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Volae Wolf Pack, consisting of Thomas Kingsbury, Loyal, WI and Tim Woudenberg, Moss Beach, CA, set the record for the first two man recumbent team in history to finish Race Across America (RAAM) with a time of 7 days 15 hours and 47 minutes. At an average speed of 16.56 mph for 3042.8 miles, they did it in style by beating all but one of the two-man upright teams. With an average age of 51, the Wolf Pack was the oldest team in the two-man competition, yet they beat teams with an average age of 31.

Imagine riding 102 miles and then doing it again in the same 24-hour period. Now imagine doing that again the next day and the next day and the next day and so on for a total of seven and a half days. That's what each rider had to do. Add to the picture "Wizard of Oz" conditions in Kansas with side wind gusts of up to 100 miles per hour that blew three RAAM riders off their bikes. Then picture yourself riding through all of Missouri at night in a driving rainstorm. Then, after 2500 miles that included the Rocky Mountains and six tough days with minimal sleep, add a ride from Eastern Ohio through West Virginia and Maryland that has 30,000 feet of climbing with incredibly steep grades.

On Tuesday morning, at about 2700 miles into the race with over 300 miles to go, and the steep grades of West Virginia taking a toll on his legs, Tom Kingsbury (age 54) felt like he had nothing left. However, his mental toughness kept him going and he, along with Tim Woudenberg, endured and rode their Volae's together for the first time in over 3000 miles across the finish line and into the history books at 9:03 am EDT on 6/21/06.

Team Volae Wolf Pack now holds the record for the first two man recumbent team to finish RAAM. Also, they shattered the previous RAAM record for the fastest two-man team over 50. Their average speed for the entire race was over one mph faster than the previous 50+ Two Man Team record holder.

For More Information:

RAAM Website: <http://www.raceacrossamerica.org>
Volae Wolf Pack Website: <http://wolfpack.volaerecumbents.com>
2006 RAAM Images: <http://tinyurl.com/lgaoa>