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RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM TEXAS...

Alison Carey (#7085)

Location: Houston, Texas

Details: David Baxter (#6090) and Alison Carey (#7085) at the Houston 600km in April 2022. It was day 2 of a very windy spring day fighting 20mph winds on the 100 km back south to the end of the event.



UKRAINE FUNDRAISER



DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND/OR UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

If your membership expires on December 31st, take the opportunity to renew. You may update your address on the same link.

[Renew / Update Address Here](#)

We hope you would take the opportunity to view the article from Rob Welsh (Regional Brevet Administrator for Minnesota Randonneurs) that summarizes our very successful Support Ukraine Program this fall.

Brief overview:

- 220 members participated
- 17 regions supported the Ukraine events
- We raised \$1,440 from the ride fee.
- RUSA contributed their standard \$5/rider fee for another \$800.
- We also received over \$3,100 in additional donations from riders and 60 other randonneurs
- Total \$5,300 raised and was sent on to the Mariupol/Lviv Randonneur club.

We extend our gratitude to the Regional Brevet Administrators (RBA's) and members who participated and supported another international randonneuring club in a very worthy cause.

Additionally, we would like to recognize Rob Welsh (RBA for Minnesota Randonneurs), Rob Hawks (RBA-L, RBA San Francisco) and Dave Thompson (President) for their collaboration and servant leadership on this initiative.

Support Ukraine Summary

AWARDS UPDATE

The RUSA Board has approved Ultra recognition, i.e. 10x, for any awards where it's realistic. That includes the Fleche, American Randonneur Challenge, Coast to Coast, CanAm, Mondial and Rouleur Awards. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Awards Committee Chair [here](#).

If you are interested in submitting an awards concept, view the process [here](#)

**STORE UPDATE
NEW MEDALS AVAILABLE**



**NEW REGION
NORTHEAST FLORIDA
RANDONNEURS**

We have a new region in Northeast Florida, led by Hamid Akbarian. This region is hosting a Audax Club Parisien (ACP) brevet week February 20-25th, 2023.

Additionally, this region is offering the Golden Falcon 1000k/1200k. The Golden Falcon was the symbol of the first Persian Empire where Cyrus the Great made everyone free under the Persian Empire territory, especially women and those in the minority.

Northeast Florida Region Details

**BEHIND THE SCENES:
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STRATEGIC GOALS
MISSION/VALUES/OBJECTIVES**

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

- 2022 strategic goals [here](#)
- Archived board of directors meeting minutes [here](#)
- Mission, values and organizational principles [here](#)

We have some new "trinkets" in our store, check out the Audax and SR600km medals [here](#)



RANDONNEUR VERSUS RANDONNEUSE NOMENCLATURE

Did you know that female randonneurs are called randonneuses? We have so many different names and nomenclature in randonneuring and wanted to share this for those who may not be aware.

Maybe take the opportunity to include this distinction in your communication as we strive to bring more women (and those who identify as women) into our "Big Tent" of randonneuring.

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A CLIP FROM OHIO...

Mac Vergara (#12619)

Location: Hartville, Ohio

Details: A New Jersey Randonneur exploring to add to his American Explorer list on the #4467 Gervasi Salem Hartville 100K populaire.

ELECTION RESULTS

Gardner Duvall and Bill Bryant have been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors and Rob Hawks has been re-elected as Regional Brevet Administrator Liaison (RBA-L) for 2023. Additionally, the constitution amendment passed. More detailed election results available [here](#)

Thank you to all of the candidates for their willingness to serve and be slated on the ballot.

A very special shout out of gratitude to both Dave Thompson and Tim Sullivan for their years of service, dedication and leadership to our organization.

2023 CALENDAR

Glance at the [RUSA website for the 2023 schedule](#) and the remaining adventures available as we close out the year.

Randonneurs USA 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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