

# SAN ANTONIO ROADRUNNERS

## MONTHLY FUN RUN

**TITLE:** Monthly Fun Run

**DATES:** 1967 – See “Interesting Facts”

**DISTANCES:** See “Interesting Facts”

Half Mile; 1 Mile; 3 Miles

Kids Distance: In 1995, 1/8 mile. Distance changed over the years but was always shorter than a half-mile.

**LOCATIONS HELD:** See “Interesting Facts”

1967 – Lackland AFB  
NE Preserve/McAllister Park

### RACE DIRECTORS:

Per Ernie Oaks: “...listing known race directors would take many, many pages. ...just about everyone who was ever on the executive committee directed multiple Fun Runs. “

Among the race directors are:

Al Becken  
Ken Bashore  
Scott Baird  
Walter Stoneham  
Ernest “Ernie” Oakes  
Debra (Acosta) Beyer – 2007 to present (2020)

### INTERESTING FACTS:

Per November, 2010, email from Ken Bashore, first SARR President:

*The first events established by the local running group was the Fun Run. At the time we were a part of the National Jogging Asso. out of Washington, DC. The event was first held at Lackland AFB on the first Saturday of each month. That*

*stated in 1967. From there we moved to NE Preserve, which became McAllister Park.*

Per June, 2011, email from Walter Stoneham, active member of SARR:

*How well I remember those super fun runs. I always did all 3 until the year I took them over. You probably don't remember when those runs began at a different time depending on standard or daylight time. Anyway, that first change from 9:00 to 8:00 saw about half the people showing up late. That seemed an unnecessary problem, so that year I changed the start time to 8:30 year-round. I believe its still that time.*

Per August, 2020, email from Ernie Oakes, after review of his Newsletters:

*My earliest newsletter is July 1974 and the Fun Run for that month was held at N. E. Preserve on July 20. Standard Fun Run distances of ½ mile, 1 mile and 3 mile were run. Bob Middleton, who was very active in SARR at that time, hosted several of the monthly Fun Runs at Medina AFB. When the Runs were at Medina, the distances were 1 mile and 10K. The day of the month varied from month to month based on what was going on with other runs. So the first Saturday as the fixed day was decided on much later. Periodically, based on other events occurring, there would be a month with no Fun Run.*

*Through February 1975, the site for the Fun Run was listed as N. E. Preserve or Medina AFB. In the March 1975 Newsletter, Mr. (Al) Becken started listing the location for the Fun Run as N. E. Preserve(McAllister Park). In the August 1975 Newsletter, the Fun Run was still at N. E. Preserve(McAllister Park); however, the 1<sup>st</sup> event of the Alamo Derby was at McAllister Park(N.E. Preserve). In the September 1975 Newsletter, both the Fun Run and 2<sup>nd</sup> event of the Alamo Derby were at McAllister Park(N. E. Preserve). From that point on, McAllister Park became the name of choice periodically accompanied by N. E. Preserve.*

*Starting in 1980 the distances for the Fun Runs alternated from month to month. One month would be ½ mile, 1 mile, and 3 mile. The next month would be 800M, 1500M, and 5K. I think SARR was trying to get us to join the rest of the world in using the metric system. This lasted through 1984.*

## General Info on Monthly Fun Run –

Run has always been free and open to the public regardless of gender, age, and athletic ability. It was not necessary to a member of the SARR.

Participants could enter as many of the runs (distances) as they wanted.

The Kids' Run, added July 1, 1995, with distances shorter than half mile, was always held prior to the half mile run. Ribbons are given to all crossing the finish line. This event is not timed.

The half-mile, one-mile, and three-mile runs are timed. However, there are no age group awards. All finishers receive a ribbon and those completing the three mile distance, receive a trophy.

Volunteers have always been needed for this event. Among the volunteer tasks: marking the various courses; serving as course marshals; setting up/taking down water stop; lead bike. Through the years, the volunteers have always been SARR members with members of the executive board, current and past, taking the lead.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1984 "Under the Clock" article listing the results of the August Fun Run, from the SARR Newsletter.

1991 article from "Running Around in San Antonio, A guide for Runners, Walkers, and Bicyclists," by Dennis M. Keating.

July, 1995, Results of Fun Run including possibly the first Kids' Run from the August, 1995, SARR Newsletter.

# UNDER THE CLOCK...

1984

-Marathon  
10K cross country  
-Fun Run

President  
Marathon  
10K Xc

Our Club has a new president for the 1984-85 season when at the last months meeting Jerry McCurdy resigned and Mike Bustamonte was elected in his place by the executive committee. A search is now on to fill the position of vice-president.....The Las Colonias Marathon de San Antonio Committee is in need of volunteers for the November fourth race. Course monitors and/or course timers are in great need and should you not be running that day how about lending a hand by calling Lawrence Baiza at 433-6391.....A tireless member forever working on running and walking courses and trails Ron Keller reports that the 10KM cross country trail at McAllister Park is in good shape as the city has graded most of it smooth. The trail begins and ends at the optimist pavilion #3 by the soccer field. Also, The second annual Red Oak Volksmarch will be held on December first and second on a new trail system in Eisenhower Park located 1.9 miles north of 1604 on Military Highway to Camp Bullis. This is a rough trail system in a park of 382 acres that will never have any vehicle roads. Ron suggests runners take a hike in this park and visualize the potential for improved surface trails. The park features an observation tower which provides a magnificent view of metropolitan San Antonio. Eisenhower Park is a project of the Harmony Hills Optimist Club which hopes someday the city will complete improvements such as parking at the entrance and trails suitable for running as well as hiking.....Our own Dorse Dubois placed third in the final 1983 Masters 10K rankings compiled by the National Data Center in the 70 thru 74 age group turning in a 45:09 in last years City 10K Championships at UTSA.....Recently the 84 Lone Star Full Triathlon was held at Canyon Lake. A full triathlon consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike race, and 26.2 mile run. The event had 29 starters and 15 finishers with the following San Antonio entrants completing the course. Placing third was Douglas McPherson (30) 11 hours 46 minutes; eighth was Russell McCrimmon (27) 15 hours 24 minutes; ninth John Branchizio (17) 15 hours 48 minutes; twelfth William Smith (49) 16 hours 49 minutes.....Upcoming volksmarches for the area are Sep. 1-2 Walk at Cascade Caverns, Boerne, Tx; Sep 15-16 USAF Global RAFB, Canyon Lake, TX ; Sep. 22-23 Hunt, Tx. Walks begin at seven and you have until noon to start the walk.....

Fun Run

The August Fun Run at McAllister Park had some 35 participants taking part in the three distance runs. As space permits here are 1/2 mile: Kyle Collins (5) 6:30; Dale Collins (34) 6:30; Michell Collins (11) 4:42; Jerry Dominguez (30) 3:11; Jerry Dominguez (10) 3:21; Joey Dominguez (8) 3:10; Glenn Murray (42); Joe Regaldo (31) 4:31; Carlos Ruiz (51) 3:30; Jim Robinson (35) 3:23; Walter Stoneham (52) 3:12; Olga Regaldo (27) 4:31. One Mile Run: Joe Regaldo (31) 10:49; Glenn Murray (42) 5:35; Dale Collins (34) 6:27; Jerry Dominguez (30) 7:42; Jerry Dominguez (10) 7:48; Joey Dominguez (8) 7:00; Jim Robinson (35) 6:56; Walter Stoneham (52) 7:01; Carlos Ruiz (51) 7:22; Rosie Bustamonte (45) 7:50; Olga Regalado (27) 10:49. Join us in the park next month and bring the family .

**SOURCE:** "Running Around in San Antonio, A Guide for Runners, Walkers, and Bicyclists," by Dennis M. Keating. Published by Silver Cirque in San Antonio, Texas.

Permission to use excerpts from book granted by Mr. Keating to Sally Rios in 1991.

FYI: Credit is given to Ed Luke, SARR member for the Maps Design that appear in book.

#### **SAN ANTONIO ROADRUNNERS FUN RUNS**

These fun runs were started years ago with the explicit purpose of introducing TRUDGIES of all ages to the joy of competitive fun runs. While the purpose has not changed, the races currently feature an intermingling of both TRUDGIES and FLEETIES at the starting line. The fun runs are actually three separate races: a ½ mile; a 1 mile; and a 3 mile race, or a 800 meter; 1600 meter; and a 5000 meter race depending on the month. Runners can enter any of the races and one need not be a Road Runner member to participate. The price is right, there is no entrance fee. Refreshments are served after the races. The fun runs are held virtually every month as the Road Runners schedule permits. For information, call the Hotline, [REDACTED]

July 1, 1995 First Kid's Run

| Name              | Age | 1/8 mile | 3 mile |
|-------------------|-----|----------|--------|
| Billy Ray Longtin | 8   | X        |        |
| Ryan McIntosh     | 5   | X        |        |
| Callie McIntosh   | 1   |          |        |
| Brian Clark       | 8   |          | X      |
| Ayla Clark        | 10  |          | X      |
| Dionne Muzny      | 10  |          |        |
| Brent Muzny       | 7   |          |        |

July 1, 1995 Sarr Fun Run

| Name                | Age | Male | Female | 1/2 mile | 1 mile | 3 mile |
|---------------------|-----|------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| Bill Hegedusch      | 35  | M    |        | 3:03     | 6:26   | 22:12  |
| Nikki Sides         | 30  | F    |        | 4:27     |        | 27:14  |
| Rich Miller         | 61  | M    |        | 3:06     | 6:16   | 22:02  |
| Gerald Perez        | 38  | M    |        | 2:44     | 5:55   | 21:50  |
| Dale Pitts          | 35  | M    |        | 2:40     | 5:43   | 18:55  |
| Tom Kelner          | 37  | M    |        | 3:54     | 6:22   | 22:28  |
| Drew Kappus         | 39  | M    |        | 2:42     | 6:25   | 22:29  |
| Charles Lofink      | 34  | M    |        | X        |        |        |
| Phil Schwartz       | 38  | M    |        | 2:49     | 10:37  | 35:35  |
| Kay Schwartz        | 31  | F    |        | 4:31     | 10:37  | 35:35  |
| Manuel Romero       | 48  | M    |        | 3:38     | 8:05   | 20:39  |
| Manuel Romero Jr.   | 15  | M    |        | 3:38     | 8:05   | 22:45  |
| Bruce Phillips      | 34  | M    |        | 2:30     | 5:24   | 19:06  |
| Charles W. Hartman  | 67  | M    |        | 9:09     | 8:24   | 27:09  |
| Felix Wright        | 18  | M    |        | 3:22     | 7:30   | 26:03  |
| James De Reus       | 24  | M    |        | 3:06     | 6:03   |        |
| Debbie Gallop       | 39  | F    |        |          |        | X      |
| Richard Teitz       | 52  | M    |        | 3:15     | 6:30   | 21:45  |
| Un S. Cox           | 54  | F    |        | 3:22     | 6:48   | 22:15  |
| Patrick Gardner     | 36  | M    |        | 2:35     | 5:22   | X      |
| Sid Sablow          | 57  | M    |        | 4:18     | 8:44   | 25:57  |
| Ed Clark            | 52  | M    |        | X        | X      | X      |
| Mary Clark          | 39  | F    |        |          |        | X      |
| Dexter Handy        | 37  | M    |        | 3:41     | 7:39   | 25:39  |
| Beverly Handy       | 36  | F    |        |          |        | 26:42  |
| Debi Albers         | 42  | F    |        | X        |        |        |
| Sue Theune          | 31  | F    |        |          |        | X      |
| Omer Allard         | 66  | M    |        | 4:04     |        |        |
| Denise Bents        | 24  | F    |        | 3:12     | 6:25   | 21:21  |
| David Larson        | 58  | M    |        | 3:27     | 7:10   | 23:06  |
| Joan Bizzell        |     | F    |        | 4:21     | 10:03  |        |
| Tim Hartman         | 43  | M    |        | 4:07     | 7:35   | 34:50  |
| Terry Smith         | 37  | M    |        | 2:58     | 6:46   | 28:46  |
| Vince Martinez      | 42  | M    |        | 3:58     | 8:34   | 27:33  |
| Rick Murny          | 39  | M    |        |          | X      |        |
| Michael Tuschak     | 32  | M    |        | 3:13     | 6:25   | 23:18  |
| Keith Smith         | 14  | M    |        | 3:02     | 8:36   |        |
| Liz Hoffman         | 54  | F    |        |          |        | X      |
| Chuck H.            | 57  | M    |        | 4:07     | 8:24   | X      |
| Randy Montminy      | 30  | M    |        | 4:04     | 8:17   | 27:35  |
| Alex Montminy       | 2   | M    |        | 4:04     | 8:17   | 27:35  |
| Anita Lopez Saldana | 39  | F    |        | 3:34     | 7:16   | 26:14  |

SOURCE:

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