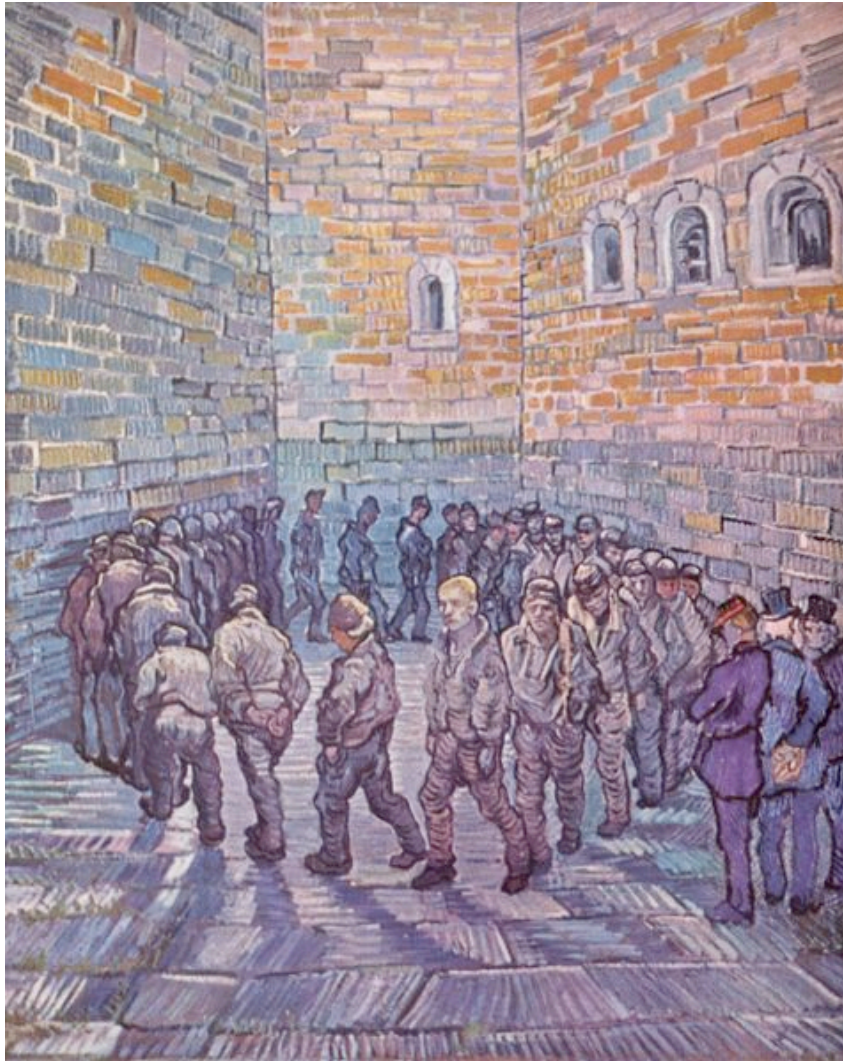


WRE 2011 Extra

Thermaling the Tight Gaggle

Brought back by popular demand, the 2011 WRE will feature instruction in thermaling the tight gaggle. Experts will give instruction on key tactics which result in maximum climb rates, while observing proper spacing and other safety parameters. After discussing the need for such skills and recent examples (both good and bad outcomes), participants will practice proper spacing with simple walking exercises. As seen in the illustration, emphasis at this phase will consist of two key elements:

- 1) Maintaining proper differential spacing
- 2) Demonstrating a positive, “eyes open” attitude



Once the initial phase has been mastered, additional instruction will focus on smaller groups of participants in a faster moving venue. Bicycles will be used to simulate thermaling velocities, and a special inclined velodrome will be used. The emphasis on this phase will be:

- 1) Again, the importance of proper spacing
- 2) Strategies for varying positions within the gaggle, and the implications
- 3) The advantages of aerodynamic clothing, even at low themaling speeds



The WRE is happy to provide this bonus seminar to all 2011 participants.