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Howdy runners,

I want to give you an update on the Huntsville Half Marathon, but first let's celebrate for a moment. We've got people running all over the state, and beyond--Elaine Minton ran a Half Marathon in San Diego recently. Steve Allen has set a few personal records in the past two months, as his running kicks into high gear, while Elena Rodriguez has posted a series of good times lately.

We can also celebrate a marriage in our ranks, and an upcoming marriage. Jocelyn Shaw got married about ten days ago, she is now Jocelyn Carreau, and Jose Torres and Haley Tabor are now engaged--he proposed at the Texas 10 Series in Katy, and you betcha there are pictures on our Facebook site.

And Robert Duncan will be coming over from Baton Rouge to run the Huntsville Half Marathon! Pictures of Robert and his sister, Susan Landry, also a club member, make regular appearances on our "latest news," but it will be great to have him back here in person.

So: on to the Half Marathon, coming up on Saturday, Oct. 19. If you haven't registered, do so soon--entry fees go up late next week. As things stand, we have 332 people registered, which is running about 25 people ahead of last year at this time. So we are expecting a good crowd. And we will be ready for them!

Our committees are mostly fully staffed, due to your generosity with your time, and we have several organizations helping us as well: The Junior Service League, Bearkats Taking Action, the SHSU Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team, the Huntsville High Cross Country Team, the Livingston ISD runner's group, and the YMCA. I will include a full list of committee members in a later e-mail: it numbers about 40 people.

There is still one or two areas where we can use your help if you are free on race day. First, we could \*\* really use someone \*\* to help Craig Henderson set up, stock, and refill our aid stations--it really is a two-person job. If you are available, take the plunge and e-mail me--we could really use your help. We could also use another person or two to pitch in with registration and packet pickup that morning.

There are two runs coming up in town on Saturday, Oct. 26. At General Sam's there is The Great Muddy Escape, now in its third year: <http://thegreatmuddyescape.com/>. Also on the 26th, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority is holding the "Kats for the Cause" 5K on the SHSU campus. You can get some information and register at <http://beta.active.com/huntsville-tx/running/kats-for-the-cause-run-2013> .

Finally, it looks like we are planning to staff an aid station for the Rocky Raccoon 50K, 25K, and 10K trail runs at Huntsville State Park on Saturday, Nov. 2. I will follow up with more information about that after the Half Marathon, but if you are interested in helping please let me know. You can register for the Rocky Raccoon here: [http://trail-race.com/stone/rocky\\_raccoon/](http://trail-race.com/stone/rocky_raccoon/) ,

and entry fees go up next week.

It is a busy season for running in Huntsville, so let's make the most of it! Happy Running,  
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