The ARKANSAS ULTRA RUNNER

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A Newsletter For Members and Friends Of The Arkansas Ultra Running Association

WWW. RUNARKANSAS.COM (AURA's Official web site)

Gentle Reader: If you name is highlighted on the address label, it is time to renew your AURA membership. Don't become an AURA Limbo member.

MESSAGE FROM THE BIGSHOT – With this issue of the Arkansas Ultra Runner, we begin our 19th year of the Arkansas Ultra Running Association. Let me begin by thanking AURA brother, David Samuel, for starting off the new year with the Athens-Big Fork Trail Marathon. Runs like the A-BF are what got me hooked on trail running in Arkansas. While I am thanking people, I will thank the race directors of the Sylamore 50K, 3daysofsyllamo, the Ouachita Trail 50 and the Arkansas Traveller 100 for the financial contribution that each has made to the AURA this year. At the beginning of each year we are charged a fee to be a member of the Road Runner Club of America. With these four races contributing \$1.00 per entrant, we were able to meet this obligation.

I look forward to the new running year and the White Rock Classic 50 Km on February 3rd. I hope to see all my brothers and sisters there.

B-TEAM REPORT

The following newsletter articles have been published in years past. Because they would not meet the standards for website eligibility, the BS is offering them upon your request. To receive them in a WORD attachment, email chrlypytn@aol.com and request by name.

Available Now!

AURA Etiquette, "What AURA members should say and how they should act!" Ask for the accompanying article: "Why Race Directors Go Crazy."

- 1. Why Race Directors Go Crazy" (AVN)*
- 2 The Bigshot's Lament, How one became a BS. (AVN)
- 3. Six Keys For Marginal Runners to Finish The Arkansas Traveller 100.(AVN)
- 4. AURA Etiquette. What AURA brothers and sisters should say(and act.)(AVN)
- 5. HOBO, A Tribute To A Running Dog. (NYAV)**
- The Arkansas Traveller Trilogy. A Story of Redemption, Romance and Reconcilition at the Arkansas Traveller 100. (NYAV)
- * Available Now---
- ** Not Yet Available

2006/2007 ULTRA TRAIL SERIES

7-22-06	1. Midnight 50 Km	2-3-07	8. White Rock Classic 50 Km
8-26-06	2. Mt Nebo Trail Run	2-17-07	9. Sylamore Trail 50Km
10-7-06	Arkansas Traveller 100	2-24-07	10. Big Rock Mystery Run
10-28-06	 Devil's Den Trail Run 	3-16/18-07	11. 3DaysofSyllamo
11-11-06	5. Gulpha Gorge Challenge	4-21-07	12. Ouachita Trail 50/50
12-9-06	6. Buffalo River Trail Run	5-19-07	13. The Catsmacker
1-6-07	7. Anthens-Big Fork Trail Marathon	6-2-07	14. National Trails Day Run

White Rock Classic 50K-UTS 8 Saturday, February 3, 2007 9:00 am

No Fees, No frills, No WIMPS!

Race begins at 9:00 am on Road 1003 (White Rock Mountain Road) just off Highway 23, about a mile north of the Mulberry River (near Cass). Please sign-in by 8:30 am at the Turner Bend Store.

This is Race #8 of the 2006 - 2007 Ultra Trail Series A \$5.00 donation is suggested to cover costs

Brought to you by Jamie & Jay Huneycutt and the Arkansas Ultra Running Association Refreshments will be near the finish line starting at 1:00 pm

Please keep your own time and sign in at the finish. This is a run/walk and not a bike ride.

The 50K course runs to the top of White Rock Mountain, then retraces back to the start. The course is run on well maintained forest road. Aid is set up approximately every 5-6 miles.

Approximate cumulative elevation changes: Out/up: 3500' total climb, 1900' total descent

Back/Down: 1900' total climb and 3500' total descent

You may also run the 25K ascent (fun run) only, but you will need to find your own ride back.

Course closes by 5 pm. Early starts are excepted if you are unable to complete the 50K under 8 hours.

Cancellation Policy: We reserve the right to cancel the race due to inclement weather or unsafe road conditions. Every attempt will be made to hold the race but the Turner Bend Store Management and Jamie & Jay Huneycutt will make the final decision about whether the race course is safe for runners, monitors, and vehicular traffic. Both the condition/width of the roads and the snow height and ice will be taken into consideration when making the final decision. In other words, don't go if the weather is bad! Remember this is for fun, fellowship and recreation.

Questions: Jamie & Jay Huneycutt - Home Phone: 479/444-8955

E-mail: jhuneycutt@nw-health.com or hjhuney@uark.edu

RETREADS! (Retired Runners Eating Out) Meet monthly at Franke's Cafeteria on Rodney Parham at 11:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of every month. Wear something to identify yourself as a runner. Old newspaper clippings and scrap books are always a treat.

Athens-Big Fork Trail Marathon-UTS#7

Ouachita National Forest Big Fork, Arkansas January 6, 2007

Overall Male

1. Darby Benson, 36	4:55
2. Stan Ferguson, 43	4:57:09
3. Kevin Dorsey, 36-TN	4:57:37
4. Pablo Lowrey, 43	5:04
5. Bill Coffelt, 47	5:16
6. Paul Schoenlaub, 47	5:18:34
7. Darin Hoover, 42	5:36:50
8. Steve Appleton, 34	5:40:35
9. Bill Richardson, 46-OK	5:50:49
10. Michael Terrell, 39-TN	6:03:26
11. Scott Rogers, 42-TN	6:08
12. J.B. Mullins, 27	6:10
13. Gary Gehrki, 52	6:21
14. Stuart Johnson, 47-KS	6:24:26
15. Mike Samuelson, 41-TN	6:26:01
16. Alex Eaton, 24-OK	6:40
17. Pete Ireland, 66	6:53:48
18. Maurice Robinson, 65	6:53:58
19. Guy Patteson, 46	7:18
20. Todd Matthews, 33	7:19
21. Mike Snyder, -OK	7:35:43
22. Brian Hoover, 40-OK	8:07:43
23. Ken Childress, 47-OK	8:16
24. Greg Bourns, 67	8:57:21
25. Dennis Crosby, 69-OK	8:59:45



A-BF Run Leader, David Samuel gives prerace instructions at the BS Community Center

Overall Female

1. Susy Phillips, 28	6:12
2. Andrea Creasy, 25-TN	6:36
Ilona Peterka, 42	6:38
4. Blair Dean, 36-TN	7:16
5. Jamie Huneycutt, 48	7:35:43

A-BF Trail Marathon Comments:

"I just wanted to thank all of you and everyone else who helped to put on this fabulous race. We TATURS (Tulsa Area Trail and Ultra Runners) had a blast. I wrote up a race report with some pics that I would love for you to share. Please let me know if I made any errors or you would like me to change anything".

Brian Hoover, TATUR (and AURA brother.)

Editor: For Brian's story and some great pictures taken at the Athens-Bigfork Trail Marathon, look at the TATUR website: www.tatur.org.

"I would like to say that I have a renewed respect for these guys and any other person who ran the ABF Marathon. I've run Pikes Peak three times and the Grand Canyon once, and this marathon is ranked right up there with those in difficulty. It's my first race that I have not completed (I set out to do the marathon, only to quit at mile 18) since I started running in 2001. "m somewhat disappointed but I will have to make it a point to finish it in the future. It's definitely not for the fain of heart of the untrained trail runner wantabe. Very steep and difficult (you cross over 8 mountains and back again), lots of water crossings, limited aid stations and the opportunity to get lost if you're not really watching where you're going. But what a great trail, to test your abilities and to even train on The scenery was fabulous."

Linda (Wood) Williamson, AURA sister.

Blaylock Creek 17 Mile Fun Run

Ouachita National Forest Big Fork, Arkansas January 6, 2007

Overall Male		
PL Name	Time	(Credits)
1. PoDog Vogler, 40	3:43	(50)
2. Joey Woodfield, 41	3:43	(40)
3. Phillips Carr, 40	3:54	(30)
4. Larry Wagner, 44	3:53	(25)
5. Ken Barton, 48	4:14	(20)
6. David Reagler, 40	4:20	(15)
7. Bob Marston, 56	4:33:05	(10)
8. Perry Broyles, 42-OK	4:40	(7)
9. Ron Gimblett, 59	4:58	(5)
10.TerranceVazel, 42	5:01	(3)
11.Bob McKinney, 63	7:24:40	(1)
12.David Samuel, 63	7:29:30	(1)
13. David Bowen,	NTA	(0)
Overall Female		
Natalee McBee, 33	3:48	(50)
2. Shirley Hyman, 39	4:14	(40)
3. Debbie Lashley, 46	4:27	(30)
4. Betty Sobeski, 58	4:59	(25)
5. Luise Armstrong, 46	5:17	(20)
6. Connie Scherz, 47	5:40	(15)
7. Lou Peyton, 62	5:57:03	(10)
8. Elaine Gimblet, 59	6:30	(7)
9. Donna Duerr, 51	6:30	(5)
10. Rosemary Marston	7:21:46	(3)
11. Ann M. Moore, 65	7:24:40	(1)
Other Participants		

Other Participants

Pl	Name	Distance	Time	(units)*
1.1	Rhonda Fei	guson, 51-19 Miles	6:33	(10)
2.	Patty Grotl	n, 51-19 Miles	6:33	(9)
3.	Kim Johns	on, 38-19 Miles	6:33	(8)
4.	Carrie Dup	riest, 49-19 Miles	6:33	(7)
5.	Eunika Ro	gers, TN-18 Miles	5:00	(6)
6.	Linda Will	iamson, 45-18 Miles	5:33	(5)
7.	Steve Char	ney, 13 Miles	NTA	(4)
8.	Steve McB	lee, 9 Miles	2:45	(3)
9. I	Bill Thornt	on, 9 Miles	2:45	(2)
10.	Jennifer S	medlund, 4.5 Miles	NTA	(1)

^{* -} Credits/Units—A-BF Trail Marathoners will earn Ultra Trail Series points. Blaylock Creek Fun Runners and Other Participants are awarded credits and units. Don't confuse points with credits and units. The One who awarded you your AURA Number also awarded you with credits and units. May you count your blessings!



Class of 2007 - Athens-Big Fork Trail Marathon

Athens-Big Fork Marathon 1999 Thru 2007*

Tom Brennan(05)	4:34:42	Greg Eason(04)	5:14:31
John Hughes(05)	4:44:00	Pablo Lowrey(05)	5:16:00
Steve McBee(05)	4:45:00	Bill Coffelt(07)	5:16:XX
Chuck Campbell(05)	4:46:00	Steve Kirk(05)	5:17:00
Tom Brennan(04)	4:48:57	Paul Schoenlaub(07)	5:18:34
Stan Ferguson(03)	4:50:13	Tom Aspel(04)	5:20:49
John Gaston(00)	4:53:07	John Jones(99)	5:35:58
Stan Ferguson(05)	4:53:29	Darin Hoover(03)	5:36:26
Darby Benson(07)	4:55:XX	Rob Wistrand(04)	5:36:31
Craig Zediker(03)	4:55:23	Tom Brennan(02)	5:36:35
Stan Ferguson(02)	4:56:07	Darin Hoover(07)	5:36:50
Stan Ferguson(07)	4:57:09	John Jones(00)	5:40:12
Kevin Dorsey(07)	4:57:37	Steve Appleton(07)	5:40:35
Stan Ferguson(04)	4:57:43	John Vogler(05)	5:44:22
Stan Ferguson(00)	5:01:39	Darin Hoover(02)	5:44:36
Pablo Lowrey(07)	5:04:XX	Raton Parmain(00)	5:50:26
Jon Bitler(05)	5:05:32	Bill Richardson(07)	5:50:49
Paul Schoenlaub(05)	5:09:22	Israel Holby(05)	5:53:33
Steve Kirk((04)	5:11:50	Steve Lee(00)	5:55:29
Tom Aspel(05)	5:12:24	Rick Utley(00)	5:58:52

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Kevin Dorsey(05)	5:59:15	Pete Ireland(02)	8:12:59
Murry Chappelle(04)	5:59:30	Ken Childress(07)	8:16:XX
Michael Terrell	6:03:26	Greg Bourns(07)	8:37:21
Mario Martinez(02)	6:04:00	Don Higgins(00)	8:47:00
Scott Rogers(07)	6:08:XX	Steve Chaney(00)	8:47:00
J.B. Mullins(07)	6:10:XX	Dennis Crosby(07)	8:59:45
Rick Utley(05)	6:12:50	Jim Beach(02)	9:14:20
Tim King(04)	6:13:13	Brandon Neal(02)	9:14:20
Tim Whitside(04)	6:13:14	Steve Eubanks(02)	9:21:58
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Gary Gehrki(07)	6:21:XX		
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Stewart Johnson(05)	6:25:40		
Mike Samuelson(07)	6:16:01	Natalie McBee(05)	5:53:33
Raton Parmain(05)	6:26:04	Barbara Bellows(02)	6:01:00
Tim King(05)	6:26:10	Susy Phillips(06)	6:12:XX
Mario Martinez(04)	6:27:28	Ilona Peterka(05)	6:17:00
Maurice Robinson(03)	6:27:35	Barbara Bellows(04)	6:20:03
Mario Martinez(03)	6:30:25	Kim Pavelko(Riley)(02)	6:23:00
Mike Dupriest(03)	6:38:48	Kim Pavelko(Riley(00)	6:25:00
Alex Eaton(07)	6:40:XX	Andrea Creasy(07)	6:36:XX
Jesse Wilson(03)	6:42:35	Ilona Peterka(07)	6:38:XX
Tony Bailey(05)	6:46:45	Barbara Bellows(05)	6:47:00
Mike Dupriest(00)	6:48:35	Kimmy Riley(03)	7:07:00
John Jones(02)	6:49:19	Blair Dean(07)	7:16:XX
Pete Ireland(07)	6:53:48	Kim Morton(05)	7:19:19
Maurice Robinson(07)	6:53:58	Jamie Huneycutt(07)	7:35:43
Maurice Robinson(04)	6:54:00	Carrie Dupriest(00)	7:38:00
Mario Martinez(05)	6:59:00	Kim Pavelko(Riley)(99)	7;45:00
Jimmy Sweatt(00)	6:59:00	Dianne X Seager(04)	8:00:00
Ron Gimblitt(00)	6:59:00	Lou Peyton(00)	8:00:56
Randy Davidson(00)	6:59:00	Lou Peyton(02)	8:17:00
Jimmy Sweatt(02)	7:10:10	Lou Peyton(99)	8:17:50
Jimmy Sweatt(02)	7:13:00	Lou Peyton(05)	8:24:00
Guy Patteson(07)	7:18:XX	Patty Groth(03)	8:35:00
Todd Matthews(07)	7:19:XX	Carrie Dupriest(03)	8:35:00
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AURA's February Horoscope

Jimmy Sweatt(04)

Brian Hoover(07)

8:00:00

8:07:24

Making a deal with the Devil to finish your next ultra-marathon could have unintended consequences. A financial blessing might be in your pipeline. Your year of indecision, despair and self-doubt is probably over. A new relationship might be vulcanized in a spring-time ultra-marathon.

2006-2007 Ultra Trail Series Standings - Women Age | MdNt | Nebo | AT100 | Den | Gorg | Buff | ABF | Total

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2006-2007 Ultra Trail Series Standings - Men

2006-2007 Ultra Trail Series Standings - Men (continued)

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Ben Kallo	David Reagler	Mike Heald	John Hargrove	Dale Powell	Ricky Pampo	J.B. Mullins	Israel Holby	Jim Sweatt	Doug Wielgat	Mike Smets	Jay Huneveutt	John Tolan	Shannon Johnson	Michael Terrell	Kandy Dietz	Mike Snyder	Jessie Abbott	Chisholm Duepree	Brian Hoover	Casey Lopez	Bill Richardson	Ray Baum	Steve Blake	John Bradley	Herb Jarrell	Billy Mills	Todd Porter	Todd Marthaus	Steve Appleton	Isaac Espy	Scott Rogers	Randy Saxon	Jacob Wells	Aaron Pierce	Ion Perez	Mike Ferryell	Martin Fritzhand	George McDonald	Ken Childress	Jay Hansen	Steve Hobbs	Danks Ellis	John Laylor	Kenny Royster	Stuart Johnson	Rodney DeClue	Gary Dudney	Gary Speas
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AURA's FAB-4

Stan Ferguson-President/Web Master/UTS Coordinator
Michael DuPriest-Vice President
Lou Peyton-Secretary
Charley Peyton-Treasurer/Newsletter

ULTRA CORNER

Sunmart 50 Mile and 50 Km

Huntsville, Texas December 9, 2006

50 Miler

Place	Name		Time
26 th	Paul Schoenlaub		7:46:16
	193 finshers		
	50 K.m		
246	Connie Scherz		6:33:58
326	Bob Marston		7:01:12
471	Ken Saveth		8:24:41
501	Ann Moore		9:07:52*
502	Bob McKinney	9:07:52	
*1st Fe	male(65-69)		

517 finishers

To: The Bigshot From: Kimmy Riley

After succumbing to the will of my period at the Powerline aid station in the 2006 AT-100 (yes, a woman's period has a will of its own—just ask any woman you know!), I decided to do the 2007 Rocky Raccoon 100 on February 3rd in Texas to redeem myself. I asked several friends if they wanted to go with me to do the 50 miler there or the 100 miler because I didn't want to go by myself. After lots of e-mails and conversations, I was unable to get anyone to go with me and will not be going myself. Here is a list of reasons for not doing the Rocky Raccoon, which also include reasons given in years past (you guys know who you are!):

- 1. Too many loops.
- 2. Too many roots.
- 3. It's a one time deal.
- 4. My butt hurts.
- 5. I have a stress fracture in my foot.
- 6. I fell and broke a bone in my hand.
- 7. I can't get off from work that weekend.
- 8. It is too close to the Sylamore 50K.
- I am doing the White Rock 50K.
- 10. I have wanted to do it for several years but it just never seems to work out, maybe next year.
- 11. If it were a month later, I likely would go.
- I don't want to go by myself.

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2007 Swamp St	omper(S)	15 Roger Markham	3:04:09
Memphis, Tennessee	ompor(2)	16 Joe Harsh	3:05:16
January 14, 2007		17 Bryan Cooper	3:09:44
Pl. Name	Time	18 Tony George	3:09:53
	4:50:47	19 Ron McCrarey	3:11:54
1 Geno Phillips		20 Jerry Denley, Jr.	3:12:36
2 Marty Clarke	5:02:47	21 Joel Rutledge	3:13:58
3 Bill Maze 5:0	4:10	22 Ali Rutledge	3:13:59
4 Billy Simpson	5:21:52	23 Joshua Tate	3:14:01
5 Mark Williams	5:31:52	24 Eddie Anderson	3:14:20
6 John Scheidhauer	5:33:56	25 Jim Mirda	3:14:35
7 Stan Ferguson	5:38:09	26 Michael Mobley	3:18:21
8 Scott Eason	5:42:45	27 Barbara Blum	3:21:38
9 Cal Hill	5:53:08	28 Billy Bilbrey	3:24:00
10 Michael Harlow	6:07:28	29 Rick Eddleman	3:25:07
11 Chris Smith	6:12:44	30 Greg Gann	3:30:48
12 Paul Turner	6:20:33	31 Brad Knight	3:35:49
13 Edward Pledger	6:28:00	32 Jerry Mincey	3:39:14
14 Keith Woodall	6:33:00	33 Rodney Diggons	3:39:52
15 Scott Huddleston	6:35:00	34 Bill Butler	3:39:53
16 Wade Lewis	6:36:00	35 Chris Werner	3:41:13
17 Bob Batzer	6:42:48	36 Allen Sills	3:41:17
18 Todd Porter	6:48:02	37 Ulla Mansdorfer	3:41:51
19 Mary Jones	6:54:15	38 John Greenwald	3:43:01
20 James Holland	6:54:35	39 Bill Luton*	3:45:51
21 A.J. Wolfe	6:54:36	40 Jon House*	3:45:01
22 Chuck Parks	7:29:56	41 Mike Yates	3:47:21
23 Kevin Dorsey*	7:37:59	42 Angie Yates	3:47:22
24 Mike Samuelson*	7:37:59	43 Pam Scheidhauer	3:48:17
25 Mike Montgomery	7:41:42	44 Phil Miller	3:48:19
26 Bill Dey	7:41:59	45 Randy Stepherson	3:50:07
27 Mike Howard	8:02:26	46 Jack Edmonds	3:56:08
28 Chrissy Ferguson	8:02:27	47 Andy Gattas*	4:01:12
29 Steve Durbin	8:02:28	48 Tom Webb	4:03:55
30 Diane Taylor	8:05:31	49 Ben Crunk	4:06:39
31 Todd Hinton	8:09:36	50 April Crunk	4:06:40
32 Duane Grigg	8:23:16	51 Susan Davis	4:06:52
33 Rob Apple	8:26:44	52 Mike Wallace	4:08:20
34 John Hazen	8:31:19	53 Diane Jones	4:17:24
35 Leslie Forjet	8:31:22	54 Cliff Sanders	
36 Bob Haugh	8:55:02		4:21:29
37 Robert Kyle	9:06:36	55 Elizabeth Sanders	4:24:20
7. C.		56 Terry Bishop	4:31:40
2007 Swamp Stomper 25 K		57 Jan Show	4:35:00
		58 Andy Oglesby	4:35:08
Pl Name	Time	59 Tracy Banks	4:36:52
1 Seth Parrish	2:16:01	60 Leland Haugh	4:41:10
2 Mike Cooley	2:30:55	61 Gary Phillips	4:41:11
3 Michael Hooks	2:38:53	62 Susan Diggons	4:45:39
4 Laureen Coffelt	2:40:33	63 Jack Bickerest*	4:45:47
5 Scott Germain	2:40:41	64 Barty Cresap*	4:45:47
		65 Carole Foster*	4:45:47
6 Bruce Keisling	2:45:39	66 Paula Luton*	4:45:47
7 Greg Russell	2:49:43	67 Ann Willis*	4:45:47
8 Joe Coffelt	2:52:38	68 Ben Pennington	4:54:39
9 Nelson Lowhim	2:53:00	69 Janet Wallace	5:01:18
10 Andrea Creasey	2:56:40	70 Trisha Bilbrey	5:01:19
11 Chris Irving	2:58:23	71 Ann Simmons	6:28:00
12 Ted Hill	3:0201	72 Margaret Westlake	7:41:05
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13 Brian Wamble 14 Kelsey Markham	3:02:33 3:04:08	*Race day volunteer,	

A True Swamp Stomp Race Report by AURA's Mike Samuelson

Elvis is always the King in Memphis. Most running events in the Memphis area have at least one running Elvis. Of course, most of the runs in the Memphis area are road 5Ks. Well, Elvis was not King at the 2007 Shelby Forest Friends of the Forest Swamp Stomper 50K/25K which took place on January 14th just miles from the Memphis city limits. The weather was King. Rain which had fallen prior to the race start combined with the rain that fell during the race turned much of the beautiful forest trail into – shall I say it – a swamp. Yes, runners got what they paid for - a stomp through the swamp.

Yet, the 2007 Swamp Stomper was a first class event. I might be biased since I am a member of the race committee, but I beg to differ. An excellently marked trail, nice signs on the roads to direct runners to the start/finish location which is off the beaten path, a fine goody bag, super shirts, fantastic sponsors, top flight enthusiastic volunteers, tasty and diverse aid station goodies, aid stations located about 3 miles apart, unique finisher awards, a lodge with fireplace to relax in after the race and enjoy pasta, chili and more, and outstanding runners coalesced together to create a quality event.

Speaking of outstanding runners, Chattanooga runner Geno Phillips, Huntsville, AL runner Marty Clarke and Russellville, AR, runner Bill Maze ran near to each other all morning before Geno pulled away for the win over the final 3.7 miles, finishing in 4:50:47. Marty and Bill finished second and third in 5:02:47 and 5:04:10 respectively, running an absolutely superb race in tough, tough conditions. Although the course is - really it is - on the easy side of 50K courses when there is no water on the trail, swampy shoe-sucking muddy conditions definitely slowed everyone. For the women, Mary Jones took the lead from the start and was never challenged. Finishing in a fine 6:54:15, she finished 1 hour and 8 minutes ahead of second female Chrissy Ferguson who was closely followed third place finisher Diane Taylor.

There were 65 runners entered into 50K. Due to the predicted bad weather, there were only 48 50K starters. Of those starters, 11 stopped at the 25K point to claim a 25K finisher award and call it a day. Hence, there was a total of 37 50K finishers. Yes, the weather was indeed King that day.

As a result of this run, the Race Committee is most proud that it is donating [won't know the answer to this until after everyone is reimbursed and we decide how much to donate — you might want to leave it as " ... a donation to "] to the Friends of the Forest. The stated mission of the Friends is to assist the Shelby Forest State Park personnel in maintaining the ecological pleasures of the park and enhance the recreational activities for current and future generations. This donation would not be possible without the participation of the runners or the generous giving of the numerous sponsors. Thanks to all. Hope to see old friends and meet new ones next January at the 2008 Swamp Stomper.

Other AURA's Report

"I hope that is the hardest 50K I'll run in my life. I took me about an hour longer than my recent 50K average. Not that the course profile was that difficult, but the conditions were nuts for running. You either sunk in below the ankle or slid right across the top and tried not to fall or do the splits. Making forward progress was secondary to staying upright. It never really felt like I was running. Ouch, I am stiff and sore everywhere. Anyone that continued past the first aid station at around 3 miles deserves some credit." Scott Eason — Conway, Arkansas

"Made it but dropped down to the 25K as it was muddy, muddy. Took 3:56 to do the 25K and I wasn't going to stay another four hours......" Jackie Edmonds-Mountain Home, Arkansas

"A classic" Kevin Dorsey - Cordova, Tennessee

Sylamore 50K Volunteer?

The BigShot will be on duty at the Gunner Pool Aid Station at the Sylamore 50K. If you would like to assist him for all or part, do Chrlypytn@aol.com and we can iron out the details.

2007 Regional Ultra Calendar

(Report your ultra-marathon race times to chrlypytn@aol.com)

Feb 3, 2007 Rocky Raccoon 100 Mile/50 Mile Huntsville, Texas www. Tejastrails.com/Rocky.html

Feb 17, 2007 Sylamore Trails 50Km and 25Km Allison, Arkansas www. Runarkansas.com (S)

Mar 10, 2007 Mississippi Trail 50 Mi, 50 Km and 20 Km Laurel, Mississippi www.ms50.com

Mar 10, 2007 Waco Five-0 Waco, Texas www.runnerone.com

Mar 10, 2007 Land Between the Lakes 50 K, 50 Mile. Grand Rivers, KY www.wkrc.org

Mar 16/18, 2007 3 Days of Syllamo. Allison, Arkansas.

www.3daysofsyllamo.org (S)

Mar 24, 2007 The Grasslands 50 Mile Run Decatur, Texas www.nttr.org

Mar 31, 2007 Umstead 100 Miler Raleigh, North Carolina.

www.Umstead100.org

Apr 21, 2007 Ouachita Trail 50 Km/50 Mile Little Rock, Arkansas www.runarkansas.com (S)

Jun 2, 2007 Kettle Moraine 100 Miler, 100 Km and 38 Miler. La Grange, Wisconsen.

www.kettle100.com

October 6/7, 2007 –Arkansas Traveller 100 Miler. Perryville, Arkansas www.runarkansas.com (S)

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BY Rx ONLY- The COACH DOCTOR'S CLINIC

With the new running year at full speed, the Coach Doctor would like to address our AURA brothers concerning their New Year's Resolution of losing weight. If you did not make this resolution, He wants you to take a short, easy test. Go into the bedroom, walk past the mirror and scales and open your closet door. If your "go to" pair of trousers are the expandable waist, buffet style, take the BMI test (Body Mass Index) that follows. Go back to the scales and weigh in. Multiply your weight by 704.5. Divide the result by your height in inches. Divide that result again by your height in inches. The result is you BMI.

BMI Categories endorsed by the National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute:

Underweight= Less than 18.5 Normal weight=18.5 - 24.9 Overweight = 25 - 29.9 Obesity= 30 or greater.



If you fall into the high normal or higher range, the Coach Doctor wants you to lose three (3) pounds before the Ouachita Trail 50. Do it the easy way: No chips or sweets. Only three little pounds and your clothes will fit better and you'll feel "buff". At the OT-50 when you get to the North Shore Landing Aid Station at 15 Miles, the BigShot* will tell you, "Congratulations you've made the cut-off, continue on."

* - The BS's BMI was 26.5. He hopes to see 23.5 in 2007.

AURA HOT FLASH!

UTS #10 North Little Rocl: David D Terry Lake North Little Rock Big Rock Mystery Run Riverview Skateboard Park Feb 24, 2007 at 8:00am David D 12 to 13 miles on Asphalt/Trail

- I40 to Exit 152 (Levy Exit)
- -South on Pike Ave. (toward Downtown)
- -Make RIGHT turn on River Road
- -Follow River Road 1 to 1.5 miles to Riverview Skate Board Park
- -LEFT into park, park near skateboard area

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