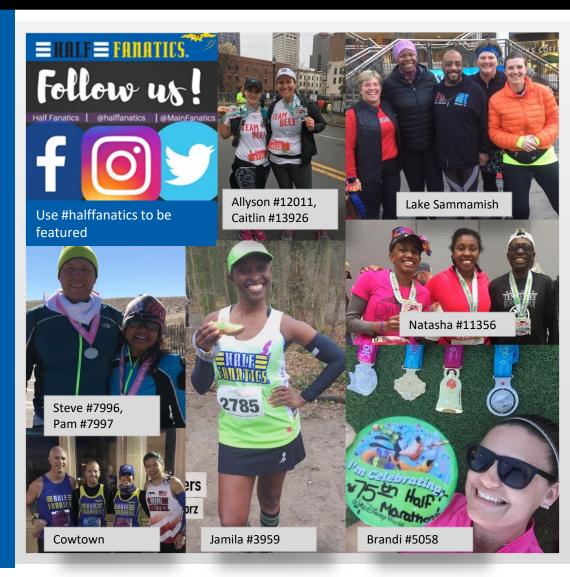


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FROM THE **IEW** EDITOR

Hello everyone. I'm Kellie Follett, and I am excited to have been given a trial period as your new Half Fanatics newsletter editor! I want to thank Danene (#5005) for doing such a wonderful job in the past, and wish her great success in her new endeavors.

As for me, I am still figuring things out with the newsletter, and I am eager to hear about your events, achievements, goals, and any stories you want to share with us. Did you have a really great run -- or a horrid one? Are you celebrating any milestones: 50 half marathons? 100? 1000? Did you level up? I am really looking forward to seeing how this newsletter evolves and grows, and I can't wait to hear from you all!

Shoot me an email to include you in the next newsletter! halffanaticnewsletter@gmail.com





2017 HALF FANATICS REUNION

1st Ever Fanatics (Only) Reunion Race. October 1st 2017 in Branson, Missouri <u>Grand County 1/2 Marathon</u>

The race is offering a \$20 discount for all members in good standing (discount code is listed on the race calendar).

The race will also be awarding members their own Half Fanatics Reunion finisher's medal. Race hotel packages also are being made available at a discounted rate for members can be found at:

http://www.halffanatics.com/Reunion-Race/

This will be a great opportunity to meet and greet loads of Fanatics from other parts of the county in this cool resort city. And rumor is, the club founders will all be in attendance as well. So make your plans now for a fun fall trip / awesome race!!!

Perks also include:

- Custom club finisher's medal
- Custom club shirts for all members
- Another customized item for all members (TBA)
- Race bag
- Race water bottle
- Finisher cowboy hat





New for 2017!

Signature Race Series is here.

The Maniacs / Fanatics have partnered with some AWESOME races around the country to bring you the 1st annual Signature Race Series.

For more information visit:

http://www.marathonmaniacs.com/signature-race-series/



HALF FANATICS REGION PAGES

We are setting up Half Fanatics Facebook group pages in regions across the USA and beyond. If you live in one of the areas, please feel free to join. More regions will be added, so keep a look out for yours!

Region

Albuquerque, NM

Anchorage / South Central Alaska

Atlanta, GA

Augusta, GA

Austin, TX

Baltimore, MD

Buffalo, NY

Central Arkansas / Little Rock

Central Gulf Coast / Mobile

Chattanooga, TN

Cincinnati, OH

Colorado Springs, CO

Dallas Fort Worth, TX.

Denver, CO

Des Moines, South Central IA

Detroit, MI

<u>European</u>

Greensboro, NC

Honolulu, HI (Oahu)

Houston, TX

Kansas City, MO

Lincoln / Omaha NE

Long Beach, CA

Region

Lubbock / West Texas

Miami, FL

Nashville, TN

Northwest Arkansas

Oklahoma City, OK

Orlando, FL

Panama City / Gulf Coast, FL

Philadelphia, PA

Phoenix, AZ

Portland, OR.

Raleigh / Cary, NC

Richmond, VA

Rochester, NY

San Antonio, TX

San Diego, CA

Springfield, MO

St Louis / SW Illinois

Tampa / St. Petersburg, FL

Tulsa, OK

Twin Cities, MN

Virginia Beach, VA

Washington DC

Wichita, KS



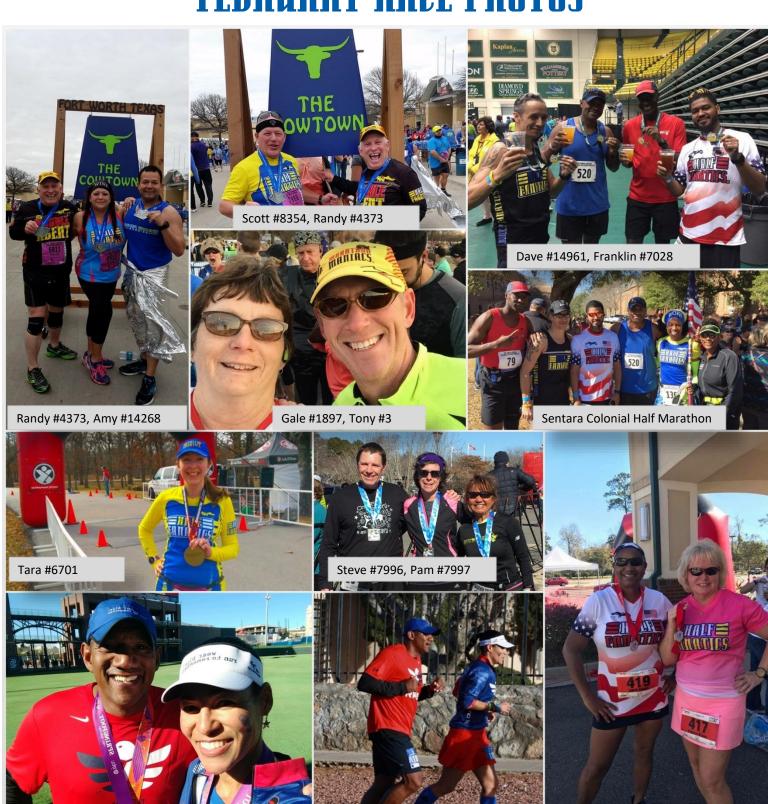
Want to help build the Fanatic running community in your area?

If you're interested in becoming an HF ambassador in your community, let us know. info@marathonmaniacs.com.

A list of requirements can be found at: http://www.halffanatics.com/Regional-Ambassador/.



FEBRUARY RACE PHOTOS



Greg #14245, Melissa #9945

Greg #14245, Melissa #9945

Anita #7631, Patty #3454



LITTLE ROCK RACE PHOTOS









Get your child moving! An 8 week running program with fun and challenging running activities. After you sign your child up you will receive the following.

- 1. Tri-Fold brochure map to track your child's journey.
- 2. Access to an interactive online map to track miles inside The Perch.
- 3. Flying Fanatics kids tech tee.
- 4. Flying Fanatics Finisher Medal.
- 5. Flying Fanatics official club number up on The Perch. Find out more at: http://www.halffanatics.com/flying-fanatics.



Congratulations Brendon! Flying Fanatic #8

He ran his 30th 5K Friday and ran the Mickey mile on Saturday.

Currently working on: Bald Eagle

Future Goal: Peachtree Road Race in 2018



MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

THE SUN © © © © © © © © ©

52 Half Marathons or more within 365 days.

30 Half Marathons in 30 US states* within 365 days.

20 Half Marathons in 20 different Countries within 365 days.

MERCURY ©©©©©©©

45 - 51 Half Marathons within 365 days.

23 Half Marathons in 23 US states* within 365 days.

28 Half Marathons within 183 days.

VENUS ©©©©©©

38 - 44 Half Marathons within 365 days.

20 Half Marathons in 20 US states* within 365 days

13 Half Marathons within 79 days.

EARTH COCCO

31 - 37 Half Marathons within 365 days.

16 Half Marathon in 16 different US states* within 365 days.

6 Half Marathons within 16 days.

4 Half Marathon in 4 Days.

MARS ©©©©©

3 Half Marathons within 3 days.

26 - 30 Half Marathons within 365 days.

4 Half Marathons within a 9 day window.

3 Half Marathons in 3 separate US states* within a 10-days.

13 Half Marathons in 13 different US states* within 365 days.

4 Half Marathons in 23 days.

19 - 25 Half Marathons within 365 days.

2 Half Marathons in 2 days (or 48 hours) must finish both races!

9 Half Marathons in 9 different US states* within 365 days.

SATURN ©©©

4 Half Marathons within 37 days.

12 - 18 Half Marathons within 365 days.

4 Half Marathons in 4 different US states* within 51 days.

URANUS ©

3 Half Marathons within a 16 day time frame.

6 Half Marathons in 6 consecutive calendar months.

8 - 11 Half Marathons within 365 days.

NEPTUNE 🚳

2 Half Marathons within a 16 day time frame.

3 Half Marathons within a 90 day time frame.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to all the Half Fanatics who achieved their goals.

If you would like your promotion mentioned in the newsletter, please send your name, HF number and Moon level to: halffanaticnewsletter@gmail.com.





Jonathan #13145 landed on The SUN!

Chris #3934 landed on The SUN!

Cj #4575 landed on The SUN!



Michele #13660 landed on Uranus!



Kinyorda #4494 landed on Jupiter!

HALF FANATICS MEMBERSHIP

To be a Fanatic, Half Marathon times are not an issue, just that you finish your races. Also that you are having fun! After all, isn't that why we do this? All races need to be official events, no training runs will count! If you fit the criteria, You too can be a Half Fanatic!

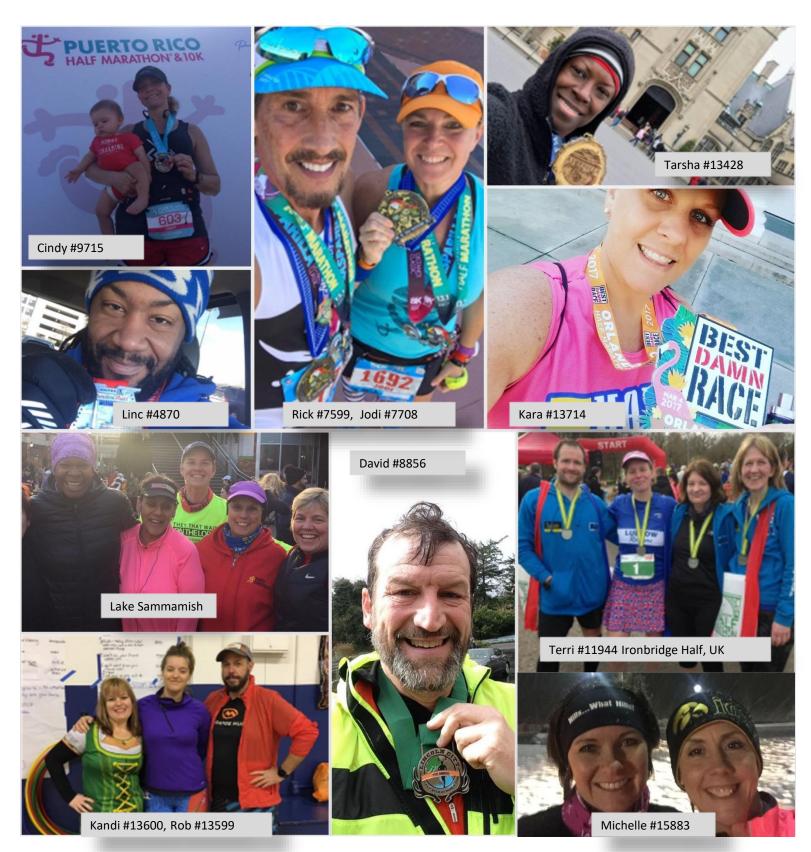
Visit http://www.halffanatics.com/membership to join!

^{*} US States, Countries or Canadian Provinces (any combination)











DID YOU KNOW?

February Races

FEBRUARY

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February had 96 race events listed on the Half Fanatics Race Calendar. The top three most by Half Fanatics attended were: Rock n' Roll New Orleans, Cowtown, and the Disney Princess.

- The RnR NOLA is always well attended, and it's a great way to see a few sections of the city. However, lots of people noted that you need to watch out for the potholes!
- Cowtown was the first of the Signature Race Series for 2017. It was well received by those who commented on it. Look for the next event in the series: <u>Tacoma</u>.
- What can you say about **Disney**? You either love it or hate it. You know it is going to be expensive and crowded, but they put on a heck of an event!

Write Reviews

Write reviews for races in the Half Fanatics Race Calendar. Just click on "Review" under the event date for the specific race you want, and then click on "Write a Review." If your event is too old to be on the current calendar, you can access past races from the Race menu. Events with previous reviews have at least one moon animated GIF under the title. Those not reviewed have only moon placeholders.

Go ahead and give it a try to let your fellow runners know about races you've done. That way they'll know next year whether to sign up or not. Maybe someone else's review will help you decide on the races you'll choose.



Join Races

Join races and see who else has joined on the Race Calendar. Simply log on to the Half Fanatics web page, go to the Race Calendar (under Races menu), and find the event you're interest in. Click Join Race if you're going. A box will display so you can let people know about it on Twitter and Facebook. To see who else is going, click the number shown under Member Count. When you join races, they automatically appear on your Upcoming Events. If you can't find the race you're looking for, you can request to add it. Just fill out the Race Request form and submit it.

March Races

March had 137 race events listed on the Half Fanatics Race Calendar. The top three most by Half Fanatics attended were: Little Rock Half Marathon, Rock n' Roll Dallas, and Rock n' Roll DC.

- Little Rock had by far the most Half Fanatics in attendance, and just about everyone raved at how well the event was run, and how fun it was.
- The RnR Dallas had nearly 100 Half Fanatics. It was hot and humid, and many people were disappointed by the course support and lack of supplies.
- The RnR DC had fewer Half Fanatics than Dallas, but people liked it better. It was cold, but most everyone stated it was a well run event.





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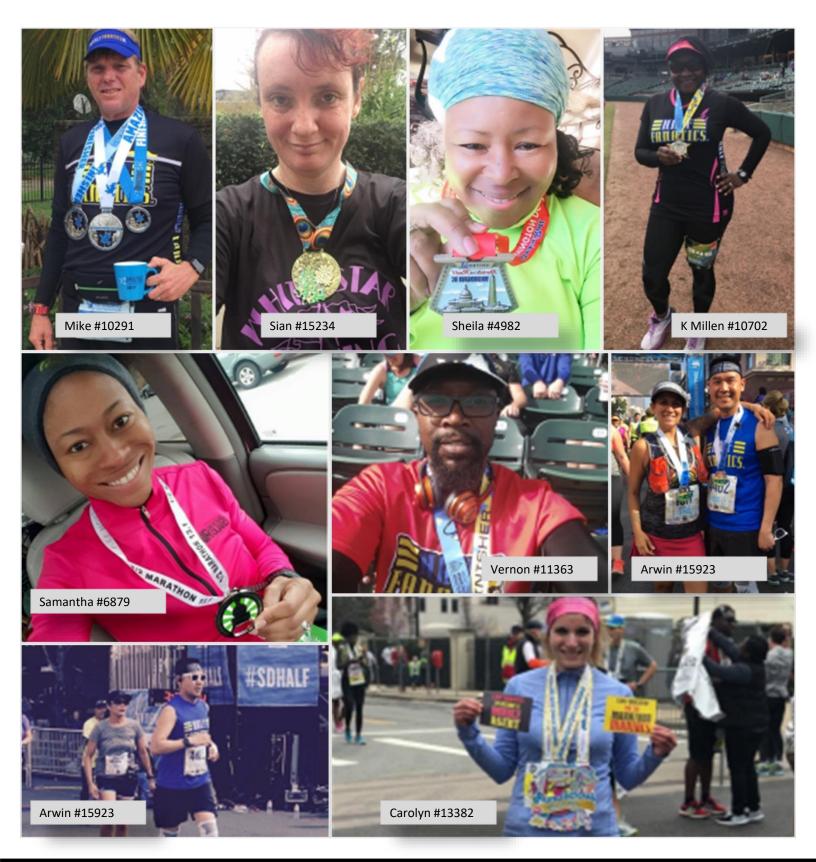
UPCOMING MAY RACES

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5/3	Mainly Marathons Independence (Day 3)	13.1		PA		5/18	Mainly Marathons New England (Day 5)	13.1	\$	RI
5/4	Mainly Marathons Independence (Day 4)	13.1		NY		5/19	Mainly Marathons New England (Day 6)	13.1	\$	CT
5/5	Mainly Marathons Independence (Day 5)	13.1		NJ		5/20	Mainly Marathons New England (Day 7)	13.1		NY
5/6	Adam & Eve Half Marathon	13.1	7	VA		5/20	Geist Half Marathon	13.1	Y	IN
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5/6	Wisconsin Half Marathon	13.1	\$	WI		5/20	Horse Capital Half Marathon	13.1	7	KY
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5/7	Eau Claire Marathon	13.1	雙	WI		5/21	Windermere Half Marathon	13.1		WA
5/7	Orange County Half Marathon	13.1	03	CA		5/21	2017 Highland Races	13.1		TN
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5/7	Eugene Half Marathon	13.1	100	OR	L 0 16	5/21	Cellcom Green Bay Half Marathon	13.1	-	WI
5/7	Kalamazoo 1/2 Marathon	13.1	573	MI	7- 0	5/21	Marine Corps Historic Half	13.1		VA
5/7	Flying Pig Half Marathon	13.1		ОН	V - 0	5/21	IRONMAN 70.3 Chattanooga	13.1	1	TN
5/7	BMO Vancouver Half Marathon 2017	13.1	56	ВС		5/21	Martha's Vineyard Half Marathon	13.1		MA
5/7	Providence Rhode Race Half Marathon	13.1	\$	RI	Α.	5/21	Youngberg Hill Half	13.1	3	OR
5/7	: Harmony Geneva Half Marathon	13.1		GE		5/21	Grapes of Half	13.1	\$	OR
5/7	Pittsburgh Half Marathon	13.1		PA		5/21	Chester County Half Marathon	13.1		PA
5/7	Prairie Fire Spring Half Marathon	13.1		KS	-	5/21	Colfax Marathon	13.1		со
5/7	Diacore Gabarone Marathon	13.1		so		5/27	Oregon Spring Half	13.1		OR
5/13	Santa Barbara Wine Country Half Marathon	13.1		CA	CM 62/	5/27	Path of the Flood Half Marathon	13.1		PA
5/13	Running with the Cows	13.1		KS	<i>₽</i>	5/27	ARMED FORCES HALF MARATHON	13.1		CA
5/13	Shiprock Half Marathon	13.1	\$	NM		5/27	Memorial Day Half Marathon	13.1		OR
5/13	Pacific NW Half Marathon	13.1		OR		5/27	Noblesville Mini Marathon	13.1	0	IN
5/13	Shipyard Maine Coast Half Marathon	13.1	\$	ME		5/27	Stillwater Half Marathon	13.1		MN
5/13	The Dino Half Marathon	13.1		UT		5/27	Bayshore Half Marathon	13.1		MI
5/13	Kings and Queens Half Marathon	13.1		WI		5/28	Alexandria Running Festival	13.1		VA
5/13	Yosemite Half Marathon	13.1		CA	The same of the sa	5/28	Great American River Run	13.1		TN
5/13	Journey's Marathon	13.1		WI	- Mary	5/28	Scotiabank Calgary Half Marathon	13.1		AB
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5/13	Maple Grove Half Marathon	13.1		MN	(-	5/28	Coeur d'Alene Half Marathon	13.1	\$	ID
5/13	Dances With Dirt - Gnaw Bone	13.1		IN		5/28	American Hero 25k	25K		TX
5/13	Harpers Ferry Half Marathon	13.1		WV		5/28	Run for Water	13.1		BC
5/13	Quad Rock 25 Miler	25mi		СО		5/28	John Kelley Half Marathon	13.1		MA
5/13	Lost Lake Trail 25k	25K		WA		5/28	Buffalo 1/2 Marathon	13.1		NY
5/13	Ice Age Trail Half Marathon	13.1		WI		5/28	Boston's Run to Remember	13.1		MA
5/13	Mudcat Half Marathon	13.1		ON		5/28	Rock and Roll Liverpool	13.1	\$	MSY
5/14	Fredericton Half	13.1		NB		5/28	Ottawa Half Marathon	13.1		ON
5/14	Discover Bank Delaware Marathon Running Festival	13.1		DE		5/28	Mainly Marathons Heartland (Day 1)	13.1	Ś	OH
5/14	Tinker Bell Half Marathon	13.1		CA		5/29	Mainly Marathons Heartland (Day 1)	13.1		MI
5/14	Smith Rock Half	13.1		OR		5/29	City of Laguna Hills Memorial Day Half Marathon	13.1	Ÿ	CA
5/14	Mother's day half	13.1		WA		5/29	Race to Remember – Memorial Day Race	13.1		WA
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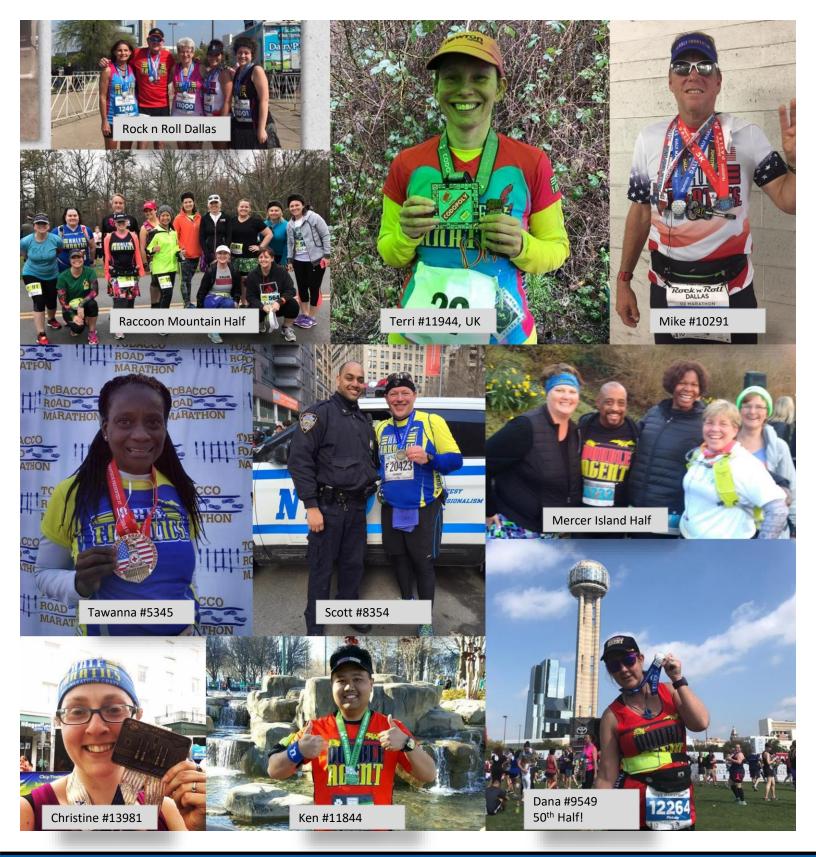
You can find these races (and many more) on the Race Calendar at: http://www.marathonmaniacsdb.com/fanatics/events

The races above with \$ have discounts. Look for the gold coin on the race calendar page, which signifies a discount. Click the coin and after a brief disclaimer reminding us that discounts are for members only, the code will be revealed along with the amount saved.

















WELCOME TO THE ASYLUM!

NEW FEBRUARY 2017 HALF FANATICS



15862 Thomas CJohnson, LA

15863 Carla Thomas, LA

15864 Jenda Standley, TX

15865 Jennifer Johnson (#15865), TX

15866 Alex Ray, NY

15867 Moe Jackson-Williams, VA

15868 Rich Soja, NY

15869 Chris Gillespie, MS

15870 Sina, TX

15871 Casey Bandy, TX

15872 Michael Kim, CA

15873 Katie Dicharry, LA

15874 Susan Wade, WA

15875 Jason Kohlmorgen, SA

15876 Katie Weinhold, MO

15877 Larry Bender, AL

15878 Mike Dueitt, FL

15879 Nakia DeBrew, MD

15880 Danny Speegle, AR

15881 Trina Collins, Tex

15882 Geoffrey Lee, PA

15883 Michelle Driscoll, IA

15884 Leroy Kelley, MD

15885 Damon Wilson, Tex

15886 Yulonda Harkness, GA

15887 Elizabeth Montero, WA

15888 Theneshia Glaze, IL

15889 Janet Newton, TX

15890 Ashley Procter, WA

15891 Tommie Toler, FL

15892 Zerlene Clark, LA

15893 Benjamin Clark, LA

15894 Stephanie Harvey, GA

15895 Katie PIttman, TX

15896 Rebecca Axtman, CO

15897 PJ Witte, OK

15898 Linda Signal, CA

15899 Russell Gummelt, TX

15900 Denise Deppe, MN

15901 Silvia Jasso, TX

15902 Asya Cabral, FL

15903 Laura Caster, CA

15904 Jim Moore, VA

15905 Sharon Ellis, LA

15906 James Bisbey, AZ





WELCOME TO THE ASYLUM!

NEW MARCH 2017 HALF FANATICS



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15907	Michelle Barnett (#15907), FL	15945	Alicia DuCote, AR	1598
15908	Janet Carman, Flo	15946	Patrick Hullihan, OK	1598
15909	Ruben Rivera, NY	15947	Jim Mercer, OK	1598
15910	AJ Hernandez, WA	15948	Sonja Dufrene, MS	1598
15911	Juanita Beard, WA	15949	Amy Anderson (#15949), NC	1598
15912	Lauren Steele, FL	15950	Jadin Van Steenvort , MT	1598
15913	gary otheim, WA	15951	Sylvia Garcia , AZ	1598
15914	Colin Wright, MO	15952	Mary Akens, CA	1599
15915	Gerald Gummelt, TX	15953	Summer Gaskill, TX	1599
15916	Monsterous Mad Mike, LA	15954	Juanita Farmer, MD	1599
15917	Rebecca Dixon, OK	15955	Lee Hart, CA	1599
15918	Tara Thompson, TX	15956	Nancy Shoemake, MN	1599
15919	Joyce Warner-Manina, CA	15957	Kevin Brown, NC	1599
15920	Lucrecia Sanders, Lou	15958	Kristi Lofton, LA	1599
15921	LaRhonda Gray, AZ	15959	Brittney Hohenstein, CA	1599
15922	Steve Cerys, OK	15960	Summer Socha, FL	1599
15923	ARWIN CALIX, UT	15961	Suzanne H Kimball, OK	1599
15924	Lee Young, MS	15962	Heather Schonrock, AL	1600
15925	Rebecca Bloom, CA	15963	J <mark>anet Berg, MS</mark>	1600
15926	Alice Lightle, AR	15964	Jessica Lanney, Tx	1600
15927	Everett Williams, MS	15965	Angela Jones (#15965), IL	1600
15928	Cedrick Thomas, Ala	15966	Zachary Poss, MD	1600
15929	Cindy Neldner, AE	15967	Kevin Brown (#15967), TX	1600
15930	Kathi Byrd, AL	15968	Rachel Lowell, TX	1600
15931	Jamicka Edwards, Was	15969	Erin Johnson (#15969), WA	1600
15932	Dwayne Daugaard, WI	15970	Shannon Dallas, VA	1600
15933	Jeffery Washington, OK	15971	Shanita Christian, AR	1600
15934	Lorrie Lorell, CA	15972	Mimi Tran, CA	1601
15935	Lida , SC	15973	Ivo Pavlov, OK	1601
15936	Belle Cook, CA	1597 <mark>4</mark>	Jacob Jones, OK	1601
15937	Michael Roberts, DC	15975	Russell Poe, LA	1601
15938	Julie Havrilla, OH	15976	Aisha Hill, CA	1601
15939	Miles Lacy, OK	15977	Cristina Rodriguez, New	1601
15940	Manfred Galatowitsch, AR	15978	Eileen Marks, KY	1601
15941	Sheila Galatowitsch, AR	15979	Brandy Tsonetokoy-Burns, OK	1601
15942	Michelle Richardson, GA	15980	Jenny Hicks, AR	1601
15943	Michael Fritz, TX	15981	Patricia McDonald, TX	1601 1601
15944	Debbie Schmidt, CO	15982	Shawna Hopp, GU	1602

	15983	Nicholas Butler, AR
	15984	Peggy Mayo, CA
	15985	Katie Mercadante, FL
	15986	Ericka Scheid, FL
	15987	Alexandra White, PA
	15988	Angela Dutcher, NY
	15989	Brooke Richards, ME
	15990	Davide Bruzzone, NY
	15991	Kim Groat, AK
	15992	Michelle Lee, LA
	15993	Cherie Gannet, FL
	15994	Christina Victor, LA
	15995	ERIC DEVRIESE, FL
	15996	Adrien Hadley, FL
	15997	Krystle Penaflor, AK
	15998	Stephanie Martin , GA
	15999	Amy Aplin, WA
	16000	Ashley McDermott, LA
	16001	Lisa Cowan, OR
	16002	Shani Patterson, AR
	16003	LuAnn Reding, WA
	16004	John Ringgold, AR
	16005	Sam Ryan, NY
	16006	Karl Anderson, CT
	16007	Glenn Richardson, KY
	16008	Nelson Pacheco, FL
	16009	Maria Rodriguez, GA
	16010	Janet Villamar, NY
	16011	Carlee Kerr, WA
	16012	Bradley Barrett, WA
(16013	Stephen Kearley, AL
)	16014	Karin Christenberry , OK
	16015	Lea Reyes, CA
	16016	Brina Collins, NC
	16017	Amanda Davis, AR
	16018	Vanessa Cotto, KY
	16019	Erica Forrester , LA
	16020	Rachel Harrison, OK

















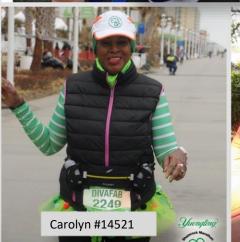
















GEAR AND DUES

Have you seen all the new different kinds of gear lately? Shamrock, stars and stripes, black and pink. Check out the gear store and get yours while supplies last. Oh, and if you happen to be approaching your Half Fanatic anniversary, you can pay your dues on the same web site.

www.databarevents.com/store/category/2/Half-Fanatics









FANATIC POLL

Each month there will be a "Fanatic poll" posted online. Please take a few moments to answer this poll. Results will be in the next newsletter.

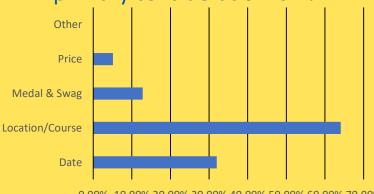
This month's question:

The best run events have.....?

Please submit your response at: http://survey.constantcontact.com/poll/a07ebwajxr5i#1lkcf/start.html.

Last month's question:

When deciding on a race, my primary consideration is...?



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OUR WHY ... WHY WE RUN

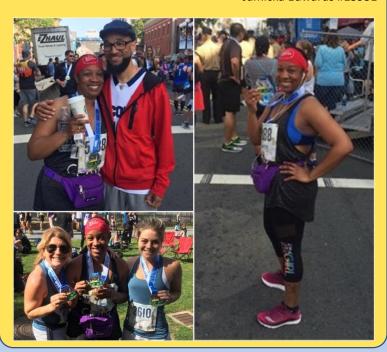
We all have our reason we run – our why – and it's what gets us out the door most days. The more I run, the more people I meet, the more I'm learning about what brought others on their journey. Each month, I want to share as many of your whys as possible. Send me email to share yours. To start us off, here are Jamicka's and my whys:

I just returned from sunny San Diego, CA where I completed my 7th Half Marathon. I ran it the previous year as my very first Half Marathon. I began training the last week of December 2015. I followed a training schedule for 11 weeks and completed it Sunday, March 13th, 2016. I was nervous and excited. My initial plan was to check off the box that I did it, but then I couldn't stop thinking about when I'd do the next one.

I already signed up for 8 Half Marathons in 2017 and completed 2 of the 8 so far. My goal for 2017 was to run 7 but it looks like I will exceed that goal. I am signed up for the Bank of American Marathon in Chicago in October. Although I have yet to begin training, I am thrilled to prepare and complete my very first MARATHON!

This journey has been more than running for me. It has been about healing from the inside out from a divorce and weight gain due to stress. I have set mini goals and crushed every single one! I've met some amazing people throughout the journey and some that have become very close friends. I look forward to see where this running journey takes me and I'm happy to be officially a Half Fanatic! Here's to more miles on the pavement and fun times across the world! I was NOT a fan of running when I was in the Army, but now as a Veteran I can't imagine my life without running.

Jamicka Edwards #15931



I used to run years ago; mostly cross-country. I gave it up when I had a family. Life just took over and I forgot all about running. Then, I got divorced and remarried, and we had a son. It seemed like life was starting over. At the same time, I was taking care of my parents with health issues, and I realized it was time to take care of myself.

I started the Couch to 5K program in Feb 2011. Week 1, Day 1 kicked my butt! I could barely run 1 minute solid without feeling like I was going to die. I was scared and nervous to run by myself thinking I'd keel over and never be found. But I kept with the program and ran the Shamrock Run 5K in mid-March. Then, I ran my first Half Marathon in July, and ran my first Full Marathon in April 2012. I actually ran three marathons, but they were not close enough to qualify for MM.

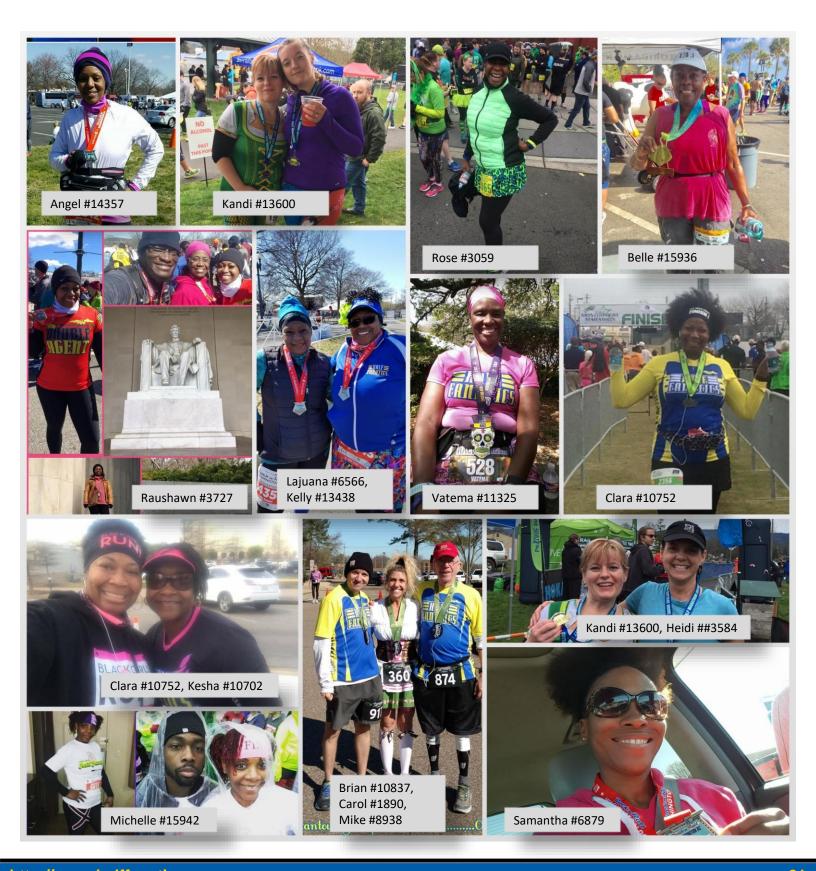
From April 2014 to February 2016, my foot was injured and I could not run. It was really hard, but I took the time and let it heal. Now I take it slow and steady. I ran 61 Half Marathons in 2016 and reached The SUN on December 31st! I couldn't have done it without my husband and all the wonderful people I met along the way, and now call friends!

In April, I'll reach 100 lifetime Half Marathons. If all goes well, I'll likely make it to SUN again this year.

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