

ARR Ultra Update, February – June 2018

Many ultra events took place during the first half of 2018. Here are the results of several important ones in our region and a look ahead at races scheduled for July and August. Additional information on most of these races can be found at Ultrasignup.com.

Results

Feb 10 **Lone Star 100 Mile**, Franklin, TX. The Lone Star 100 is a rugged, unforgiving race located in the mountains outside of El Paso, TX. Only 17 finishers in the 100 mile this year, including one New Mexican, Mike Smith of Santa Fe.

Feb 17 **Black Canyon Ultras 100K, 60K**, Mayer, AZ. Single track winding through saguaro forests and desert arroyos. A total of 13 New Mexico finishers in the 100K and 4 in the 60K.

Mar 3 **Sierra Vista 50K**, Las Cruces, NM. A scenic out and back course near the Organ Mountains. There were 40 finishers, including ARR members Randy Lockhart and Spencer Briggs, who were 7th and 10th overall, respectively.

Apr 21 **Cedro Peak 50K**, Tijeras, NM. Located close to Albuquerque, the course is almost entirely single track passing through ponderosa pine, pinon, juniper and oak forests. Well known ultramarathoner Rob Krar from Flagstaff, AZ finished in first place. Eric Pope took 10th place overall. Other ARR finishers in the 50 K include Adam Delu, Jeff Edgar, Stephanie Medina, Ed Heller, Cliff Mathews, and Mathew Burrows.

May 12 **Cloudcroft Ultra 53K**, Cloudcroft, NM. This race takes place in the beautiful Sacramento Mountains around Cloudcroft, New Mexico. It is similar to and replaces last year's Cactus to Cloud Trail Run 50K, which could not be continued due to various logistical factors. Familiar ultrarunners Gail Leedy and Bobby Keough were among the finishers.

May 25 **Jemez Mountain Trail Runs 50 Mile, 50K**, Los Alamos, NM. These beautiful but tough runs are held in the rugged terrain of the Jemez Mountains. There were 90 finishers in the 50 mile and 243 in the 50K. Those in the 50 mile included Chris McElveny, Katrin Silva, Jeff Edgar, Jason Bousliman, and Randy Isler. ARR members who completed the 50K include Ken Gordon, Kurt Coonrod, Jason Nakai, and Stephanie Medina.

Jun 16 **Angel Fire 100 Mile, 100K, 50 Mile**, Angel Fire Resort, NM. The 100 mile event recorded only 5 finishers. There were 4 finishers in the 100K race, including Adam Delu and Jeff Edgar. The 50 mile also had 4 finishers, including Kathleen Stabler.

Jun 23 **San Juan Solstice 50 Mile**, Lake City, CO. This beautiful but difficult run ranges in altitude from 8,671ft to 13,334 ft and has about 12,000 ft of elevation gain. The course is mostly trails with some jeep roads. Local finishers include Chris McElveny, Ed Trzcienski, Travis McWhorter, Maria Ladd, Neil Blake, Kurt Coonrod, Richard Iverson, and Mark Nolan.

Jun 23 **Western States 100 Mile**, Auburn, CA. This iconic race first started in 1974. The point-to-point route begins at Squaw Valley Ski Area and goes to Auburn in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada. This year 368 runners started the race and 299 finished. The male winner was Jim Walmsley of Flagstaff, AZ in a new course record of 14:30:04. The female winner was Courtney Dauwalter. Two New Mexicans finished the race, Katrin Silva of Las Vegas and Yuichiro Hidaka of Hobbs.

Upcoming Races July and August

Jul 20 **Hardrock 100 Endurance Run**, Silverton, CO. One of the most beautiful and difficult ultras in the US, the Hardrock 100 connects to or passes near the old mining towns of Silverton, Lake City, Ouray, Telluride and Ophir. Total elevation gain is approximately 33,000 ft, with an average elevation of 11,186 ft. A very difficult race to get into, no ARR members were selected to run it this year.

Jul 28 **Grand Mesa Ultras 100 Mile, 50 Mile**, Grand Mesa, CO. Located on the West Slope of Colorado (between Grand Junction & Cedaredge) on the Grand Mesa, which is known as the largest flat-topped mountain in the world. Average elevation of the course is just over 10,000 ft. Margaret Gordon is entered in the 100 mile. Paul Ross, Brett and Megan Oblack, and Ivy Price from Albuquerque are entered in the 50 mile.

Aug 3 **High Lonesome 100 Mile**, Salida, CO. This race travels the Sawatch range in central CO with 24,500 ft of vertical gain, reaching an elevation of 13,150 ft. Entrants include Ken Gordon and several others from New Mexico, including 9 runners from Los Alamos.

Aug 11 **Ute 100 Mile**, La Sal, UT. A very scenic race course set in the La Sal mountains, east of Moab, UT. Only two New Mexicans entered so far – Gail Leedy and Diane de Souza.

Aug 18 **Leadville Trail 100 Mile**, Leadville, CO. An out and back 100-mile run from Leadville, CO. One of the very first 100 mile races, started back in 1983. A lottery was held in mid-January to select entrants; however, the lottery results don't seem to be available on the race website.