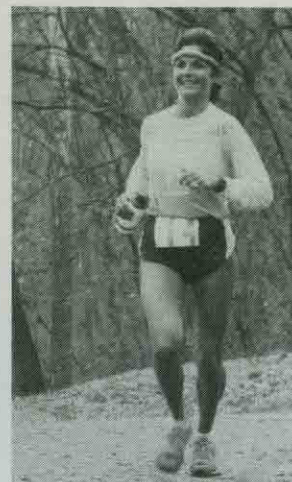


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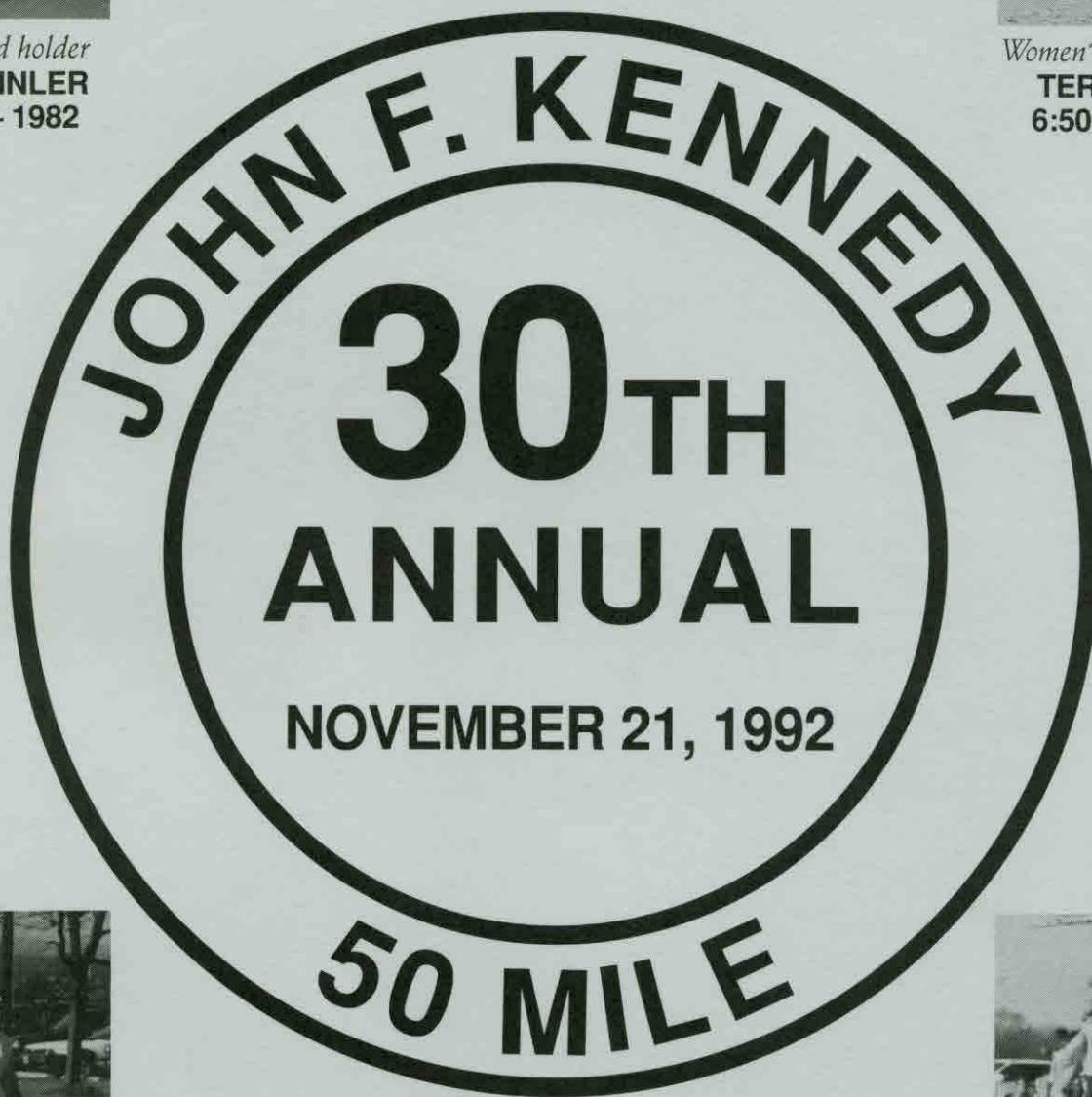
# America's Oldest Ultramarathon



*Men's Record holder*  
**MIKE SPINLER**  
5:53:05 — 1982



*Women's Record Holder*  
**TERI GERBER**  
6:50:56 — 1984



*1991 Men's Champion*  
**ERIC CLIFTON**

**Boonsboro to Williamsport, MD  
VIA  
Appalachian Trail  
and C & O Canal Towpath**



*1991 Women's Champion*  
**LAURA NELSON**

.....IN THE BEGINNING .....

THE DAILY MAIL, Hagerstown, Md.

Friday March 29, 1963

# C. V. Athletic Club Plans 50-Mile Hike On Saturday

In the spring, a young man's thoughts used to turn to baseball. Gradually they somehow switched to women but now all minds appear preoccupied with that peculiar sport of hiking.

Ever since President Kennedy expressed his delight at this crazy fad, there have been hikes over astounding distances, through the strangest places and for the oddest reasons. Hiking is now done instead of stuffing one another in a phone booth or putting yourself through the dryer at the town laundry.

For local track buff Buzz Sawyer and 14 other "youths" hiking is the sole word this weekend. The ageless Sawyer and his Cumberland Valley Athletic Club group are planning a pleasant 53 mile stroll tomorrow over the Appalachian trail and they plan to complete the trip in a day.

The group will leave tomorrow morning from Boonsboro High School at the refreshing hour of 6 a.m. They say they'll arrive back at St. James School between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

In order to accomplish this, the boys are going to have to keep up a steady pace at better than four miles per hour. Cars will meet the group at various places along the way in the event that some would actually rather ride than walk.

Sawyer anticipates no dropouts as the group has been training for the grind for some time now. "All of the boys are supposed to be in good shape," says Sawyer, "and that's what I intend to find out. This should be a good test for them."

Sawyer hinted that when the group arrives at St. James, there may be a leisurely mile run around the track just to soften up some of the blisters.

The main reason behind this hike, according to Sawyer, is a simple matter of conditioning to break up the routine of every day training.

The CVAC will travel very light, carrying only an adequate supply of band aids and perhaps a sandwich or two. While all will certainly eat it's doubtful whether they will stop in any one place too long for fear they may not be able to get up again.

Buzz doesn't advocate any special kind of shoe for the journey. "A comfortable walking shoe is enough," he says.

After the start at Boonsboro, the group will walk along Route 40 A and pick up the Appalachian trail. From there, it's over to Harpers Ferry, then along the C & O Canal trail to Downs ville where it's just a breeze to St. James. It sounds easy enough for any straggler that might wish to tag along.

In addition to Sawyer, the hikers include Steve Costion, Curtis Mason, Rick Kephart, James Ebberts, Wayne Vaughn, Dave Henson, Rick Miller, Don Poper, Gary Brown, Bob Ezolt, Ralph Tracy, Ezolt and Eyler are high and Russell Putnam. All except Tracy, Ebolt and Eyler are high school students.

Buzz is the only one who has had any previous hiking experience and that was years ago when he took a tiny 25 mile jaunt from Raleigh to Durham, North Carolina.

The possibility of flooding had caused some concern but that has practically been eliminated now and the only threat is rain. If the latter arrives, the group is undecided on what to do. Sawyer noted that he would like to get the hike in this weekend because most of the boys start the high school track season next week.

All the hikers will probably make it through the long journey but it isn't likely that any of them will be seen on the streets tonight.

THE DAILY MAIL, Hagerstown, Md. Tuesday, March 26, 1963

## OUR ANCESTORS

by Quincy



"I realize, Lewis, that President Jefferson is a physical fitness enthusiast, but to expect us to take this 8,000-mile hike . . ."

THE MORNING HERALD, Hagerstown, Md. Monday, April 1, 1963

### CVAC 50 Mile Hike

## Hikers Limp In Saturday; Only Four Complete Trip

Only four of the 11 starters and rest breaks so the actual made it through the grueling CVAC 51-mile hike Saturday, a tired but happy Buzz Sawyer reported yesterday. Sawyer, organizer of the CVAC, was one of those that made it.

Steve Costion, Rick Miller and James Ebberts were the other three that completed the trip and ironically, all had reasons not to. Costion has been having foot trouble, Miller is only 15 years old and Ebberts had two teeth pulled the day before. Sawyer, of course, is no youngster any more but he demonstrated that age is no barrier when it comes to hiking.

The group left on schedule at 6 a.m. from Boonsboro High and completed the trip in 13 hours and 10 minutes. One hour and 16 minutes were spent for food

walking time was 11 hours and 54 minutes which averages out to 4.29 miles per hour.

Gary Eyler, Russ Putnam, Don Poper and Dave Henson completed 42.9 miles of the trip but were forced to drop out due to sheer fatigue.

Rick Kephart, Wayne Vaughn and Doug Fryer fell behind immediately and decided to take a side route. They eventually finished the hike but walked nine miles less than the others.

It was dark when the boys arrived at St. James and Sawyer decided to call off a mile run around the track.

Sawyer displayed several shapeless blisters on his sore feet and said the club isn't planning any more hikes in the near future.

by Ken Nigro

JFK 50 MILE STATISTICAL DATELINES

	<u>STARTERS</u>	<u>FINISHERS</u>	<u>PERCENTAGES</u>
March 30, 1963	11	4	36%
April 4, 1964	16	7	44%
March 27, 1965	20	18	90%
March 26, 1966	59	11	19%
April 1, 1967	19	12	63%
March 30, 1968	36	17	47%
March 29, 1969	151	40	26%
April 4, 1970	274	74	27%
April 3, 1971	589	150	25%
March 25, 1972	1,075	307	29%
March 31, 1973	1,724	673	39%
March 30, 1974	1,355	225	17%
November 15, 1975	623	344	55%
November 20, 1976	542	369	68%
November 19, 1977	483	326	67%
November 18, 1978	379	293	77%
November 17, 1979	405	312	77%
November 22, 1980	367	294	80%
November 21, 1981	322	269	84%
November 20, 1982	349	276	79%
November 19, 1983	355	291	82%
November 17, 1984	272	234	86%
November 23, 1985	292	243	83%
November 22, 1986	247	198	80%
November 21, 1987	289	221	76%
November 19, 1988	298	230	77%
November 18, 1989	351	288	82%
November 17, 1990	364	312	86%
November 23, 1991	354	310	88%
November 21, 1992	- -	30th Annual JFK 50	

{ busy day for Towpath water pumps -uncomfortable 80°..

{ largest field of starters of any race in USA for 1973..

{ freezing rain all day with temp. never above low 30°s..

{ 17 days before race, flood waters @ 2nd story level of homes along Towpath..

{ snow, 45mph wind & windchill minus 15° at start. High was 27°. Snow after dark..

## JFK 50 MILE HISTORY MAKING FIRSTS

First JFK 50 Starting Field:	Steve Costion James Ebberts Gary Eyler Doug Fryer Dave Henson Rick Kephart Rick Miller Donnie Poper Russ Putnam Buzz Sawyer Wayne Vaughn	1963
First Women To Start In The JFK 50:	Mary Chafey Laura Cyr Diane Detering Linda DeLauder Sally Keadle Jennifer Moser Jackie Teague	1966
First Woman To Finish The JFK 50:	Donna Aycoth	1968
First Age 70 & Over To Finish The JFK 50:	John Newdorp	1980
First Age 60 & Over To Finish The JFK 50:	Burnis Hicks	1973
First Age 50 & Over To Finish The JFK 50:	Dr. Jim Dobbie	1966
First Blind Runner To Finish The JFK 50:	Tom Rothrock	1975
First U.S. Congressman To Finish The JFK 50:	Goodloe Byron	1971
First Canadian To Finish The JFK 50:	Dr. John Kendall	1975
First Member Of The "250 Mile" Club:	Buzz Sawyer	1968
First Woman Member Of The "250 Mile" Club:	Donna Aycoth	1972
First Member Of The "500 Mile" Club:	Kim Byron	1977
First Woman Member Of The "500 Mile" Club:	Carolyn Showalter	1988
First Member Of The "750 Mile" Club:	Kim Byron	1982
First Members Of The "1000 Mile" Club:	Mike Adams Kim Byron	1988 1988
First With Finishes in Four Decades: (1960's, 1970's, 1980's, & 1990)	Mike Adams Kim Byron Ed Glenn	

JFK 50 MILE RECORDS

<b>JFK 50 MILE RECORD:</b>	5:53:05	Mike Spinnler	1982
<b>JFK 50 MILE RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	6:50:56	Teri Gerber	1984
<b>SCHOLASTIC RECORD:</b>	6:16:25	Karsten Schulz	1977
<b>AGE 70 &amp; OVER RECORD:</b>	10:22:21	Bob Boal (70)	1982
<b>AGE 60 &amp; OVER RECORD:</b>	8:18:42	Roland Anspach (65)	1991
<b>AGE 60 &amp; OVER RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	11:50:03	Burnis Hicks (62)	1973
<b>AGE 50 &amp; OVER RECORD:</b>	7:07:59	Bill Jackson (50)	1977
<b>AGE 50 &amp; OVER RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	8:54:53	Pat Botts (50)	1990
<b>AGE 40 &amp; OVER RECORD:</b>	6:16:39	David Horton (40)	1990
<b>AGE 40 &amp; OVER RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	7:41:13	Sue Medaglia (44)	1979
<b>AGE 15 &amp; UNDER RECORD:</b>	7:46:54	Brad Vaughn (15)	1975
<b>AGE 15 &amp; UNDER RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	9:49:58	Valerie Hardin (11)	1973
<b>ELDEST FINISHER:</b>	<b>AGE 76</b>	Everett Marsh	1991
<b>MOST YEARS A FINISHER:</b>	<b>23 Years</b>	Mike Adams & Kim Byron	
<b>MOST YEARS A FINISHER (WOMEN):</b>	<b>13 Years</b>	Carolyn Showalter	
<b>LONGEST FINISHER STREAK:</b>	<b>22 YEARS</b>	Cal Mahaney	
<b>LONGEST FINISHER STREAK (WOMEN):</b>	<b>10 YEARS</b>	Carolyn Showalter	
<b>MOST VICTORIES:</b>	5	James Ebberts	
<b>MOST VICTORIES (WOMEN):</b>	6	Donna Aycoth	
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY RECORD:</b>	5:53:05	Mike Spinnler	1982
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	7:23:19	Laura Nelson	1991
<b>FREDERICK COUNTY RECORD:</b>	7:13:01	Ron Pace	1977
<b>FREDERICK COUNTY RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	9:46:06	Barry Salisbury	1990
<b>CANADIAN RECORD:</b>	6:48:04	Chris Kelk	1989
<b>CANADIAN RECORD (WOMEN):</b>	8:57:22	Jo Wells	1985

JFK 50 MILE CHAMPIONS

1963	Steve Costion, James Ebberts, Rick Miller, Buzz Sawyer	13:10:-
1964	Steve Costion, James Ebberts, Wayne Vaughn	12:33:-
1965	James Ebberts, Elton Horst, Buzz Sawyer	10:39:-
1966	Kenny Baker, Elton Horst, Buzz Sawyer	10:21:-
1967	James Ebberts, Buzz Sawyer, Wayne Vaughn	10:03:40
1968	Leo Henry	10:02:12
1969	James Ebberts, Baxter Berryhill	8:32:04
1970	Baxter Berryhill	7:21:25
1971	Elton Horst	6:15:42
1972	Park Barner	6:29:57
1973	Max White	5:55:30
1974	Max White	6:06:19
1975	Angelo Gioiosa	6:27:58
1976	Pat Gill	5:59:28
1977	Ed Ayres	6:04:01
1978	Phil Bishop	6:14:59
1979	Bill Lawder	6:08:54
1980	Dan Brannen	6:14:02
1981	Scott Miller	6:13:56
1982	Mike Spinnler	5:53:05
1983	Mike Spinnler	6:12:12
1984	Jim Pellon	6:18:56
1985	David Horton	6:16:00
1986	Dennis Griffin	6:34:13
1987	Wes Kessenich	6:19:08
1988	Chris Gibson	6:31:06
1989	Chris Gibson	6:16:29
1990	Joe Blackmon	6:15:53
1991	Eric Clifton	6:06:09

JFK 50 MILE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

1968	Donna Aycoth	10:41:15
1969	Donna Aycoth	9:27:31
1970	Donna Aycoth	9:45:15
1971	Donna Aycoth	9:29:48
1972	Donna Aycoth	9:48:30
1973	Donna Aycoth	8:26:07
1974	Nancy Keplinger	13:48:05
1975	Martha Hauver	10:27:26
1976	Sue Shepherd	9:35:10
1977	Sue Medaglia	8:19:07
1978	Sue Medaglia	7:53:37
1979	Sue Medaglia	7:41:13
1980	Sue Medaglia	7:53:40
1981	Sue Medaglia	8:10:38
1982	Carole Williams	7:28:39
1983	Teri Gerber	6:56:12
1984	Teri Gerber	6:50:56
1985	Carolyn Showalter	7:59:24
1986	Carolyn Showalter	7:48:13
1987	Carolyn Showalter	8:07:49
1988	Carolyn Showalter	7:57:16
1989	Carolyn Showalter	7:52:44
1990	Shelby Hayden-Clifton	7:10:14
1991	Laura Nelson	7:23:19

JFK 50 MILE ALL-TIME TOP 25 PERFORMERS

1.	Mike Spinnler	5:53:05	1982
2.	Max White	5:55:30	1973
3.	Paul Jost	5:59:12	1982
4.	Pat Gill	5:59:28	1976
5.	Bill Lawder	6:03:51	1982
6.	Ed Ayres	6:04:01	1977
7.	Eric Clifton	6:06:09	1991
8.	Rick Warren	6:12:20	1973
9.	Scott Miller	6:13:56	1981
10.	Dan Brannen	6:14:02	1980
11.	Phil Bishop	6:14:59	1978
12.	Elton Horst	6:15:42	1971
13.	Joe Blackmon	6:15:53	1990
14.	David Horton	6:16:00	1985
15.	Karsten Schulz	6:16:25	1977
16.	Chris Gibson	6:16:29	1989
17.	Bruce Nystrom	6:17:44	1979
18.	Jim Pellon	6:18:56	1984
19.	Wes Kessenich	6:19:08	1987
20.	Neil Weygandt	6:20:20	1982
21.	Don Marvel	6:22:04	1981
22.	John Hess	6:22:28	1979
23.	Kerry Green	6:22:30	1977
24.	Park Barner	6:23:53	1973
25.	Ed Boggess	6:25:58	1989

JFK 50 MILE WOMEN'S ALL-TIME TOP 25 PERFORMERS

1.	Teri Gerber	6:50:56	1984
2.	Shelby Hayden-Clifton	7:10:14	1990
3.	Laura Nelson	7:23:19	1991
4.	Carole Williams	7:28:39	1982
5.	Randi Bromka	7:30:30	1990
6.	Lorraine Gersitz	7:36:17	1991
7.	Carolyn Showalter	7:38:00	1991
8.	Mary Hanudel	7:40:36	1983
9.	Sue Medaglia	7:41:13	1979
10.	Pat O'Brien	7:47:34	1984
11.	Laura Perry	8:05:29	1986
12.	Margarete Deckert	8:11:29	1982
13.	Mitzi Henscheid	8:19:56	1982
14.	Gwen Goss	8:23:38	1991
15.	Shelia Burchett	8:25:58	1989
16.	Donna Aycoth	8:26:07	1973
17.	Sandy James	8:33:25	1991
18.	Noel Relyea	8:35:12	1990
19.	Susan Briers	8:37:34	1991
20.	Pat Botts	8:39:11	1989
21.	Kelly Hoskins	8:41:43	1989
22.	Debbie Richey	8:41:57	1980
23.	Penny Parks	8:43:46	1991
24.	Louise Dooley	8:46:43	1983
25.	Iris Black	8:47:54	1990

HISTORY'S 25 QUICKEST TRIPS OVER THE JFK 50 MILE COURSE

1.	Mike Spinnler	5:53:05	1982
2.	Max White	5:55:30	1973
3.	Paul Jost	5:59:12	1982
4.	Pat Gill	5:59:28	1976
5.	Bill Lawder	6:03:51	1982
6.	Ed Ayres	6:04:01	1977
7.	Eric Clifton	6:06:09	1991
8.	White	6:06:19	1974
9.	Lawder	6:08:54	1979
10.	Spinnler	6:12:12	1983
11.	Rick Warren	6:12:20	1973
12.	Scott Miller	6:13:56	1981
13.	Dan Brannen	6:14:02	1980
14.	Phil Bishop	6:15:59	1978
15.	Elton Horst	6:15:42	1971
16t.	Bishop	6:15:53	1982
16t.	Joe Blackmon	6:15:53	1990
18.	David Horton	6:16:00	1985
19.	Karsten Schulz	6:16:25	1977
20.	Chris Gibson	6:16:29	1989
21.	Horton	6:16:39	1990
22.	Bruce Nystrom	6:17:44	1979
23.	Jim Pellon	6:18:56	1984
24.	Clifton	6:19:06	1990
25.	Wes Kessenich	6:19:08	1987

HISTORY'S 25 QUICKEST TRIPS BY WOMEN OVER THE JFK 50 MILE COURSE

1.	Teri Gerber	6:50:56	1984
2.	Gerber	6:56:12	1983
3.	Shelby Hayden-Clifton	7:10:14	1990
4.	Laura Nelson	7:23:19	1991
5.	Carole Williams	7:28:39	1982
6.	Randi Bromka	7:30:30	1990
7.	Lorraine Gersitz	7:36:17	1991
8.	Carolyn Showalter	7:38:00	1991
9.	Nelson	7:39:36	1990
10.	Mary Hanudel	7:40:36	1983
11.	Sue Medaglia	7:41:13	1979
12.	Showalter	7:44:13	1990
13.	Pat O'Brien	7:47:34	1984
14.	Showalter	7:48:13	1986
15.	Showalter	7:52:44	1989
16.	Bromka	7:53:06	1989
17.	Medaglia	7:53:37	1979
18.	Medaglia	7:53:40	1980
19.	Showalter	7:56:27	1984
20.	Showalter	7:57:16	1988
21.	Showalter	7:59:24	1985
22.	Laura Perry	8:05:29	1986
23.	Showalter	8:07:49	1987
24.	Medaglia	8:10:38	1981
25.	Margarete Deckert	8:11:29	1982



"1000 MILE CLUB"

(3 Members)

- MIKE ADAMS: Finished 23 JFK 50's Best Time: 6:42:34 (79)  
Years: 65-69-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
- KIM BYRON: Finished 23 JFK 50's Best Time: 8:29:59 (88)  
Years: 68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
- CAL MAHANEY: Finished 22 JFK 50's Best Time: 9:24:35 (82)  
Years: 70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91  
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"750 MILE CLUB"

(10 Members)

- CARL CORNETT: Finished 19 JFK 50's Best Time: 8:32:10 (85)  
Years: 72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-91
- BOB HENSCHIED: Finished 18 JFK 50's Best Time: 8:02:47 (80)  
Years: 74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
- EVERETT MARSH: Finished 17 JFK 50's Best Time: 12:29:16 (81)  
Years: 75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
- FRED SCHUMACHER: Finished 17 JFK 50's Best Time: 9:57:14 (84)  
Years: 74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
- BYRON McNELLY: Finished 16 JFK 50's Best Time: 9:53:52 (77)  
Years: 75-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91
- DON WEST: Finished 16 JFK 50's Best Time: 12:58:47 (75)  
Years: 74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-88-89-91
- DENNY EVANS: Finished 15 JFK 50's Best Time: 9:17:02 (79)  
Years: 73-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90
- RANDY HOWARD: Finished 15 JFK 50's Best Time: 8:33:45 (78)  
Years: 74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-91
- JIM LEWIS: Finished 15 JFK 50's Best Time: 11:08:35 (77)  
Years: 72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-82-83-84-85-87-88
- PAUL LEWIS: Finished 15 JFK 50's Best Time: 11:26:32 (79)  
Years: 73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-88-89-90-91

500 MILE CLUB  
(57 Members)

	<u>JFK 50's</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>BEST TIME</u>	
	<u>FINISHED</u>			
Sidney Allen	14	75-76-77-78-79-80-82-83-84-85-86-88-90-91	10:46:45	1982
Dick Good	14	77-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:10:37	1982
Norm Moyer	14	78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:52:04	1986
Lowell Showalter	14	75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88	8:05:39	1979
Bill Whitesell	14	78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:36:35	1981
Joe Baummer	13	73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85	9:15:20	1980
Don Heimiller	13	73-75-76-77-78-81-82-83-84-85-86-88-91	7:52:52	1978
Stan Holloway	13	79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	9:29:23	1980
Don McNelly	13	75-76-77-78-79-80-82-83-84-85-86-89-90	10:49:12	1982
Paul Robertson	13	75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-85-86-88-89-90	9:12:13	1977
Duane Rosenberg	13	77-78-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:21:15	1983
Ken Scott	13	79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	10:12:38	1981
Carolyn Showalter	13	78-79-80-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	7:38:00	1991
Jon Acton	12	75-76-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-88-91	8:56:59	1983
Georges Auchet	12	76-77-79-80-81-82-83-84-87-88-89-91	10:29:55	1981
Frank Boyer	12	75-76-77-78-79-81-82-83-84-85-86-87	9:35:19	1979
Eddie Glenn	12	69-70-71-73-74-76-78-81-84-85-87-90	10:13:15	1973
Shane Hutton	12	69-70-71-72-73-74-78-79-80-83-87-88	10:13:10	1971
Bill Law	12	72-73-74-75-76-78-79-81-82-83-87-89	8:40:13	1982
Earl Main	12	73-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-90	9:21:03	1987
Carl Settlemyer	12	79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-88-89-90-91	9:55:57	1983
Clater Smith	12	69-71-72-73-75-76-77-78-79-82-83-86	10:35:10	1976
Jim Smith	12	76-77-78-80-81-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	11:28:44	1980
Joe Trask	12	80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:48:17	1982
Fred Wandel	12	72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83	11:32:03	1976
Ernie West	12	72-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84	10:11:13	1978
George Harrington	11	80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-91	10:45:46	1981
Mitzi Henscheid	11	78-79-80-81-82-84-87-88-89-90-91	8:19:56	1982
John Hess	11	74-77-80-81-82-84-86-87-88-89-91	6:22:30	1977
David Holland	11	81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:36:06	1983
Paul Keplinger	11	73-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84	10:37:25	1980
Bob Lemmermann	11	73-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-87	13:33:23	1982
Harvey Reisenweber	11	75-76-77-78-79-81-82-83-84-85-89	8:52:34	1981
Jack Sargent	11	79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89	10:23:42	1980
Frank Schaeffer	11	75-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-86-87	8:40:03	1983
Earl Scott	11	81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	9:18:21	1990

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Clater Smith - Frederick, MD

In the spring of 1991, the JFK-50 lost one of its earliest and most enthusiastic participants. Clater had the first of his 12 finishes in 1969. His participation usually involved his wife, Peggy, as a checker at Crampton's Gap....and his son, Winn, as a companion on the '50'. Winn returned last year and continued in his father's footsteps with a JFK-50 finish.

500 MILE CLUB (Continued)

	<u>JFK 50's</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>BEST TIME</u>	
	<u>FINISHED</u>			
Paul Betker	10	82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:39:31	1991
Jim Caldwell	10	77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86	12:38:12	1982
Ron Dorn	10	79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-88-89	10:51:42	1983
James Ebberts	10	63-64-65-67-69-73-76-77-78-89	7:06:41	1977
John Gilroy	10	82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	9:38:48	1986
Bob Greenspun	10	76-77-79-81-82-83-86-89-90-91	10:37:02	1977
Keith Harvey	10	76-78-79-82-83-84-85-86-87-91	8:42:28	1982
Woody Hawkins	10	73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-82-83	10:40:45	1975
Leo Henry	10	67-68-69-73-74-75-76-77-78-79	8:00:36	1973
Bob Hickey	10	80-81-82-83-84-85-86-88-89-91	12:29:17	1985
Glenn Hightower	10	75-76-77-79-80-81-82-83-84-85	8:33:06	1982
Gene Kline	10	75-76-77-78-79-80-86-87-88-89	8:06:00	1980
Dennis Lewis	10	74-75-78-79-80-83-86-88-89-90	10:15:09	1989
Ling Louie	10	70-71-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80	12:29:17	1975
Hal Niebel	10	73-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86	10:51:43	1983
David Powell	10	82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	7:42:26	1989
Si Reddick	10	69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78	8:38:12	1974
Rob Sollenberger	10	76-78-79-80-81-83-84-85-88-89	8:04:15	1981
Mike Spinnler	10	71-72-73-75-77-82-83-85-87-88	5:53:05	1982
Jim Wahl	10	82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	9:47:38	1985
John Walter	10	77-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89	13:29:13	1982

250 MILE CLUB

(194 Members)

	<u>JFK 50's</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>BEST TIME</u>	
	<u>FINISHED</u>			
Grant Baxter	9	82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-91	7:40:53	1986
Anstr Davidson	9	83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:30:48	1989
Dave Frye	9	71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79	7:34:28	1979
David Horton	9	79-80-82-84-85-88-89-90-91	6:16:00	1985
Dan Knox	9	81-82-84-85-86-87-89-90-91	8:50:58	1982
El Levri	9	78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-91	7:52:34	1984
Al Marcy	9	77-80-81-82-83-84-85-88-89	6:54:18	1982
Al Montgomery	9	80-81-82-83-87-88-89-90-91	7:22:46	1991
Joe Robeson	9	80-82-84-85-86-87-88-90-91	9:40:46	1991
Jack Spinnler	9	71-72-73-76-77-88-89-90-91	11:24:28	1989
Albert Tyree	9	82-83-84-86-87-88-89-90-91	11:07:43	1988
Dick Allen	8	70-73-74-82-83-84-85-88	10:41:47	1974
Bob Blair	8	79-80-83-87-88-89-90-91	9:48:17	1987
Mike Boyer	8	77-78-79-80-81-83-84-85	7:59:46	1978
Dick Burgee	8	72-73-74-75-76-77-78-82	8:48:55	1977
John Casteras	8	83-84-85-86-87-89-90-91	10:29:41	1985
Pete Coffin	8	84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91	10:34:49	1984
Chuck Fitz	8	69-71-73-74-75-76-78-79	8:25:29	1976

250 MILE CLUB (Continued)

JFK 50's  
FINISHED

YEARS

BEST TIME

Paul French	8	83-84-85-86-87-88-90-91	7:09:12	1988
Barbara Garner	8	77-78-79-80-81-84-85-91	11:48:22	1984
Bob Gralley	8	74-75-76-77-78-79-81-83	8:27:24	1983
Dennis Herr	8	82-83-84-85-86-87-89-90	6:38:43	1986
Pat High	8	77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85	6:41:33	1982
Bob Johnson	8	82-83-84-85-87-88-89-91	8:13:54	1982
Al Kossow	8	73-75-76-77-78-80-81-82	8:28:00	1981
Joe Kravinsky	8	75-76-77-78-79-81-82-83	11:28:14	1978
Rich Lorey	8	77-78-79-80-82-84-85-86	8:50:59	1980
Norman Marquess	8	75-76-77-78-79-80-81-85	11:28:49	1981
Peter Monahan	8	75-76-77-79-84-85-89-91	6:28:59	1977
Jean Phillips	8	76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83	11:27:37	1979
Dave Rarity	8	73-74-76-77-81-85-86-91	9:12:54	1977
Chuck Terwoord	8	80-81-84-86-87-89-90-91	7:41:44	1984
Roy Thompson, Jr.	8	76-77-79-80-81-82-83-85	8:06:21	1982
Frank Verdi	8	78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85	11:43:28	1985
Jo Wells	8	83-84-85-87-88-89-90-91	8:57:22	1988
Tom Winter, Jr.	8	74-76-77-78-79-81-82-83	9:10:03	1982
Ron Young	8	70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77	10:28:30	1973
Donna Aycoth	7	68-69-70-71-72-73-87	8:26:07	1973
Bob Blakemore	7	77-79-80-81-83-84-91	8:34:10	1991
Bruce Boyd	7	79-80-81-82-83-84-85	8:12:58	1982
Bob Bridges	7	81-82-83-84-85-86-87	9:38:11	1987
Goodloe Byron	7	67-69-70-71-72-73-75	10:13:10	1971
Gene Cassell	7	85-86-87-88-89-90-91	8:12:04	1990
Larry Clement	7	80-81-82-84-85-86-87	8:14:53	1982
Andrew Convery	7	81-82-83-85-86-87-88	9:59:14	1983
Roger Davis	7	77-85-86-87-89-90-91	9:08:12	1986
Doug Day	7	84-85-86-87-89-90-91	7:37:28	1989
Alec Evans	7	73-75-77-78-79-81-82	10:41:03	1978
Jay Frantz	7	75-76-77-78-79-80-83	8:41:50	1977
Ted Hurley	7	83-84-85-86-87-88-89	11:06:41	1985
John Kendall	7	75-76-78-81-82-86-87	7:24:57	1975
John Kenul	7	72-73-78-79-88-90-91	9:46:19	1973
Lanny Knight	7	72-73-75-76-77-81-87	7:31:36	1977
Bill Lawder	7	77-78-79-80-81-82-87	6:03:51	1982
Ernie Medaglia	7	75-76-77-78-79-80-81	8:06:56	1978
Nick Rosato	7	77-78-79-80-81-89-90	9:49:42	1980
Carroll Scott	7	78-80-81-82-83-84-86	8:16:38	1982
Greg Seidl	7	84-85-87-88-89-90-91	11:57:44	1989
Les Smith	7	80-82-85-86-87-88-91	8:33:52	1988
Tom Smith	7	81-82-83-87-88-89-90	6:50:16	1983
Mike Stallsmith	7	83-84-86-87-88-89-91	7:45:24	1986
Dan Wagner	7	72-74-78-80-81-82-83	9:24:54	1980
Guy Whidden	7	65-66-67-68-69-70-71	10:46:35	1970
Janet Whitesell	7	82-84-86-87-88-89-90	10:27:32	1989
Tom Whitesell	7	69-70-72-75-76-77-83	10:27:27	1970
Howard Williams	7	75-76-77-78-80-83-84	11:35:09	1978

250 MILE CLUB (Continued)

	<u>JFK 50's</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>BEST TIME</u>	
	<u>FINISHED</u>			
David Balfour	6	79-81-82-83-84-88	8:09:21	1981
Dave Benford	6	79-80-81-86-87-89	6:28:06	1981
Bill Beydler	6	76-80-82-84-85-91	10:01:24	1980
Jim Borgstrom	6	83-87-88-89-90-91	9:35:59	1987
Joe Butchko	6	73-75-76-77-78-82	7:48:43	1977
Mel Cowgill	6	81-82-83-84-85-87	7:52:59	1982
Jeff Denius	6	85-86-87-88-89-90	9:37:03	1989
Gene Denton	6	86-87-88-89-90-91	10:37:01	1990
Larry Dickerson	6	72-73-76-77-78-79	8:57:32	1979
Frank Dolen	6	83-85-87-88-89-90	9:46:43	1985
Roy Elder	6	86-87-88-89-90-91	9:24:08	1990
Tom Green	6	85-86-88-89-90-91	7:33:49	1988
Gary Guardia	6	77-78-79-80-81-82	9:00:52	1981
Gary Hastings	6	80-81-82-83-84-85	7:26:16	1982
Jess Héroux	6	86-87-88-89-90-91	8:30:23	1986
Ed Hruneni	6	73-74-75-76-77-83	8:24:11	1983
Brock Hutton	6	70-71-72-73-83-88	10:13:21	1972
David Janosko	6	83-85-86-89-90-91	9:13:15	1986
Stan Krueger	6	80-83-84-85-86-87	11:57:05	1986
John Kurt	6	73-74-75-76-77-78	9:51:23	1976
Ken Laverick	6	82-83-84-85-86-87	7:31:11	1984
Felix LeBlanc	6	80-87-88-89-90-91	9:10:57	1980
John Lewis	6	77-80-86-89-90-91	10:35:47	1986
John Malach	6	74-80-81-82-83-84	9:25:10	1984
Bill Murray	6	76-80-81-84-85-86	9:11:43	1984
Jim Myerjack	6	79-80-81-83-84-85	9:21:35	1981
Denny Myers	6	73-75-76-81-82-83	7:57:00	1983
Mark Parkhurst	6	77-78-81-82-83-89	8:33:26	1982
Robert Pastrana	6	79-80-82-83-85-87	10:04:55	1985
Larry Pereschuk	6	73-77-78-79-80-83	11:47:24	1980
Mike Price	6	81-82-83-84-85-86	7:26:59	1983
Zane Reddick	6	72-73-75-76-77-78	11:13:02	1976
Bobby Redmon	6	77-78-83-85-87-88	8:33:05	1978
Mike Robertson	6	84-85-86-88-89-91	7:35:50	1991
Buzz Sawyer	6	63-65-66-67-68-70	8:53:15	1970
Roy Taylor	6	76-77-78-79-80-81	10:30:35	1981
Steve Vaughan	6	78-79-80-81-82-83	8:42:28	1979
Wayne Vaughn	6	64-65-67-68-69-72	7:12:02	1972
Don Waddington	6	80-81-82-83-84-86	8:23:17	1982

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IN REMEMBRANCE

**John Lewis - Frederick, MD**

A few weeks ago, the 71-year-old lost his battle with cancer. John's first JFK-50 was in 1977 at age 56. His finish that year was the first of six, culminating with his reaching the finish line last year at age 70. He thus became only the 8th person age 70 & over to claim a finish in the event's 29-year history.

250 MILE CLUB (Continued)

	<u>JFK 50's</u>		<u>YEARS</u>		<u>BEST TIME</u>
Sam Alspach	5		81-82-83-85-91		9:14:32 1985
Phil Anderson	5		87-88-89-90-91		8:20:35 1989
Park Barner	5		72-73-74-75-76		6:23:53 1973
Dave Bergman	5		71-72-73-74-77		9:11:34 1972
Leon Bierbower	5		75-78-81-85-91		8:36:05 1981
Phil Bishop	5		77-78-79-81-82		6:14:59 1978
Ron Bowman	5		84-88-89-90-91		9:07:26 1989
Mike Burke	5		73-74-75-76-80		9:18:47 1980
Bruce Burnside	5		71-72-73-75-76		10:44:15 1973
Rick Busch	5		70-71-73-75-76		10:24:07 1975
Paul Butchko	5		74-75-76-77-81		7:20:44 1977
Tim Caldwell	5		79-80-81-82-83		11:33:06 1983
Larry Campbell	5		73-77-78-79-80		13:11:03 1977
Art Carey	5		71-72-73-74-76		9:04:20 1971
Mike Carrier	5		82-83-84-87-89		8:42:40 1984
Norm Christensen	5		73-75-76-77-78		9:21:52 1977
Roger Clark	5		80-81-84-89-91		9:24:23 1984
Augie Cortez	5		86-88-89-90-91		8:47:21 1988
Des Crow	5		87-88-89-90-91		9:33:14 1989
George Cunningham	5		84-85-86-89-91		10:36:31 1985
Bob Detrow	5		76-77-78-80-85		10:30:40 1985
Dave Downin	5		87-88-89-90-91		8:40:32 1989
Jon Eckardt	5		85-87-88-90-91		7:59:51 1991
Ed Foley	5		78-79-81-82-83		6:31:36 1982
Jeff Gaft	5		86-87-88-89-91		7:15:07 1987
Howell Griswold	5		73-74-75-76-77		12:43:56 1977
Larry Grossman	5		83-85-87-90-91		8:51:43 1991
Joe Hall	5		75-76-82-83-84		9:56:19 1984
Martha Hauver	5		69-71-72-73-75		10:27:26 1975
Eddie Hayden	5		75-76-77-78-79		7:31:23 1977
Howard Henry	5		78-79-88-89-90		9:55:41 1978
Randy Herbert	5		84-85-86-89-90		11:20:48 1989
Mike High	5		77-78-79-80-85		7:55:31 1980
John Hoover	5		76-78-79-80-81		9:36:09 1981
Forden Hughes	5		71-72-73-75-76		11:21:17 1976
Cliff Izer	5		77-78-80-82-89		9:11:55 1982
Chris Kelk	5		85-86-87-89-91		6:48:04 1989
Nancy Keplinger	5		73-74-75-77-78		11:48:20 1975
Dave Knode	5		70-71-75-76-77		8:56:43 1977
Joe Lancaster	5		80-82-83-86-89		7:18:30 1982
Ron Lariviere	5		84-85-87-88-89		8:06:00 1984
Joe Lederle	5		76-77-79-85-90		9:06:50 1977
Gil Martin	5		71-72-73-74-75		9:04:34 1975
Wes Mathews	5		74-75-76-77-80		9:12:53 1977
Barbara Matthai	5		72-73-75-76-77		10:33:21 1977
Sue Medaglia	5		77-78-79-80-81		7:41:13 1979
Jim Moe	5		73-74-79-83-84		9:26:41 1983
Art Moore	5		85-86-87-88-90		7:40:46 1985
Jim Mortenson	5		74-75-76-77-78		8:13:34 1977

250 MILE CLUB (Continued)

	<u>JFK 50's</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>BEST TIME</u>	
	<u>FINISHED</u>			
Don Muffley	5	72-73-74-75-76	7:32:37	1976
Kevin Murray	5	75-76-78-79-80	9:52:42	1979
Terry Murray	5	84-88-89-90-91	9:31:04	1990
Gary Naugle	5	71-72-73-74-75	7:40:48	1975
John Newdorp	5	76-77-78-79-80	10:33:38	1977
Andy Niebel	5	79-80-81-82-84	11:26:10	1982
Bruce Nystrom	5	75-76-77-78-79	6:17:44	1979
Ray Olfky	5	78-79-81-82-84	7:40:01	1982
Andy Oliver	5	82-83-84-88-90	7:54:51	1984
John Price	5	87-88-89-90-91	7:32:10	1990
Galen Pryor	5	69-70-71-72-73	9:38:44	1973
Connie Reddick	5	73-75-76-77-78	11:07:16	1976
Eddie Reddick	5	72-73-74-75-76	8:42:36	1976
Jim Reeve	5	87-88-89-90-91	12:12:07	1988
Howard Reynolds	5	75-76-79-80-89	12:21:42	1979
Dale Rhoderick	5	83-84-85-86-87	8:50:57	1986
Ray Rickett	5	72-73-75-76-77	11:44:13	1977
Howard Ridenour	5	70-71-72-73-74	10:09:04	1974
Marvin Rosenstein	5	81-82-84-87-90	10:56:10	1982
Jim Russell	5	77-78-79-81-82	8:45:51	1982
Carl Schneider	5	76-77-78-80-81	9:06:35	1981
Howie Simpson	5	82-83-84-85-86	7:43:31	1984
Tim Smith	5	85-86-87-88-89	7:33:12	1989
Jerry Snyder	5	75-76-78-79-81	11:52:04	1979
Edson Sower	5	80-81-82-83-84	9:15:01	1981
Nelson Spangler	5	72-73-75-76-77	11:35:57	1975
Jack Sparks	5	80-85-86-87-90	10:59:52	1986
Joe Spence	5	72-73-75-76-77	9:56:25	1973
Jim Starrs	5	72-73-74-75-76	12:10:33	1975
Lloyd Storm	5	84-85-86-88-91	9:07:14	1991
Michael Taylor	5	76-77-78-79-80	11:11:54	1979
Brad Vaughn	5	71-72-73-74-75	7:46:54	1975
Nancy Waddington	5	81-82-83-88-90	11:04:29	1988
Bill Wandel	5	84-85-86-89-90	9:49:34	1986
Hugh Williams	5	69-71-73-75-82	12:19:28	1973
Dick Wilson	5	73-74-75-76-77	10:40:48	1975
Tom Winter, III	5	74-75-76-77-78	9:27:05	1978
Dave Young	5	73-75-76-77-78	9:16:59	1975
Tim Youngs	5	80-83-86-87-89	8:14:40	1980
Jim Zucco	5	76-77-78-80-81	9:11:50	1976

TEEN PERFORMANCES UNDER 8 HOURS

1.	Karsten Schulz	17	6:16:25	1977
2.	Tom Kirk	18	6:26:48	1977
3.	Gene Schultz	19	6:41:11	1972
4.	Steve Yates	19	6:53:13	1973
5.	Mike Spinnler	19	6:57:54	1977
6.	Mark Mullineaux	18	7:05:50	1977
7.	Schulz	16	7:08:41	1976
8.	Pat High	19	7:24:01	1981
9.	Tim Smith	18	7:33:12	1989
10.	Robert Peay	19	7:37:09	1980
11.	Pat Gill	18	7:41:12	1973
12.	Sam Holland	19	7:42:03	1971
13.	High	16	7:44:04	1978
14.t	Brad Vaughn	15	7:46:54	1975
14.t	Spinnler	17	7:46:54	1975
16.	T. Smith	17	7:48:33	1988
17.	Kevin Seidl	19	7:50:04	1983
18.	High	18	7:55:30	1980
19.	John Conyngham	19	7:56:07	1981
20.	Allen Smith	19	7:56:14	1971

BARRIER BEATERS SINCE 1973

	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	82	81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73
UNDER 6:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
UNDER 7:00	12	12	9	5	2	7	4	7	7	15	9	7	9	6	10	4	3	3	5
UNDER 8:00	43	33	39	24	21	28	29	29	33	38	37	40	31	21	33	17	17	6	16
UNDER 9:00	102	92	91	52	54	54	66	68	88	100	87	91	88	56	78	57	41	14	47
UNDER 10:00	172	167	145	117	105	89	120	115	150	143	141	147	134	109	120	123	92	41	106

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"STREAKERS" (THE BARE FACTS)

Finishers for 10 or More Consecutive Years

22 Years:	Cal Mahaney	(1970 - )
21 Years:	Mike Adams	(1971 - )
18 Years:	Bob Henscheid	(1974 - )
17 Years:	Everett Marsh	(1975 - )
16 Years:	Kim Byron	(1968 - 1983)
15 Years:	Byron McNelly	(1977 - )
14 Years:	Carl Cornett	(1972 - 1985)
	Denny Evans	(1977 - 1990)
	Randy Howard	(1974 - 1987)
	Norm Moyer	(1978 - )
	Lowell Showalter	(1975 - 1988)
	Bill Whitesell	(1978 - )
13 Years:	Joe Baummer	(1973 - 1985)
	Dick Good	(1979 - )
	Stan Holloway	(1979 - )
	Ken Scott	(1979 - )
	Don West	(1974 - 1986)
12 Years:	Fred Schumacher	(1980 - )
	Joe Trask	(1980 - )
	Fred Wandel	(1972 - 1983)
11 Years:	David Holland	(1981 - )
	Paul Lewis	(1973 - 1983)
	Duane Rosenberg	(1981 - )
	Jack Sargent	(1979 - 1989)
	Earl Scott	(1981 - )
	Ernie West	(1974 - 1984)
10 Years:	Paul Betker	(1982 - )
	Jim Caldwell	(1977 - 1986)
	John Gilroy	(1982 - )
	George Harrington	(1980 - 1989)
	Paul Keplinger	(1975 - 1984)
	Earl Main	(1979 - 1988)
	David Powell	(1982 - )
	Si Reddick	(1969 - 1978)
	Carolyn Showalter	(1982 - )
	Jim Wahl	(1982 - )



# 1991 JFK 50 MILE RESULTS

1. Eric Clifton (Greensboro, NC)	6:06:09	104. Bob Baska (Waynesville, MD)	9:07:11	207. Roger Clark (Alexandria, VA)	10:39:59
2. David Horton (Lynchburg, VA)	6:26:32	105. Lloyd Storm (Big Spring, MD)	9:07:14	208. John Gilroy (Sabillasville, MD)	10:40:18
3. Spyros Barres (Mystic, CT)	6:28:08	106. Todd Sprecher (Baltimore, MD)	9:07:47	209. Goodloe "Jeb" Byron (Frederick, MD)	10:41:33
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101. Scott Grierson (Bass Harbor, ME)	9:02:51	204. Mitzl Henscheid (Beaver Creek, OH)	10:37:31	307. Bob Hickey (Annapolis, MD)	13:55:32
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103. Phil Pierce (Falmouth Foreside, ME)		206. Art Gulliver (Leominster, MA)		309. Don West (Chesapeake City, MD)	13:56:45
				310. Bill Adkins (Frederick, MD)	13:59:29

# Special memories of another JFK 50

Last Saturday's 29th Annual JFK 50-Miler once again created special memories for the participants, handlers, spectators, organizers and the all important volunteers that contribute to America's oldest continuously held ultramarathon.

For the better part of three decades, William "Buzz" Sawyer and his band of tireless volunteers have labored countless hours to put together this annual point-to-point 50 mile footrace.

As the last finishers were fighting fatigue and stiffness to beat the 14-hour time limit, Sawyer talked about the volunteers.

"It really is a team effort. Without the help of organizations like the Antietam Radio Association, Hagerstown React, the National Park Service, the Maryland National Guard and so many individuals that keep giving of themselves and their time year after year it just couldn't be done."

Sawyer doesn't appear to have any difficulties attracting the help necessary for putting on the major logistical undertaking and the athletes who come from all over the U.S. seem almost spellbound.

"I don't know what it is," said Sawyer. "It's like Mecca or something, they just keep coming back year after year. In a way it's a lot like a big family."

## Helpful handlers

Covering 50 miles of difficult terrain on foot within 14 hours is a difficult task, but the burdens can be lessened a great deal with the help of a traveling support crew.

These handlers, as they are referred to, travel the back roads along the course to give much needed refreshments and encouragement to the runners.

Handling is a voluntary and relatively thankless job that has helped many a potential casualty go on to become a successful finisher.

On Saturday, there were numerous handlers on the course. One of those was former Williamsport track star Mike Taylor.

Taylor, a UPS driver who knows the back roads of Washington County probably as well as anyone, spent the entire day helping three friends all trying the tortuous JFK for the first time.

In the 14th and final hour, Taylor, on a mountain bicycle, proudly escorted his brave threesome to the Springfield Middle School finish line.

Westminster's Don Meyer, State Line's Randy Ward and Scott Whiteside of Warfordsburg, Pa., would all go down in the results as official JFK finishers. For Taylor there would be no official recognition. But a handler's role in "the long day's journey into night" does not go unnoticed.

## Night time at the line

By hanging around the JFK finish line after nightfall, one can try to gain a perspective on the unique people who push onward through the darkness to achieve their goals long after the victors have been crowned.

They are just everyday folks, the true heroes of the race. They are what the JFK is all about. Regular people who have set a goal, prepared for that goal and are now carrying out the task no matter how difficult it may be.

The looks of achievement and self-satisfaction on their exhausted faces as they finish is priceless. There's the man in canvas sneakers who crosses the line, receives a hug from his wife and then, while sprawled out on the grass, is licked in the face by his loyal dog.

There are the father-son and husband-wife teams that come across the line together in a moment neither will likely ever forget.

Then there is the inspiring moment when 76-year-old Everett Marsh of Frederick strides in at 13 hours and 51 minutes for his 17th straight finish and then hoists his granddaughter into the air with just one still powerful arm.



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## High drama

The highest drama Saturday night surrounded Frederick's Bill Adkins, 36, who was dangerously close to missing the 14-hour cut off with only about a half mile to go.

Dicky Allen, an eight-time JFK finisher himself, was manning the final intersection when Adkins came through. A quick check of the watch and Allen realized that Adkins was going to have to pick it up considerably to make it in time.

Allen ran along with him until Adkins was able to get back on a pace that would bring him to the finish within the time limit.

With only a few hundred yards left, the crowd at the finish line realized what was happening and that Adkins was cutting it close. People who didn't even know Adkins ran down the road shouting encouragement and running beside him.

Adkins, racing like a man after the four-minute mile, stepped into the official results with only 31 seconds left to spare. The thrilled group of witnesses beamed with delight and their hearts pounded from the effort they had just seen.

Adkins, along with all the others, had answered all the questions at least for another year.

# Different style, same result Clifton, Nelson secure victory in JFK

WILLIAMSPORT — Greensboro, N.C.'s Eric Clifton and Hagerstown's Laura Nelson used different strategies, yet both found themselves in the winner's circle of Saturday's 29th Annual JFK 50-Mile Ultramarathon.

Clifton, who faded to third in the 1990 JFK after bolting to an early lead, jumped to an immediate lead once again, but this time he held on for victory in 6:06:09.

It was the first time since Elton Horst accomplished the feat in 1971 that the overall winner led wire to wire. The clocking makes the 33-year-old the seventh fastest man in race history.

"I like to go out really hard. That's just the way I run," said Clifton who covered the 15.7-mile mountain section of the course in a suicidal 1:59:05.

"I either do really well or I blow up. On the canal I didn't know if I could hold it, but I really wanted to beat Dave Horton."

Horton, the 41-year-old Liberty University professor who is probably the most consistent JFK performer ever, placed second for an unprecedented fourth time, to go along with his 1985 victory and 1989 third-place finish.

Horton moved from fourth, at 42 miles, to the runner-up position in 6:28:32.

"It doesn't get any easier," Horton said. "He (Clifton) was just too tough today. He's a young guy with a lot of speed and he just ran super today."

Third place went to Spyros Barres, 29, of Mystic, Ct. in 6:28:06. It was the 2:31 marathoner's first JFK attempt.

The 1989 runner-up, Ed Boggess, of Laurel made a game run at Clifton in the race's middle stages, but paid the price in the end, slipping from second to fourth (6:33:45) over the final eight miles.

Former Hagerstown resident and 1974 South High graduate Dave Ramsey sliced a whopping 34 minutes from his best to net fifth place in 6:34:20.

The 35-year-old member of the National Guard Elite Racing Team was shocked by his performance.

"My only real goal was to finish because I dropped out my last time here in '88. I didn't expect to run that fast."

Other local men in the top ranks included Washington County's first finisher Frank Lum, 28, of Boonsboro, who too 13th (7:06:39); Boonsboro's Tom Rogozinski, 23, who placed 14th (7:08:41) and Williamsport's Paul French, 31, who finished 16th in 7:18:35.

In the women's race Hagerstown's Laura Nelson wrestled the lead away from defending champion Shelby Hayden-Clifton at about the 25-mile mark and sailed on to a 7:23:19 win which makes her the third fastest on the all-time JFK women's list.

The 26-year-old HJC grad said, "We all started too fast. They (Hayden-Clifton and former winner Carolyn Showalter of Maugansville) started like crazy people, so I decided to go on my own (pace)."

"When I finally caught Shelby I tried to pressure her so she would make a mistake."

Once in the lead, Nelson was not to be denied her first JFK title, moving up as the men's winner did, from a third place 1990 showing.

Second place was Lorraine Gerstiz, 37, of Fullerton, Calif. in 7:36:17, a major improvement over her 1990 performance of 8:14:20 which was good for fifth.

Showalter, who dominated the race with five consecutive wins from 1985-89, gave Washington County a 1-3 finish with a life-time best of 7:38:00, which moves the 37-year-old to No. 7 on the all-time women's list.

Hayden-Clifton failed to finish the race after dropping out of contention for the win.

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# THE RUNAWAY 50 MILE HIKE

BY BRUCE BURNSIDE

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Teddy Roosevelt had the idea in 1908.

John Kennedy revived it in 1962.

The Cumberland Valley Athletic Club wouldn't forget it.

And for six years a small group of runners kept the JFK 50 mile hike/run alive, from Boonsboro to St. James, Md., until unexpectedly in 1969 it began the phenomenal growth that has continued to the present. In ten years it went from 11 participants to more than 1700.

What has caused such a growth situation in a race over a route that one recent winner has called "the toughest course I've ever seen"?

The rapid growth of jogging and distance running had something to do with it— but it isn't the whole story. Tall, soft-spoken William J. (Buzz) Sawyer of Hagerstown, who organized the Cumberland Valley A.C. in 1960, explains it this way:

"Mainly it's the appeal of a unique course with a tremendous variety of scenery. You have paved roads at the beginning and end, the Appalachian Trail and the canal towpath. The main thing is you're completely away from crowds and automobiles for most of 39 miles. It's not like most marathons— running through streets or along highways. It's just you on the mountain or you beside the river, or as Teddy Roosevelt put it, 'The only others are the people in the arena with you'— for miles and miles. I think there are few events where this is duplicated, where you're so isolated from the modern world for so long a time."

Teddy Roosevelt, an ardent outdoorsman himself, issued a presidential order requiring all Marine officers to do 50 miles in 20 hours. Over fifty years later Pres. John Kennedy ran across this order and asked, "I wonder how many modern Marine officers can do this?" Suddenly fifty-mile hikes were being organized everywhere, and Robert Kennedy completed a rugged route near Camp David, Md.

Elementary school teacher Guy Whidden of Frederick, who has been with the group almost from the beginning comments, "The challenge and the fascination of the course are that the difficult parts come in the first 16 miles. You have to pace yourself well on those hills, and the real race begins on the towpath." Whidden holds a record of seven consecutive completions— a unique feat of endurance. Both he and Sawyer were eventually forced to give up competing when the mounting pressure of paperwork left insufficient time for training. Sawyer's final fling came in 1970 when he set a course record for age 40 and over. Each year since 1968 the number of finishers has about doubled: 17...40...74...150...307...673. The event has become very competitive and the over-40 mark, along with many others, has been surpassed in '72 and '73.

Paul Fryer, a Hagerstown man now employed by a New Jersey engineering firm, is typical of the many checkpoint officials who help out every year. Though his sons have grown up with the CVAC and since moved away, Paul continues to serve. When there were only about 20 in the race, he fed everybody hot dogs and something to drink at several trail intersections. "Originally the emphasis was on hiking and the only objective was to finish the course," he says. "Three and four-way ties were common for the leaders. When the race got bigger, it got more and more competitive, but that was not the original intention."

In 1963, Buzz Sawyer placed a notice in the Hagerstown Morning Herald that the Cumberland Valley A.C. would do a 50 mile hike on Saturday March 30th. It was very informally arranged. Buzz thought this would be a change for his CVAC boys and he had picked out a route two weeks before. All of them were runners who had never before tried such a long hike. At 6 AM, eleven of them started slowly up South Mountain, travelling as light as possible. They carried only canteens, and bought food and soft drinks at several stores along the way. After 13 hours and 10 minutes, Sawyer and three others reached the finish line in darkness, hiking most of the distance and running only a short part.

Not yet thinking of himself as a 50 mile race director, Sawyer assumed it would be only a one-shot event. But the next year the CVAC boys wanted to do it again, and seven of sixteen finished, the three co-leaders posting a time of 12:33. For the next several years near the end of March, the group would set out over the horseshoe-shaped course, after first leaving a few cars at the finish line which was actually only nine miles away. Each year the winning time crept downward and the Morning Herald carried an account of the hike written by Ken Nigro or Joe Snyder. Sawyer recalls, "It used to be simple. Write the names on a pad, fire the gun and away we'd go." By 1966 the word had spread over the mountain to the next county and the Frederick News began to write about the enthusiastic few who liked to hike, run, limp and ache their way for so many miles. With the field totaling only 36 in 1968, the race was recognized for the first time by the Baltimore Sun, as written by longtime hike observer Dr. Jay Banks. The recent winners had effectively changed the event from a hike to a run, and that year the first woman completed the course, Donna Aycoth, an attractive blonde high school student.

The real breakthrough came in 1969 when without any advance warning, four times as many starters showed up as the year before. True, the local sports pages had carried small announcements inviting everyone to come out and try the seventh annual JFK 50. But Sawyer and Guy Whidden say they had no unusual number of telephone inquiries, and suddenly there were 151 starters eager to do battle with the long path over the mountain and beside the river. Buzz Sawyer believes the spurt stemmed from the writings of Bill Bowerman and Dr. Kenneth Cooper. "The jogging craze had been building up for about a year. Many people now had better conditioning and increased confidence, and they wondered if they could meet the challenge of our mountain trail."

The Appalachian Trail is great for hikers, but it was never designed with runners in mind. Tony Salita of the Hagerstown Morning Herald described it as thirteen miles of "terrain like a roller coaster— a narrow path with boulders, hard stones and razor-sharp rocks. In gullies of different depths we climbed up one way and down another." One of the race leaders in 1972 had the hair-raising experience of running out to the brink of the 550-foot Weverton Cliffs when he missed a paint-blazed ninety-degree turn on the trail. Another runner's account in the Mack Truck company newspaper put it this way, "An obstacle course built by nature, with fallen trees, mud and rocks to make the trail hazardous. Weverton Cliffs are unbelievable. I was hanging on to trees and bushes and descending a step at a time."

When you get to the canal towpath, you've really earned that flat path for the next 26 miles.

More race officials were needed as the race grew in size, and formal checkpoints were established at trail intersections. Friends of Guy Whidden and Buzz Sawyer have helped year after year. Many volunteers have also come recently from the Mack Truck Company, where Buzz has worked since 1962 as a gear design engineer. He is pleased with the community support which has developed, although he admits that he could still use more help. Hagerstown TV sports director Glenn Presgraves has furnished extensive pre- and post-race coverage, and after his record-setting 1973 run, Max White was brought back for a half hour television interview. The Washington County tourism division has assisted in handling inquiries and Sawyer says, "I'm getting increasing support from Mack. The JFK 50 has gotten to be almost a part of the company."

CVAC president Buzz Sawyer brings to the race a lifetime of running and more than 13 years experience in officiating and coaching. He was both coach and captain of the undefeated North Carolina State cross-country team in his senior year. After the X-C coach left the university suddenly, Buzz took the team to an undefeated season and a state intercollegiate championship. During the years that he represented the Baltimore Olympic Club, he was nationally ranked by the USTFF as a two-miler and became a regular on the indoor circuit. Sawyer won a berth on the 1959 AAU 5-man touring track team as the 3000-meter man, and ran a total of seven races in Greece, Turkey, Iran and India— winning every one. His career-best performance came on a 103-degree evening in Calcutta. A friend who ran the Boston Marathon with him remembers Buzz as "the thinnest, longest-legged runner" he's ever seen. While recovering from a broken leg in 1960, Buzz coached the small group of high school runners which became the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club.

The sponsoring organization, the CVAC, is still a small group. Up through the sixth running of the JFK 50, arrangements were so informal that the only expense, the cost of trophies, was met by contributions from friends, including Guy Whidden, Dr. Jim Dobbie, and Dr. John Stauffer, who took heart rate and blood pressure data before and after the competition. Then there was Leo Henry, the oldest man ever to win (1968). Now in his mid-forties, Leo currently tackles a mountain of race-related paperwork, while still improving his 50-mile times. Congressman Goodloe Byron from western Maryland first competed as a state senator, and has finished the race six times, easily the fastest fifty-miler on Capitol Hill. Since the course is only an hour's drive from Washington, Mr. Byron has encouraged his legislative colleagues to enter the race. Congressman Orval Hansen of Idaho has twice completed 35 miles, while Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin of California finished 50 miles. And the sports editor of the Frederick News since 1969, Stan Goldberg, has given the hike a lot of attention and good press coverage.

Each year many checkpoint volunteers get caught up in the excitement and become competitors instead of race officials the following year. There are also many loyal runners and hikers who return to compete year after year. And one enthusiastic hiker even persuaded his only daughter to change her wedding day to avoid a conflict with race day— after his wife had already signed a contract for the reception hall!

Not everyone comes well-prepared. A Wheaton high school student accidentally brought his bowling shoes, ran 35 miles anyhow, and developed eight of the most outstanding blisters ever seen in the state of Maryland. And a runner from Delaware who made it over the mountains exclaimed in amazement as he reached the towpath. "Hey, these people are serious about this! The longest hike I've had lately was when I ran out of gas at 3:00 AM."

Among those who do take it seriously are several branches of a remarkable family who train by running through the orchards near Thurmont and Union Bridge, or inside the dairy barn in bad weather. Their 50-mile finishers include Martha Pryor Hauver, 36, her two teenage sons, her two brothers, two nieces and two young cousins. Five of them were under ten hours, and in 1972 niece Betty Zane Raddick set an age group record for 10-year-olds.

Although many hikers and joggers are attracted to the race because of its sheer size, only experienced distance runners can conquer such a mountainous course in less than nine hours. In the last three years the number of these has successively gone from nine to 17 to 47. The 1972 and 1973 winners, Park Barner and Max White, each went on to England six months later to become the top American finisher in the fifty-two and a half mile London to Brighton race.

The race director looks to nearby towns for advice and assistance— Joe Snyder in Greencastle, Pa., and Bill Draper in Silver Spring. Sawyer talks of the problems of expansion. "Definitely there'll come a time when we have to limit the field. We were bordering on that last year because of traffic problems on the small county roads and the limitations of the narrow Appalachian Trail."

Draper adds, "Let's face it. What are you going to do a couple of years from now with ten thousand people in Boonsboro?"

For one thing, more emphasis is being put on completing the entire course, but Sawyer does not want to limit entries strictly on a time basis. Instead, the entry date is set earlier with no more applications accepted after a certain number is reached. He states, "Of course, I would always let the well-trained runner in— one with first class credentials. This would not swell the field by more than fifty anyway, and we handled 1700 last time."

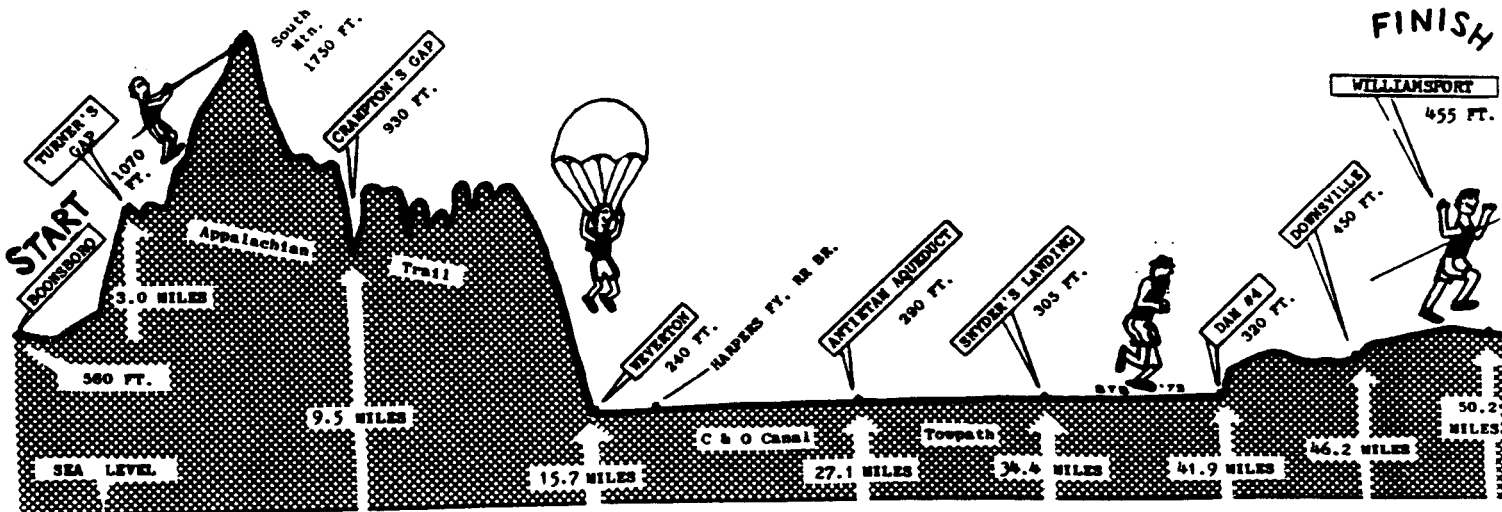
At the Boonsboro starting line in 1969, the race director was surprised when he had trouble finding a parking place. After the 1973 crush, Sawyer concluded that the next results would have to be computerized. Then, too, distributing more than nine hundred trophies and medals has been a particular problem, and this year a plaque was designed which can be slipped into a box and mailed.

The race director feels strongly that the comparability of course records must be maintained. "After many years of using the same course, it's more important than ever to keep it exactly the same— to try to avoid detours. Damage from the June '72 flood made our route impassable, and in March '73 the Park Service put up two 40-foot heavily-timbered temporary bridges. But in less than a week after the race, the bridges were washed away. Permanent canal repairs are badly needed."

For any club trying to establish a similar event, Buzz Sawyer advises, "It is important to have selected an appealing course. Avoid paved roads and automobiles as much as possible, and end at or near the starting point. People won't have any trouble finding a school, so use schools at the beginning and end, where parking space, dressing room and shower facilities are available."

Local newspapers and word of mouth took care of the growth of the JFK 50 up to about 600 entries. Accounts of this large race appeared in the Long Distance Log beginning in 1971 and in Runner's World in 1972. It was advertised in these magazines and among nearby running clubs in 1972. It was late '72 before any mention of the race was made in a newspaper further away than Baltimore. Before the 1973 race a brief item appeared in the New York Times "Outdoors" section, and the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun both carried full feature articles with photographs.

Altogether about a thousand people have completed the JFK 50 over the years, but only seven men have done it in less than seven hours. On race day, the slopes of South Mountain will be full of eager climbers again, trying to set a personal record or just trying to reach the finish line in under 14 hours. The challenge is still there at all levels.



## THE COLD RAINSTORM OF 1974- AN EXERCISE IN SURVIVAL

The time and temperature on the bank in Boonsboro flashed "7:01" then "31°". It didn't seem so bad at first; it was only a light rain, and warmer weather was forecast for later in the day. But the thermometer never climbed above 38° and the rain never stopped. Ice formed on trees along the trail as the "Retreat from Boonsboro" dragged on. Normal body heat and normal clothing were not enough on a day like this. A runner said, "At the state park at mile 10, I went to a trash can, got the plastic liner, cut head and arm holes in it, and wore it to the finish line."

In 1973, 673 persons had completed the course, but this time only 225 hardy souls did the full 50 miles. 1130 others gave it a good try. One admitted, "At least half the time going down Weverton Cliffs, I was on my posterior in the mud." The towpath

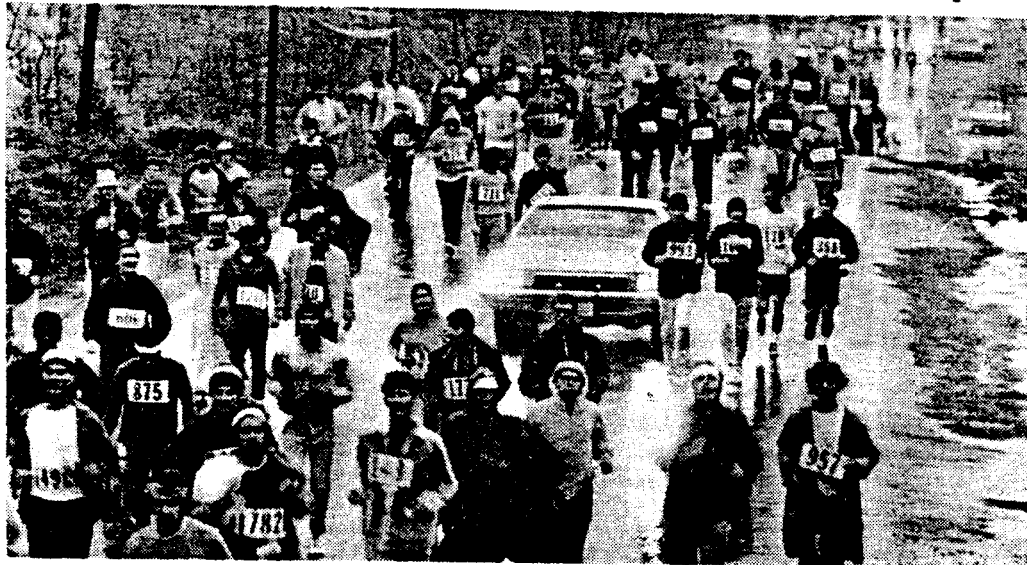


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mud was ankle deep in places. At Shinhams Landing, mile 23: "A guy knocked on my car window, so cold he couldn't talk. I fed him cookies and hot tea and took him to Antietam."

The Campaign of Second Degree Hypothermia continued. At Shepherdstown Bridge, mile 31: "While moving slowly in a traffic jam, a young man opened the car door, just climbed in and collapsed. He didn't stick up his thumb or ask. Just climbed in. We took him to Boonsboro." A half-frozen hiker: "There were so many people in my wife's small car that our wire-haired terrier had to sit on my lap. At first I didn't like the idea, but it turned out to be a good way to get warm again."

Buzz Sawyer says, "An occasional failure to finish the fifty-miler helps the training for the next one."

In 1975 the JFK 50 should turn up with a trail full of tigers.

### More on the '74 Race-

Race director Buzz Sawyer said of Max White's 6:06:19 time, "Considering the weather, his performance today was superior to his record of last year." A mud-spattered Park Barner came in at 6:27:19 after passing George Stewart four miles from the finish. Stewart, an Army man from Mill Valley, Cal. in his first 50 miler, had stayed with White for 42 miles, but then fell back. He finished in 6:28:58. The first over-40 man was Leonard "Si" Reddick and his brother Eddie Reddick was the first over-50 finisher. Only two records fell and both went to Walt Stack of San Francisco. Stack set a new over-60 mark in 9:48:16, and at 66 became the oldest person ever to complete the course.

Also among those who withstood the icy rain was the mayor of Frederick, Ron Young, one of several runners to join the 250 Mile Club (five successful completions of the JFK). Marine Corps Chaplain Joe Shea made it in 9:23:00; mostly, he says, because he got ahead of his support crew and had no choice but to finish. Father Shea, in his forties, is stationed at Arlington, Va.....The opposite side of the coin-- a graphic case of hypothermia--an experienced high school runner said he realized at mile 31 it was time to quit when he plainly saw a hot cocoa stand ahead that was nowhere visible when he reached that point!

# On the sidelines

By Larry Yanos



## JFK ultramarathon scheduled Nov. 21

The 30th annual John F. Kennedy 50 mile ultramarathon is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, and organizer William "Buzz" Sawyer expects another competitive field.

"It's always an interesting race because it attracts competitors from all over the United States," Sawyer said. "They like the challenge of completing the race and also like the challenge of trying to break their previous top finishes. It's the oldest ultramarathon in the world."

To date, Sawyer has received 205 entries from 20 states and Canada, including 105 starters from the 1991 event.

"This ultramarathon is extremely popular among the Canadians," Sawyer added. "We have another large group of Canadians entered, led by Grant Baxter of Burlington, Ontario. If he finishes this year, he will become the first Canadian to reach the "500-mile club." That is quite an accomplishment."

As usual, the ultramarathon will begin at 7 a.m. at Boonsboro High School and wind its way up to South Mountain, across the Appalachian Trail with the finish line at Springfield Middle School in Williamsport.



**Buzz Sawyer**

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Sawyer says three former overall champions and two former women's champions will return for the 1992 event.

"I've already heard from defending champion Eric Clifton as well as Chris Gibson, David Horton, defending women's champion Laura Nelson and Carolyn Showalter," Sawyer added.

Clifton, a Greensboro, North Carolina resident, won the 1991 test— covering the 50 miles in 6:06:09. Gibson, from Pittsburgh, Pa., was the champion in both 1988 (6:31:06) and 1989 (6:16:29). Horton, from Lynchburg, Va., won the event in 1985 with a winning time of 6:16.

Laura Nelson of Hagerstown won the women's championship in 1991, covering the 50 miles in 7:23:19 while Showalter of Maugansville was the leading women's finisher in 1985 through 1989.

Her winning efforts: 1985— 7:59:24; 1986— 7:48:13; 1987— 8:07:49; 1988— 7:57:16; 1989— 7:52:44.

Two of the three "1,000-mile club" members have also pre-entered the 1992 competition.

Kim Byron of Owings Mills has completed 23 JFK ultramarathons while Cal Mahaney of Fairplay has finished 22 consecutive JFK ultramarathons.

Sawyer is still waiting word from Mike Adams of Pittsburgh, Pa. He has finished 23 JFK ultramarathons.

"There are many interesting stories connected with the JFK ultramarathon," Sawyer noted. "I think one of the features of this one is the fact we have three 77-year-old men competing. That's remarkable."

Carl Llewellyn of Hagerstown, Everett Marsh of Frederick and Joe Abbas of Dayton, Ohio have all pre-registered.

Llewellyn finished four JFK ultramarathons in the 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973, the last one at age 57.

He tried a comeback last year after an 18-year absence but did not reach the finish line.

Marsh entered his first JFK ultramarathon at age 60 in 1975. He finished that year and every year since— setting the eldest finisher mark of age 76 last year.

Abbas was unsuccessful in the JFK ultramarathon at ages 75 and 76 in 1990 and 1991. He hopes to complete the event this time around.

**NOTE:** Not to be outdone by the large contingent from Canada, again this year we have approximately 50 from the Ohio River Road Runners Club, which will include Joe Abbas. In addition to the various other running clubs, groups from all the military branches will also be competing. Entry just received from Mike Adams for #24.....



# Williamsport Maryland

## History



Compiled by Pat Miller

The King of England granted Jeremiah Jack a tract of land, to be known as "Jack's Bottom", in 1739 containing 175 acres, on the present site of Williamsport. He occupied this land in 1740, building himself a log cabin near the present location of the Tannery across the Conococheague Creek.

Before Jeremiah Jack came, the area was inhabited by the Delaware Indians. On the other side of the Potomac River dwelled the Catawba tribe. Not long after Jack had built his cabin, the two tribes fought a battle near the confluence of the Potomac and the Conococheague, and it is said that all the Catawbas, save one, were killed. Jack provided refuge for the sole survivor and made a speech to the Delawares persuading them to spare the life of the Catawba and let him go home to his tribe to tell what happened to the enemies of the Delawares.

In 1778, "Jack's Bottom" was deeded to Jacob Friend for 568 pounds, 83 shillings and sixpence. John Hogg also deeded Friend a tract called "White Oak Swamp" adjoining "Jack's Bottom" for 130 pounds and a tract called "Hear Bargin" in 1790 for 25 pounds. These are tracts of land that are part of or adjacent to the town.

Another early settler of significance was Colonel Thomas Cresap, a noted Indian fighter. Cresap located on Springfield Farm which is on the eastern side of Williamsport. He is supposed to have built the stone building over the spring from which Springfield derives its name. The springhouse is still standing there and in a good state of repair. The upper story has loopholes from which Colonel Cresap could shoot at hostile Indians. In the year 1750, the Colonel sold Springfield Farm to Joseph and Prudence Williams, parents of Otho Holland Williams.

Otho Holland Williams, founder of Williamsport, was Welsh by descent. Otho was born in Prince George's County in March 1749, but was brought to Western Maryland (then part of Frederick County) before he was one year old when his parents acquired land at the mouth of the Conococheague Creek. When Otho was 13 years old, he was serving in the county clerk's office of Frederick County. At age 25, Otho Holland Williams was a merchant in Frederick Town. In answer to Congress' call for volunteers, he left for Boston in 1775 and joined the Continental Army. He was taken prisoner when Fort Washington, on the Hudson River, fell to the British and was imprisoned in New York City in the same cell as Ethan Allen. Finally Otho was exchanged and fought with Maryland troops at the Battle of Monmouth. He accompanied Baron DeKalb in the Southern Campaigns. He took a conspicuous part in the Battle of Camden and commanded the rear guard at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, in which position he displayed great coolness and courage. Otho Holland Williams gained great honor for the skill with which he covered the retreat of the Army through North Carolina. At the Battle of Eutaw, he led the famous bayonet charge which swept the field and secured the victory. In 1786, shortly after his marriage to the daughter of a wealthy Baltimore merchant, Otho purchased the property formerly owned by his father at Conococheague, the tracts entitled "Ross Purchase" and "Leeds." The act of incorporation had been enacted the preceding November "on the application of many citizens of Washington County." Four years later, in 1790 Congress began a search for a suitable site for the new national capital. President George Washington made a special trip to Williamsport in order to personally assess the potential of the young river town for the future capital site. Although Williamsport did not become the national capital, it did prosper by another project backed by President Washington - The C & O Canal.

For approximately 100 years, the presence of the C & O Canal gave Williamsport a rough-and-ready reputation. Some of the boats were built in the streets of Williamsport. Many were built on the banks of the Conococheague Creek where it flows into the Potomac River. The season for boating began usually on or near March 1, and continued until the canal froze, usually shortly before Christmas. One of the chief products shipped by canal boat was coal from Cumberland and in the prosperous days, it is said that 700 or more boats plied the canal in a season. There are people living yet in Williamsport who were members of canal boating families who truly participated in boating as a way of life. Their number is fast diminishing.

There are many points of historic interest in the town although many old land marks have disappeared. Until May 11, 1881, there was still standing in Williamsport a building which was one of the first houses built in 1787, but was destroyed by fire. It stood on the corner of Potomac and Conococheague Streets and was used as a tavern when visited by President Washington in 1790. The old cemetery overlooking the Potomac River and all approaches to the town attracts many visitors. The founder of the town, a friend of Washington, and a brilliant soldier, Otho Holland Williams, is buried there.

The Conococheague Bank of Williamsport was incorporated in 1814. The directors included Jacob T. Towson, Thomas Buchanan, Dr. William B. Van Lear, Michael A. Finley, and John Hogg. The Williamsport bank was incorporated in 1832. The original place of business was at the northeast corner of Conococheague and Potomac Streets.

In the 1820's Michael Kreps was proprietor of the White Swan Tavern. David Harry was proprietor of the Globe Tavern on Conococheague Street, James Shoaf kept the Golden Swan Tavern on Main Street, Charles Heselstine kept the Bell Tavern and John Crawford kept the Spread Eagle Tavern. As the years went on, Williamsport continued to grow and prosper and in 1851 the town appeared to be developing at a more rapid rate than any other inland town in Maryland. A turn-pike road was in progress to be completed from Martinsburg, Va. to the bank of the Potomac and plans were being formulated to construct a bridge over the river. The Odd Fellows Hall was dedicated on July 27, 1860. The Western Maryland Railroad was finished in 1873. Religious denominations in early Williamsport included Lutherans, Episcopalians, Catholics and Methodists. The log church used by the Lutherans was torn down in 1829. The Presbyterian Church (now the Red Men's Hall) was organized about 1829 and Dr. Michael A. Finley was the first ruling elder. The Board of Trustees included Matthew Van Lear, John Hogg, and Joseph T. Towson. The first Catholic Church was consecrated in 1851 by Reverend Henry Myers. The Methodists were among the pioneers of Williamsport and had a congregation here almost as soon as the town was founded. The present church was greatly damaged during the Civil War. It had served as a hospital, as did most of the churches, during the Civil War.

Williamsport is of historic importance concerning the Civil War in that both Harper's Ferry and Williamsport were the gateways to the Shenandoah Valley. General Abner Doubleday, the inventor of baseball, commanded Union forces here where he mounted cannon on the hill at Riverview Cemetery now called Doubleday Hill. The Rev. Joseph H. Russell, Presbyterian minister, organized Co. I of the 1st Maryland Cavalry which consisted mainly of recruits from Williamsport. This unit saw action at Antietam and Gettysburg just to name several major battle engagements in which they participated. Union feeling in the town of Williamsport was strong. DeWitt Clinton Rentsch, a Confederate sympathizer and close friend of Kyd Douglas, a Confederate officer, was shot by a hostile crowd in 1861 near the corner of Salisbury and Conococheague streets. It was claimed Rentsch drew on the crowd first and that he was considered to be a spy anyway. A man was tried for his murder in Circuit Court, but he was acquitted. It is written that Kyd Douglas, who was camped with Confederate troops across the Potomac River, wanted to have his troops set the torch to Williamsport in retaliation.

General George Meade had General Robert E. Lee trapped in Williamsport on his retreat from Gettysburg, but Meade failed to attack and allowed Lee's troops to withdraw across the Potomac River and escape into Virginia to do battle another day. As Lee left Williamsport, (it is said) he placed his foot on a stone in front of the Taylor Hotel (corner of Potomac and Conococheague) and mounted Traveler, his beautiful and beloved horse. The stone was exposed 2½ feet above the ground then, but if you look you will see a portion yet showing.

Newspapers published in Williamsport over the years include the *Republican Banner*, editor Daniel Weisel. In 1847, *The Times*, in 1846 *Modern Times*, S. Knodle proprietor, (this paper was produced in the building where E. E. Reichter had his hardware store later on); in 1852 *The Scott Banner*, published by Williams and Allen; in 1886, *The Transcript*, published by Rickert, and *The Leader and The Pilot*, at the turn of the century, edited by G. W. McCardell.

Early sports of Williamsport featured horse-racing as a favorite amusement as early as 1791. The races continued for many years to be one of the chief attractions of Williamsport and there were various track locations over the years. In 1797 the managers of the racing events were Christian Ardinger, John Dugan and Lewis Bryant. It is said that one of the race course sites was located between the town and the river, which at that time was a level tract of land extending from the mouth of the Conococheague Creek to the waste-weir below the canal lock.

The town proper was laid out in 1787 and information indicated that between Potomac and Salisbury streets there were but 3 or 4 houses. Gradually, as the town grew, stores and shops found their way more to the center of town; previously business was concentrated at Public Square at the bottom of Potomac Street. It is written that it was not uncommon, during the early period at springtime, to see hundreds of keels and gondolas coming into port laden with the "black diamonds," wheat, rye, and the products of the mountain region; reaching and lining the banks of the creek from its confluence with the Potomac to the old Van Lear Mill, which was destroyed by fire in 1888. Coal yards, squares of lumber and logs lined the banks. People joined in drink and dancing to the sweet strains of the fiddle, and the dancer that could make the most steps to "Fire in the Mountain," a favorite air of the period, was sure to "take the cake." They were a jolly, honest, whole-souled class of people. Two hotels were then sufficient to accommodate the traveling public - one near the river and the other at the east end of Potomac Street.

During the period of time between the Civil War and the turn of the century, Williamsport gave birth to, and experienced, the growth of many business and civic projects. The population increased to 2000, in which time a large number of houses were erected. W. D. Byron and Sons' Tannery was founded in 1897. Other thriving industries and business houses included: Steffey & Findlay - Shippers of George's Cumberland Coal and German Siding, E. E. Reichter - Stoves and Hardware, George W. Hurd - Druggist, J. F. Kreps - Undertaker and Embalmer, Van Lear House - Van Lear Woltz, Prop., Miller Brothers - Lumber and Building Supplies, Albert S. Harsh - Butcher, S. C. Goddard - General Merchandise, W. O. Bowser - Baker and Confectioner, Potomac House - J. E. Downs, Prop., Charles B. Rank - Steam Laundry, Isaac H. Hoffman - Groceries, B. C. Lefever - Mfg. and Dealer in Buckskin, Oiled Goat, Sheep and Fine Kid, Undine Milling Co., Charles S. Charlton - Mfg. of Carriages and Wagons, and Alvey G. Hoffman - General Merchant.

Williamsport was Washington County's second largest town at the turn of the century. It proudly boasted of a new electric light plant that was completed by the town by 1899, a trolley car line that provided service between Hagerstown and Williamsport, two graded public schools that employed seven teachers. The Western Maryland, Cumberland Valley, and Potomac Valley railroads, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal afforded ample transportation facilities. The town was described as being attractive to summer visitors and fishing parties due to fine hotels and the abundance of black bass in nearby Potomac River.

Williamsport, then and now, is interspersed with large shade trees, wide streets, imaginative rain spouts, beautiful old homes and churches, historic structures and hospitable people. Enjoy Williamsport - the town extends a hearty welcome to you.

1992 JFK 50 MILE ENTRIES  
(Seeded & 500 Mile + Club Members)

1	Mike Adams	41	Byron McNelly
2	Sidney Allen	42	Don McNelly
3	Paul Betker	43	Ed Miville
4	Ed Boggess	44	Al Montgomery
5	Pat Botts	45	Arthur Moore
6	Sue Briers	46	Norm Moyer
7	Kim Byron	47	Laura Nelson
8	Jill Cobb	48	Cor Potma
9	Eric Clifton	49	David Powell
10	David Horton	50	Duane Rosenberg
11	Douglas Day	51	Joe Salwan
12	Ashley Evans	52	Bill Sanford
13	Carl Cornett	53	Jack Sargent
14	Tom Ficklin	54	Rick Schneider
15	Ed Foley	55	Fred Schumacher
16	Paul French	56	Ken Scott
17	Dennis Fugate	57	Carl Settlemyer
18	Jeff Gaft	58	Ron Shaw
19	Chris Gibson	59	Carolyn Showalter
20	John Gilroy	60	Lowell Showalter
21	Jim Godville	61	Harry Smith
22	Dick Good	62	W.J."Jim" Smith
23	Tom Green	63	Rob Sollenberger
24	Bob Greenspun	64	Tom Taylor
25	Bob Harris	65	Joe Trask
26	Bob Henscheid	66	Vassili Triantos
27	Mitzi Henscheid	67	Harold Vergiels
28	Jeff Hinte	68	Jim Wahl
29	David Holland	69	Don West
30	Stan Holloway	70	Bill Whitesell
31	Ingrid Honzak	71	Denny Evans
32	Randy Howard	72	Bob Hickey
33	Vicki Hughes	73	Tor Lokrheim
34	Sandy James	74	Jo Wells
35	King Jordan		
36	Chris Kelk		
37	Bob Lemmermann		
38	Paul Lewis		
39	Cal Mahaney		
40	Everett Marsh		



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101 Joe Abbas	151 Will Cobb	201 John Harper
102 Mary Adamo-Price	152 Pete Coffin	202 T.J. Harrington
103 Bill Adkins	153 Paul Combs	203 Ed Hart
104 Paul Adkins	154 Mel Cowgill	204 John Hassett
105 Jerry Agin	155 Bruce Cowling	205 Rick Hassett
106 Dennis Alexander	156 Chris Crawford	206 Stephen Hassett
107 Ron Alexander	157 Des Crow	207 Terry Hawk
108 Elaine Allen	158 Jerry Crump	208 Kathleen Heagney
109 Roger Allison	159 Linda Crump	209 Jack Henderson
110 Doug Anderson	160 Judy Culbertson	210 Phil Hengen
111 Phil Anderson	161 Joe Dabes	211 Howard Henry
112 Roland Anspach	162 Hugh Danaceau	212 Randy Herbert
113 Dick Appelbaum	163 Dan Daniels	213 Jess Héroux
114 Jay Barry	164 Anstr Davidson	214 Gary Hill
115 Tim Barton	165 Doug Davis	215 Paul Hiser
116 Grant Baxter	166 Gary Davis	216 Jamie Hitchner
117 Greg Bean	167 Mike Davis	217 Dave Holtzman
118 Tim Beaty	168 Larry DeHof	218 Doug Hornbecker
119 Becky Beekman	169 Tom Delaney	219 Clifford Hoy
120 Ben Beekman	170 Gene Denton	220 Evan James
121 Bill Behnen	171 Nancy Dietrich	221 David Janosko
122 Keith Belluardo	172 Randy Dietz	222 Bob Johnson
123 Titian Benedetti	173 Dave Downin	223 Dale Jordan
124 Gary Berkner	174 Jerry Dudeck	224 Johnny Kelly
125 Dennis Berry	175 Ian Dunmore	225 Fred Kershner
126 Bob Blair	176 Tom Ebberts	226 Michael Kesecker
127 David Blair	177 Carol Eckenrode	227 Ray Kitchen
128 Bob Blakemore	178 Roxanne Edmiston	228 Kenneth Klein
129 Pat Blanc	179 Dane Egli	229 Dan Knox
130 Jim Borgstrom	180 Roy Elder	230 Bob Koehl
131 Dave Boslego	181 Tom Fahey	231 Bill Koppenheffer
132 John Boslego	182 Mike Fair	232 Charlie Lane
133 Ron Bowman	183 Bob Falk	233 Bob Lathan
134 Dave Braithwaite	184 Bob Field	234 Felix LeBlanc
135 Bob Breckler	185 Charlotte Finch	235 Doug Leland
136 Lanny Brent	186 Alan Firth	236 Shanna Lemmermann
137 Dale Brewer	187 Bill Fischer	237 Elvio Levri
138 Dorothy Bright	188 Herman Forbes	238 Doug Lietzke
139 Tony Brust	189 Ric Francke	239 Carl Llewellyn
140 Doug Bryce	190 Mary Lou Frisch	240 John Lockwood
141 Peter Buetow	191 Everett Frizzell	241 Ricardo Longoria
142 Roger Burkhart	192 Eric Fromm	242 Brian Lubin
143 Bob Burnett	193 Susan Gianone	243 Bob Magnus
144 Duane Carter	194 Hunter Goin	244 Ryan Manning
145 Art Carucci	195 John Gonzales	245 Ted Massa
146 Sam Case	196 Ruth Greher	246 John Mazur
147 Gene Cassell	197 Scott Grierson	247 Dave McAdams
148 John Casteras	198 Darin Grim	248 Don McGinty
149 Bob Chapman	199 Hal Grosh	249 John McNally
150 Howard Clenney	200 Allen Hansen	250 Jeanne Melanson

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251 Don Meyer	301 Dennis Shackley	351 Bob Zimpfer
252 Joe Milancewich	302 Clyde Shilling	
253 Delma Miller	303 Tony Shinsky	
254 Joy Miller	304 Andy Short	352 Jim Becker
255 Lee Miller	305 Dennis Simmons	353 Bill Bolling
256 Jack Mix	306 Terry Simms	354 Paul Jozik
257 Becky Moore	307 Kathy Smart	355 Phil McDonald
258 Jim Moore	308 Winn Smith	356 Fred Piquette
259 Michael Morrin	309 Les Smith	357 Carter Sherline
260 Coy Morris	310 John Snyder	358 Doug Young
		359 Roy Jones
261 Rhoda Murtagh	311 Mike Souplos	
262 John Narramore	312 Jack Spinnler	
263 Bob Nash	313 Jacob Spinnler	
264 Randy Nelson	314 Mike Spolidoro	
265 Denny Nevin	315 Mike Stallsmith	
266 Tom Newnam	316 Tim Stanley	
267 Steve Nightingale	317 Bob Starnes	
268 Blake Norwood	318 Sharon Sterbis	
269 Bill Oakland	319 Wayne Stiles	
270 Dan O'Flaherty	320 Nelson Stritehoff	
271 John Oszustowicz	321 Joe Szekeresh	
272 Richard Park	322 Marty Szekeresh	
273 Mark Parkhurst	323 Richard Szekeresh	
274 Andy Peterson	324 Marc Thibault	
275 Andy Petroski	325 Dan Thompson	
276 Ed Poling	326 Paul Thompson	
277 Frank Probst	327 Jim Thornton	
278 Bruce Purdy	328 Mac Tillman	
279 Rich Radez	329 Albert "Tree" Tyree	
280 Dave Rarity	330 Sue Vandette	
281 Bobby Redmon	331 Mary Anne Walker	
282 Dave Reid	332 John Walter	
283 Harold Reilly	333 Randy Ward	
284 Andrew Reisenweber	334 Tony Warner	
285 Matt Reisenweber	335 Kathy Watern	
286 Roy Rengstorff	336 Rex Whaley	
287 Dale Rhoderick	337 Moe White	
288 Rick Roberts	338 Chris Whitesell	
289 Joe Robeson	339 Janet Whitesell	
290 Karl Robinson	340 Larry Whiting	
291 Marvin Rosenstein	341 Bob Williams	
292 Amando Ruiz	342 Scott Williams	
293 Rod Runacres	343 Sue Witter	
294 John Rusch	344 Joe "Artic Joe" Womersley	
295 Daniel Schaeffer	345 Terry Woods	
296 Bob Schlosser	346 Martin Yecies	
297 Bob Schofield	347 Giz Youngerman	
298 Don Schoolfield	348 Richard Zeger	
299 Richie Schuler	349 George Zimmerman	
300 Greg Seidl	350 Ginger Zimmerman	