**ARR Ultra Update, Oct 4th 2017**

**Results**

Sept 8-9. **Run, Rabbit, Run 100 mi & 50 mi, Steamboat Springs CO.** $12,500 prize purse to the winners of the ‘Hare’ division of 100-mile race. 59% finish rate in combined Hare and Tortoise divisions of 100 miler. Some Albuquerqueans did well: Richard Iverson (M 57) was 29th in 28:18:04 among Hares, and ARR member Spencer Briggs (M 58) was 73rd among Tortoises in 31:39:08.

Sept 8-12. **Tahoe 200**. Homewood, CA. A complete loop around the lake on the California/Nevada border from Homewood CA. Actual distance 205.5 miles; time allowed 100 hours. One sign of the growing interest in races longer than the ‘classic’ 100 miles is that runners from 12 countries outside the US entered Tahoe 200 this year, and the race is part of a ‘Triple Crown’ series of 200 (+) mile races together with the Bigfoot 200 and the Moab 200. Bobby Keogh, who completed this race last year in 99:07:32, was sadly a DNF this year. Arnoldo Arrieta (M50) from Los Lunas was 18th in 76:27:10. Note that ARR member David Infante (M52) completed BigFoot 200 back in August in 100:25:21, good for 62nd place.

Sept 29-30. **The Bear 100.** Logan, UT. This year a point-to-point from Logan to Bear Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park. 22,518 ft of climb. Field capped at 350 runners; 36 hour time limit. Brian Pilgrim (M51) finished in 35:15:54 in 206th place.

Sept 30. **Mt Taylor 50 km.** Grants, NM. 156 finishers this year in more difficult than usual conditions, reflected in slower winning times. Many club members among the runners; race organizers will give a separate report.

**Looking ahead**

Oct 13-17. **Moab 240**. Last chance to score points in the Triple Crown. The race is actually 238 miles long with 29,467 ft of altitude gain/loss. 138 entrants

Oct 21. **Palo Duro Trail Runs**, Palo Duro State Park, Canyon TX (south-east of Amarillo). 50mi, 50k, plus an already sold-out 20-miler.

Oct 28-29. **Javelina Jundred**, McDowell Mountain Park, Fountain Hills, AZ. 100 mi and 100 km. The annual Halloween party in the Arizona desert. Dennis Drey, Cliff Matthews, Gail Leedy, Ian Maddieson among those entered in 100 miler.

Nov 4. **Deadman Peaks Trail Runs**, Cuba NM. 50 mi (as well as marathon and 30 km) on the Continental Divide Trail. Registration open on UltraSignup. Volunteers welcome – contact Gail Leedy

Nov 11. **Franklin Mountains Trail Runs,** Franklin Mountains State Park, El Paso TX. 50k, plus several shorter distances down to 5k.

Nov 18. **Dead Horse Ultra**, Moab UT. 50 mi, 50k, plus 30k. A race “created to feature the Magnificent Seven Trails”

**Sign-up time** coming soon for some of the major races in 2018:

— Western States 100 application window opens Nov 4 on Ultrasignup and closes Nov 11th. Lottery on Dec 2nd; race June 23-24.

— Hardrock 100 application window is Nov 1-15 on Ultrasignup. Lottery on December 2nd also; race July 20-22.