



# The Long Road

Newsletter of Randonneurs Ontario  
Celebrating 25 years, 1983-2008

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## Paris-Brest-Paris 2007



Members of Randonneurs Ontario before the start of PBP

Members of Randonneurs Ontario made up 39 of the record breaking 5,312 entry field for the 2007 edition of Paris Brest Paris. There were nearly 30% more riders this time than 2003, 2294 from France and the rest from around the world. 93% of the riders were men with an average age 49.7 years (and 60 riders were over the age of 70!). But all of these riders faced some of the trickiest conditions the event has ever encountered.

The weather was the story of this PBP. Unusually for a French August, temperatures sank to the teens (in

centigrade), and a mean northerly crosswind and relentless rain, ranging from drizzle to heavy rain, made for gruelling conditions. Its being called the worst weather for PBP in 50 years. Almost 1800 riders dropped out along the 1200 km course, about 2.5 times the usual drop-out rate for PBP.

But many of the wet and exhausted riders who abandoned the ride became stranded and had to wait for hours as the trains heading to Paris filled their bike capacity.

Despite the weather, the French peo-

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### Upcoming Events:

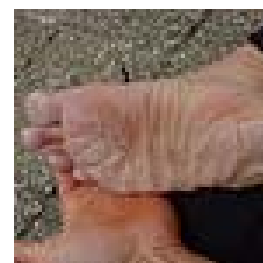
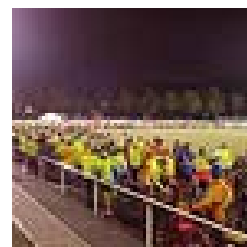
- Info Session  
March 5  
MEC Ottawa
- 22nd Annual Toronto International Bicycle Show. March 7-9, Direct Energy Centre,
- First Populaire: March 16:

## PBP Results

ALESSANDRINI	Renato	83:58
BEAVER	Mark	87:53
BELAIR	Christian	78:28
BIENIAK	Kaz	DNF
BOUHUYZEN	Henk	72:21
CHAPPELLE	Carey	89:06
COUËT	Alain	DNF
DOBB	Ken	DNF
DUSEL	Peter	89:37
FELTON	Dick	89:06
GRANT	Peter	DNF
HAUCKWITZ	Rolf	89:06
HOGG	Bruce	89:39
JANUSAUSKAS	Vytas	82:03
JOBBA	Ken	69:10
JURBALA	Paul	88:01
KASSEL	Robert	76:43
KLAGES	Nathan	82:49
KRAWIECKI	Fred	DNF
LAU	Michael	71:04
LONGTIN	Jean	76:42
MACCIÒ	John	89:13
MACKINNON	Anita	82:03
MALONEY	Mike	DNF
MATTHEWS	Lori	89:45
MCCAW	David	78:37
MELADY	Con	88:17
POND	Suzanne	88:17
PYE	William	DNF
QUESNEL	Guy	88:58
REGAN	Paul	DNF
STOCKI	Trevor	DNF
TAMARI	Erez	88:41
THOMSON	Michael	87:53
TRAN	Thien	88:30
TURNER	Eleonore	DNF
VON NIESSEN	Patti	88:00
YAMADA	Shinya	76:43
ZIEGLER	Rudy	88:18

ple along the route remained enthusiastic and hospitable, cheering the Randonneurs on in the tough conditions. The hospitality of the French and the camaraderie of the Randonneurs continues to make PBP a unique event.

You can find ride reports and photos from the Ontario contingent on the web - take a look, if you haven't done so already. They give you a really good idea of how miserable some of the conditions were, and of the huge sense of achievement from those who rode the ride. Our thanks to the members who shared their pictures and their experiences and our best wishes for long and successful rides ahead. Here's hoping for better weather in 2011!





## Letter from the Pres:

Asked to write a "Letter from the Prez", I'm left wondering what it should be about. There are so many memories to look back on from this past year; a PBP with record attendance from Ontario, new friends met on the road both at home and abroad, and memorable rides. All of these thoughts could easily produce long ramblings, but I think what I'll write about is how great the members of this club are and how everyone pulls through to help the club out when needed.

I'm reminded of how Don Magee offered up his portable display unit when the club put out a call, of how Linda Perkin stepped up and offered her time to produce the Newsletter when Bill's computer couldn't handle the software, of Bill Pye who volunteers to organize every mid-week ride that the club holds in Ottawa, the amount of time that Peter Leiss puts into this club, and of Jim Morris who offered to put together and produce a new brochure

even though he's been ill and under the knife. We have Jim Griffin and Isabelle who have volunteered many years to keep our books in order and serve on the board. I can't even keep track of our regular riders who volunteer their time to organize brevets throughout the season. The club even has riders who spend their own personal time to put together new rides for the club.....thanks Vytas, Bob Choquette and Henk! It's one of the reasons why I enjoy this club so much. Ordinary, everyday Joes, people with full time jobs and families, still find time to pull together for the benefit of the club.

So thanks to everyone. I'm looking forward to more time on the road with old friends and new riders. Happy New Year, Bon Courage, see you out there. ☺

Patti

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**It's time to renew your membership!!**

This is the last newsletter you will receive until you renew for 2008

# Annual Awards Dinner

This year's annual award dinner was held on Saturday February 2, 2008 in two locations simultaneously. The Toronto, Simcoe-Muskoka, Huron Chapters met at the Party Room of the Primrose Condominium in Toronto for a catered dinner while the Ot-

tawa Chapter met at the at Biagio's Italian Kitchen restaurant in Ottawa. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet old and new friends, reminisce about the past year's cycling and plan for the upcoming season!





# And the awards go to...

## Jock Wadley (Outstanding Rider)

Nominees:

- Dave McCaw
- Dick Felton
- Thien Tran
- Vytas Janusauskas
- Sue Pond
- Henk Bouhuyzen
- Patti Von Niessen

Winner: Vytas Janusauskas

## Beryl Burton (Top Female)

Nominees:

- Patti Von Niessen
- Kathy Brouse

Winner: Patti Von Niessen



## Dan Herbert Award (Mentoring)

Nominees:

- Henk Bouyzen
- Patti Von Niessen
- Vytas Janusauskas
- Mike Maloney
- Isabelle Sheardown

Winner: Mike Maloney



## Coronation Cup (Most Improved)

Nominees:

- Sue Pond
- Peter Grant
- Bruce Hogg
- John Maccio
- Nathan Klages
- Alain Couet

Winner: Sue Pond

## Rookie of the Year

Nominees:

- Thien Tran
- Juan Munoz
- Guy Quesnel

Winner: Guy Quesnel



## Half Wheel

Nominees:

- Michael Lau
- Christian Belair
- Peter Grant
- David McCaw

Winner: David McCaw





**Fleche Team**

D-Team (560 kms)  
 Vytas Janusauskas  
 Patti Von Niessen  
 Bob Waddell  
 Paul Rozelle  
 Peter Grant  
 Mike Lau

**Tom Parry (PBP)**  
 (finisher of 2 or more PBP)

Mark Beaver

**Outstanding Performance on a Brevet**

Nominees:  
 Paul Regan  
 Henk Bouyzen  
 Dick Felton  
 Ken Jobba  
 Rene Arnolis  
 Mike Lau  
 Vytas Janusauskas

Winner: Paul Regan

**Special Recognition**

Nominees:

Bill Little  
 Thien Tran  
 Carey Chappelle  
 Con Melady  
 Peter Grant  
 Bob Choquette  
 Anita MacKinnon

Winners:

Thien Tran  
 Con Melady  
 Bob Choquette

**Longest Distance of the Year**

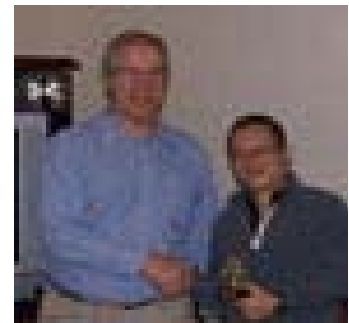
Henk Bouyzen  
 5892 Kms

**Organizer of the Year**

Nominees:

Carey Chappelle  
 Isabelle Sheardown  
 Peter Grant  
 Bill Pye  
 Patti Von Niessen

Winner: Isabelle Sheardown



Do you have photos, ride reports or stories that you'd like to share with your fellow Randonneurs??

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