100 MARATHON CLUB NORTH AMERICA

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<u>UPCOMING EVENTS DIRECTED BY CLUB MEMBERS</u>

Note to 100 Marathon Club North America member marathon and ultra race directors: to publicize your event(s) in the newsletter, please send us information about your race(s).

100 MARATHON CLUB NORTH AMERICA SUPPORT

The 100 Marathon Club North America has no dues. Our expenses are met by donations and the small profit generated from the sale of club tee-shirts, pins (increments of 100), and personalized medallions. Please contact us if you are interested in making a purchase.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

George Rehmet of Daly City, California ran the 1991 San Francisco Marathon for his first marathon, and notched his hundredth at the 2014 Napa Valley Marathon in Calistoga, California. Napa Valley is likely one of George's favorite races, given that is where he set his 2:59:12 marathon PR in 1999 at the age of 32. His current total includes 74 marathons and 32 ultras. George ran 6:58:51 and finished second overall at the Helen Klein 50 Miler in 1996. He won the 1997 DSE 12 Hour Distance Classic by covering 74 miles. George was named the Road Runners Club of America State Representative of the Year in 2001 and again in 2009.

The 1994 Honolulu Marathon was the first for **Patrick Weldon** of Brandon, Mississippi. Just over 20 years later, he logged number 100 at the 2014 Civitan Park Marathon in Winnsboro, Louisiana. Patrick is a member of the 50 States Marathon Club, and our first registered 100 Marathon Club North America member from Mississippi. His current total includes 103 marathons and 17 ultras. He set his 2:57:59 marathon PR in 1998 at the age of 29. Our on-line roster has limited space available for runner nicknames, but Patrick's deserves special mention because he is known as Patrick "Drives A Cool Van" Weldon. There just *has* to be a good story to go with this one!

The addition of George and Patrick boosts the 100 Marathon Club North America membership grand total to 454.

MEMBER UPDATES

Bill Whipp of Harrison, Ohio recently let us know that he hasn't been traveling much lately, mostly doing only local marathons. He also mentioned he is "totally bionic" since he "wore out my artificial knee doing over 1000 total races including 333 marathons and ultra marathons. I had over 11,500 racing miles on the artificial knee. I had it replaced on November 18th. They call the replacement of an artificial knee a total revision, and I

learned it is much more involved with more recovery than just a replacement. On December 16th I had the other knee replaced. I am pretty immobile now, but hope to be back on the roads by early spring. I have lots of confidence in my surgeon and he is totally supportive of what I am doing." Happy New Year, Bill. We look forward to seeing you back out there pounding pavement this spring!

KEEP THOSE UPDATES COMING!

Please review your roster listing and send updates to both of these EMail addresses:

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