

Dear Friends,

It has been and continues to be a wonderful experience for the Connors family to be members of the Maine Track Club. I think of the Saturday and Sunday runs from Payson Park and the hospitality of some members and their families organizing fun runs from their homes.

I would like to share a little incident that happened to me over fifteen years ago. My family and I were new members of a non-running club. One person and I were working on a small project away from the crowd. After a few hours of hammering and sawing and small talk, he turned to me and asked, "Have you ever noticed that there is a clique in this club?" I answered that I had not. He said that indeed there was a big clique and if anyone wanted to be a part of it, all they had to do was "roll up their sleeves and go to work."

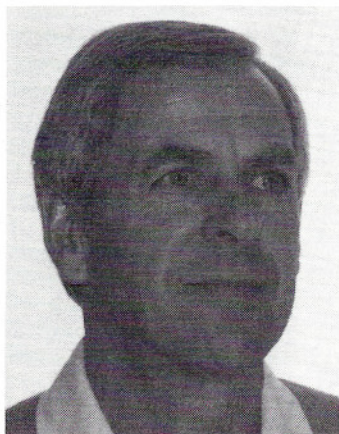
That remark has always made me aware that yes, there usually is a big clique in any club and it always includes all the members that make it work. I want to thank that big clique of Maine Track Club members for making this club one of the finest running clubs in America.

You all "make my day" in the finest sense of the words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russ Connors". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Russ Connors
President 1984



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Dear Members and Friends:

The first 10 years of the Maine Track Club's life showed us what wonders can be accomplished by a group of volunteers with common purpose and interest. These accomplishments have been documented exceedingly well in this 10th Anniversary Booklet by authors Sandra Wyman and husband Ambrose Berry. The history of the Club is certainly interesting reading.

Personally I deeply value the memories of all the friends Priscilla and I made during our four years (1983-1986) of heavy activity in the leadership of the Club. My involvement included serving as Road Race Volunteer, Race Organizer and Director (1st Stroh's Run for Liberty in 1984), Vice President, President, Newsletter Editor (several years), TAC Race Course Certifier and finally as Co-Chairman, with Priscilla, of the 1986 RRCA National Convention. These were years of satisfaction for us and real significant progress by the Club. For a brief shining moment we were recognized as one of the country's outstanding clubs.

Indeed the Club's membership and leadership during those years always seemed to be ready for new ideas and eager to do bold and exciting new things. Support and participation was broad-based and superb. There is not enough space in this letter to recognize everyone by name, but we can all be proud of this Club's accomplishments in its first 10 years.

Wishing you many happy years in the Maine Track Club and many good miles on the roads.

Robert J. Jolicoeur
President, 1985