

SAVOY 2006: APOCALYPSE WOW & HEARTS OF DARKNESS...

Boston, MA -- Only weeks prior to the infamous R.R.A. Marathon. One time Olympic Trials Qualifier and 10Km great Martin Speed ponders alone in the Marriot Hotel...

"...I'm here a week now, waiting for a mission, getting softer. Every minute I stay in this room I get weaker, and every minute the idiots run through the woods they get stronger. Each time I looked around the walls moved in a little tighter...."

Images overwhelm of Kung Fu in a G-string, flames bursting around busted glass drunken with sin spinning ceiling fans and the same old Doors song blaring away non-stop in the background.

"...Everyone gets everything he wants... I wanted a mission, and for my sins they gave me one, brought it up to me like room service..."

Two lean sub 30 minute 10km types from the Road Running Alliance pound on the door, pulling Speed out of this misery called non-running. They gave it too him full strength...

"You're going to the worst place in the world and don't even know it yet. Weeks away and hundreds of miles down a river and over mountains that snake through the passes like a main circuit cable, plugged straight into TRN."

An amber beverage was poured from a rusty brown bottle with Savoy Trail Ale ground into the label.

"I don't know how you feel about home-brew, but if you'll drink this you'll never have to prove your courage again!"

Then the question Speed had been waiting for...

"You've heard of TRN?"

"Yeah, Trail Running News, Right?"

"The operations and special forces division out of the RRA monitored this out of the Berkshires, specifically a lost forsaken place called Savoy, and this has been verified as the voice of one called "Farmer", .TRN's misfit self appointed head ramrod."

And Speed heard for the first time the ramblings of this one time pseudo legend of trail running / writing...

"I watched a snail crawl along the edge of a straight razor, and I became that snail. Then the ridges of the Metacomet Range became the razor... that's my dream... that's my nightmare... crawling, slithering - along the edge of a straight razor - and surviving!!"

"The TRN group were some of the most outstanding trailrunners this area ever produced. They were brilliant, outstanding, in every way. Occasional top ten finishes, hard to the core, blasted up hills like they were running down. They began a newsletter though... and soon after that their ideas, their methods, became... unsound."

"Now they have crossed into CT, an army of like-minded misfits. This bunch is bad for running, and for trail running in particular. They are all mixed up, their priorities are confused... the worse a run is, the more they enjoy it. They seem to take a perverted pleasure in running events where only a few others show up, and then spew on and on in their lame piece of dung newsletter about how fantastic it all was as they plodded along in swamps and glare ice at 20 minute per mile pace. They don't even look like runners. One guy in particular, Old Goat, wears shorts in sub freezing temperatures and makes such a mockery out of distance running... he drives two or three hours to an event only to run the 5km race, where he goes out like a rabbit only to walk the center parts. Others write about flying moose, discovering water falls and boulders, women's toenails, why they couldn't complete a race or trilogy, post race food quality and quantity.... this can't be healthy for running!! Where is the age old adage of win at all cost and any expense? These idiots could care less about winning, it will destroy running as we know it!!"

"In this sport, things get confused. Power, ideals, morality. But out there with these followers - it must be a temptation because there is a conflict in every human heart between the rational and irrational, between good and evil.

Every man has got a breaking point, you and I have them. TRN has reached their's, it's very obvious they've gone insane."

"Your mission is to travel to Western Mass, along the Mohawk Trail. Then proceed down river along the Metacomet Range, pick up the path in CT, follow it and learn what you can along the way. When you find them, infiltrate TRN by whatever means available and terminate the command."

"Terminate?" said Speed.

"They are out there operating without any decent restraint totally beyond the realm of any acceptable human conduct and they are still in the fields writing stories. Terminate with extreme prejudice. You understand that this mission does not exist, nor will it ever exist."

Farmer Ed - 04/01/98

It's Back! September 24th, 2006

Greylock Trail Marathon

To Benefit the Eleanor Sonsini Animal Shelter

A Single Loop Touring Beautiful Mt Greylock Reservation. The Course Consist of Five Significant Climbs and a Total Climb of 6,000 Feet.

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TOTAL MILES & BEST 20 MILE TIME

320 MILES
Bob Dion 2:35:49

300 MILES
Art Gulliver 3:56:17
Kevin Simons 3:33:24

281 MILES
Bill Glendon 3:38:16

280 MILES
Edward Alibozek 2:54:15

269 MILES
Joe Gwozdz 2:51:53

260 MILES
Richard Busa 4:11:19
Dan Danecki 3:03:56
Martin Glendon 3:41:27
Ken Gulliver 3:19:41

240 MILES
Ken Clark 2:40:49
Will Danecki 3:21:42

224 MILES
Vic LaPort 2:58:13

200 MILES
Jeff Gould 3:06:59

198 MILES
Scott Bradley 2:58:41

184 MILES
Bruce Marvonek 3:02:04

180 MILES
Sharisa Sterling 3:13:35
Bob Worsham 3:27:54

160 MILES
Todd Brown 3:04:23
John Carey 3:01:41
Peter Gagarin 2:47:37
Curt Pandisco 3:08:06
Steve Schiller 2:43:05

149 MILES
James Preite 2:57:58
Sue Snyder 3:54:15

140 MILES
Peter Keeney 2:37:05
Peter Palmer 2:38:45
Paul Rabenold 2:43:49
Ken Swiatek 3:47:37
Chip Tuthill 3:53:02

TOTAL MILES & BEST 20 MILE TIME

124 MILES
Scott Hunter 3:52:33
Fred Ross 3:44:52

122 MILES
Ed Alibozek Jr 3:53:17

120 MILES
Laura Clark 5:01:04
Bill Donovan 4:12:06
John Grenier 3:21:31
Steve Jensen 2:59:55
Dave Mingori 2:52:45
Rex Miscovitch 3:35:07
Peter Moore 3:03:02
Fred Pilon 2:59:01
Ken Rogers 3:36:18
John Scalise 3:16:12
Paul Vinci 2:59:58
Dan Wagner 3:30:27
Jeff Washburn 3:39:50

109MILES
Mark Syrett 4:28:15

107MILES
Paul Hartwig 3:44:18

104 MILES
Bill Friday 4:07:07
Deborah Livingston 3:01:35
Rob Scott 4:02:49

102MILES
Dek Stump 3:15:34

100 MILES
David Boles 3:17:04
Greg Bruno 4:19:34
Phil Bricker 3:09:51
Cynthia Buckley 3:40:58
Paul Funch 2:54:02
Vic Goulet 3:12:05
Dennis Hardacker 3:14:01
Richard Homenick 3:46:58
Grace Jensen 3:23:48
Jason Kaffenberger 3:31:26
Carol Kane 3:45:45
Ed Kostak 2:44:25
Alan Libardoni 3:35:44
Roger Martell 3:58:57
Diane McNamara 3:22:46
Gary Montgomery 3:47:08
Ben Nephew 2:25:35
Steve Pero 2:51:22
Dave Raczkowski 3:28:55
Norm Richardson 3:09:59
Dana Sumner 3:51:21
Gotha Swann 3:45:02
Jim Wight 3:30:13
Randy Witlicki 4:34:26

ACTIVE STREAK

1992 – 2005 14 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Edward Alibozek Bill Glendon

1993 – 2005 13 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Richard Busa Art Gulliver Kevin Simons

1994 – 2005 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ken Gulliver

1995 – 2005 11 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ken Clark Will Danecki Joe Gwozdz

1996 – 2005 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Ed Alibozek Jr Bob Dion Bob Worsham

1997 – 2005 9 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Dan Danecki

1998 – 2005 8 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Todd Brown Paul Hartwig

1999 – 2005 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Doug Cummings

2000 – 2005 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Laura Clark	Dick Hoch
Brian McCarthy	Justin McCarthy
Ed Saharczewski	Rob Scott

2001 – 2005 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Grace Jensen Poncho Mach

2002 – 2005 4 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**2003 – 2005 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

Carolyn Danecki	Nick Jubuk
Charles Thayer	Randy Witlicki

SAVOY 20 CHAMPIONS 1998 - 2005

1988

Bob Willis	2:31:17
Diane McNamara	3:24:45

1989

Bill O'Mara	2:40:30
Helga Lahoud	3:28:51

1990

Rich Fargo	2:32:31
Sharon Murphy	4:06:13

1991

Chuck Martin	2:33:31
Dot Helling	3:47:52

1992

Neil Wheaton	2:32:49
Jennifer Schiller	3:24:25

1993

Bob Dion	2:35:49
Marybeth Dadona	3:24:42

1994

Howie Breinan	2:48:17
Diane McNamara	3:46:08

1995

Robert Hoppler	2:28:52
Sheila Quinn	3:03:41

1996

Tom Buckley	2:35:37
Robin Hathaway	3:31:42

1997

Bob Dion	2:40:39
Beth Herder	3:15:52

1998

Keith Schmitt	2:28:42
Kim Goff	3:03:03

1999

Ben Nephew	2:28:43
Nikki Kimball	2:56:41

2000

Ben Nephew	2:32:07
Nikki Kimball	3:06:31

2001

Ben Nephew	2:25:35
Amy Checkos	3:12:19

2002

Leigh Schmitt	2:36:49
Sheryl Wheeler	3:11:44

2003

David Herr	2:31:39
Pam Alexander	3:12:48

2004

Bob Dion	2:53:13
Jennifer Brooks-Lassen	3:11:35

2005

Dave Hannon	2:46:56
Kim Morgan	3:22:51

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SAVOY 4.5 CHAMPIONS 1994 - 2005

1994	JOHN NOLAN	27:58	SUSAN CANTO	39:30
1995	JOE ZUSTRA	27:40	H. CAIRNS	29:53
1996	RYAN SMITH	25:20	B. O' DONNELL	30:25
1997	BEN CHAFFEE	26:19	D. WENTWORTH	32:20
1998	BEN CHAFFEE	26:19	M. SMITH	30:44
1999	B. DRAGON	25:43	S. NEPHEW	32:56
2000	B. DRAGON	25:57	A. GWOZDZ	36:51
2001	B. DRAGON	25:24	SARA COONS	33:23
2002	G. PIISPANEN	28:23	D. LIVINGSTON	31:40
2003	S. SUTLIFFE	29:04	JANINE MARR	41:34
2004	KENT LEMME	25:52	L. STOCKER	39:14
2004	KENT LEMME	26:17	L. STOCKER	37:04

4.5 MILE AGE GROUP RECORDS

00 – 11	'96 SEAN FRENCH	31:24
	'97 ALYSIA SESSIONS	40:52
12 – 15	'99 BRYAN DRAGON	25:43
	'96 DARA WENTWORTH	33:38
16 – 19	'96 RYAN SMITH	25:20
	'96 BETH O'DONNELL	30:25
20 – 29	'96 SHANE MASON	26:56
	'95 HILLARY CAIRNS	29:53
30 – 39	'04 KENT LEMME	25:52
	'98 MELISSA SMITH	33:44
40 – 49	'99 GEOFFREY MATTER	27:51
	'02 KATHY RINEHART	31:43
50 – 59	'99 JEFF PARKMAN	28:50
	'01 ELAINE STUECKLE	41:45
60 – 69	'01 LARRY JOWETT	36:20
70 – 79	'97 LEON BEVERLY	40:29
80 – 89	'99 ROBERT KNOWLTON	59:17

10 FASTEST 4.5 MILE TIMES / WOMEN

01.HILLARY CAIRNS	1995	29:53
02.BETH O'DONNELL	1996	30:25
03.DEB LIVINGSTON	2002	31:40
04.KATHY RINEHART	2002	31:43
05.KARA BARBARLUNGA	1996	32:13
06.DARA WENTWORTH	1997	32:20
07.STEPHANIE NEPHEW	1999	32:56
08.NAOMI LACASSE	1995	33:07
09.SARA COONS	2001	33:23
10.DARA WENTWORTH	1996	33:38

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01.RYAN SMITH	1996	25:20
02.BRYAN DRAGON	2001	25:24
03.BRYAN DRAGON	1999	25:43
04.BEN CHAFFEE	1999	25:49
05.KENT LEMME	2005	25:52
06.BRYAN DRAGON	2000	25:57
07.BRIAN CARLSON	2001	26:13
08. KENT LEMME	2005	26:17
09. BEN CHAFFEE	1998	26:19
10. JOHN BLOUIN	2001	26:21

20 MILE AGE GROUP RECORDS

12 – 15	1999 TRISTAN SYRETT	4:20:34
16 – 19	1998 JASON REED	3:02:58
	1997 K. BARBALUNGA	3:37:14
20 – 29	2001 BEN NEPHEW	2:25:35
	1999 NIKKI KIMBAL	2:56:41
30 – 39	1999 KEITH SCHMITT	2:29:39
	1998 KIM GOFF	3:03:03
40 – 49	1993 RICH SHULTEN	2:36:01
	1993 PAM ALEXANDER	3:12:48
50 – 59	1999 PETER GAGARIN	2:55:49
	1997 MARTI ANDERSON	3:31:38
60 – 69	2000 VIC LAPORT	3:37:45
70 – 79	1998 FRANK DOLEN	4:27:41

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01. NIKKI KIMBALL	'99	2:56:41
02. DEB LIVINGSTON	'99	3:01:35
03. KIM GOFF	'98	3:03:03
04. SHEILA QUINN	'95	3:03:41
05. NIKKI KIMBALL	'00	3:06:31
06. JEN BROOKS-LASSEN	'04	3:11:35
07. SHERYL WHEELER	'02	3:11:44
08. AMY CHECKOS	'01	3:12:19
09. PAM ALEXANDER	'03	3:12:48
10. DEB LIVINGSTON	'03	3:14:13

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01. BEN NEPHEW	01	2:25:35
02. KEITH SCHMITT	98	2:28:42
03. BEN NEPHEW	99	2:28:43
04. ROBERT HOPPLER	95	2:28:52
05. KEITH SCHMITT	99	2:29:39
06. DAVID HERR	03	2:31:39
07. BEN NEPHEW	00	2:32:07
08. TOM BUCKLEY	98	2:32:29
09. RICH FARGO	90	2:32:31
10. NEIL WHEATON	92	2:32:49

Thank you Savoy Race Director's Past and Present –

Eddie Saharczewski 2004 & 2005
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