

Overview of Club History & Leadership



Over the past twelve years, I have often wondered about the who, what, where and when that has created this wonderful club. The following documents are an attempt to provide an overview of this rich history and those that have guided the club through the decades and are part of a much broader research project, that will be handed over to the club.

Sadly, there may have been those that were overlooked (lack of information!) but this is your opportunity to educate me and the members that come after us.

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Andy Helmick
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Carol Bennett
Kathy Robbins
Greg Bell
Maragret Hurley
Kathleen Tiller
Tom Tiller

Fellow Club Member,
Jeff McPherson
February 2018

PS, if you have access to results or any other information that could be used for this project please contact me.

Large Race Directors

All races need an army of great volunteers with
those that are willing to lead them.

Turkey Trot

Edd Higbee & Pam Horning
Pam Berry
Wendell Owens
Tim Schroeder & Mike Sennett
Ken & Shirley Sirois
Connie Newman
Dan Thompson, Ken Sirois Co-Chairs (2)
Dan Thompson (2)
Joe Smindak
Margaret Hurley (4)
John Comeskey (3)
Denny & Carol Bennett (9)
Margaret Hurley & Greg Bell Co-Chairs (3)
Gina & Andy Helmick

Marathon

Jim Borgstrom
Geoff Jumper (3)
Clint Jett (3)
Dan Thompson, Gene Black, Sandy Black (4)
Kevin & Chari Walsh (2)
Chari Walsh & Tom Stocker (Xenia)
Tom & Sheila Stocker (Xenia)
Noelle Bartlam (2)
Kathy Robbins (3)
Terry Murray (7)
Terry Murray & Ruth Kohstall (4)
Andy Helmick

Ghost N Goblin

Ingrid Honzak (6)
Ingrid Honzak & Bob Schlosser (6)
Ruth Kohstall (2)
Ingrid Honzak & Karen Gildow (4)
Lindsay Groover
Lindsay Groover & Andrea Van Sickle (2)
Eddie Weaver & Peter Qumsiyeh

Lou Cox Memorial

Lloyd Laubach (6)
Ed Wallace & Dick Osborn (4)
Ed Wallace
Bryan Waid & Barb Palmer (3)
Derek Griffiths
Jennifer & Bill Almoney (3)
Chris Lockhart & Beth Jacobs (2)
Chris Lockhart
Lloyd Laubach & Kristina Ryder
Jeff McPherson (2)
Rick Schoby (2)
Anthony & Aneesa Trimble (2)
Doug Picard (2)

Club Administration

Those that have worked behind the scenes to provide the club with the information, tools, and revenue to succeed.

Membership

Anna Lee Sawdey
Gina Silone
Nancy Dietrich
Kate Finney
Phyllis Marquardt
John Grilliot
Debbie Todd
Robin Carmichael
Jo McGuire
Kathy Robbins**

Grand Prix

Chuck Bair
Jimmy Mayne
Ken Sirois
Betty Lou Warwick
Rose (Romanick) Plummer
Jerry Guthrie
Kathleen Tiller**

Team Series

Kenn Daily**
Clint Jett
Wendall Owens
Chari Walsh
Byron Kimmel
George Snyder
Bob Vilkas

Webmaster

Jeff McPherson**
Danny Losekamp**
Kathy Robbins
Kevin O'Farrell

401k / Trail Series

Kathleen Tiller
Jeff McPherson
Ken Siedl
Phil Noble

Race Admin

Jeff McPherson
Jim Latham
Don Robinson
Andy Helmick
Eddie Weaver
Margaret Hurley
Daniel B. Thompson
John Grilliot

Newsletter

Kathleen Tiller**
Greg Lundberg
Becky Keller
Evan James
Clint Jett
Sandy James
Danny Fryman

Calendar

Carol Bennett
Don Robinson
Rich Heiber
Kristina Ryder
William B. Mercer
Sandy James
Norman J. Sawdey
Andy Helmick
Roxanne Edmiston
John Grilliot
Jeff McPherson
Clint Jett

Equipment

Ed Wallace**
Dick Osborne**
Wendall Owens**
Stepanie Owens**
Bill Mercer**
Mike Allen

** Over a decade

Club Race Directors

Consistently provided the competitive events that have given the community opportunities to gather and thrive.

Andy Helmick	Doug Gladman	Karen Gildow	Phil Noble
Becky Keller	Ed W. Wallace	Kate B. Finney	Ray Finney
Beth Whitehead	Eddie Weaver	Kathleen Tiller	Ray Olfky
Bob Henscheid	Everett Frizzell	Kathy L. Watern	Richard D. Osborn
Bob Schlosser	Felix N. LeBlanc	Kathy Robbins	Robert Faux
Bob Thompson	Frank Fenton	Ken Sirois	Ronald M. Hart
Bryan Waid	Gary Hemelgarn	Kenn Daily	Stephanie Owens
Carol Bennett	George Snyder	Kevin Johnston	Steve Price
Chris Graham	Gina Helmick	Liberty Eberly	Terry M. Murray
Clair Duckhan	Greg Bell	Margaret Hurley	Tim McDaniel
Clint Jett	Ingrid Honzak	Mike Allen	Tom Tiller
Daniel B. Thompson	Jack Muhurin	Mike Randall	Vince Peters
Danny Losekamp	Jeff McPherson	Mitzie J. Henscheid	Warren Elam
Denny Bennett	Jeffrey Watern	Nikki Rogers	Wayne Yarcho
Dick Blue	Jim Borgstrom	Noelle Bartlam	Wendell Owens
Don Robinson	Joe Smindak	Norman J. Sawdey	William B. Mercer

Race Day Administration

Serving as a stalwart at club events to guide the next generation and provide the consistency that has allowed the club to flourish.

Results

Anna Lee Sawdey
Norman J. Sawdey
Jim Borgstrom
Jeff McPherson
Dan Thompson
Eddie Weaver
Kathy Robbins

Finish Line

Felix LeBlanc
Jeff McPherson
Dan Thompson
Eddie Weaver
Andy Helmick
Karen Gildow
Wendall Owens
Stephanie Owens
Ron Hart

Registration

Karen Gildow
Anna Lee Sawdey
Norman J. Sawdey
Becky Keller
Wendall Owens
Stephanie Owens

Have served in these positions for over 5 years

Trustees & Officers

	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Trustees
1967 1971	No President*		Steve Price Claire Duckham	W Yarcho, W George, B Riggs, J Rogers, B Roncker, D Blue
1972 1973	Bob Thompson		Claire Duckham	W Yarcho, W George, B Riggs, J Rogers, D Blue, Felix LeBlanc
1974 1978	Felix LeBlanc		Felix LeBlanc	LeBlanc
1979 1980	Ray Olfky			LeBlanc
1981	Jack Wallace			LeBlanc
1983 1984	George Snyder		Jim Gerard	LeBlanc, K Klein, S Owens, W Owens, B Hensheid, M Hensheid
1985 1986	Mitzie Hensheid		Jim Gerard	LeBlanc, K Klein, Borgstrom, S Owens, W Owens, Snyder, B Hensheid
1987 1992	Wendell Owens	Jill Buzzard Carol Bennett	Jim Schwartzhoff Terry Murray (88)	LeBlanc, Somers, Williams, Klein, Borgstrom, S Owens, Stacy, Snyder, C O'Hara (Bennett), Frizzell, Burchett, L Cramer, Burchett, D Bennett, Yokum, Jett, R Cramer, Mercer, Warwick, Szabo, Grilliot, Jumper

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	President	VP	Secretary	Treasurer	Trustees
1993 1994	Denny Bennett	Dick Osborne	Carol Bennett	Terry Murray	Mercer, Klein, R Cramer, Jett, Bell, Borgstrom, Burchett, D Masters, J Masters, LeBlanc, Wallace, Schneider, D Thompson
1995 1998	Dick Osborne	Dan Thompson	Ron Hart Tim Schroeder	Terry Murray	Mercer, Klein, R Cramer, Bell, Borgstrom, LeBlanc, Schneider, Wallace, D Bennett, E James, R Bennett, Hart, Aaronson, Grilliot, J Brasier, Schroeder, S Sirois, Guthrie
1999 2000	Dan Thompson	Kevin Walsh	Chari Walsh Tom Stocker	Terry Murray	Wallace, Borgstrom, LeBlanc, Klein, Mercer, Waid, R Cramer, Osborn, Aaronson, Guthrie, Snyder, S Sirois, Brasier, K Sirois, Hotz, Ninotti, Hurley
2001 2002	Margaret Hurley	Ken Sirois	Carol Bennett Norm Sawdey	Terry Murray	Wallace, Schlosser, Smindak, Honzak, Keller, Mercer, LeBlanc, Osborn, D Thompson, J Plummer, Seiter
2003	Ken Sirois	Joe Smindak	Norm Sawdey	Terry Murray	Schlosser, Honzak, Hurley, LeBlanc, R Romanick (Plummer), Osborn, J Plummer, Belluardo, Kirby
2004 2007	Joe Smindak	Norm Sawdey John Comeskey	Kathy Robbins Noelle Bartlam	Terry Murray	Kirby, D Tieman, LeBlanc, Honzak, Borgstrom, Bartlam, Hemmelgarn, Olfky, Belluardo, Osborn, Gildow, Faux, Losekamp, Robinson, Hurley, Kohstall, K Sirois, McPherson

* 2004 presidancy was shared between
L Kirby, J Belluardo, and J Smindak

Trustees & Officers

President

VP

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustees

2008
2012

Jeff McPherson

John Comeskey
Andy Helmick

Joe Smindak
Andy Helmick

Terry Murray

Faux, D Tieman, LeBlanc, Honzak,
Borgstrom, Kohstall, Laubach,
Gildow, Mee, Osborn ,Randall,
Ryder, Robinson, Silverstein, Fox
Latham, Swartzel, Daily, Noble

2013
2014

Jim Latham

Andy Helmick
Eddie Weaver

L Stephens-Bodine
A Bhimani-Trimble

Terry Murray

Johnston, Bodine, Hoffman,
Gildow, Honzak, LeBlanc, Noble,
O'Donoghue, Groover, Brooke,
Graham, Eberly

2015
2016

Jeff McPherson

Eddie Weaver

A Bhimani-Trimble

Terry Murray

LeBlanc, Johnston, Latham, Gildow,
O'Donoghue, G Helmick, Gladman,
Trimble, Graham, Eberly, Faux,
Picard, A Helmick

2017
2018

Andy Helmick

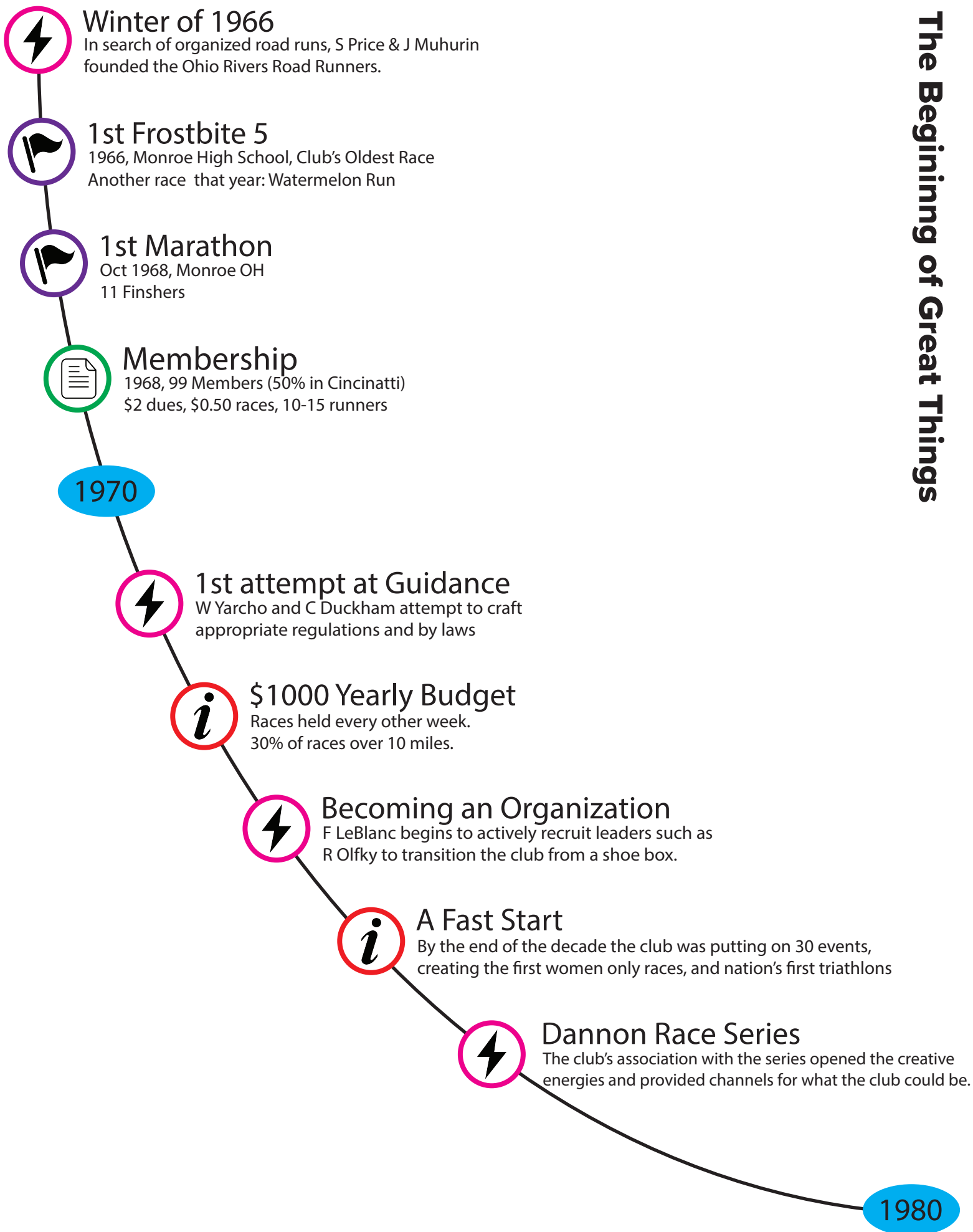
Eddie Weaver

Doug Picard

Terry Murray

Leblanc, Gildow, Eberly, Graham,
Faux, Rainer, Whitehead, Johnston,
McPherson, Qumsiyeh, Saunders,
Bulach

The Beginning of Great Things



1980

Non-Profit & Logo

1981, the club becomes a non-profit.
Logo is created by J Beck



Membership Card

G Synder and W Owens actively start marketing
with membership cards and newsletters



Wednesday Worms

The training group forms 1981 (later called the Tuesday Night Turtles)
actively begin racing in club races at the request of W Owens.



Fiscal Stability

Adding equipment rentals, working non-club races, and pursuing
sponsorships; the club is positioned for the growth that follows.



Race Results are Published

Anna Lee and N Sawdey begin the process of publishing
past and future results over the next decade



Monetary Leadership

T Murray becomes Treasurer, a position
that he holds for over 30 years.



1st Ghost N Goblin & Lou Cox

GnG: Oct 85, 10k, Farmersville
LC: July 88, Old River Park



1st Club Turkey Trot

Nov 1986 - first started in 1979 by local running store in Miamisburg
called Sporty Feet. The 8th edition was handed over to the club



20th Anniversary Newsletter

S Price, the Owens, F LeBlanc, G Synder, R Olfky, J Wallace, and
M Henscheid document the first 20 years of the club



Electronic Results

J Borgstrom adds computerized results to club races and assists in the creation
of the first commercial scoring software called Run Score



1990

1990

JFK 50 - A Rich History

1990, 15% of the finishers were from the club. Most finishers: B Henscheid – 26, K Watern – 27, J Wahl – 25, B Whitesell – 25, B McNelly – 24, J Borgstrom - 20



All Womens Race

The club held a women's only race at Kettering Rec that the men would wear "Tuxs". Later in the decade the club would take over the existing Carol Wolff race.



The Turtles Step In

1993, The Tuesday Night Turtles fill the void of leadership after the Owens step away from the club. The Turtles would guide the club for the next decade.



1st Germantown 50k

Officially started as a 25k race. I Honzak and a few other participants added another 2 laps during the event.



11th Ghost N Goblin

Oct 1996, with over 400 runners the GnG becomes a "large race" with RD I Honzak. All told she directs this race for over 15 years.



Baby Sitting & 10k Relay

\$1 Baby Sitting while parents are running. Lasted 1 season. 10k relays held on the Deweese 5k Course. Vegetables / Watermelons used as batons!



First Website

Spring 1997, created by K O'Farrell. D Losekamp would serve as webmaster for the next 11 years.



Ohio River Trail Runners?

G Hemmelgarn and M Allen create the Frosty 14. The next 20 years trail races begin to out number road events.



2000

Providing of Opportunities

2000



Processing 3300 Runners in 60 Minutes

At TT 2000, D Thompson and a team of 45 volunteers processed up to 55 runners per min, and more than 4000 total, using the old pull tags. Results processing took 3 days to complete.



Guidance for the Future

M Hurley & N Sawdey rewrite the Regulations and supply future boards with a complete set of Operation Procedures. Creation of the ORRRC Trust.



Team Series

The club would host running events for the DIAA (AK Steel, EDS, General Motors etc). The club created it's own series allowing non corporate teams to participate.



First Chipped Timed Race

2002 Lou Cox. The club then entered a long term agreement with End Results that has lasted for over 16 years to handle all of our large races!



20th Carol Wolff Memorial Race

2003. Named for club member who was killed in a tragic bicycling accident in 1983.



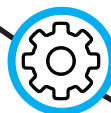
The Dirty Dozen Trail Series

2006, First race was the Narrows Reserve 5 on Jan 28 Formed by the Dirt Dawgs (J Oberg & J McPherson) wanting more races on dirt.



20th Lou Cox - Adding The Pump

2008-09, L Laubach adds makes the Lou Cox 5k a Pump & Run
Lloyd directed the LC 7 times. 87-92 & 08-09



2nd Club Website & FB

2009, J Larew, J McPherson, J Comesky
Major Redesign in Spring 2015 for mobile devices

2010

Decade of Growth & Change

2010

Membership

1500 Members, \$25 dues
Avg membership race size 110 runners



Small Race Chip Timing

2009-2011, Chip timing implemented at club races by J McPherson
First Timing Team: D Thompson, K Robbins, J McPherson, A Helmick



Free Races for Membership

2012, After 3 years of cost controls, the board was able to provide free races to the members. (~\$22k in 09 to over \$120k in 12/11)



25 Years of the Country Classic

2012 Kathleen & Tom Tiller direct their last CC after 25 straight years.
The last Country Classic was in 2015 after 35 straight years



Youth Running

2014, Club renews it's commitment to the younger generation by actively supporting local youth running programs.



35th Turkey Trot

2015, over 7800 Finishers (record). RDs C Bennet & D Bennet, who have led the Trot for 9 years.



Guidance for the Future II

2013-15, E Weaver and J McPherson modernize and clarify the Operation Procedures & Regulations.



50th Ohio River Road Runner Marathon

2017, 11th year in Xenia



2020