



# San Antonio RoadRunners

San Antonio, TX

Hello SARR Members,

I hope everyone is doing well as we enter 2023, the 50th year of the San Antonio RoadRunners! 2022 was a great year for our club with all our training programs and races having great participation. It shows people want to get out and run!

These are exciting times as our running club is still going strong 50 years after a small group of motivated people with a love for running decided to start this little club called the San Antonio RoadRunners back in 1973.

Pictured here is Al Becken, one of our founding members (right) and Ernie Oakes, a long standing SARR member since the early days. I enjoy hearing about SARR history from these gentlemen. Impressive fact: Al has run 304 marathons, to include three in every state!



I shared some of the great things we have lined up to celebrate our 50th year but I'll recap a few.

First is our ***Inaugural Great Greenway Marathon Relay***, a 2-5 person point to point marathon relay coming up on Sun, Feb 12th. We are nearly sold out! If you can't run it, please consider volunteering, we have spots open and volunteers help make our races great!



Next up is our ***20th Annual SARR Prickly Pear Trail Race*** on Mar 12th. The Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) selected our SARR Prickly Pear 50K as a 2023 RRCA Southern Region Championship Race! That means special awards and special bibs as well as Gatorade sponsorship and other cool stuff! It will be awesome and will showcase San Antonio and SARR. If you're not ready for the 50K, we have

shorter distances as well.



Our **Winter Training programs** are also off to a great start! What a great way to keep your training going while making some great friends along the way!

Our free **Monthly Fun Runs** are held the first Saturday of each month at McAllister Park, Al Becken Pavilion. We are discussing moving these to some different locations on occasion so be on the lookout as we'll announce any location change prior to.

You can find information on our races, training programs, Fun Runs, Board Meetings, History, etc. on our SARR Website. We are looking to add some more areas to the website in the near future.

We have **SARR training classes** ongoing at REI that I encourage you to take advantage of. Our first one, How to Start Running, was held last week and was a success. This Thursday, Jan 26th from 7-8pm is a Female Runner Safety class. These events are free and provide good information. We are also having a Run Night at REI on Sunday, Jan 29th from 6 pm – 8 pm. There will be shoe discounts, prizes, music, fun etc.

Our friends at Street2Feet have their 14th Annual 5K coming up on Feb 19th. Street2Feet promotes health in mind, body, and spirit with individuals experiencing homelessness in San Antonio. Our club is a gold Sponsor for this event.

Our Social Media team continues spreading the word on all the great stuff we have going on in the club. Make sure you check those out!

I am so thankful to be a part of this great club and I hope each of you are as well. I see our club continually getting better and continuing to improve people's lives through running, fellowship, and fun.

See you out there!

Keith Click  
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