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Texas Blog: 11-14-10 Everything's Bigger in Texas

What's the common thread between months in the year, inches in a foot, days of Christmas, roses, eggs, and San Antonio, Texas? They're all things that come in 12! Our 12th state was an end of the year celebration with our triathlon club (Go Buehler Y-Tri) which saw 8 members make the trip down south to run in the half marathon and 2 brave souls test their endurance with the marathon. Besides sampling the world's largest cinnamon roll (yes, a heaping 3lbs of butter, batter, icing and cinnamon goodness the day before the big race) and feebly attempting the Texas two-step (there may be a warrant out for my arrest for desecrating the art of dance), San Antonio would hold two separate PRs for me – fastest half marathon while (1) wearing a sombrero and (2) being stopped by a freight train! Yes, you read both of those PR's correctly. Wearing a sombrero (which was about 2 sizes too small) started as a joke but as the race continued I found the comments and cheers from the crowd all too motivating and entertaining to discard the hat along the way. The freight train on the other hand left a little to be desired, as less than 1 mile into the race we were stopped for about 3 minutes due to an ill-timed freight train. However; rather than complaining about the 3 minute deficit we decided to pick up the pace and cruised on to finish in under 2 hours – despite the train delay! Congratulations Ken and Jim on a great marathon finishes, and awesome job on crushing the half marathon Kristan, Christina, Karen, Sandy (1st timer!!!), Warren and Chris.

After completing our 12th state I realized that since this challenge began we have been running for nearly 24 hours, and personally I couldn't think of a better way to spend the day! Stay tuned for a recap of our final state in 2010 – 2 hours or bust in Las Cruces, New Mexico!

Update: The San Antonio Rock n Roll race coordinator has updated the official chip times to adjust times for affected runners! Take another 3 minutes and change off our time :)