

What to expect here for 2010; smile you might be on video

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Considering the cold and nasty weather we've had this winter, it's a testament to the resiliency of runners that most road races have shown only a slight dip in number of participants and many have boasted bigger numbers.

Unfortunately, the weather also has shown just how much of a fair-weather runner I've become....sort of like with my golf playing. I like warm, sunny days for either sport. Luckily, I'm not too far from the North Richland Hills recreation center, so I can at least be bored on a treadmill when the weather is not to my liking.

But my thin skin isn't what this column is about. This is about the start of another year and what you as a runner or walker can expect to see and read on this website for 2010.

Expect a few more videos, though I was disappointed with my efforts at the Lake Benbrook Half Marathon & 5K. However, I did learn some things and hopefully the next attempts will be much better. That was my first effort at adding video on the website, so it was a learning experience.

I've just about given up in trying to stir up more interaction among the viewers of this site. The posting of the best times and PR times has had mediocre response, but that feature will still be posted for anyone to submit their times. I've tried a forum, but that became too bogged down with spam for me to continue. However, I'm working on a new program that will allow some type of forum that will eliminate spam. So, maybe then there can be more interaction. However, Facebook is a tough competitor for interaction.

The Fastest Times at Metroplex Races continues to be a hit among most runners according to the visitors to that page and the responses I receive when there are errors. But I do want to make it as accurate as possible, so if there are mistakes, please make me aware of them. And, of course, the calendar and results pages are the most frequented.

I'll continue to add stories and pictures from area races. Thanks to some other contributors, races that I don't attend receive coverage, too. Among these contributors are H.B. Wise of Movin' Pictures, Fiona Green, John Tucker, Jose Lopez and Stan Bell. I welcome others to submit a picture or pictures from races they attend. And, if you'd like to try your hand at writing a story about a race or a runner/walker, I'd be glad to consider posted that, as well. Because there is only one of me, it would certainly broaden the scope of coverage if others would submit pictures and/or stories.

Anyway, that's about it. If you have suggestions for something else you'd like to see on the site, please [e-mail](#) me and I'll consider whether it's feasible. So, have a great 2010 and set some PRs (and, if you do, be sure to post them here).