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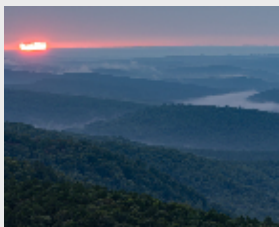
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From the President & Editor



Hello fellow AURA Members!!

We have had three Ultra Trail Series Events since the last newsletter. Three Days of Syllamo, Styx & Stones, and the Ouachita Trail 50. We were very fortunate to have good weather for these events as well as a good turn out for each.

Thanks to Syllamo race directors Jacob Anderson and Rusty Harvey. Thanks to Styx N Stones RDs Cliff Pittman, Will Landreth, and Matthew Myers. Thanks to each of the RDs and volunteers for the heart, soul, and hard work that they put into continuing to host these iconic Arkansas event. They do a great job of caring for the trails and the community in their areas. As OT50 RD and club president I also wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped at each of these events. Please let them know how grateful you are the next time you see them!!

Good luck to everyone running Mt Magazine this weekend! PT continues to offer up a fun day of running on the mountain. Please remember to take at least \$20 cash to put in the donation bucket so that the can cover his out of pocket expenses as well as contribute to that community in a meaningful way.

I hope you will plan to join us at the AURA annual meeting and party, which will be held soon after the Catsmacker. (More info pg 11). Your input and vote matter to us. Please bring a donation, a chair, and a side dish or dessert and celebrate another fun season of racing together as a community!

I look forward to the next time we gather as a community! Until then, Happy Trails

Upcoming AURA Events
And
Volunteer Opportunities




**Mount Magazine
Trail Run**

May 4

Don't miss this classic race in one of our beautiful state parks!

[Link to Website/Registration](#)

[Email PT to Volunteer](#)

**We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the proceeds from this race benefits the Mountain Magazine State Park.*

CASH DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

CATSMACKER



*20-ish
&
12-ish
Mile Options*

May 18th

7am at Lake Sylvia

JOIN US - IT'S A CELEBRATION

[Get on the Waitlist](#) [Link to Website](#)

[Email Katie to Volunteer](#)



May 18th

AURA ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

I hope to see you all at the annual club board meeting, officer elections, awards ceremony and party. In line with tradition, we will host this directly after the Catsmacker. Usually a noon start time.

**BRING A CHAIR & A DRINKING VESSEL
WE WILL PROVIDE THE MEAL & DRINKS**

**Side dishes/desserts are always welcome*



June 8th

7 am in Cotter, AR

*Formerly ABUC but hosted by the same great folks, Rusty & Jake

Come kick off the 2024-2025 AURA Ultra Trail Series with this is a new twist on the 6, 12, or 24 hour race format.

Race Details

Registration



July 20th - July 21st

7pm in Perryville at Camp Ouachita

Come Howl At The Moon While We Party All Night

Registration & Race Info

Emil Sharon or Tina

Sign Up To Volunteer



2024 - 2025

AURA

Ultra Trail Series

June 8 2024 - May 17, 2025

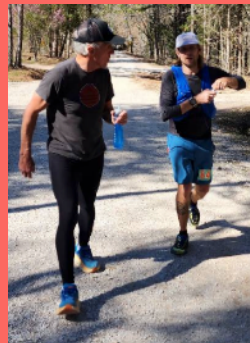
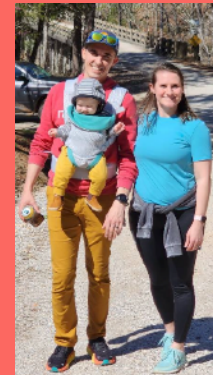
Our UTS and UTS Lite Series is becoming increasingly popular as runners compete not only for the crown of Queen or King but against themselves to see if they can complete the challenge of reaching High Mileage or the challenge to running them all!!

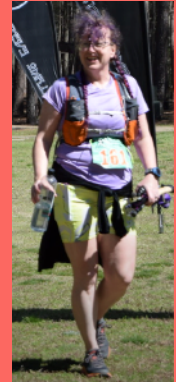
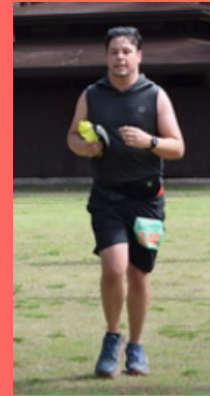
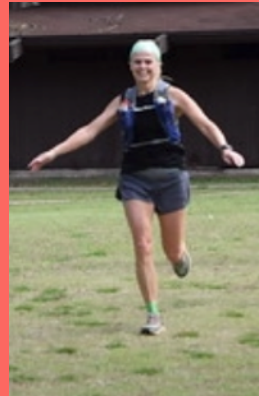
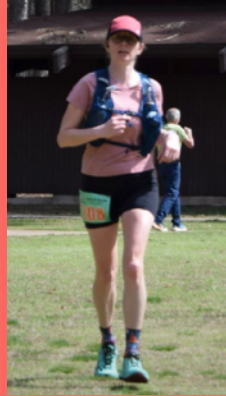
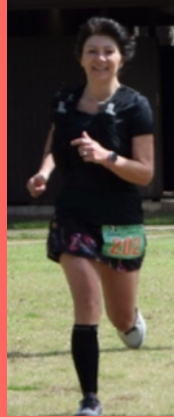
Registration Link - Be sure to click on the correct year

**new this year to the LITE series is the Mullet Run by AT100 Pumpkin Patch Captains Susan & Steve Adkison.*

2024-2025 UTS Calendar

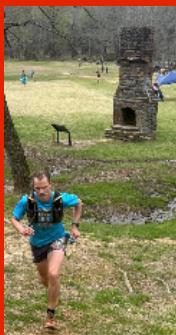
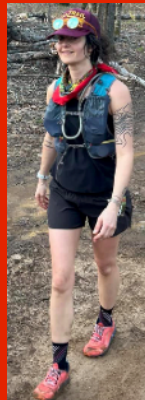
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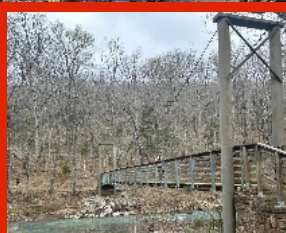




KS Trail Nerds Representing!

Styx & Stones





Ouachita Trail





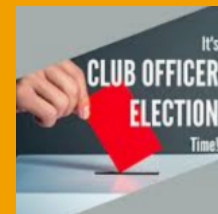


Arkansas Ultra Running Association
Annual Club Meeting, Officer Election, and Ultra Trail Series Awards Ceremony
Saturday, April 18th
Noon-ish

The Catsmacker is the final event in the AURA Ultra Trail Series so, as always, we will be having a party at the finish line!! The club will provide food and drinks for the cookout. Please bring what you need to be comfortable: a chair, a canopy, sunblock. Side dishes and desserts are ALWAYS encouraged and welcomed! Please remember cash for parking and to help Katie cover the cost of the permit and aid station supplies.

Shortly after the Catsmacker ends we will begin the Ultra Trail Series awards ceremony where we will crown the Queens & Kings of the trail as well as recognize our age group winners and High Mileage Recipients. We will also have a few who will be receiving the "I Ran Them All" award!!

If a party and awards weren't enough for you, then stay a tad longer as we hold officer elections for the AURA Board. The board will give a quick review of the past year and the state of the club. We will also give members an opportunity to voice opinions or concerns in regard to our AURA events and the UTS series. This is your opportunity to be heard. Your opinion and your vote matters to us, so I hope that you will plan to stick around for this annual meeting.



RETREADS MONTHLY MEEETING

Hello All, the first Wednesday of every month is RETREADS Day. What is a RETREAD? Could be a retired runner. Maybe not. Could be a runner who wants to eat out in the company of other runners. All are welcome.

We are currently meeting at Homer's Restaurant, 9700 West Rodney Paraham Road. We have the private room reserved for 11:30 a.m. If you plan on coming, it is important that you contact me the day before as our location is subject to change. At some time soon Homer's is scheduled to move to the old Franke location also on Rodney Parham. Or, we could decide to spend the summer at 2 Rivers Park. Right now as I write this, Homers is the location. So email me at CHRLYPYTN@GMAIL.COM if you've

not been to RETREADS before and not on my notification list.

Thanks, Charley and Lou Peyton

Don't Miss The Fun!

