

## Check points

Very few changes on the location of the check points:

Dreux	57 km	Return only
Mortagne	84 km	Return only
Villaines	79 km	
Fougères	86 km	
Tinténiac	54 km	
Loudéac	85 km	
Carhaix	76 km	
Brest	83 km	

Experience tells us that we can have confidence in every control. More than **1 500 volunteers** will welcome you with all their hearts to support you morally and physically.

The passage verification system used for the 4 last editions, will again be in place:

- Recording of the hour of the passage with your control card
- transferring the times of passage of all participants to the Web site every 10 minutes by mobil phone or web.

## Paris-Brest-Paris International

In 2003, of 3457 arrivals, 1 777 nonfrench finished the **PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur**, more than 51%. They represented 25 countries. This year again, the five continents will be represented. We will meet new nationalities with the arrival of the Israelis, Hungarian and Taiwanese. The **PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur** remains the most international event of cyclotourisme. What a success after the founding meeting of The Brevets de Randonneurs Europeens in 1976 in PARIS which was followed in 1983 by the creation of the **Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux!**

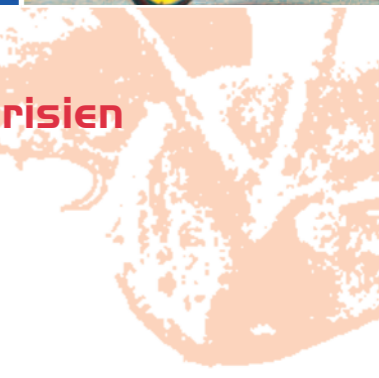
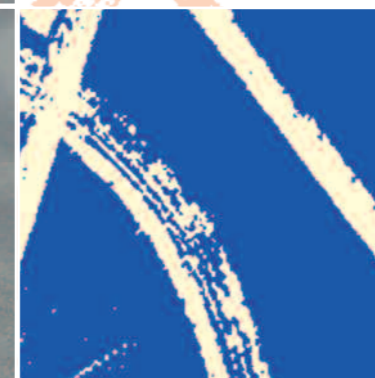
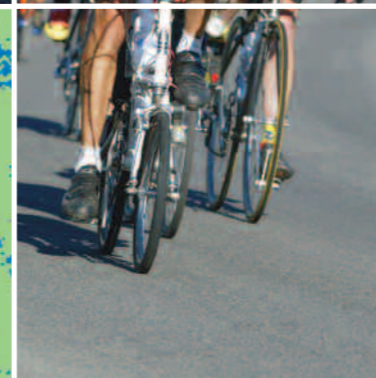
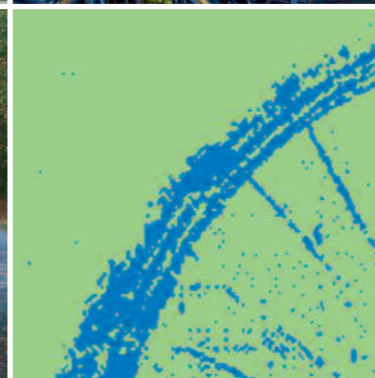
In 2007, will the French again be a minority? The reservations of the hotels to Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines seem to confirm it.

Country	Starters	Finishers
Australia	81	68
Austria	15	12
Belgium	84	69
Brazil	1	1
Bulgaria	6	5
Canada	83	70
Denmark	188	161
Finland	7	5
Germany	195	172
Greece	11	6
Ireland	3	3
Italy	214	181
Japan	20	12
Luxembourg	1	1
Norway	20	18
Russian Federation	24	17
South Africa	12	11
Spain	167	149
Sweden	50	41
Switzerland	15	14
The Netherlands	63	58
Ukraine	0	0
United-Kingdom	346	303
United-States	458	400
Out of France	2 064	1 777
France	2 005	1 680
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 069</b>	<b>3 457</b>

## They said

"P.B.P. with the multicolored shirts, the classical bicycles and the strange machines ridden, with cyclists ready to help each other, despite language barriers, masters people more certainly than all the pacts signed in a "Gold Book" in the decorum of a national palace."

AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN



# Paris ST-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES

# 16<sup>th</sup>

# Brest Paris ST-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES

# R A N D O N N E U R

August 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007

ORGANIZED BY THE  
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In August 2007, more than 4 000 randonneurs will gather in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines to enter into the legend of the PARIS-BREST-PARIS (P.B.P.) Randonneur. Since 1931, thousands of randonneurs have tried their hand at the most famous brevet at "allure libre" (self paced rides), the 1200 km PBP, which must be completed in 90 hours, the present maximum time limit.

By entering this mythical ride, you will test your cycling agility and your human endurance. You will strive to obtain your Personal Best or you will try simply to rally the arrival... but you will always do your best to live this adventure while supporting each other and building friendships with those who participate in this endurance monument, which is much more than a simple hike. No place of honour, nor any podium, only the pleasure of the challenge alone will help you to overcome the suffering.. and the magic moment of the arrival will obliterate the doubtful moments on the roads of Brittany or of Normandy.

You will not be alone : you will be in the company of entrants from all over the world. You will appreciate the charms of France and you will be united by the same goal: to rally BREST and return to PARIS.

You will not be alone : many spectators - or rather admirers - will encourage you throughout your journey, indeed will support you in attaining the fixed goal. You will appreciate also the hundreds of volunteers who will help you throughout the journey.

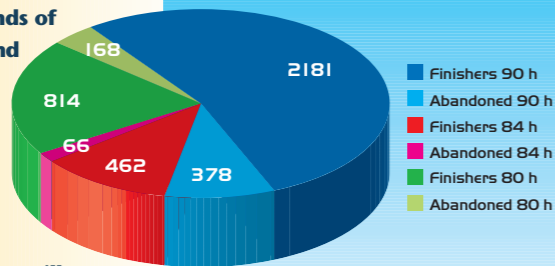
As always, the future of this event will be a function of your behavior on the road. Authorizations are difficult to obtain, so we thank you for respecting the rules of the road and to always have safety in mind.

A big thanks to the city of GUYANCOURT and to the "Communaute d'agglomeration" of SAINT-QUENTIN-en-YVELINES who will welcome you for the departure and the arrival of this 16<sup>th</sup> PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur and who have put at our disposal their site and their competence to offer this event.

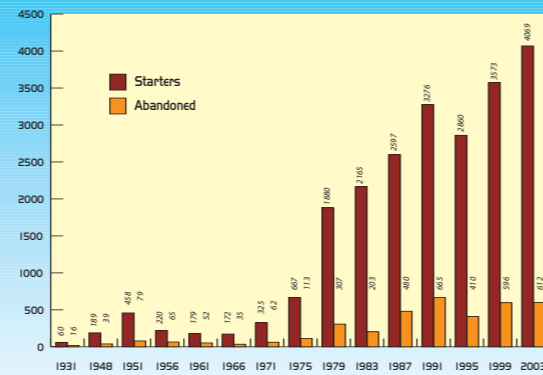
Bonne Route to all.

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## Paris-Brest-Paris in figures



Finishers & abandoned by starting in 2003



Evolution of the number of participants

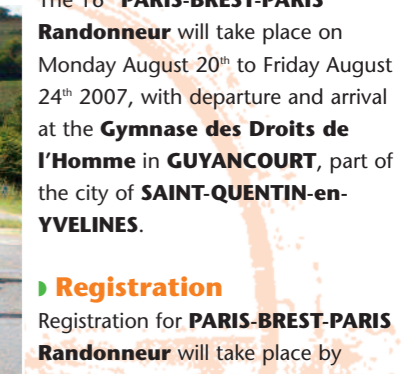
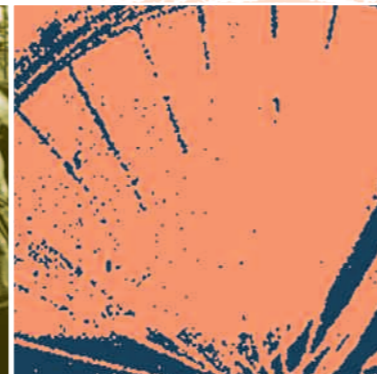
## History of Paris-Brest-Paris

In 1891, Charles TERRONT entered into the legend, winning the first Paris-Brest-Paris out of 100 other entrants. The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ten years later, became an international affair with riders in two categories:

- racers,
- touristes routiers.

In 1931 two organizations were formed: one for the RANDONNEURS and the other for the AUDAX. 44 randonneurs completed this first free paced brevet of 1200 km in less than 96 hours,

was third solo in 1961. The time limit was reduced from 96 to 90 hours. From 1971, the organization of P.B.P. became a four-year cycle. Robert LEPERTEL remained at the head of the organization commission from 1971 to 1999, except for the centennial one presided by Jean-Claude MASSE in 1991. In 2003, the event was managed by a quartet composed from Marie-Thérèse MARTIN, Jean-Pierre PENDU, Pierre THEOBALD et Bernard WARIN. The number of participants exploded to



which was the maximum time limit to complete the distance. Not organized in 1941 for war reasons, the next edition started from the "Porte Maillot" in 1948. This edition allowed the randonneurs to beat the record of 49h20, for all categories. 1951 saw strong participation in the ride with 379 finishers under the houlette of Pierre BONTEMPS. This was the last edition for the professionals. At the head of the two editions of 1956 and 1961, René MARTINEZ organized the event from the coffee shop "Les trois Obus" to respectively 220 and 179 participants. 1956 was surely the most difficult edition, complicated by frightful weather throughout the journey. Only 155 survivors returned to PARIS. In 1966, Gilbert BULTE took the reins of the P. B. P. He was well known to have finished on the first tandem in 1956 (with Lucien DETEE) and

3 573 registered in 1999, then 4 184 registered in 2003. During this period, the PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur opened to foreigners, with the participation of more than 25 countries, which organize, under the regulations of the AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN, the qualifying Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux.



## The qualifying brevets

In order to avoid a large number of abandonments and also to ensure experience with randonneuring, every participant to PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur must have completed, in the year, the series of the Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux from 200 km to 600 km. These brevets are organized under the regulations of the AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN in more than 25 countries around the world. In 2007, more than 40 000 BRM will be homologated.

The recommended planning for French organizers in 2007 is as follow:

BRM 200 km	of February 24 to April 22
BRM 300 km	of April 07 to May 20
BRM 400 km	of April 28 to June 03
BRM 600 km	of May 17 to June 17

You will find the French and foreign BRM calendars on our web site:  
[www.audax-club-parisien.com](http://www.audax-club-parisien.com)

## Some points of the rules

- PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur is open to the members of FFCT, UFOLEP and FSGT as well as to foreigners covered by insurance, and aged at least 18 years on the day of the departure.
- A medical certificate dating back to less than 3 months is required at the time of the registration.
- All forms of aero bars are forbidden.
- Support crews must leapfrog their rider; between contrôles, staying off the official route.
- Front and rear lights permanently attached to the bicycle and always available.
- All riders must wear a reflective vest, sash, or some other article with clearly placed reflective material on the front and back of the rider.
- Recommended helmet.

There will be 3 departure times to choose from at the time of the registration:

Monday August 20 - from 20h00	Overall time limit : 80 hours
Monday August 20 - from 21h00	Overall time limit : 90 hours
Tuesday August 21 - from 05h00	Overall time limit : 84 hours

## P.B.P. 2007 Planning Schedule

This schedule is given for information only. It will be updated as new information becomes available

The 16<sup>th</sup> PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur will take place on Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> 2007, with departure and arrival at the Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme in GUYANCOURT, part of the city of SAINT-QUENTIN-en-YVELINES.

Registration for PARIS-BREST-PARIS Randonneur will take place by correspondence after the

homologation of the Randonneurs Mondiaux Brevets de, from June 17<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>. The registration forms will be available to finishers of 400 km and 600 km brevets.

Final registration will be on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme in GUYANCOURT. The bike check will take place at the same time and place.

Information related to the event is presently available on our site Internet: [www.audax-club-parisien.com](http://www.audax-club-parisien.com) You will find the news concerning organization as well as rules and routes of the ride. You will be able to follow any rider during the event with the newest communication tools, especially with your mobil phone by SMS.

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