

SARR Runners,

This is my last monthly email as SARR president (*boo hoo*). Keith will take it over from here. SARR has a whole bunch of running things coming your way this summer. Put on your shoes and sunscreen and let's get going:

Your Club, Your Meeting. Our annual **SARR Members Meeting** will be held on Saturday, June 26th at Alamo Brewery, and you are invited. We will kick the event off with a Fun Run followed by breakfast tacos and then our annual meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Please register [HERE](#) to let us know you plan to be there. There is no charge for members or guests. Hope to see you there!

Racing is Better with Discounts. Deadlines for member discounts on our July races are approaching soon. Don't miss your chance to save a few bucks (*25% off!*) by registering for the [Freedom 4-Miler](#) by June 14th and for the [Women's 5K](#) by June 20th.

Best Way to Meet New Running Friends. Our summer/fall training programs are getting ready to kickoff soon. Join the [SARR Off-RoadRunners Training Team](#) as we train for the **TROT El Taco Loco Trail Run** on Oct 23, 2021. Programs include 100K, 50K, 25K, and Run/Walk 25K & 10K. Or, join over 600 fellow members at our famous [SARR 10K, Half & Full Marathon Fall Training](#) program, starting in August. All levels of runners are welcome.

Fill Your Calendar. Lots of changes coming later this year to SARR races. The **Labor Day Whine Run** will be at a new location (*and have a lot less hills*). **Carrabba's Relay** moved from June to October (*should be cooler temps*). The **Endurathon** will be in November (*but still have the hills*). A new SARR race will be coming in December, the **SARR Santa Antonio 5K**. Stay tuned for details.

You Know You Want To. Have you ever thought about being a race director? SARR is looking to train a few members to become race directors. No experience necessary. Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes of your favorite races? Now's your chance to find out. Send me an email if you are interested in finding out more details.

Last Goal. I would like to say that every single day as SARR president I woke up with a giant smile on my face wondering how I got so lucky. But, that's not true. There may have even been a few nights of sobbing into my pillow. But, the absolute best part of the job was getting to spend lots of time with runners, the most wonderful, joyful, but not-quite-sane, people on the planet. Disney says they are the happiest place on earth. I don't know; I think early Saturday morning at a SARR event surrounded by chatty, anxious, perky runners is a very happy place too.

When I became president 4 years ago, I had 4 goals in mind:

1. *First, do no harm.* SARR was already a great club. I didn't want to screw it up. I think it is still a great club so I'll give myself a checkmark on this one.
2. *Surround myself with great volunteers.* Checkmark with gold star on this one. I didn't really have to do much. Somehow great volunteers do what they do best...volunteer! The Board members putting in countless hours, the training volunteers who dedicate entire seasons to helping, the multitude of race volunteers putting on our events...SARR runs on volunteers and though we could always use more, the ones we have are freakin' awesome!
3. *Expand the club.* Some of our races have increased registrations and some decreased. The Training team is larger than ever. Meetups continue to grow, and club membership is steady. But, I wish we could have enticed more involvement from underserved parts of the community. More work to be done on that front.
4. *Become a better runner.* I figured as head of a running club I should be the poster child (*adult*) for improving.

Well, I think I'm a smarter runner now. But, definitely not faster. I think Father Time is undefeated in that regard. However, I'm thankful that I'm still able to run, especially if I get to hang out with people like you while doing it.

I only have about 20 days left and just one goal remains. Turn the keys over to someone better than me. Keith, you're up!

Hope to see you at a SARR event soon. (*I'll be the one not in charge and smiling.*)

-Scott Peacock
SARR President