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ROLLING OUT IN 2024: GRAVEL PERMANENTS

With the success of the gravel program we started in 2021, we are expanding the offerings via the Permanents program. We think this will bring new routes, new challenges and new adventures for anyone wanting to jump off the pavement. You know what they say, "pavement ends, fun begins." Now you can decide just how much adventure you want on any given permanent.

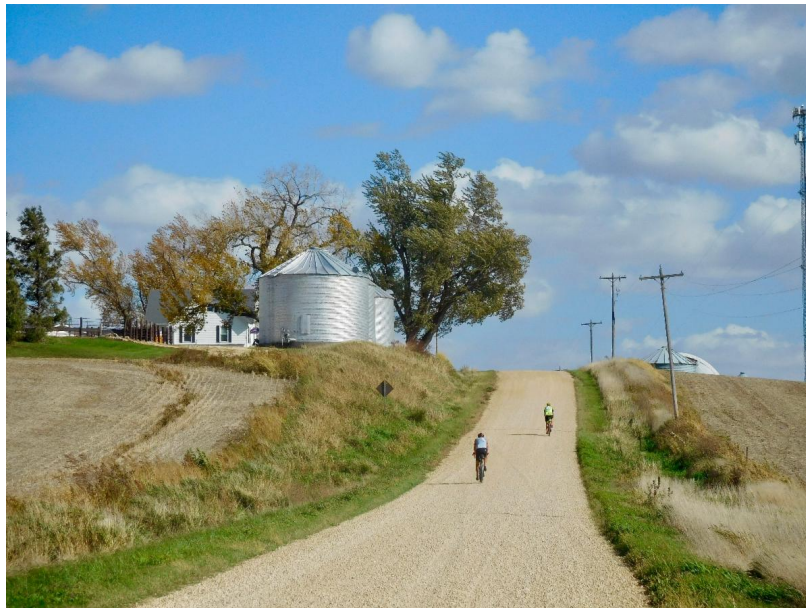


Photo Credit: Dawn Piech (#10146)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

1. This will begin on February 1st, 2024.
2. You will get credit for kilometers of gravel completed on permanents. No grandfathering from years past.
3. You will get extra time to complete the permanent based on the unpaved kilometers (one minute for each kilometer of unpaved surface.)
4. Kilometers of gravel will show up in your trophy case.
5. When you search for permanents, you'll be able to find which ones have unpaved sections.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need you to submit routes with unpaved kilometers into our Permanent library.

1. Submit a **NEW** gravel perm route, one that is completely new to permanents: <https://bit.ly/48fGtSD>
2. **UPDATE** a route already in the permanent library that has gravel. This form verifies the K's of gravel, so you can ride with the extra time bonus and accumulate gravel

K's: <https://bit.ly/3GHSDYY>

3. **REACTIVATE** a perm from the old permanent program into the new permanent library. Dust off that old route and resubmit it into the new Permanent library: <https://bit.ly/3t8HxZV>

The sooner riders submit routes, the more routes will be available to earn gravel K's and future trinkets. Unpaved roads open up 1000s of miles of riding options. Let's explore - Rando-style!

Questions/comments, contact the [Gravel Committee](#)

WHY RANDONNEURING - PROGRESS YOU CAN SEE.

Here is our final 5th short clip titled Progress You Can See. Henrietta discusses progress you can see in randonneuring. The beauty of riding with Randonneurs USA is that there will always be another event on the calendar that may challenge you. Riding with us helps to give you motivation to progress to the next ride, as challenging as it may be.

We hope you have enjoyed this series and shared it widely to share our sport of randonneuring. Many question what exactly randonneuring is and we hope these short reels have helped to shed some light onto what can be a somewhat mysterious corner of the cycling world.

In January, we will be sharing the full length video, which strings together all 5 parts of this series into one short film.



TRAIN TRAVEL WITH BIKES

Have you ever wondered how to use Amtrak to bring your bike onboard the train to access your randonneuring adventures?

Amtrak has put together this resource page with FAQ and details on carry on bicycle service.

[AMTRAK RESOURCE](#)

FUEL YOUR RANDONNEURING WANDERLUST

Access [the 2023 and 2024 schedule](#) and adventures available to you.

Types of [events](#)

BEHIND THE SCENES: BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2023 GOALS MISSION/VALUES/PRINCIPLES

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

- [Archived board of directors meeting minutes](#)
- [2023 goals](#)
- [Mission, values and organizational principles](#)

AMERICAN RANDONNEUR AWARD: FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This is awarded annually to a member who has made significant and outstanding contributions to randonneuring in the United States.

Nominations are still open and being accepted until December 15th.

[Award details](#) with instructions for nominating and a list of previous recipients

[NOMINATE](#)

YOUTUBE: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We started our YouTube in July 2023. We currently have 985 followers. ***We would love to reach our goal of 1,000 followers by the end of this year.***

Can you help and follow + share with your friends so we can reach our goal?

[JOIN OUR YOUTUBE](#)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If your membership ends at the end of this month, don't forget to renew now.

KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY ON
PEDALING

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ELECTION

We are pleased to announce that Dawn Piech (#10146) and Dave Thompson (#4226) have been elected to serve 3-year terms on the Board of Directors. Rob Hawks (#2515) has been re-elected as Regional Brevet Administrator Liaison (RBA-L) for 2024.

Randonneurs USA would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the other candidates for their willingness to serve and be slated on the ballot. We also extend our gratitude to Johnny Bertrand (#2) for managing this election.

Thank you to Dan Driscoll (#390) who will be stepping down at the end of the year.

[ELECTION RESULTS](#)

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM OREGON...



Stephen LaPorte (#15014)

Details: Adventure on Permanent #1484 in Vernonia, OR in February of 2022

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