

Random Rants and Raves

by John Farrow

Another great Run for the Zoo! Race Director **Laura Porter** and her staff have created a jewel that should be on every runner's calendar for the first Sunday in May. And how 'bout them race shirts this year! They deserve serious consideration in this year's *Runner's World* Race Shirt Contest. My feeling is that this little puppy will become a keeper along the lines of some of the classic Duke City Marathon models.

But why in the world can't we all get together on the race schedule? We go for weeks with no local races at all, and then a bunch on one weekend. The local running community is just so big and while there are plenty of races to fill up the season, it makes no sense for races to be in competition with each other.

By way of example, the weekend of May 17-18 has no fewer than *seven* local events scheduled, but there are no races at all in the Albuquerque area the prior weekend or over the long Memorial Day Weekend. NM USATF seems content to publish the annual race caendar with no thought to avoiding conflicts. Perhaps ARR might pick up the slack and actively work with race sponsors to spread events out more evenly over the year.

Ah, technology! Thanks to ye olde spel cheker, I can always be certain that no typographical errors exist in the final draft of this newsletter. But woe be unto you who fail to be ever vigilant in the use of such new-fangled toys. It still takes a bit of grey (or is it gray?) matter to distinguish between all the possibilities selected by the computer when it peruses some hard copy.

Without human input, technology is worthless. Here is how some of your names could have appeared on these pages had all editorial oversight been turned over to Big

Blue and its spell checker:

Kyle Amadon	Coil Amazon
Linda Asperger	Linda Asparagus
Addy Bhasker	Addle Basket
Seth Brown	Seeth Brown
Kathleen Chabai	Kathleen Chubby
Allison Coe	Elysian Cod
Rick Garlie	Rock Garlic
Bert Grapin	Beirut Grapple
Vikki Helfenstein	Viking Hellions
Meta Hirschl	Metal Hush
Laura Hucklebee	Laurel Buckboard
Luana Platero	Loaner Plethora
Jana Purdy	Java Pretty
Nancy Rieger Nancy	Rigueur
Susan Seigfried	Susan Sangfroid
Thom Turbett	Thou Turbid
Aida Zerbest	Aids Zebra

By the Numbers

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