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- Men’s record: Mike Friess ’85, 24:25.1 at Bush’s Pasture Park in 1983 (8,000 meters)
- Women’s record: Marci Klimek ’10, 18:05.26 at Bush’s Pasture Park in 2008 (5,000 meters)
- This year’s men’s and women’s programs represent five states and two countries.

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