

### *More small-town fun*

Bill Richardson of Arlington was one of the Metroplex runners who traveled about two hours to Comanche to compete in the JWH Outlaw Run on Saturday (May 19). Bill, 63, won the 55+ division with a 44:11.9 and came away with enough good impressions (especially of the restaurant in Thurber) to consider a return trip.

Here's his report from Comanche, which is southwest of Fort Worth.

``I enjoyed the JWH Run. Especially the drive down there and back. Beautiful countryside with wildflowers and lots of greenery.

``Typical small town friendly people. Plenty of things to see, plus a gunfight re-enactment.

``As far as the races (a 5K and 10K), there were a couple of turns where the volunteers were not trained well, thus causing some slight confusion. And the money awards were not consistent. There were no trophies or medals (cash was given instead).

``The courses were good for running, though, there being no traffic. I think they had about 145 runners, which was 45 percent more than last year.

``The kid's 1K was the biggest I have ever seen. I think every kid in elementary school was there.

``It's about a 2-hour drive. On the way back, we stopped at the ghost town of Thurber and ate at the Smokehouse restaurant. I high recommend the catfish and loaded baked potato (not exactly a runner's diet) and their very refreshing sweet tea. I will probably go back next year just to eat at the restaurant again. Hopefully, the race director and volunteers will have the kinks worked out."