

THE ARKANSAS ULTRA RUNNER

JANUARY 1998

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS ULTRA RUNNING ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM THE BIGSHOT- One of our AURA members has been planning overtime. It is not surprising that he always sports a low Ultra Number. In a recent correspondence he sent me, he is proposing runs for January 2nd, 1999 and January 1st, 2000. The 1999 run will be The Athens-Big Fork 15 and 30K. The 2000 year run will be called the Arkansas Trail Run of the Century. The course will be at Albert Pike with the route determined by AURA members who have participated in the other runs that started from Albert Pike. Remember the 1995 Eagle Rock Loop; the 1996 Round Mountain Loop; the 1997 Tall Peak Marathon and the 1998 Big and little Albert Pike Loops.

David included in his letter the "Honor Roll" of all those who have completed the Eagle Rock Loop Trail(26.8 miles). To date there have been 146 finishers. 21 of these are AURA members.

As you read the ULTRA CALENDAR remember that in case of hazardous driving due to ice and snow, I will not take a chance and the Fat Ass 50K and Albert Pike Runs will be postponed. If you are in question you can call me at 225-6609.

ULTRA CORNER

Whistling' Dick 40K Adventure Run.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It is no surprise that a race promoting the participation by Wannabes, Hasbeens and DNF'er would find considerable congestion at the first water crossing. Despite a hand-rope hung over the North Fork of the Saline River at least half of the starting field opted to turn tail and "finish early". Those who decided to press on were awarded with the adventure race of the year. Already the date has been set for next year and will feature yet another course modification to coax a finish from the Turnbacks.

	Name	Time	Pts.	Comments			
1	Bill Laster	3:36:52	50 pts	Charles' cruel sadist			
2	Robert Orr	3:42	40 pts				
3	Shanksmare	4:08:50	30 pts	lost, lost, lost.			
4	Jim Sweatt	4:39	25 pts	Not enough rocks			
5	Roberta Orr	5:12	50 pts				
6	Lloyd Moore	5:21	20 pts	You just have to love it.			
7	Pete Ireland	5:28	15 pts	Good course. Thanks Charley			
8	Donna Duerr	6:04	40 pts	Renamed it: Arkansas Barkley, Hardrock, Hash Run			
9	Mike Dupriest	6:04	10 pts	Mean!			
10	Carrie Dupriest	6:05	30 pts	My goose is cooked!			
11	Lou D. Peytor	6:29	25 pts	Yowie, Kozie, I'm Old!			

1998 Membership Inventory(abbreviated)

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the letter below each of the five questions. Add your total points that is displayed next to each answer.

1. The most trusted individual in the AURA
 - a. Martha Stewart 1 pt
 - b. Kim Hanke 2 pt
 - c. Big el Shot 3 pt
2. The BigShot's most Distinguishing Characteristic is:
 - a. unspecified 1 pt
 - b. wavy blond hair 2 pt
 - c. sharp mind 3 pt
3. The race director of the Arkansas Traveller is thought of as:
 - a. being spineless/spermless 1 pt
 - b. a slack jawed, knuckle dragging, momma's boy 2 pt
 - c. a man for all seasons 3 pt
4. The Ultra Trail Series:
 - a. gives me a chance to meet chicks. 1 pt
 - b. makes me BM in the woods. 2 pt
 - c. form lasting memories. 3 pt
5. To be a BigShot one must:
 - a. do the work of 10 women. 1 pt
 - b. put up with a lot of whining. 2 pt
 - c. be fair and just. 3 pt

**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**

Key:

5 or less points-retake test.

6 to 10 points-apply for reeducation

10 or more points-apply for AURA membership.

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AURA ULTRA HOROSCOPE-Leo's--For your next relationship consider buying a truck. Trucks are forever. Virgo's--Try keeping your eyes on the horizon and your nose to the wind. Aquarius--Legs that carry an AURA card will never grow weary. Venus'--There might be a fortune to be made in 1998!

RACE CALENDAR

(Place refrigerator magnet here)

DEER SEASON-MUZZLELOADERS. DEC 20TH THRU JAN 4TH.

Jan 1st 1998 Arkansas Fat A 50K/UTS #3(Thursday) 8:00 a.m. Out and back on the Scenic Winona Forest Drive. Start at the Lake Sylvia/Ouachita Trail Parking lot. Same route as the Midnight 50k. No entry fee; cheap, colorful awards to the winners.

Jan 3rd The Big Albert Pike Loop. (Saturday) 32.1 miles on FSR's. No creek Crossings. 8:00 a.m. Albert Pike Recreation Area.

Jan 3rd The Little Albert Pike Loop. 24 miles. 50(count'em) creek crossings. 8:00 a.m. Albert Pike Recreation Area

February 7th Rocky Raccoon Trail 100 Mile Run. Mickey Rollins @ 713-468-8115. Pre entry by January 7th.

Feb 7th White Rock Classic 50K/UTS #4-Turner Bend Campground on the Mulberry River on Hwy 23. Run to the top of White Rock Mountain. Lots of thrills; no fee. Directed by Joe Fenel and the Chili Pepper Running Club. 25K and 50K. 9:00 a.m SHARP!

Feb 21st Sylamore Trail 50K. 7:00 a.m. start. Allison, Arkansas, three miles north of Mountain View, Arkansas. Bill and Teresa Laster, Race Directors

Mar 7th Mississippi Trail 50. Laurel, Mississippi.

Mar 21st The Wild Hog Double Loop./UTS#5 Two 20 mile loops around Lake Winona. No entry fee; a real cheap award to the winner.

Apr 4th BLACK DOG ULTRA RUNS 50 MILE, 50K. Forest Service Roads in the Lake Sylvia area. Entry fee will be \$10.00 to cover the cost of the Aid Station and a post race meal. Further arrangements are pending. Contact: Ann M. Moore @ 1209 Green Mountain, Little Rock, Arkansas 72211 E-mail at RunAnnRun@aol.com

Directions to the Fat Ass 50K-Hwy 10 west approx 31 miles from I 430/Hwy 10 overpass. Left on Hwy 324. Go four miles to Lake Sylvia on Hwy 324. Park at the Ouachita Trail Head parking area where Hwy 324 stops and FSR 152 begins.
Jan 4th, 1997- Big and little Albert Pike Runs, Albert Pike Recreation Area. 8:00 a.m.
Directions: HWY 70 south out of Hot Springs. Continue past Glenwood, Arkansas on Hwy 70 to the junction of Salem and Hwy 84. Turn west onto Hwy 84. Go approx 13 miles to Langley and Hwy 369. Turn north onto 369 and it is 6 miles to the Albert Pike Recreation Area. In case of winter storms with ice and snow, stay home.