| BRM 600 km  | → | from May 14 to June 26       |

The calendar of the French and international BRMs is available on the PBP Web site

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The Audax Club Parisien is pleased to invite you to the 17th PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur, the most famous long-distance randonnée. Under the auspices of the Fédération Française de Cyclotourisme and together with our partners, the Communauté d'Agglomération de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines and the Ville de Guyancourt, we are looking forward to welcome you on August 20, 2011 and during the following days for one of the greatest experiences in your life as a cyclist.

You will be among thousands of other riders from all over the world who want to participate in this mythical event in order to join the long list of successful randonneurs who have contributed to the legend of this Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur.

All along the 1200 km of this route, you will measure the strength of your body and, above all, of your mind. You may strive for a personal best or simply try to finish within the time limit; but you will always keep at heart the goal to support each other and to enjoy the friendly camaraderie that transforms this monument of endurance into an authentic Randonnée.

It won't be for any podium, nor for any laurels, that you will overcome extreme fatigue, but only for the sake of achieving a fantastic challenge, and when you will eventually cross the finish line, the magic thought of "I've done it" will make you forget the long moments you spent struggling with discouragement on the little roads in the countryside of Brittany and Normandy.

Except for the eight areas around the control points of PBP, you will have to be self-sufficient, but you will rarely be alone. In company of fellow riders from over 40 nations you will enjoy the charm and the beauty of France while pursuing the same goal all together: riding to BREST and back to PARIS! In this, you will be supported by thousands of spectators - or rather fans - who will cheer from the roadside. Finally, you will be helped by hundreds of volunteers throughout the ride and you will want to tell them how grateful you are.

As always, the future of this event depends on your behavior on the road. Permits are difficult to obtain; consequently, we urge you to obey all traffic laws and to always keep your safety and the safety of others in mind. We also ask you to respect the environment: please, don't discard empty containers or wrapping paper along the roads!

In 2011, we will celebrate twenty years of partnership with the Ville de GUYANCOURT and the Communauté d'Agglomération de SAINT-QUENTIN-en-YVELINES. This community has demonstrated its commitment to support bicycling across the board, from racing to touring, including BMX and mountain biking. We thank them for the trust they placed in us by letting us benefit from their facilities and their competencies such that we can make this 17th Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur into a great celebration of bicycling.

Bonne route to you all!

The AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN

## 1891

In 1891, Charles TERRONT entered the legend of Paris-Brest-Paris by winning the first edition ahead of 100 other entrants.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ten years later, included foreign participants and specified two categories of riders:

- Coureurs de vitesse (racers)
- Touristes-routiers (amateurs: the predecessors of randonneurs).

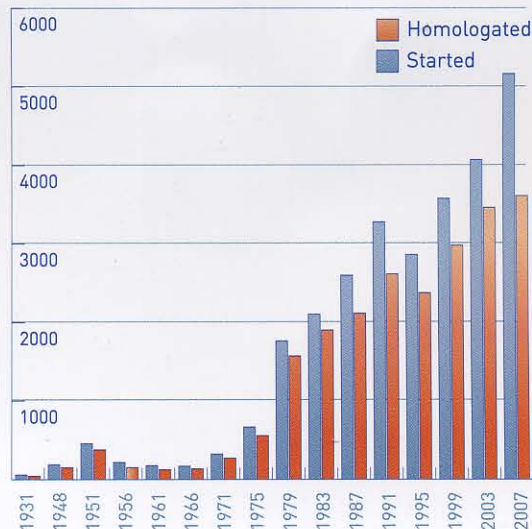
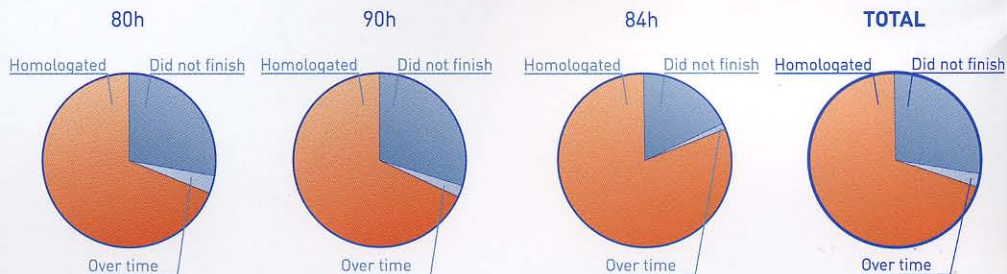
In 1931, two organizations were formed:

- one for the RANDONNEURS who promoted free-paced brevets,
- one for the AUDAX who preferred to ride in groups, with the pace being set by road captains. Therefore, the first Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur goes back to 1931. 44 randonneurs completed this first free-paced brevet of 1200 km in less than the time limit of 96 hours.

1931



## PBP RANDONNEUR IN FIGURES (2007)





## ALL RIDERS ARE WELCOME ON PBP



PBP in 2007 attracted over 100 recumbents, about 65 tandems, one triplet, many tricycles, single speeds, fixed-gear bicycles and even a 1920's French Hironnelle retro-direct. PBP has become a showcase for all kinds of bicycles, from the latest to the oldest, provided they comply with the ACP rules and the French traffic laws.

There is no age limitation either: From 18 to 80 years or more, you are welcome to take on the challenge of riding the legendary 1200 km route. Neither does it matter whether you are a high-performance athlete or overcoming a handicap. By combining diligent preparation with enthusiasm and perseverance, each of you will prove that where there is a will, there is a way... to BREST, and back to PARIS !

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