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JUNETEENTH

CONSIDER A CELEBRATORY FREEDOM RIDE NEAR YOU



Photo Credit: Nigel Greene (#6245)

Details: One of three underground railroad sites on New Jersey Randonneurs populaire scheduled on 6/19/22 in Woolwich Township

Location: Mt. Zion AME Church (circa 1834) at 172 Garwin Rd, New Jersey

Nigel Greene, Membership Chairperson, (#6245) shares:

"The journey toward freedom is at the heart of the story of the United States. Plymouth Rock, The Revolutionary War, The Emancipation Proclamation, Juneteenth, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 were all major milestones on that unfinished and arduous pursuit of liberty and justice for all. On June 19, 2022, - "Juneteenth" - The New Jersey Randonneurs region will honor that pursuit by hosting a Populaire that visits one of the many routes taken by enslaved Americans to achieve freedom. This 117km **Populaire** visits Underground Railroad sites in Woolwich, Marshalltown, Salem and Springtown / Othello NJ.

NJ Randonneurs encourages other RUSA members and RUSA regions to find routes in their area which reflect a similar recognition of that pursuit and join them in spirit for a Juneteenth "Freedom Ride" and celebrate the historic endurance,

THE CHAT ABOUT "WHAT IS SELF-SUPPORTED?"

We know what being self-supported means because it is part of our ethos in randonneuring. Yet others in the cycling community are just learning. Many are finding out what this means and how to do it right.

Check out this interesting article from [Bikepacking.com](#) that discusses self-supported principles, the dos, don'ts and blurry middle on some of the larger self supported bike-packing events.

[Article Here](#)

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH AMERICAN RANDONNEUR

Honor the volunteer tradition in randonneuring by sharing some of your stories with our readers of American Randonneur.

Tell us about:

- Being helped by a volunteer
- A special volunteering experience
- Being helped by a stranger on a brevet

Send your submissions to editor@rusa.org by June 30, 2022.

RANDONNEURING MOMENTS: A VIEW FROM...

Photo Credit: James McDougall (#14644) and Steve Atkins (#3359)

Details: James McDougall and Debbie Williams enjoying camaraderie and the sunrise on the Scorpion 300K on March 26, 2022.

Location: Heading east towards the Phoenix Mountain Preserves, Arizona.

determination, and desire for freedom that this holiday represents."

For additional information on the history of the photo shared, visit the National Park Service site [here](#).

For additional information about Juneteenth, visit [here](#).



COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE ARCHIVES

Have you ever wondered about some of the fifteen committees we have? Or maybe you are wondering who leads a committee or who has held a position in the past? So much of the work that keeps us running (awards, results processing, Permanents, American Randonneur magazine, etc...) is handled by volunteers on committees. Many of these volunteers have served long tenures on multiple committees.

The listing was compiled from the committees' current makeup, plus info in American Randonneur, and recollections from those who've been around a while.

You can help us refine this reference document too. If there's anyone we've missed or extra details you can supply (years of tenure), let us know by contacting us at records@rusa.org.

[View Committees Here](#)

CALENDAR

Glance at the [RUSA website for the latest schedule](#) and adventures available to you in 2022.

300K AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN CENTENARY MEDALS/ RUSA STORE

Did you complete an Audax Club Parisien 300k Centenary brevet on June 11? If you did not already receive a medal from your Regional Brevet Administrator, they are available from the store.

In addition, we have lots of other sweet swag & trinkets available... [take a glance](#) to do some shopping.

GIVE BACK AND VOLUNTEER

Minimal time commitment. Many opportunities available [here](#) include: marketing, design, advertising, jersey design.

BEHIND THE SCENES: BOARD MEETING MINUTES STRATEGIC GOALS

Interested in seeing what is going on behind the scenes? Archived board of directors meeting minutes [here](#), our 2022 strategic goals [here](#).

got a favorite randonneuring photo?

We would love to see it and possibly include it in a future edition! Criteria includes: taken by member on any RUSA/ACP event, permanent, populaire, team event, and/or grand randonnee; all photos now accepted to include both landscape and/or participants; provide location, event and names. *NOTE: If participants are included, please make sure to get consent from all individuals to be used.* Email enews@rusa.org

