ARR Ultra Update, February 7th 2016

**Future Planning**

Still watching for local runners’ sucess in getting into some of the big name races; current update:

**Vermont 100** (race July 16-17). Entries closed. Ian Maddieson is entered

**Leadville 100** (race Aug 20-21). Lottery entries closed at the end of December, with the drawing held Jan 7th “or thereabouts” but results not yet posted

**Wasatch Front 100** (race Sept 9-10). Entries closed Jan 4th 2016. Lottery drawing February 6th. Albuquerque area runners Ellen Hatch, Rachel Kinney & Ryan Wixom got in.

**Ultra-Trail de Mont Blanc** (UTMB) and related races (August 22-28), Chamonix, France. Application period was December 16th 2015-January 4th 2016. The ‘Zia Goats’ team (Jason Halladay, Sean Cunniff, Dima Halliday) has been chosen for the Petite Trotte à Leon (PTL). The PTL is 290 km in high mountains with 26500 metres (about 87000 ft) of vertical gain. Teams of 2 or 3 runners are allowed 152 hours to finish and must be mostly self-sufficient. There are just two official aid stations!

**Some recent results**

January 9. **Bandera ultras 100km & 50km.** **USATF national 100 km trail championships.**  Bandera, TX.

100km

96th Brian Pilgrim (M 49) 14:16:32

121st Roger Squires (M 55) 14:55:38

50km

45th Margaret Gordon (F 40) 6:07:45

174th Misty Pilgrim (F 50) 9:15:04

February 6-7. **Rocky Raccoon 100 mi, Huntsville TX. USATF national 100 mile trail championships.** 5 loops of 20m miles in Huntsville State Park, 30 hr time limit. 2015 Western States heroine Gunhild Swanson finished in 28:22:39 at age 71. Western States first runner Gordy Ainsleigh (68) was close behind in 29:31:57.

67th Brian Pilgrim 23:03:29 (3rd in 45-49 age group in the USATF championships)

239th Bobby Keogh 29:59:36 (last official finisher!)

**Coming up soon**

February 13. **Black Canyon Ultras, 100 km, 60 km**. Mayer AZ. Neil Blake in 100m, Betsy Kapiloff in 60 km.

February 20. **Antelope Canyon ultras, 50 mi, 55 km**. Cave Creek, AZ.

March 5: **Sierra Vista Trail runs, 50 km, plus 30 km and 10 km events**. Las Cruces, NM.

Steve Grossman, Kelley Garcia, Ulises Ricoy, Misty Pilgrim & Ian Maddieson among those entered

March 19: **Monument Valley 50 mi and 50 km**. In Monument Valley Tribal Park, on the Navajo Reservation. Bobby Keogh among those entered in 50 mi; Travis McWhorter, Kathleen Stabler, Dianna Keogh in 50 km.

March 19-20: **Vegas Moonlight ultras: 100 mi, and 24-, 12- and 6-hr events**. Las Vegas, NV. 1.75 mi loop in Floyd Lamb Park, with 6:00 p.m. start for a night of moonlit running. Kim King entered in 100 miler.