

MR JOHN FYALKA SR

I had the pleasure of meeting John Fyalka Sr on October 29th, his son's birthday. John Fyalka Jr was a member of the Maine Track Club when he was killed at the age of 30 in an automobile accident in July of 1979. Every year since then, Mr. Fyalka has given the Maine Track Club the money for the Annual John Fyalka Scholarship which goes to an outstanding high school runner. The John Fyalka Award goes to a Maine Track Club member for outstanding service.

Mr. Fyalka lives in Springfield, Illinois and formerly owned and operated a sporting goods store there. He was here to be near his son's beloved Maine coast on his birthday. The Great Pumpkin 10K was the day before. He ran the race and made contact with Mel Fineberg about some Maine Track Club clothing he had ordered from Mel. Mel told me that Mr. Fyalka was coming to his house and I invited myself over. He and Mel had a great time discussing running shoes and clothing and I had a great time learning about two men who are a part of the history of the Maine Track Club, John Fyalka Jr and John Fyalka Sr. Thank you, Mr. Fyalka.

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