

THE WORLDWIDE GUIDE TO LONG DISTANCE CYCLING*



INTRODUCTION

Long distance cycling is a growing sport, as more and more people are choosing the bike as a method of transportation for longer distance or as an endurance activity. These days, these two options tend to merge, as the long distance cyclist, whether a randonneur, an ultra cyclist or an adventure cyclist, is above all an individual exploring the limits of physical endurance and in search of strong sensations and an unforgettable environment.

The primary objective of this first “Worldwide Guide to Long Distance Cycling” is to create a list of events that are outside the normal scope of cycling.

This non-exhaustive calendar of events aims to enrich the cycling planet by embracing the scope of ultra distance practices, which can be seen as a modern phenomenon that goes against the flow of the general society, on the road to large areas and relentless climbs.

Three chapters of ‘Ultravelo’ have been provided by ultra adventurer Perry Stone and contain information about ultra cycling as a sport.

Although there is no validated and consensus definition for “Ultra Cycling” by international cycling authorities and the cycling community, in general, the specialists consider that ultra cycling starts with events that covers at least 24 hours non-stop.

In its absolute form, the legendary event, ‘The Race Across America’ (RAAM), 4800 km of racing non-stop from west coast to east coast of the United States in approximately 10 days, performed solo or as relay team, gives an authentic impression of this sport.

With the creation of Tour de France (TdF) in the beginning of the 20th century, we could argue that it was the seed of ultra cycling with its long stages and impressing climbs. TdF progressively changed in order to increase public audience and media coverage with partners and sponsors. Likewise the road races such as Paris Brest Paris and Bordeaux Paris engaged the legendary aspects of long distance cycling that is still present in our memories.

Regardless of where the seed was planted, what we now refer to as ultra distance cycling became more and more popular in the United States, Latin America, Australia and currently in Europe.

« Ultravelo » will therefore meet those who are fully fledged engaged in this sport, in order to capture their thoughts and passions. It is clearly so that the sport has chosen its competent cyclists, and not the cyclist choosing their sport.

« Ultravelo » is a chapter written by Perry Stone and edited by Veloconcept.

Whether you are an event organizer, ultra distance cyclist or simply a passionate follower of our sport, do not hesitate to contact us.



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ULTRAMARATHON CYCLING RACES



RAAM (RACE ACROSS AMERICA)

4887 km (3008miles)

33500 m of elevation gain

Organized by UMCA

<http://www.raceacrossamerica.org/>

3 Starting times.

Saturday June 7, 2008 12 p.m: Solo Women and Men 60+

Sunday June 8, 2008. 12 p.m : Solo Men

Wednesday June 11, 2008. 2 p.m: Teams

Time limits:

Solo Women and Men 60+: 309 hours

Solo Men: 288 hours

Teams: 216 hours

RAAM is considered worldwide by ultra distance athletes as the reference challenge and it starts every year in the early summer.

In 2008, the race starts in **Ocean Side** (San Diego), and ends in **Annapolis** on the Atlantic side of the continent.

The seeds of RAAM were sown in 1982 with the experimental challenge of the four pioneers of ultra cycling: **John Marino, Lon Haldeman, Michael Shermer** and **John Howard**.

The success of this symbolic event is due to the non-stop nature of the transcontinental crossing.

The Solo participants have received their rise to glory and fame, whether it is the Americans; Rob Kish and Seana Hogan or the Europeans; Wolfgang Fashing and Jure Robic, by having won the event 3 times. Jure Robic will attempt to go for a fourth victory in 2008 or 2009.

The Male Heroes of RAAM (from it's creation in 1983):

(The female champions will be presented in following editions of this publication)

Lon Haldeman. USA. 1982/1983 (Lon Haldeman, first winner and co-founder of the event, have been directing RAAM for 15 years).

Pete Penseyres. USA. 1984/1986 (holds the course record of over 15 mph)

Jonathan Boyer. USA. 1985/2006 (Enduro category*)

Michael Secrest. USA. 1987

Franck Spilauer. Austria. 1988

Paul Solon. USA. 1989 (Ended in New York)

Bob Fournay. USA. 1990/1991

Rob Kish. USA. 1992/1994/1995 (Rob Kish has participated 20 times in RAAM and have finished 2nd 3 times)

Gerry Tetrai. Australia. 1993/1998

Danny Chew. USA. 1996/1999

Andréas Clavadetcher. Lichtenstein. 2001

Wolfgang Fasching. Austria. 1997/2000/2002 (Wolfgang Fasching has also 3 times finished in 2nd place).

Allen Larsen. USA. 2003

Danyel Wyss. Switzerland. 2006 (Traditional Category*)

Jure Robic. Slovenia. 2004/2005/2007

En 2006, the enduro category was created imposing 40 hours of rest at pre-determined check points, thereby giving each participant 4 hours of sleep per 24 hours. The traditional category was maintained where location and time of sleep was determined by the participant. This new category was not very succesful and was opposed by many ultra racers, and in 2007 only one racer chose to race in the enduro category.

RAAM sites on Velo Concept and on Cyclisme Ultra:

<http://www.velo-concept.com/?pg=cat&rub=6&cat=19&lang=>

http://www.cyclisme-ultra.com/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=40



LTU (LE TOUR ULTIME)

4200 km

48000 m or elevation gain

Organized by: Guus Moonen

<http://www.letourultime.nl>

2 Starts:

August 21, 2008 (solo start) and August 23 (team start).

Time limits:

Depending on the range of participants and the race conditions.

Two distances have been added to the program:

1200 km with a finish at the top of Alpe d'Huez.

1800 km with a finish at the top of Mont Ventoux.

Guus Moonen, a three time finisher of RAAM, is a very passionate ultra cyclist. He started Le Tour Ultime (Le Tour Direct) in 2005, a year when the two masters of ultra distance, **Jure Robic** and **Wolfgang Fasching** created an epic battle. The Slovenian finally won over the Austrian with a very impressive time of 7 days and 18 hours.

However, the race came at a time in the biking season where many of the solo racers were race tired. Alternating yearly with XXALPS (if this race returns on the calendar) could be a solution to maintain these two races over the years.

Le Tour Ultime on Cyclisme Ultra:

http://www.cyclisme-ultra.com/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=41



The XXALPS EXTREME

2272 km (in 2005)

Vaduz (Lichtenstein) – Roquebrune(France)

Austria 445km, Italy 527km, Switzerland 634km, France 666km.

55,455 m of elevation gain, 46 climbs

Intermediate challenges: National XXALPS, covering the respective national distances.

Solo and team categories: Support crew required

Qualifying events determined by organizer.

Organized by: **Andreas Wenzel**, prior world champion in skiing: <http://www.xxalps.com/>

This event has taken place three times; 2003, 2004 and 2005, and the best Europeans have challenged each other on the brutal course. In 2003 **Wolfgang Fasching** and **Andreas Clavadetcher** challenged each other to an epic battle where the front runner Clavadetcher lost his advantage when he fell asleep on the bike on the next to last climb, Col de la Bonnette, when he had a 3 hour advantage on the Austrian. That year, the 2 champions slept approximately 6 hours each over a total race time of 4 days and 12 hours. In 2004, Clavadetcher dominated after having covered approximately 15 summits in the snow, and in 2005 Dany Wyss, showed himself as the best present climber.

La XXALPS on Velo-Concept:

<http://www.velo-concept.com/?pg=cat&rub=6&cat=20&lang=>

ULTRAVELO



An Enigmatic Beast. By Perry Stone. 2006.

Understanding ultra-cycling is often as challenging as racing it. To be a successful ultra-cyclist a rider must have many abilities and strengths none can be more crucial than mental fortitude. The ever increasing onslaught of physical and mental deterioration presents numerous obstacles for the rider. In races like RAAM or the newly formed Le Tour Ultime and to lesser degrees the Furnace Creek 508 and the many 24 hour Championships, "DNF's" (people that do not finish the race) often represents the majority of starters.

It isn't that the ultra elite come unprepared or intent on unrealistic goals, it just simply gets harder to turn the cranks the further down the road you go and most keep the wheels rolling until they reach the very point that they can go no more. The mind and body of an ultra-cyclist are more intricately intertwined, it is a necessity of survival and success. If a rider is fortunate physical drawbacks like injury or depletion will surface almost at a regulated pace and not suddenly. These pains and injuries can also pierce a rider's mental armor exposing either unexpected or overly anxious vulnerabilities. Race leaders in multi-day events often operate on as little as one hour sleep per day. To most this seems impossible and for most it is, the commitment and training to be a competitive ultra-cyclist is an all consuming activity. To compete in an event like RAAM, Ultime or the Furnace Creek 508 are life altering experiences.

While it doesn't always end with a champagne drenched podium there is much reward in the attempt. In RAAM 2005, the 2004 winner, Jure Robic held a commanding lead late in the race, but he only had one gear; hard, and he kept it up, in blazing heat, riding on pain and dreams he kept working emphatically to increase his lead. In his mind he found some relief and solace with images of his wife and child. Their faces calming the champion, reminding him of a softer more loving life, they provided an oasis away from the constant abrasion of the road. Then suddenly, he couldn't picture them anymore, he couldn't remember his baby's smile light up as he held him in his arms. At that moment Jure crossed over. He felt bad, really bad, the efforts of leading the Race Across America across 7 states had taken its toll and Jure stopped racing.



Behind him, Mike Trevino lost consciousness and tumbled over the bars of his bike, destroying his shoulder and his race. He flew home. Robic was being handled by his crew, but the last thing he wanted to show was his softer side, so he lashed out at them, complained about everything under the



blazing sun. The crew knew Jure needed sleep and convinced him to do so on the side of the road. An hour later Jure returned to the saddle and rode on to his second consecutive RAAM victory.

Most ultra riders are hard pressed to explain their motivation as ultra-endurance cycling influences every aspect of their lives, it is their lifeblood, to them the question of "why" is like asking someone why they breathe. The answer is something will all know but are often reluctant to face. The value of ultra racing goes far beyond athletic competition into the life of a rider. Riders speak of enlightened senses, spirituality, an affinity with environment and sometimes feel that they channel organic energies. With every turn of the cranks the rider transfers his or her energy to the road, each pedal rotation becomes a "grain of sand" more labored.

An ultra-cyclist would rather crawl than quit but they accept it when it happens to them. Sometimes it isn't wise or safe to continue. Mental alertness, dehydration and a multitude other possibilities can be potentially lethal but every ultra-rider knowingly accepts the risks in their quests to accomplish the impossible, something they often make look easy, the last thing it will ever be.

LES RAIDS D'AVENTURE TRANSCONTINENTAUX



La pratique cycliste est devenue ces dernières années un moyen d'évasion structuré et coordonné par des opérateurs de tourisme eux mêmes cyclistes au long cours, qui ont su préparer avec minutie et présenter des Raids d'aventure tout à fait exceptionnels par les destinations choisies, les prestations offertes et les aspects sportifs ou humanitaires qu'ils proposent.

Deux opérateurs sont actuellement au Top du catalogue mondial des Raids cyclistes d'aventure, il s'agit de la société **Tour d'Afrique LTD**, basée à Toronto (Canada) dirigée par **Henry Gold**, explorateur humaniste de grand talent et de la société néerlandaise **Bike Dreams**, animée par deux Globe Trotters infatigables, **Rob Van der Geest** et **Wilbert Bonné**.

Par ailleurs nous avons inclus dans cette selection une aventure totalement grandiose, menée par les vulcanologues et conférenciers Canadiens **Pierre Bouchard** et **Janick Lemieux**, qui tournent depuis plus de 5 ans sur le **Cercle de Feu du Pacifique**, dans un but de recensement et d'identification des volcans éteints ou en activité, un travail remarquable publié par épisodes sur les sites Velomag.com et Vélo-Concept.com.

Le caractère spécifique de chacun de ces Raids qui sont organisés à dates fixes, ne nous permet pas d'apporter de commentaires précis, la visite détaillée des sites Web et des contacts directs avec les opérateurs tout à fait disponibles, permettront de se faire une idée précise de ces défis.



THE ANDES TRAIL (1ere edition)

11000 km. 128 jours

De Quito (Equateur) à Ushaiia (Terre de feu)

6 Août/14 Décembre 2008

<http://www.bike-dreams.com>

Tel:+ 31 475 311 047

PARIS DAKAR (3ème edition)

7200 km. 74 jours

Dates 2009 à venir (Aout/Septembre)

<http://www.bike-dreams.com>

Tel:+ 31 475 311 047

LE TOUR D'AFRIQUE (5ème édition)

11900 km. 120 jours

Le Caire (Egypte) > Le Cap (Afrique du Sud)

12 Janvier/10 Mai 2008

<http://www.tourdafrique.com>

Tel: + 1 416 364 82 55

L'ORIENT EXPRESS (2ème édition)

4000 km. 50 jours

Paris à Istambul (Turquie)

1er Juin/20 Juillet 2008

<http://www.tourdafrique.com>

Tel: + 1 416 364 82 55

LA ROUTE DE LA SOIE

9600 km. 108 jours

Istambul (Turquie) à Pekin (Chine)

4 Août/18 Novembre 2008

<http://www.tourdafrique.com>

Tel: + 1 416 364 82 55

LE PAC TOUR (SOUTHERN CONTINENTAL)

4650 km. 26 jours (180 km/jour)

30000 m de dénivelé

USA Sud de la Californie à la Côte Atlantique

6 Septembre/3 octobre 2008

<http://www.pactour.com/>

PAC TOUR est une structure qui a été fondée et est toujours dirigée par **Lon Haldeman**, l'un des 4 pionniers fondateurs de la RAAM.

LE CERCLE DE FEU DU PACIFIQUE

Session 4 en cours de préparation.

Actuellement **50000 km** sur une période d'environ **50 mois**.

- **La première Session** s'est déroulée entre **Mai 1999 et Juin 2001**, sur **25000 km**, à la recherche des volcans dans les pays suivants.

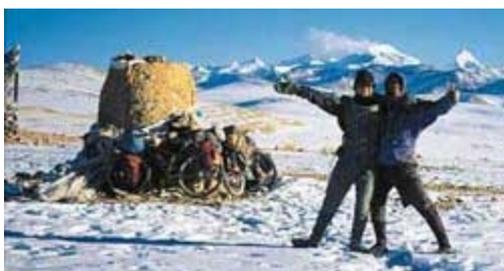
Equateur, Pérou, Bolivie, Chili, Argentine, Colombie, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, San Salvador, Guatemala, Mexique et Ouest USA.

- **La seconde session (11000 km)** a exploré les pays suivants entre **Octobre 2002 et Avril 2004**.

Chili, Argentine, Ile de Pâques, Polynésie Française, Nouvelle Zélande, Vanautu, Iles Salomon, papouasie Nouvelle Guinée, Indonésie (Moluques, Java, Krakatau).

- **La troisième Session**, de Manille à Vancouver, s'est terminée en **Mars 2007** après avoir visité les contrées suivantes et parcouru près de **15000 km**.

Philippines, Indonésie, Taïwan, Japon, Russie(Kamtchatka, Illes Kouriles), Samoa, Hawaï, Tonga,Alaska, Canada.



Portrait de Janick Lemieux et Pierre Bouchard:
<http://www.velomag.com/cyclovolcanique/portrait.lasso>



ULTRAVELO



The annals of history are rich with everyday people accomplishing extraordinary feats, overcoming impossible odds equipped with nothing more than desire, an undeniable will and the need to overcome an injustice or tragedy. Some extreme or endurance sports try to provide this magnitude of challenge by removing or limiting fatal or dire consequences. They offer the opportunity for men and women to measure themselves against extreme conditions and their peers. Mountain climbing is the world's most recognized manifestation of this and yet the risk remains high.

English adventurer Jason Lewis, pedaled a kayak solo from South America to the Solomon Islands. Two days out of the Solomons he lost his ability to desalinate water, when he finally arrived dehydrated at the customs port they drew arms on him and refused him water until a citizen broke through and gave him some. Afterwards he felt a resentment, an undercurrent of hatred from many locals. Recalling the drama as he prepared for the next leg of his trek he said, "I would go back tomorrow, when they put that gun to my head, I have never felt so alive! I thought I had trouble when my desalinator went". (I recently read an article about Mr. Lewis being held captive overnight on an uninhabited South Pacific Island by a sea crocodile that chased him ashore.)

Unlike those recorded in the world's history, these individuals are not thrust into the confrontation they seek it out. They stand ready to answer the call of the wind with everything they can muster.

Many begin their foray into ultra endurance cycling unknowingly with a series of events that first harvest a rider's interest and then nudge participation. Their first century, a memorable weekend trek, a team 24 hour event, a solo 24, the desire to ride to the family cabin 390 kilometers away. In the beginning it is as much about self discovery as it is about the cycling.

Others go a little faster, adding gasoline to their fire. At age 17, Alaskan Ben Couturier won the Fireweed 400 in under 22 hours on a 30 year old steel bike. Three years later, looking no worse for wear, he became the youngest rider to ever complete the 3,000 mile Race Across America.

Distance is not the ultimate objective though. Often marathon runners speak of hitting the wall, with ultra cycling its more of a storm. While there are weather conditions that wreak great havoc it is the internal storm that is most critical obstacle a rider must control. To be most effective a rider must harness its energy. Pain is an undeniable factor in ultra-cycling and often a desired one. Couturier once said, "I feel that Walkmans and computers and heart rate monitors and all of the other toys out there take away from the concentration and that

self drive of the race. To numb your mind with electronics feels like cheating because you lose the pain."

Jure Robic of Slovenia, an ultra-endurance champion and currently the one to beat on the international scene races from the start of a race to position himself in the eye of that storm, often riding 36 hours or more before sleeping. expediting all the hardships of an ultra endurance racer to do so.

The only man who can boast of beating him is Allen Larsen of Washington State, who had a very successful albeit short ultra career, winning RAAM rookie of the year in 2002 and following up by winning the race in 2003. Larsen also likes to race at the front of the pack and is willing and able to ride 36-48 hours non-stop to attain the placement. In '02 he finished RAAM with a self made support brace which held his neck up while he was in the saddle, an effort that also earned him a special award for the most inspirational rider. While training for RAAM 2004 Larsen suddenly withdrew from RAAM, probably the result of over-training, - he is currently registered to return in 2006 to the Race Across America. Larsen knows all about pain.

The chemistry of an ultra endurance competition is as unique to each rider as their DNA. The greatest challenges comes from within. Like a plane, flying-on-empty over an ocean, one must eliminate all excess baggage. This is especially true of mental energies – the less to consider, the more one can concentrate is perhaps the Zen of ultra-racing.

Riders encounter roads blockaded by mountains or expanses so great it is as if their progress is suspended or undetectable. The distance plays pranks. On either side of an instant, perception can race from alien to hospitable and back again. Problems multiply, pain intensifies, head winds grow - sleep deprivation, physical exhaustion, hallucinations and the weather's impact reach depths that only energy can survive.

Perry Stone. 2006.

THE ULTRA RACES BETWEEN 500 AND 2000 KM



IDITAROD (ALASKA)

From February 24, 2008

Start in Anchorage (Alaska)

Finish at Mc Grath (350 miles) and Nome (1100 miles)

The hardest winter race in the world.

Entries reserved for 50 participants (mountainbike/snow shoes and sled/ski) Approximately 50% cyclists.

Total autonomy required, (no support).

http://www.alaskaultrasport.com/alaska_ultra_home_page.html

THE HEART OF THE SOUTH 500 (HOS 500). USA

April 4-6, 2008

Alabama and Georgia

<http://www.heartofthesouth500.com/>

804,5 km

9144 meters elevation gain

Time limit: 48 hours max or 16,7 km/h min

Support required

LE RPE (RAID PROVENCE EXTREME). FRANCE

May 10-11, 2008

France (Saint Rémy de Provence)

Organized by: Véloconcept

<http://www.velo-concept.com/?pg=articles&rub=3&cat=34&id=1363&lang=>

622 km (Ultra men, Grands Randonneurs)

474 km (Ultra women)

8950 m elevation gain

Time limit: (subject to change due to race circumstances).

Ultra men: 29h30 max or 19,4 km/h min

Ultra women: 29h30 maxi or 16,1 km/h min

Grand Randonneur: 34h30 max or 17,5 km/h min

Ultra category: non-drafting, support required.

Limited to 70 participants



RACE AROUND SLOVENIA (RAS). SLOVENIA

May 8-11, 2008

1146 km

10500 m elevation gain

Organized by: Andrej Berginc et Jure Pozar

<http://www.dos-extreme.si/>

Support required.

Time limit: 66h max or 17,4 km/h min.

First edition in May 2007, start and finish in Postojna. The winner was **Jure Robic** with a time of 38h01 or average speed 30,1 km/h

GLOCKNERMAN. AUSTRIA

June 5-7, 2008

Graz (Austria)

<http://www.glocknerman.at/>

1025 km (Ultra)

840 km (Classic) Women/Men 50+

15763 m and 12012 m elevation gain

Time limit: 56 h max.

Support required

The ultra category makes two loops of Grossglockner, the Classic category one loop.

BARCELONA-PERPINYÀ-BARCELONA. SPAIN

BPB «la Ciclomarató Internacional Catalana»

Dates 2008 pending (end of May)

BRM 600 km (40h maxi); 608 km in 2006.

Organized by: La Comissió de Cicloturisme de la Federació Catalana de Ciclisme

<http://bpb2006.blogspot.com/>

First edition in 2006.



RATA (RACE ACROSS THE ALPS). AUSTRIA

June 19-21 2008

Start and Finish in Nauders (Austria)

Organized by: Gernot Weinig and Tourist office of Nauders.

<http://www.raceacrossthealps.com/>

525 km

13650 m elevation gain

Time limit: 32h max or 16,4 km/h min

Max 50 participants

Support required

The race includes high mountains with 16 famous climbs of Massif Alpin and Stelvio is climbed twice.

TRONDHEIM-OSLO. NORWAY

June 20-22, 2008

Start in Trondheim, finish in Oslo.

Organized by: Styrkeproven

<http://www.styrkeproven.no/>

540 km

2500 m elevation gain

Southern Norway between Trondheim and Oslo.

Meeting place of passionate Scandinavians.

Time limit 1 : 30h00 or 18 km/h

Time limit 2: 46h00 or 11,7 km/h

Support allowed.

Reduced distance for cyclists with less training.

GRAND TOUR 400. USA

June 28, 2008

644 km

Two distances, a double century and a triple century.

Californian Brevet, more of a cyclotourist event than an ultra event.

Organized by: Los Angeles Wheelmen

<http://www.lawheelmen.org/grantour.htm>

Time limit: 24h.



RACE ACROSS GERMANY (RAG). GERMANY

July 4-6, 2008

Organized by Gobfert Sportevenements

<http://www.raceacrossgermany.de>

1200 Km

Northern to Southern Germany, 5th edition.

Start: Flensburg

Finish: Garmich Partenkirchen

Time limit: 48 heures

BAVARIA EXTREM (GERMANY)

July 6, 2008

<http://www.bavariaextrem.de/>

500 km

Start: Fulda

Finish: Garmich Partenkirchen

Organized by Gobfert Sportevenements.

Parallel event to Race Across Germany

2 other courses are proposed: 350 and 280 km

FIREWEED 400. USA (Alaska)

Race Across Alaska

July 11-13, 2008

<http://www.fireweed400.com/>

644 km (400 miles)

Race distances of 200, 100 et 50 miles with start on July 13.

5791m elevation gain

Time limit: 33h00

Ultra event : support required.



REV (RAID EXTREME VOSGIEN). FRANCE

July 12-13, 2008

(Champagney, 70) France

Organized by: Jean-Claude Arens

<http://www.arlassur.fr/index.php>

530 km

12000 m elevation gain

Time limit: around 33h00

Minimum speed: around 16 km/h

Ultra cycling race.

Support not required, but recommended

The race covers 23 climbs in the Vosges mountains.

QUADZILLA 400. USA

Second weekend in July (date pending)

Ithaca. New York State

Organized by: Rochester Bicycling Club

<http://www.rochesterbicyclingclub.org/ultra/>

643,6 km

8534 m elevation gain

Time limit: 45h max

Support allowed at check points

Other race options : 563 km / 350 miles

RACE ACROSS OREGON (RAO).USA

July 19-21, 2008

Start and finish in Portland (Oregon)

Organized by George Thomas.

<http://www.raceacrossoregon.com/>

860,8 km

12200 m elevation gain

Time limit: 48h

Ultra cycling race. Support required.



GARDAMAN. GERMANY

Last weekend in July 2008 (Dates pending)

Nurnberg. Germany

Organized by VO2 Sports (Markus Biewald/Stefan Miyagi)

<http://www.ultra-marathon.de>

620 km

5800 m elevation gain

Support recommended

RADMARATHON (WBB). SWITZERLAND

Wiedlisbach-Bodensee-Bern (Switzerland)

July 2009 (Dates pending)

Organized by Fritz Blindenbacher.

Race is seemingly taking a break during 2008.

720 km

5620 m elevation gain

3 other distances are proposed in Randonnee format.

<http://www.radmarathon.ch/>

Time limit Ultras : (Support required): 33h30 max or 21,5 km/h

Time limit Randonneurs : 40h00 max (18 km/h)

ADIRONDACK 540 (ADK 540). USA

September 12-14, 2008

Ticongeroga. New York State.

Organized by: ADK Ultracycling

<http://www.adkultracycling.com/adk540/index.htm>

878,5 km (546 miles)

9144 m elevation gain

Time limit: 53 h.

Support recommended for the 540 miles.

HOODOO 500. USA

September 13-15, 2008

St George, Utah

Organized by: Planet Ultra

<http://www.planetultra.com/Hoodoo500/index.htm>

835 km (519 miles)

9150 m elevation gain

3 categories:

Time limit 1: Solo ULTRA: 48h max; 17,4 km/h

Time limit 2: Relay TEAMS 2 or 4 persons : 46 and 44 h max.

Time limit 3: VOYAGER: Limited to 15 selected participants. 50h max or 16,7 km/h min.

TEJAS 500. TX USA

Last weekend in September 2008 (Dates pending)

Organized by TTT: The Texas Time Trials

<http://www.tt24tt.com/>

A loop of 32,2 km (20 miles) to be repeated 25 times, or 500 miles (804,5 km).

Several other race formats.

Time limit: Different categories: 36h / 42h / 48h max or 16,7 km/h min

Support allowed/advised only at the checkpoint (start/finish).

FURNACE CREEK 508 (FC 508). CA, USA

October 4-6, 2008

Organized by: AdventureCORPS

<http://www.the508.com/>

The oldest Ultra event in the world in her epic environment Mojave Desert and Death Valley.

817,4 km

10668 m elevation gain

Time limit: 48h max

Support required.

ROUND CZECH REPUBLIC. CHECK REPUBLIC

1310 km

(Dates pending for 2008).

Support required.

Organized by: **Radek Kysely et l'ACK Trinec**

<http://extremrace.3nec.cz>

A historic ultra even in Europe, always challenging, which continued the tradition of the 2004 **ALL CZECH REPUBLIC.**

See story from Reinhard Schroeder:

<http://www.velo-concept.com/?pg=articles&rub=5&cat=32&id=326&lang=>

LES DEFIS EXTREMES

RACE AROUND AUSTRALIA

Le Canadien **Perry Stone** a réalisé ce défi à plusieurs reprises.

1999, 41 jours, 17 heures, pour 14187 km

2000, 41 jours, 5 min, pour 14217 km

2002, 57 jours, pour 14 326 km, en totale autonomie avec sac à dos et remorque en plein été Austral



Perry Stone fut directeur de communication de la **RAAM**

Et l'auteur des chroniques **ULTRA VELO** sur le site **VELO-CONCEPT**, chroniques utilisées dans la rédaction de ce guide.

Perry Stone est également l'auteur d'un certain nombre de photos qui illustrent ce guide.

C'est un excellent ami et un Ultra Cycliste « hors du temps ».

<http://www.bikestories.com/race-director.htm>

<http://www.velo-concept.com/?pg=cat&rub=6&cat=22&lang=>

RACE AGAINST THE WIND

6400 km

«Nova Scotia to British Columbia» de Halifax à Whistler.

Organisateur: **Perry Stone**

<http://www.bikestories.com/race.htm>

This Canada crossing against the winds (winter and summers) have never taken place. The project is still on the drawing boards of Perry Stone, always ready to make it happen if there are volunteers emerging to make it happen.

THE RECORDS IN ENDURANCE CYCLING



At present national and international sporting authorities governing the competitive cycling organizations, do not recognize course records exceeding one hour events, track records and those performed in accordance to any institutional regulations.

NOTE: The National Commission of Cycling for All of the French Federation for Cycling have recognized and validated the ultra distance cycling on the roads as “Randosportive Ultra Distance”.

In most countries with an active cycling population the development of ultra distance cycling is starting to change the demands for regulations, as more and more cyclists are drawn towards 6/12/24 hour events or events of particular distances or elevation changes.

The international reference for hour event is currently GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS, where authentic sporting challenges are often compared to societal games of or qualified as fruitless exploits.

These specific records have also been validated by the UMCA – Ultra Marathon Cycling Association, according to their American standards, with a very simple procedure including membership fees and where the essential parameters have not been determined.

The framework for these records are currently questionable, not adapted to norms applicable to the cycling sport and the type of events. This situation led us to reflect upon the establishment of a serious validation procedure, which is technically elaborated and indisputable.

The working group of AECU – Association Européenne de Cyclisme Ultra, initiated a reflection on records at the annual colloquium of the AEC in 2006. A first draft evolved for the actual and the future situation that will be disseminated to the ultra cycling world.

Robert Gauthier, previous President of the Medical Sport Center in Lyon played a major role in the elaboration of this document, with his experiences and competencies, he coordinated with suppleness the first drafts of the ‘Protocols for Records in Ultra Distance Cycling’.



AECU (Association Européenne de Cyclisme Ultra-Distance) PROTOCOL OF REGULATIONS FOR RECORDS IN LONG DISTANCE CYCLING



Introduction:

In the framework of competitive sports, the ICU (International Cycling Union) do not recognize records apart from the 'Hour records'. Other records of longer distances and times have thus disappeared from the list of records.

Other records can be found in cyclosporive or « cycling for all » activities. However, the evolution of ultra distance cycling has given rise to new passions and objectives. The 24 hour records are currently consider the gold standards, and are attracting attention. But there are other records such as those of 6 and 12 hours, and specific distances, such as 500 or 1000 km, on defined routes that also needs to be considered.

The lack of recognition of the official authorities in bicycle racing of these records, indicates the necessity to regulate these events in the world of cyclosporive events.

This is within the competence of AECU, focused on ultra distance cycling.

This events naturally fall within the scope of ultra cycling. However, it is necessary to define the different technical and methodological concepts such as Course – Distance – Equipment and Time and Controls.

Course :

For a distance-based record attempt, the course could be defined on a map, including starting point, obligatory check points and an ending point. Total and partial distances would be determined by the distances shown on the map, without risk for error for a permanent course.

For a time-based record attempt, a closed circuit is necessary for evident reasons: security, lights for night riding and permanent supervision. In this case it is very important to check for any elevation changes, since even the smallest elevation changes become significant with many loops over the course of time, with the energy expenditure that this entails. For this reason, only a closed circuit, such as a velodrome could guarantee all these conditions. In the case and spirit of road challenges, these courses could be performed in outdoors environment on paved or cemented roads. A covered velodrome would necessitate a separate definition.

Distance :

For an external circuit, the measurements should be performed and recorded by a competent and accredited body.

For example : Géomètre Expert - Service officiel (Équipement) - Institut Géographique National.

After all controls have been made, the measurement line for the course should be applied on the ground with paint or other marking device. The documentation of the measurements, properly signed should be found in the record log.

Equipment :

In the spirit of cyclo sportive events, and also in ultra distance events, the road bicycle is obligatory.

Without going into details, it is a classic bicycle without defining the frame material, but without any additions or mechanisms to improve aerodynamic qualities. In order to assure the comfort and to respect the body morphology of the rider, the position is not defined.

Notably the choice of a classic handle bar, or a cowhorn bar with aerobars is free. In accordance with other road cycling events, a helmet with proper ventilation is obligatory. A breaking system on front and back wheel is necessary, using regular rim-brakes or hub disk brakes.

However, liberty is given to permit developments of the equipment. Number of chain rings and cogs is left to choice, as are unique gearing combinations, fixed gear or single speed. These personal choices can not give any advantage.

The cyclo sportive is an integral part of the modern society where products evolve. It is therefore legitimate to accept new validated technological evolutions, such as the wheels, without restricting their design, or their diameter. Same goes for other technologies such as seamless, tubeless, clincher tires and other standards for bike assemblage. The bicycle's conformity to standards will be controlled by competent officials, accredited by AECU.

Time keepers and supervision:

The competence of accredited time keepers in cycling competition is well established, as well as the equipment used for time recording and lap counting. In this context the time shall be measured based upon the time it takes to complete one lap. The final distance shall be calculated based upon the completion of the next to final lap, and the time of arrival of the ultimate lap. Depending on the length of the event, time and frequency of rest periods can be determined by the time keeper.

Antidoping controls:

These cyclo sportive events are voluntary actions that are purely performed as a life quality enhancing activity that respect the dignity of man, without other lucrative interests. The most rigorous discipline and training are needed for these records. In order to respect the athlete, but also for the performance, that can be realized all over the world with similar requirements, the records needs to be realized without restrictions. The regulated controls, established for the competition, needs to be performed without restrictions. However, when world-wide records are performed that may stand for a long time, it is wise to avoid and even to discourage hazardous challenges. A double control is therefore established.

Start : Evaluation of blood parameters approved for competition, in order to assure that the person can perform this challenge without endangering his or her health.

End: Classic urinary control.

These controls should be performed by accredited doctors in the competent sporting authority.

France : Ministère Jeunesse et Sports - Directions Régionales - Fédération Française de Cyclisme.

Other authorities or institutions equally recognized by international sporting authorities.

Potential litigation issues:

Since the regular official cycling authorities at this point do not engage themselves in these events, any contestation of the event will be made to persons accredited by the AECU.

THE WORLDWIDE RANDONNEUR BREVETS



GERMANY

FICHKONA. GERMANY

June 28-30, 2008

<http://www.fichkona-sports.de/fichkona/index.php>

601 km

Registration is closed for 2008.

Time limit: 27h max for qualified groups.

Course "mountain/sea". The start is at Fichtelberg (1214 m) in Erzgebirge to descend towards the northern plains to the Cape Arkona (30 m).

The German regulation is very strict and the respect of traffic laws is obligatory for all participants.

BELGIUM

BRUSSELS-STRASBOURG-BRUSSELS

1000 km

July 5-8, 2008

Organized by: Randonneurs.be

<http://www.randonneurs.be/>

2nd edition

BREVET 1200 KM

Aug. 17, 2008

Morkhoven (Antwerpen)

Organized by: Lierse BCR – Herentals

<http://www.randonneurs.be/>

BULGARIA

SLIVEN-VARNA-SOFIA-SLIVEN (SVS)

1200 km

11000 m of elevation change

June 25-29, 2008

Organized by: Audax Randonneurs Bulgaria

<http://www.svs-cycling.s5.com/>

CANADA

<http://www.randonneurs.bc.ca/index.html>

ULTIMATE ISLAND EXPLORER 2000

2000 km

Vancouver Island

Aug. 12, 2008 (first edition)

Organized by: British Columbia Randonneurs Cycling Club

<http://www.randonneurs.bc.ca/schedule/>

VANISLE 1200

1200 km

Early July 2008 (Dates to be confirmed)

Event limited to 35 participants

Vancouver Island

Organized by: British Columbia Randonneurs Cycling Club

<http://www.randonneurs.bc.ca/VanIsle1200/>

ROCKY MOUNTAIN 1200 (RM 1200)

1200 km

8240 m of elevation gain

July 23-27, 2008 (Takes place every 4th year).

Organized by: British Columbia Randonneurs Cycling Club

<http://www.randonneurs.bc.ca/rocky/rm1200.html>

For further events in Canada see also:

<http://www.randonneursontario.ca/>

<http://www.randonneurs.bc.ca/>

<http://www.randonneursontario.ca/>

<http://www.albertarandonneurs.com/>

<http://www.bicycle.ns.ca/>

DENMARK:

SUPER BREVET SCANDINAVIA

1200 km

Next edition in 2009 (no dates specified)

Organized by: Audax Randonneurs Denmark.

http://www.brevets.dk/?Super_Brevet_Scandinavia

SPAIN:

MADRID – GIJON – MADRID

1200 km

(Dates not specified)

Organized by: Ciclistas en Red et par le Grupo Cicloturista Deportivo de Larga Distancia

<http://www.geocities.com/mgm1200 km/>

see also: <http://www.amigosdelciclismo.com/monograficos/mgm1200/>

UNITED STATES:

BOSTON – MONTREAL- BOSTON (BMB)

1200 km

Previously organized by: Jennifer Wise

The event will not take place in 2008

<http://www.geocities.com/b-m-b/>

BONIFAY CHEAHA CHALLENGE (BCC)

1000 et 1200 km

Floride, Alabama and Georgia (USA)

Oct. 2008 or 2009

Organized by: Ride4Life

<http://www.ride-4-life.com/1200k.html>

CASCADE 1200

1226 km

June 28 or July 1, 2008

Washington State (USA)

Organized by: Seattle International Randonneurs (SIR)

<http://www.cascade1200.com/>

<http://www.seattlerandonneur.org/>

DALMAC QUAD CENTURY. USA

Aug. 27-31, 2008

East Lansing. Michigan.

Organized by: Padre's Cycle Inn and Tri-County Bicycle Association

<http://www.padrescycleinn.com/DALMAC.html>

<http://www.biketcba.org/DALMAC/dframe.html>

644 km (400 miles)

Other distances available on maps.

COLORADO LAST CHANCE 1200K

"Venture to Kansas"

Sept. 10-13, 2008

Colorado (USA)

Organized by: Rocky Mountain Cycling Club

<http://www.rmccrides.com/lastchance.htm>

1000 km option

Limited to 30 participants.

GOLD RUSH RANDONNEE (GRR)

"The California 1200"

California

Organized by: Davis Bike Club

<http://www.davisbikeclub.org/goldrush/>

SHENANDOAH 1200

Virginia

June 5-8, 2008 (first edition)

Organized by: DC Randonneurs

<http://www.dcrand.org/dcr/shenandoah1200k.php>

OTHER BREVETS

For the complete calendar of randonnee events in the USA, please consult the reference site for randonneurs in the USA.

<http://www.rusa.org/links.html>

http://www.rusa.org/cgi-bin/eventsearch_GF.pl

ITALY

MORELLI DAY (500 KM DI NERVIANO).

July 7-8, 2008

Organized annually in July by SAV 95 , with **Fermo Rigamonti** as director and under the rules of l'UDACE. A key reference event for randonnee cycling in Italy.

<http://www.randonnee.it/index.asp>

Time limit: 500 km in 24h max or 20,8 km/h min speed.

The event is a randonnee, although the competitive spirit of the italians may sometimes be deceiving.

1001 MIGLIA

1610 km

Aug. 17-23, 2008

Organized by: **SAV 95 ANNI VERDI (Fermo Rigamonti)**

<http://www.1001migliaitalia.it/1001/rules.php?lang=it>

<http://www.randonnee.it/index.asp?lan=it>

Time limit: 100h (16,1 km/h) and 130h (12,4 km/h)

Support prohibited on the road, but permitted at the check points.

The first edition in 2006 was run as an Ultra cycling event with 9 participants. The organizer Fermo Rigamonti changed direction for this event and it is now open for everybody as a randonnee with the spirit of BRM. Fermo Rigamonti is notably the official director of BRM in Italy.

SICILIA NON STOP

1000 km

June 16-19, 2008

Organized by: **ASD Ciclo Tyndaris**

<http://www.sicilianostop.it/>

<http://www.ciclotyndaris.it>

This event is highly esteemed in Italy and is in its 5th edition.

FRANCE

BORDEAUX-PARIS RANDONNEURS.

NOTE: Bordeaux Paris Randonneurs is neither a brevet or an ULTRA event, however this epic event due to its history makes it a reference event in this worldwide calendar of long distance cycling.

June 20 – 22, 2008

Organized by: **TC Guyenne. Antoine Sabio** (Touristes et Cyclospor­tifs de Guyenne)

Sanctioned by UFOLEP.

<http://www.bordeaux-paris-randonneurs.com/>

608 km

Time limit :

Cyclospor­tives- 27h or 22,5 km/h min

Randonneurs- 35h or 17,4 km/h min

Cyclotourists- 59h or 10,5 km/h min

Support permitted only at control points (5 km before or after the city controls)

The 2008 edition may possibly be the last one of this mythical event that embraces the French cycling spirit.

BORDEAUX–MADRID RANDONNEURS.

NOTE : BRM is neither a brevet or an ULTRA event.

Organized by: **TC Guyenne. Antoine Sabio**, alternating with Bordeaux-Paris Randonneurs

<http://www.bordeaux-paris-randonneurs.com/>

704 km.

The dates for the 2009 edition (4th edition) have not been determined.

The first edition took place in 1997.

Time limit 1: 36h00

Time limit 2: 76h00



PARIS – BREST - PARIS

1200 km

10000 m of elevation change

Organized by Audax Club Parisien since 1931.

The worldwide reference for long distance randoneuring.

<http://www.paris-brest-paris.org/FR/index.php>

Next edition in August 2011.

OTHER BREVETS

A doussin of brevets of 1000 km are foreseen to be organized in 2008 in France.

All information could be found on the websites of Cyclo Cyclotes, FFCT or ACP.

<http://www.ffct.org>

<http://www.audax-club-parisien.com/>

<http://www.cyclos-cyclotes.org/>

GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON – EDINBURGH – LONDON

1400 km

July 26-31 2009

Organized by: Audax UK

<http://www.londonedinburghlondon.co.uk/>

Time limit: 93h (15 km/h), 105h (13 km/h), 116h (12 km/h)

Support prohibited on the course apart from at check points.

SWEDEN

BREVET 1000 KM

July 10 2008

Organized by Örebrocyklisterna

<http://www.orebrocyklisterna.se/>

<http://www.randonneurs.se/>

**THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZERS OF BREVETS WITH WORLDWIDE
RANDONNEURS.**

WEBSITE AND MAILING/E-MAIL ADDRESS FOUND AT :

<http://www.paris-brest-paris.org/FR/index.php?showpage=36>

ENDURANCE EVENTS OF 200 TO 500 KM



LE TOUR DES FLANDRES CYCLO. BELGIUM

RANDONNEE BY GOLDEN BIKE UCI

April 5 2008

256 km

Organized on the course of the professional Tour des Flandres on the eve of the event.
The largest and most popular randonné in Belgium.

<http://www.sport.be/cycling/rondevanvlaanderen/>

AMSTEL GOLD RACE CYCLO. THE NETHERLANDS

RANDONNEE BY GOLDEN BIKE UCI

Valkenburg. The Netherlands

April 19 2008

250 km

This one is similarly to the Tour des Flandres organized on the course of the professional Amstel gold Race.

<http://www.amstelgoldrace.nl>

TILFF BASTOGNE TILFF (TBT) BELGIUM

RANDONNEE

Tilff. Belgium

The randonee of the Belgian Ardennes.

The course follows a large part of the race course Liège Bastogne Liège

May 17 2008

237 km

<http://www.sport.be/cycling/tilffbastognetilff/>

NOVE COLI. ITALY

CYCLOSPORTIVE

Cesenatico. Emalie Romagne

May 18 2008

The most popular Granfondo in Italy

34th edition

200 km

3840 m of elevation gain

<http://www.novecoli.it>



RACE ACROSS STYRIA / TOUR DE MUR. AUSTRIA

RANDONNEE

May 22-25 2008

Austria

<http://www.tour-de-mur.at/>

340 km

18th edition

BALATON RADMARATHON. HUNGARY

CYCLOSPORTIVE

Tour de Pelso

May 24 2008

Siofolk. Hungary

200 km

3200 m of elevation gain

<http://www.tourdepelso.hu>

LES VENTOUX MASTERSERIES. FRANCE

DEFI MONTAGNARD

Bedoin. Vaucluse

May 24 2008

3 versions of Mont Ventoux in 24 hours

Organizer: Velo Concept

<http://www.velo-concept.com/?pg=cat&rub=3&cat=60&lang=>

LE DEFI DE L'IMMORTELLE (The immortal challenge). FRANCE

DEFI MONTAGNARD

Bruges (Pyrénées Atlantiques). France

June 7 2008

Organized by Pierre Gadiou

262 km

6200 m of elevation gain

First edition

<http://www.immortelle-cyclo.com/>



LUCHON–BAYONNE. FRANCE

RANDONNEE

June 7-8 2008

France (Pyrénées)

Organized by Aviron Bayonnais

<http://site.voila.fr/Ramunxo64/page1.html>

327 km

5257 m elevation gain

42nd edition

The Epic climbs of the Pyrénées (Peyresourde, Aspin, Tourmalet, Aubisque et Pays Basque)

Brevet by Cimes Françaises

GRANFONDO CAMPAGNOLO. ITALY

CYCLOSPORTIVE

June 15 2008

Feltre (BL)

216 km

4350 m elevation gain

<http://www.granfondocampagnolo.it>

VÄTTERNRUNDAN. SWEDEN

SCANDINAVIAN RANDONNEE

June 14-15 2008

Sweden (Tour du lac de Vättern)

<http://www.cyklavaettern.com/>

Vätternrundan, is without a doubt, the most popular event in Scandinavia.

L'ARDECHOISE VELO MARATHON. FRANCE

CYCLOSPORTIVE

Saint Félicien (07) France

June 21 2008

268 km

5180 m elevation gain

<http://www.ardechoise.com/index.php3>

LA BERNARD HINAULT (ARC EN CIEL, RAINBOW). FRANCE

CYCLOSPORTIVE

Event included in Trophée Label d'Or FFC

Saint Brieuc. (22) France

June 21 2008

230 km

<http://www.labernardhinault.fr/>

LA QUEBRANTAHUESOS. SPAIN

CYCLOSPORTIVE included in **TROPHEE GOLDEN BIKE UCI**

Sabinanigo (Huesca). Aragon.

June 21 2008

205 km

3600 m elevation gain

<http://www.quebrantahuesos.com>

GRAND TOUR 300. USA

RANDONNEE

June 28 2008

California (USA)

483 km (300 miles)

Organized by: Los Angeles Wheelmen

<http://www.lawheelmen.org/grant>

SUPER RANDONNEE. ITALY

DEFI MONTAGNARD

Ex Rando 8000 organized by Emma Mana , Ivano Vinai and the team of Fausto Coppi

June 28 & 29 2008

Cunéo. Italy, France (Alpes)

<http://www.faustocoppi.net/viewobj.asp?id=94>

440 km

11300 m elevation gain

A course on the border of France and Italy with the climbs Izoard, Vars, Fauniera etc...



DEFI DES FONDUS DE L'UBAYE (DFU)

MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

June 27&28 2008

Organized by: Claude Véran

336 km

Time limit: 24h00

6895 m elevation gain for the 7 climbs.

There are shorter distances and less climbing offered.

<http://storage.canalblog.com/42/03/79944/8945884.doc>

JOTUNHEIMEN RUNDT. NORWAY

RANDONNEE

July 4 2008

Norway

430 km

4609 m elevation gain

<http://www.jotunheimenrundt.com/>

TATRY TOUR/EUBIKE. POLAND

CYCLOSPORTIVE

August 2 2008

Zakopane. Poland

212 km

2825 m elevation gain

<http://www.eubike.sk>

ALPEN BREVET. SWITZERLAND

MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

August 9 2008

Andermatt. Switzerland

266 km

6620 m elevation gain (6 climbs)

<http://www.alpenbrevet.ch>

OETZTALER RADMARATHON. AUSTRIA

CYCLOSPORTIVE

August 31 2008

Solden. Tyrol

238 km

5500 m elevation gain

<http://www.oetztaler-radmarathon.com>

WYSAM 333. SWITZERLAND

CYCLOSPORTIVE

September 7 2008

Orbe. Switzerland

http://www.wysam333.ch/index_de.html

333 km

3160 m elevation gain

NOTE: Samuel Wyss will confirm his participation in Wysam 2008.

LEVALLOIS HONFLEUR. FRANCE

RANDONNEE

Levallois Perret (92) France

September 13 2008

208 km

24th edition

http://pagesperso-orange.fr/bmareuil-cyclo.levallois/randonnee_levallois_honfleur.htm

SCHWARZWALD ULTRA RAD MARATHON. GERMANY

CYCLOSPORTIVE

Teilnehmer. Germany

September 16 2008

230 km

3650 m elevation gain

<http://www.surm.de>

ROTHAUS RIDERMAN. GERMANY

CYCLOSPORTIVE IN TROPHEE GOLDEN BIKE UCI

Bad Durrheim. Germany

September 19 to 21 2008

225 km

3600 m elevation gain

<http://www.sauser.de/index.php?>



24 HOUR CIRCUIT EVENTS

The 24 hour circuit events are very popular in Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

They are true races that take place on a closed circuit and the events include a large audience with sporting and amusement events for the public (such as mountain bike, orchestras, meals)

They are open to solo participants as well as relay teams of 2 to 4 riders (men, women or mixed teams)

There are no officially and universally accepted rules for these events, and every organizer has their own set of regulations.

LE SILBERREIHER TROPHY. AUSTRIA

Golz. Austria.

The dates for the 2008 edition needs to be confirmed

<http://www.silberreier-trophy.at>

LE KAINACHTALTROPHY. AUSTRIA

Austria

September 9 & 10 2008

<http://www.kainachtaltrophy.at/>

MELFAR 24 CYCLING CHALLENGE. DENMARK

Middelfart. Denmark

June 9&10 2008

<http://www.melfar24.dk>

THE 24 HOURS OF SHOTZ. SWITZERLAND

Shotz. Switzerland

August 9&10 2008

<http://www.24stundenrennen.ch>

CYCLEMANIA 24. GERMANY

Garching. Germany

June 28&29 2008

<http://www.rsv-garching.de/24h/index.htm>

RUNDSCHAU RADMARATHON. AUSTRIA

Linz. Austria

Third weekend in June 2008 (dates to be confirmed)

<http://www.rundschau-radmarathon.at>

RAD AM RING. GERMANY

Circuit of Nurburgring. Germany

August 23&24 2008

<http://www.radamring.de>

NATIONAL 24 HOURS CHALLENGE. USA

Middleville. Michigan. USA

June 14&15 2008

26th edition

<http://www.n24hc.org/index.html>