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When I started this website, I wanted to make it a fun place for runners to visit. Besides covering a few races by writing stories and taking pictures, I wanted runners to become more involved. One way to do that is add features that I think runners will like. The most recent features include a place for runners to post their PRs and a Forum.

However, it has been rather frustrating with the lack of response. I realize Facebook and Twitter probably are other ways runners keep in touch, but the Forum would be a great place for runners in the D-FW area to communicate. I've started with several categories for runners to respond to, and will add others.

I would like to keep these two features going, but if only a few are going to participate, it might not be worthwhile.

It only takes a few minutes to register for the Forum and join in some of the discussions. Runners can share their training methods, rate races, their favorite places to run, etc.?

I've talked to several runners about posting their PRs and a few are under the impression that you need to be a fast runner to participate. No, no. Anyone can post their times. Hey, I even have mine posted. A few others said they would be embarrassed by their slow times. Embarrassed? Hey, you're out running and that's all that matters. Unless you're trying to win money or compete in your age divisions, speed doesn't make any difference. Besides, non-runners will be impressed if they see your name on the list. At least, that's what I tell myself so I won't be embarrassed.

I've noted before that I started this website to help provide some coverage of road races because the major newspapers have stopped most coverage. So far, it's been very fulfilling and the website gets many visitors a week. However, the percentage of those who participate is loooooow.

If there is some other feature that runners would like to see on this site, please let me know.

Meanwhile, I would like to again express my thanks for those who have contributed articles and pictures to help make this a better site. So, thanks again to Fiona Green, Clint and Stan Bell, John Tucker and Jose Lopez, among others. If anyone else has a picture or pictures they like to post, or if their would like to write something about a race or some other running-related article, please let me know. This is not a site I started so I could make money (and so far it's working out that way, too). But it's more a labor of love. That's another reason I get frustrated when there is a lack of response. So, usually, I'll go out and run, drink a Shiner and forget about it.