



Minnesota Randonneurs

First Annual Minnesota Randonneur Conference
Saturday, February 19th, 10a – 3p

Key topics:

- What is randonneuring?
- Getting started in randonneuring
- Women in randonneuring
- Preparing for a randonneur event (brevets, permanents or populaires)
- Paris – Brest – Paris 2011, the ultimate randonneur event
- Other events across the US and the world
- US and Minnesota programs and recognition awards

Lunch will be served

Location: 14200 Cedar Ave, DCTC Conference Center

Cost: \$15

Contact: TCBCBrevet@aol.com for more information and to register

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What is Randonneuring?

Randonneuring is the art of self sufficient long distance cycling. Based on the French concept from the late 1800's this can be riding various distances from 100k to 1200k. Randonneuring is not about getting there as fast as possible, but to complete a route in an allotted time at your pace. There are a variety of events and independent rides that a randonneur can do with a group or on your own. Everyone gets the same credit, whether you go fast or take your time and enjoy the ride.

While self sufficiency is a cornerstone of randonneuring, for many people the camaraderie is a big part of the fun of riding longer distances.

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Randonneuring in Minnesota has been going on for over 20 years, primarily based in the Rochester area. Since 2008 we have been holding events in the Twin Cities, based in Apple Valley. This year there are 22 brevet events in Minnesota, starting in April.

Our focus for 2011 is in two major areas:

- Offering more opportunities for cyclists in Minnesota to try randonneuring to see how enjoyable it really is
- Supporting our Minnesota Randonneurs who are planning to qualify and ride the Paris-Brest-Paris 1200k brevet in France in August



More randonneuring information is at <http://biketcbc.org/randonneur/index.htm>
We are also affiliated with RUSA, the national randonneur organization (Randonneurs USA), at www.RUSA.org and through them the network of randonneur communities throughout the world

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