

Salt Lake City Marathon Trip Notes April 15-22, 2010

This was my 9th marathon of the year and I've got to start admitting that I'm not a young chic any longer. The hips suffered and four days later continue to suffer so I might reluctantly give myself a weekend off running and skip the upcoming MORE half marathon.

The big surprise

50-state finisher David Williams was at the gate when I landed for a plane change in Houston and though I'd only left him in SC on Monday evening, he'd kept the secret that he was joining us for this marathon. We continued the fun and surprised Maricar upon arrival in Salt Lake City. We had met David in Indianapolis in November, again in Palm Beach in December, participated in his 50-state completion in Annapolis in March, for then with 2 other 50-state completions in SC at Kings & Queens of the Mountain the week before, and now here he was joining us in SLC! I suspect that now he's figured out his legs can easily run a marathon weekly that he might be on a fast roll towards his second 50-state completion. He'll be in NJ to get his 50-state plaque along with a number of others for the 50-state reunion the first weekend of May. You GO David. We're proud to know you!



Here we are on the course – we even turned around for the picture as you'll see!

David has mapped out my states and is a bit on my case to finish those 4 to 5 left over ones so that I too am a 50-state finisher. I've stubbornly insisted that I'll only go to a destination if I can find some interest in the location. So he's kindly feeding me tourist info on those left over states and offering to go along. The other reason to dally is wondering IF my legs will hold up. I now have 23 marathons (and 3 major hikes) booked for this year. Can I add them up and count it as "25 for 65" since I'm soon to be 65?



On the lovely course and at the finish line – the mountains were everywhere!

Why run SLC Marathon?

- Tourist opportunities abound and a few days extra can be enjoyed. I was very taken with Temple Square and could have spent another day or two and been very entertained.
- The course is not only interesting but surrounded by dramatic snow covered peaks. While there were uphill, there were more down hills because of the elevation loss.
- Nicely designed tech t-shirt in a bold blue color. (I'm glad they kept their logo whereas another Devine owned marathon gave up one of the best logos in the marathon world when Devine took over.)
- Expo was at a perfect location and full of plenty of vendors and some give-aways.
- Official merchandise was fairly routine, decently priced and enough choices.
- Pasta party reasonably good at \$15 but much cheaper dinners abound. The website showed wrong address in one place, but correct address on tickets.
- TRAX Train to the start went from multiple locations and without problem. We were advised on the website to take it to the end which turned out to be incorrect and we walked back to the next-to-last stop.
- Starting line was adequate yet I wonder what we'd have done if weather had not been perfect. For the staff and organizers, having a big bridge look-over was good.
- Spectators were enthusiastic and supportive. Unofficial food and even alcoholic shots were offered in the latter 1/3 of the marathon and it was all well received.
- Bike patrol came out in droves later in the marathon and they offered Clif Bars. Not sure why they were only available during a 3-5 mile stretch but they were much appreciated.
- The weather was next to perfect for SLC – starting in the 40s and ending in the high 60s to low 70s. Weather could be iffy however as snow flurries were predicted for later in the week.
- Hotels are conveniently located near the finish line and near the TRAX Train to the start. While we were at the Hilton and that was fine and a good price at \$99, the Hyatt Place or Radisson was slightly more convenient.
- Finish line was in the middle of a newly constructed and huge shopping area and though food was pretty much gone by the time we arrived, a close-by food court was well received.
- Despite threat to close down the finish line at 6 hours, they kindly still clocked at least to 6:15. There was also available a 45-minute early start.
- Chris Devine's reputation is somewhat shattered but he's said to be such a devoted runner that he likely deserves our support. For the bad press he's received, it speaks well of this marathon that they only dropped about 1,000 out of 11,000 this year.
- Other than St George Utah where it takes a lottery to get in, this is likely the larger of the Utah marathons if one needs to check off a state. Certainly the marathon with the good touring available.



David on Temple Square's 6 ½ acre rooftop garden, We Three, and our Temple Square missionary tour guides

Results

I felt strong on the early downhill portions and had to hold back but it went south from there. Yet despite some discomfort from about the half way point, and having to stay in catch-up mode to keep David and Maricar in sight, we all eventually finished at 5:48:14. We all suffered the effects of nearly one mile high altitude but appreciated the cool temperatures at the start especially as compared to the heat for the second half.

Had I been a couple months older, I'd have had a 2nd in age group award (grin). We already felt like superstars at last week's marathon when we finished in the top 15 (there were only 14 marathoners) and the race director kindly didn't give me the earned Geezer Award.

Next up?

It might be wise for me to drop out of next weekend's half marathon in NYC, and maybe even NJ's half, but then I'm off to Capon Valley WVA for the 3rd attempt at this hilly/multi-stream crossings/challenging 8-hour cut off 50K set in the middle of God's country. Middle of May is Boise Idaho followed by a 6-day hike rim-to-river-to-rim in the Grand Canyon, then to Casper WY early June just before departing with Tom for a few days touring in Portland OR before joining friends on a 6-day hike through the Columbia River Gorge. I return to Oregon later in June for the Pacific Crest Trail Marathon and pick up little Marie in Kansas City on the way home when we'll start our NJ/Washington DC for Independence Day Celebrations/Philadelphia touring then complete her stay with her 2nd annual 5K run as the 3rd Liberty Lady. All those before the middle of July when I head to Rio for that gorgeous sounding marathon run along the Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. Sounds like a good way to come of age – Medicare age that is.

See www.LibertyLadies.weebly.com for past itineraries and trip notes.

A note on the Church of the Latter Day Saints aka The Mormons

They're everywhere – they're everywhere! I couldn't have imagined so many missionaries, and so many nice and kind and helpful ones. Also they were rarely preachy but always educational. Were I looking for a religion it would be tempting to look closer at this group who are fiscally conservative, build a thoughtful town, take care of not only their own but anybody else in need, and come across as calm and caring. They vote in their leaders. One famous Mormon is Mitt Romney. It sounds like there are between 50-60% Mormons in the area and maybe that's one reason the State of Utah is so prolific with educational systems, top hospitals, lack of debt, a low unemployment rate and lack of crime. It's pretty unique in this era.



Flowers and more flowers everywhere – such a lovely time of the year and the Temple Square was in full bloom



Dining – It's easy to find a great selection of food downtown, from various food courts to the most inexpensive restaurants imaginable. We ate dinner and breakfast both at Market Street Grill and David said he and Maggie had been there twice in years past too. Our tour guide took us to a family run and old Italian eatery with red checkered tablecloths and great priced food. Right off the Square by recommendation of a museum volunteer I ate an \$8.95 feast of many courses, and a couple blocks away were lively pubs and bars that made you forget you were in Mormon territory and think it was a holiday weekend whereas it was not. Red Rock Pub was an especially good treat and a recommendation of the volunteer docent at the visitor's center. Some pubs were so full there were long waits.

What touring did we do?

We hired a private tour guide for Friday – Ron Sharp -- for a very reasonable price and some of the following was through his guiding. Ron Sharp was a 4th generation native, has legislative relatives and seems to know everyone and certainly everything in Salt Lake City. We stayed with him through a lunch.

Utah State Capitol Building is an AAA GEM. We had a short tour inside and out. It's a lovely Renaissance-style building sitting high on the hill at the end of State Street (the end of our marathon route) with a super rotunda. The statue of the woman was not only an early and accomplished woman's libber but a relative of our tour guide.

(Some people take photography seriously as did this couple. No, we don't know them, but I'd guess they got a better picture of the state capitol dome than I did.)



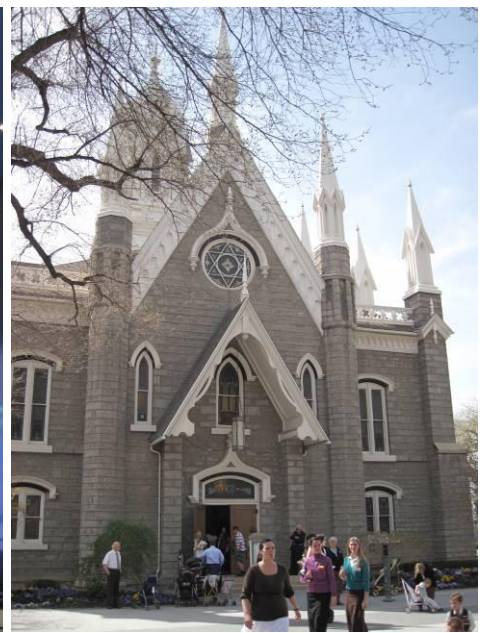


This Is The Place State Park – high up on the hill near the U. of U. Supposedly when Brigham Young arrived, he said “This is the place” and they thus settled in the valley. Old Deseret is a living historic village that recreates a typical community between 1847 and 1869, has the Pony Express statuary nearby, and a huge monument.

Temple Square is an AAA GEM and right in the heart of downtown, and contains the famous Mormon Temple and The Tabernacle, both AAA GEMs on their own. This was a perfect time of the year to be there with daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and all kinds of flowers blooming prolifically among the many water features. We attended a rehearsal of the famous Tabernacle choir on Thursday evening and the televised service on Sunday morning. Later on Sunday I returned for an organ recital and a demonstration of the amazingly awesome acoustics. (From anywhere in the tabernacle you can hear a paper being torn or a penny dropped.) At the museum later there were drawings and films to explain the unusual feat of this huge building’s roof build seemingly without supports.



There are two Visitor's Centers at Temple Square and they are also AAA GEMs. The South Visitor's Center is based on Mormon family values as well as the building of the temple and the North Visitor's Center is practically a planetarium inside with theatres and open areas where a 12' Jesus talks to you under "an open sky" look. On a lower floor is a mini-Jerusalem replica. I took in all the films and cried through them all and was half grateful to be alone (smile.)



Conference Center in Temple Square is one of the largest in the world, able to seat 21,000 people in an acoustically perfect setting complete with amazing cantilevered balconies. The largest I-beam on record helps hold up the roof. On the 6 ½ acre rooftop is a wilderness garden open to the public and a huge waterfall that ends street level and flows into a part of the town's original canal system.



Beehive House is the old restored home of Bingham Young and guided tours are given. Well, its one of his homes. . . . The adjoining Lion House now serves as a restaurant whereas it was once one of the homes of his many homes. The idea of polygamy is not that of the LDSs any longer but was when there were too few men and too many women and adding to the population was important and wealthy men were chosen to marry multiple of wives.

Bingham Young Park holds historical mementos and a waterwheel explaining the water system first set up in the valley. Another park on the way up the hill to the State Capital also contains many water features.

Here are some estates from our driving tour and maybe of interest was that we didn't see any that were ostentatious. Well, maybe this one



Kennecott's Bingham Canyon outside of town, also an AAA GEM, has the largest copper mine in the world, now owned by Tinto Rio, and is named a national historic site. The roads you see down in the mine are 8 lanes wide. The tractors and front loaders are bigger than a house. The tires are on wheels that are operated independently with their own engine and the tires are taller than three men. All quite amazing.



The actual Salt Lake shore as well as Antelope Island is on the way to the copper mine where I took a guided tour. We stopped at old spas and marinas which seem to have not much use any longer. Salt Lake is the 2nd saltiest body of water in the world after the Dead Sea.

What was left undone?

Carriage tours at Temple Square as well as Mormon led additional tours of any and all buildings (except the Temple).

A 2-hour van tour from Temple Square to Welfare Square and Heritage Center where people in need can be taken care of in return for labor and where trucks line up all day to be loaded with goods designed for other parts of the world. I love the idea that they take care of people who take care of themselves. I've always been against welfare without something in return since it takes away one's dignity and does a great overall disservice in the long run.

There are free musical performances both on Temple Square and at various parks.

Walking and self guided driving tours available at Visitors Center

A walk or run up State Street, by the side of the Capitol, onto the trail pathway and into a canyon full of interesting big and old houses – but my hip discomfort caused me to stop just short of the hill.

Utah State Capitol Building has guided tours available and is said to be one of the most popular tourist attractions for many reasons. Completed in 1915, the State Capitol is a lovely Renaissance-style building featuring depression-era murals in the rotunda, which depict events from Utah's past. The beauty and its architecture is available to see as well as incredible views of the Wasatch and Oquirrh mountains, the Great Salt Lake and the valley floor.

Off Broadway Theatre - The Off Broadway Theatre (OBT) is Salt Lake's downtown hot spot for comedy. From great Broadway-style shows to wild and wacky spoofs and parodies, to improv comedy and located downtown.

Clark Planetarium - Star shows, laser/music concerts, science exhibits, and Planetarium Store.

Trolley Square - This National Historic Site is housed in charming, olden-day trolley car barns but it's just as much a shopping, dining and entertainment marketplace.

Heber Valley Historic Railroad - A journey on a historic train across Heber Valley, around Deer Creek Lake, and through Provo Canyon.

Utah's Hogle Zoo – a highly rated animal adventure with hundreds of exotic animals.

Ballet West - Considered one of America's leading ballet companies and we sure enjoyed going into the historically significant theatre.

Utah Opera Company produces four professionally staged, fully costumed operas with nationally and internationally known artists.

The Utah Symphony – since 1940 a vital presence on the American music scene through its distinctive performances worldwide and its well-known recording legacy. The Symphony performs in the Abravanel Hall. We saw the fountains in front and looked in at the huge Chihuly glass chandelier in the lobby.

Mt. Timpanogos Cave, National Monument

Sandy City Amphitheater - Located South Valley area and accessible by Trax and featuring everything from Bach to Ballet or Classical to Country.

Wheeler Historic Farm - A Utah Family Farm Museum, a historic farmhouse with animals, tractor drawn wagon ride, special events and picnic areas.

Capitol Theatre - Built in 1913, the Capitol Theatre is home to the Utah Opera Company, Ballet West, and Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company.

Salt Lake Art Center – near a vibrant entertainment district full of restaurants and bars.

Utah Olympic Park – is near Park City where David drove us around the site of the 2002 Bobsled, Luge and Ski Jumping competitions and up into Deer Valley. There would be a guided tour of the park, 70 mile-per-hour bobsled rides, zipline rides, Quicksilver alpine slide rides, Olympic museum, an interactive museum, freestyle aerial and ski jumping shows.

Utah Olympic Oval - in West Valley City, it is still the athletic training center.

Olympic Cauldron Park - a stunning new space set high on a city hillside, the park features the cauldron itself, the striking Hoberman Arch, a visitor center, and a theater. Panels tell the story of the 17 days of the games. Can take TRAX.

Red Butte Gardens - On the east side off of Foothill Blvd. and east of the U. of U. The Garden has a breathtaking panoramic view of the Salt Lake Valley, and boasts 150-acres of natural area, spectacular floral displays, fountains, waterfalls and walking paths.

Tracy Aviary at Liberty Park is a AAA GEM and America's oldest and largest bird park with about 500 birds representing 150 species, 21 of which are listed as endangered or threatened.

Fort Douglas Military Museum - Located within the grounds of the University of Utah, the museum campus consists of three buildings which house the library, exhibits, administration offices, artifact storage and workshop areas. The three buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places, and date from 1863 and 1875. The museum features indoor and outdoor exhibits, a gift shop, a cannon and tank park, educational programs and self-guided tours of the fort.

Cathedral of the Madeleine is Salt Lake's largest Catholic Church, restored to its original splendor, and referred to as a Cultural Masterpiece. I saw it but didn't get inside. It's in old Greektown.

The Living Planet Aquarium

Memory Grove Park with a replica of the Liberty Bell.

Pioneer Memorial Museum has the world's largest collection of artifacts on this subject and features displays and collections of memorabilia from the time the earliest settlers entered the Valley of the Great Salt Lake until the joining of the railroads at a location known as Promontory Point.

Utah Museum of Fine Arts is a 74,000-square-foot of museum space located at the U. of U.

Utah Museum of Natural History also near the University of Utah.

Usana Amphitheatre - Outdoor venue for shows and concerts with spectacular views of the Wasatch Mountains and the Salt Lake City lights.

Itinerary

Thu Apr 15 - Diana

7:55am Depart Newark via Continental
10:33am Arrive Houston (IAH) for plane change
11:25am Depart Houston via Continental
1:34pm Arrive Salt Lake City

Call hotel for shuttle. Cost \$8. Alternately taxi for \$15-20.

- Maricar

7:30am Depart Newark via United
10:08am Arrive Denver for plane change
11:40am Depart Denver via DL
1:10pm Arrive Salt Lake City

4:00pm Quality of Life Expo at Salt Palace to 7pm for Race Packet Pickup
The Salt Palace Convention Center, Hall D, 200 S. West Temple
Pick up pasta dinner tickets

Eve Tabernacle choir practice – within walk or one stop by public transit and easy to get in

Hotel Hilton Salt Lake City Center – a host hotel
255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 Tele 801 328 2000
Conf#3380959492 at \$99 marathon rate - 2 beds for 5 nights departing 4/20

Fri Apr 16

Tourist ideas at (1) below. Hilton concierge says plenty of tours are available and can be booked when we arrive.

11:00am Quality of Life Expo at Salt Palace to 8pm for Race Packet Pickup

4:30pm to 7pm – Jon will pick up via car at front of Hilton Hotel at 5pm. Later noted pasta dinner has two seatings at 4:30 and 5:30pm.

Pasta dinner at Cannella's Italian Restaurant , 300 South & 200 East or corner of 500 So. & 200 E. Includes a family-style pasta meal with two types of sauces (one vegetarian), salad, bread, and soft drinks or tea/coffee. Tickets only online and may be picked up either April 15th or 16th at the Expo. Tickets not picked up at the Expo will be taken to Will Call at Cannella's. Ordered 3 at \$15 with \$2.25 Active fee. See Active confirm in file.

Sat Apr 17

4:30am UTA TRAX Service Begins - Energy Solutions Stop to Marathon Start
6:15am Marathon Walkers/Runners Early Start - Olympic Legacy Bridge
7:00am Marathon and Half Start - Olympic Legacy Bridge
12:00 pm Marathon Awards Ceremony - The Gateway Plaza
1:00 pm Official close of Finish Line - The Gateway Plaza

Course - The courses are all certified through USAT&F. The marathon course is a qualifier for The Boston Marathon.

Walkers and Slower Participants - The Salt Lake City Marathon, half marathon & 5K welcomes walkers. Walkers and individuals with a 16+ minute pace, who registered as Early Start Participants prior to race day, begin at 6:15 am. We suggest the walkers and slower participants consider using a

fanny pack that accommodates a water bottle. If you plan on participating at a 16+ minute pace per mile or slower, please be aware that the course closes at 1:00 pm. Only participants wearing an Early Start Bib (marathoners only) will be allowed to participate in the early start.

Finish Line and Festival - The finish line will be filled with spirit, music and celebration. The last mile of the course is a lively Celebration Station, filled with crowds of well-wishers and more energy than you thought possible! Live bands will be performing on the entertainment stages and there will be plenty of fun diversions for participants, their families and friends.

Each marathon and half marathon participant will receive a finisher medallion at the conclusion of their run. Fun interactive exhibits for adults and children, as well as great food and great music will all be part of the festivities to help celebrate and cheer on the athletes.

MyLaps Timing System - MyLaps (formerly ChampionChip). "New" this year, your timing chip will be adhered to the back of your bib number, which you do not need to return. If you do not wear your bib number, you will not be timed.

Tickets ordered online may be picked up at the Quality of Life Expo Information Booth on Thursday, April 15th and Friday, April 16th. Tickets not picked up by 4:00pm on Friday the 16th will be taken directly to Cannella's and will be held at the Will Call booth there.

Aid Stations - The marathon, half marathon and 5K course will have a combined 16 aid stations spaced approximately 1.7-1.9 miles apart. Each aid station will have Mt. Olympus water and PowerAde. Restroom facilities are located at the marathon, half marathon & 5K starts, and at all 16 aid stations including the finish line.

'09 1093 finishers, 703 males, 390 females, timed to 5:48 but course to be open for 6 hours

Why Salt Lake City: Visit Utah in April when all is waking up from its winter sleep. Spring tulips are in full bloom, the sun warms the valley floor while mountain slopes still glisten with white pristine brilliance. Tour museums, enjoy fine dining, visit Olympic venues, listen to the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir, golf, hike, mountain bike, and more. Big-city cosmopolitan meets alpine resort in Salt Lake. Only in Salt Lake can you stroll through the heart of downtown, and just twenty minutes later, explore a mountain meadow. Come see why Salt Lake City is considered one of the friendliest cities in America.

Course: Starts at the Olympic Legacy Bridge on the campus of the University of Utah, the site of the 2002 Winter Olympic & Paralympic Athlete's Village. The gentle course then skirts through the municipalities of Holladay, Murray, South Salt Lake and Salt Lake City and County. The route runs around the base of the towering Wasatch Mountains, passes by cozy neighborhoods and elegant estates and winds through Salt Lake's legendary wide streets, into the city center, via Liberty Park. Here, the music will absolutely rock, the energy will surge, and crowds of enthusiastic spectators will cheer participants on, all the way to the spectacular finish at the Olympic Legacy Plaza at The Gateway, in downtown Salt Lake.

Sun Apr 18 - Maricar

1:40pm	Depart Salt Lake City via Delta
3:08pm	Arrive Denver for plane change
5:15pm	Depart Denver via UA
10:59pm	Arrive Newark

Tue Apr 20 - Diana

2:05pm	Depart Salt Lake City via Continental
6:08pm	Arrive Houston for plane change
7:15pm	Depart Houston via Continental
9:08pm	Arrive Kansas City – shuttle available to hotel

Hotel	Fairfield Inn and Suites at airport – for 2 nights 11820 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City, MO 64153 Tele 816 464 2424
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Thu Apr 22 – Diana

Am Breakfast with Carol Goslin – cell (816) 726-8669

5:13pm Depart Kansas City via CO

9:00pm Arrive Newark

History of Salt Lake

From the earliest of times (some estimations date as far back as 8000 years), Utah was occupied by nomadic tribes. These included the ancient Anasazi Indians (1 A.D. to 1300), who were the ancestors of the modern Pueblo people. ("Anasazi" is a Navaho word meaning "The Ancient Ones".) The Anasazi lived in cliff dwellings (the largest of which can be found today in Arizona). Navajo also roamed this region, as did the Ute Tribe, from which the state of Utah takes its name. Other natives who lived in the Great Basin desert included the Paiute and Shoshone people.

The first European explorers reached this region in 1776, but the land wasn't settled by non-Indians until the 19th century.

Salt Lake City itself was only founded in 1847, on July the 24th, by a group of Mormon pioneers. They traveled what is now known as the Mormon Trail. This actually paralleled the Oregon trail. The Mormons were escaping religious persecution in the East, searching for a place where they could practice their religion freely. (Mormons are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.)

Brigham Young & pioneers..... These pioneers, led by Brigham Young, were the first non-Indians to settle permanently in the region. The initial group of 148, consisted of 143 men, 3 women, and 2 children. It is recorded that when Brigham Young saw the valley, the first words he uttered were, "This is the place." That very day, Brigham Young's followers, began tilling the soil and planting crops. And over the next few days, plans were drawn for their future city, which was initially called "Great Salt Lake City".

It was named after the salty inland lake that dominated the desert in the west. (The word, "Great" was dropped from the name in 1868.) In the center of the city, Temple Square was founded. This is the city's most important block. All addresses are numbered from this point. 100, is equal to one city block. Each block was arranged in a grid pattern in 10-acre squares. All the streets were made 132 feet wide. This was deemed "wide enough for a team of 4 oxen and a covered wagon to turn around."

The Mormon temple itself was not begun until 1853 and the capstone marking its completion was not installed until 1892. Most of the temple's granite blocks were individually hauled by ox and wagon.

The Mormon state was first called "Deseret". According to the Book of Mormon, this means Honeybee, which is a symbol of hard work and industriousness. Utah's state symbol is the beehive.

When the Mormons first arrived in the valley, they lived in self-imposed isolation, and their territory was still part of Mexico. Two years later however, in 1850 (after the Mexican-American War), the "State of Deseret" was absorbed by the rapidly growing United States of America, becoming the Territory of Utah.

During the 1850's the California gold rush brought many emigrants through Great Salt Lake City and U.S. soldiers were stationed here during the Civil War.

In 1869, the railroad linking the East & West coasts was completed. This momentous event was celebrated by the famous driving of the "Golden Spike" at Promontory Summit, some 80 miles northwest of Salt Lake City. Utah was thus connected by rail and this opened up the city to mining.

Hundreds of copper, silver, gold, and lead mines were opened and smelters were later built to refine the ore. Mining is still today one of the main industries in the state of Utah.

From the beginning of their absorption into the USA the Mormons petitioned the US congress for state-hood. Over 46 years they applied 6 times. The first 5 petitions were rejected due to the issue of Mormon polygamy. Many of the Mormon church elders felt that this practice should be protected by the U.S. First Amendment which guarantees freedom of religion. However, polygamy was made illegal in 1862 by the U.S. government, and the U.S. Supreme court ruled against them again in 1879. In the 1880's many Mormon men were jailed over this issue, and it was even proposed by some that their right to vote should be removed.

It was only until 1890 that this issue was finally resolved. Wilford Woodruff, the Mormon Church President, declared that God had told him that his people must abide by U.S. law. Thus, polygamy was stopped, and Utah attained its much sort after state-hood. It was admitted to the Union in 1896 as the 45th state. Utah also became the third state to extend the vote to women.

Its official bird is the seagull. This was due to one event in 1848 where a plague of crickets that nearly destroyed the settlers' harvest was consumed by a flocks of seagulls.

In the early 1900's many of the buildings we see today, were built. Eagle Gate, which marked the entrance to Brigham Young's estate, was rebuilt to allow traffic flow. City parks were built, streets were paved. New sewer systems and street lighting were installed. The State Capitol and many other historic buildings were constructed. Trams were installed during this period. They were garaged at Trolley Square which is now a popular shopping mall. These Trolleys were gradually replaced by buses.

Between 1900-1930, the city's population nearly tripled. Much of the wealth created came from mining. Large amounts of copper was produced in 1905 with the opening of the Canyon Copper Mine. Oil was also produced in 1907, in the region of Virgin River. Then in 1952, uranium was discovered in Moab.

Today, the city is trying to come to terms with its mining history and its effect on the environment. Salt Lake City's industries are changing. Though mining is still very important to the local economy it also is developing one of the highest concentrations of biomedical, high technology, and software firms in the nation.

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Runner Comments

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Average Ratings: Course - ★★★★★ Organization - ★★★★★ Fans - ★★★★★

★★★★★ **Great Tour of SLC** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 5 Fans: 4

E. S. from Salt Lake City, UT (5/3/09)

11-50 previous marathons | 2 Salt Lake City Marathons

I don't know what all the grumbling is about. I thought they pulled-off an excellent event in 2009. I've run both the SLC Half and the marathon. I ran the half this year. The half is the superior event in my opinion, but it wouldn't be without the full marathon at the same time. The full marathon has a tedious section around 5000 south. I could do without that section. I saw some complaints about the section on State Street; sure, there are a few cars, and it's gradual uphill, but that's State Street. It is the "main drag" of Salt Lake City. I thought that was the best part, a big finish. There's a lot of history there. Running up toward the Eagle Gate with the state capitol and downtown rising right there... it's awe-inspiring. State Street and Temple Square ARE Salt Lake City.

You could not ask for a more SLC-representative route, with the U of U, Sugarhouse, Holladay-Murray Blvd., Liberty Park, Eagle Gate, Brigham's house, his statue (hand outstretched toward the bank, back toward the temple), Hotel Utah, Main Street Plaza, Temple Square, then a big finish in the Gateway. It was great. Good finish line food. Bag pick-up was standard. Medal was above average; at least it was a "metal" medal (Ogden's was plastic last year). Want the full marathon experience? Run SLC on Saturday and Boston on Monday; they are timed perfectly for that.

★★★★★ **Great race except police let cars onto the course** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 4 Fans: 4

S. C. from San Francisco (4/27/09)

11-50 previous marathons | 1 Salt Lake City Marathon

I ran the Las Vegas marathon in December 2008 and that is how I heard about the Salt Lake City race. Overall I am happy with the experience but I will likely not return next year because the course was supposed to be closed to traffic for 6 hours. I finished well within that time and yet had to contend with police waving cars through intersections while other runners and I were already in the intersection. The Saturday scheduling of the race has to be questioned. Marathoners should not have to compete with traffic.

★★★★★ **Overall Great Experience** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 4 Fans: 3

B. B. from Los Angeles, CA (4/23/09)

11-50 previous marathons | 1 Salt Lake City Marathon

I ran the SLC Marathon for the first time and was unsure if this marathon would be a good one, since I read the comments religiously for many marathons I do from MarathonGuide. But I was pleasantly surprised with Devine. I have ran LA Marathon 10 times and remember how much I disliked some of the changes Devine implemented, but the SLC Marathon was great.

The course at 4,500-foot elevation was great, with not too many turns (so it doesn't slow down your momentum) but it had enough turns to distract the mind.

I didn't think it was difficult at all. There may be a couple miles that have a slight uphill, but it only added about 15 seconds to those mile splits. I made it up at the end because I like to finish my marathons hard.

Fluid stations had enough of both water and Gatorade and enough volunteers.

Not sure if it was volunteers only or spectators too, but orange slices were given a few times throughout the later portion of the course and I LOVE eating oranges on my run! Thanks, volunteers and/or spectators.

The density of spectators was not that great in comparison to more urban marathons, but it is understandable as it's a relatively small marathon with about 1,000 finishers.

Weather in SLC was perfect for me around 50-60 degrees F in April. Great for marathoning!

The medal was fine. I've done 26 marathons and I'm 24. I've seen smaller even at the Rome Marathon but this one was good. Yeah, Devine put their name on the ribbon that goes around the neck, but no big deal. It is nowhere to be found on the medal itself.

I finished in 3:42:00, only a few minutes from my PR, so if you are trained for the elevation, this race is a fun race. I had a great time!

★★★★★ **Good overall race** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 5 Fans: 4

Kerry Green from Mesa, Arizona (4/22/09)

6-10 previous marathons | 1 Salt Lake City Marathon

With all of Devine's financial troubles, at least those perceived by the media, I was momentarily concerned that the race might be canceled. To my pleasant surprise, Devine pulled off an awesome race. I agree with previous comments regarding the long hill after mile 24 - I wasn't expecting it! Other than that, the course was beautiful; the crowd, though small, was great; and the weather was absolutely perfect. I even enjoyed the pre-race gospel music.

My small recommendation for Devine, should they be reviewing these comments, is that they consider staggering the half-marathon and marathon starts. Towards the end of my race, I had to politely (perhaps impolitely at times?) excuse myself before passing slower half-marathoners who occasionally walked in 4's (side by side by side by side). I'm all about everybody getting a chance to run, but finishing the last 10K of a marathon in zigzag fashion isn't preferred.

That said, I would run this race again in a heartbeat.

★★★★☆ **The Good, The Bad & The Ugly** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 2 Fans: 3

S. H. from Minnesota (4/20/09)

50+ previous marathons | 1 Salt Lake City Marathon

This race can adequately be summarized by the following: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly.

The Good - Packet pickup was smooth, volunteers were helpful, aid stations were plentiful and the volunteers at them were well trained. The race number, shirt and medal were all pretty decent. There were plenty of post-race refreshments. The course itself was runner-friendly.

The Bad - UTA in the morning was way behind schedule and didn't run enough trains to properly serve the number of runners. A train arrived full just a couple of minutes before the start. The choir that sang the national anthem was absolutely horrible. We're talking Rosanne Barr-bad. They were an embarrassment. Also, they had the marathon and half-marathon merging together at 6 miles and then again around 21. I had to dodge and weave around walkers who were absolutely clueless that the race is about running, not walking. Step aside, PLEASE!!

The Ugly - Post-race baggage pick up. Good GOD!! Who was the idiot who thought it was a good idea to use color-coded stickers IN ADDITION to the race number. WHAT??? The race number is a pretty simple (almost idiot proof) system. Instead, the volunteers had the runners search for their own bags. Absolutely ridiculous.

Unless they fire the person who came up with that system, there is no way I would ever run this marathon again.

★★★★★ **First-time runner, great experience!** (about: 2009)

Course: 5 Organization: 5 Fans: 5

John SLC from Salt Lake City, Utah (4/20/09)

1 previous marathon | 1 Salt Lake City Marathon

Maybe my opinion is what it is because this was my first time running in a marathon event - I don't know. I ran the half marathon this year for Salt Lake City and I fell in love with it.

I thought it was well organized, and as a first-time runner, I had no problem getting started, registered, picking up my stuff, etc. I used the Trax system to get up to the starting line and that worked well, but it was a bit crowded. The starting line had a gospel choir going on, which I actually enjoyed, but everyone's taste in music will vary. It was an upbeat choir though, nothing that would put you to sleep. The only recommendation at the starting area is to maybe add more bathrooms, as the lines were a bit long and slow in moving.

I thought the course was well done, and it takes you on a beautiful tour of the Salt Lake valley. The course was mostly flat, with some

light downhill running and a little uphill - nothing crazy, and great for first-time runners. I thought there could have been an extra aid station or two, for those of us depending on them, but all in all they did a pretty good job. There was water and/or Gatorade at every single stop, enough for all the runners. They also had easy-to-see mile markers and several timers throughout the course, giving you a good idea of what your pace is... especially for those of us who lost their watch a few days before the race, haha.

When I finished, there was plenty of water and medals available. I finished in 2 hours and 12 minutes, but about 2.5 hours after the race had started. I didn't check out the other amenities, but from what I was told, they did a good job providing for everyone.

The spectators were great! I think throughout the course there could have been more, but there were still a good number of them out. The people at the aid stations were also very generous and nice. The finish line area was packed with people cheering and waving the runners on; even the police who were handling traffic were good sports about cheering runners on, so that part was very great.

I enjoyed it enough that I intend to run it again next year, and my family members had such a great time cheering me on and being part of the crowd that even they want to get involved and run next year.

There is not much I would change about this event. It was straightforward - no problems, lots of fun, great spectators, and even the weather was amazing.

★★★★★ **A nice race** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 4 Fans: 5

A. C. from SC (4/20/09)

50+ previous marathons | 1 Salt Lake City Marathon

I was pleased with this race. A nice size, with overall good organization. The shuttle (the local light rail) was a bit crowded even for those allowing nearly 2 hours before start time, but I had plenty of time to get to the start and be on time. I stayed at one of the host hotels, which was very accommodating and close to the finish. Great crowd support evenly spread throughout the course, and plenty of water/Gatorade for all. Expo was laid out very well, and was also very close to the finish and host hotels. The city itself was undergoing a lot of construction, which took a bit away from the scenery, but somehow it still ended up being a beautiful course. I hope this race continues. It's a great race, it's easy to fly to, even from the East Coast, and it was a pleasant experience. My only regret is that I had to return quickly. I would have loved to stay longer and explore! Thanks to all of the volunteers and everyone who helped make this a great race.

★★★★★ **Have run it 3 times... considering a 4th!** (about: 2009)

Course: 5 Organization: 4 Fans: 4

m. b. from albania, california (4/20/09)

11-50 previous marathons | 3 Salt Lake City Marathons

I have run this race three times now, so, obviously, I am a big fan. This is one of the most beautiful courses I've run, out of 25 marathons. Running along the base of the snow-capped Wasatch Mountains is an awesome way to start the day. I've heard a lot about Devine Racing's recent financial problems but must say there was no evidence of troubles along the course. The shirts were nice, as were the finisher's medals. The volunteers were cheerful and efficient, and the crowd support has certainly grown over the past six years. The only thing I don't like is the climb up State Street at the end. I wish it were downhill instead!! Congrats to Devine, volunteers and all of the marathon finishers.

★★★★☆ **Nice course but I should have driven it first** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 4 Fans: 4

K. L. from Idaho (4/19/09)

3 previous marathons | 1 Salt Lake City Marathon

Everything I read about the course said it was pretty flat, with a small all-around elevation drop. There were some uphill, but the first half had more downhill, and they were steeper than I expected. Thus, IT band issues I had never encountered before presented themselves at about mile 4 and remained steady and grew ever stronger through to the finish! Otherwise, a nice/well organized course/race. The TRAX transport was completely packed, but it got us there. Start line "johns" were too few to accommodate the sudden influx of the packed TRAX passengers who were already running late; thus there was no time to go before the gun! Best word of advice: Take the early train!

This is the largest race I've run so far. I'm used to a handful of fabulous fans leapfrogging the runners in a van and cheering throughout the course, so the many fans here were a WONDERFUL novelty to me. Thanks, SLC.

★★★★★ **Very Solid Race** (about: 2009)

Course: 4 Organization: 5 Fans: 3

D. C. from Idaho (4/19/09)

11-50 previous marathons | 4-5 Salt Lake City Marathons

If you like snow-capped mountains, sunny skies, moderate temperatures, a relatively easy course, and good organization, this race is for you. If you need lots of spectators to cheer you on, this is not the race for you. There are people out on the course to cheer you on, but not a lot of them. I found the organization to be flawless. The course is very gentle and interesting, with tremendous views - with the exception of a long hill after mile 24 that comes at the wrong time in a race. The finish line is well done, with lots of food. I've run 31 marathons, and this one is very solid. I'd recommend it highly.

New organizer of Palm Beaches Marathon has a tattered reputation

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On a mid-February day this year, the Marathon of the Palm Beaches took a sudden turn.

Having outgrown its founder, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, the race was sold to Devine Racing, a Chicago-based company specializing in marathons. The deal was important to Chris Devine, but it wasn't all that was on his mind.

At virtually the same moment that he took over Palm Beach's 6-year-old racing weekend, the IRS filed a lien against his marathon business.

A few months later, the IRS struck again, launching a 102-day barrage against Devine and his marathoning and radio station businesses, securing five liens worth an additional \$1,123,444, records show.

That only begins to describe a trail of problems for Devine, particularly when it comes to operating marathons.

One of his companies, 3 Point Media, is operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and in the past two years he has been sued 13 times. Many cases are pending, but Devine has been found in default in at least four and in contempt of court three times. In one suit — filed by an ex-employee who had been hired from Nike — Devine was ordered to pay a \$365,710 judgment.

Tim Kelly, who worked under Devine for two years as assistant race director of the Las Vegas Marathon, said no one should be surprised by the problems of Devine Racing.

"They have left a wide boulevard of broken promises everywhere they have operated," said Kelly, who says Devine hasn't reimbursed him \$10,000 for race expenses. "While I'm sure the good folks at the Marathon of the Palm Beaches mean well, I'd hate to see them end up as roadkill in Devine's rearview mirror."

This year's race, renamed Palm Beaches Marathon on Flagler Drive, begins at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Devine Racing hopes for a smoother sprint to the finish line.

Dozens of runners and vendors from Las Vegas to Los Angeles to Salt Lake City have complained of late payments and non-payments worth millions from Devine Racing. Last year, when Dodgers owner Frank McCourt purchased the L.A. Marathon from Devine, he absorbed \$537,391 of debt from Devine's company, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Several agents of elite marathoners say they'll no longer send athletes to Devine's events. One of his most recent marathons, in Salt Lake City in April, went down to the wire in a nontraditional sense — necessary permits weren't secured until hours before the start, in part because police hadn't been paid to secure the course.

Devine, 55, doesn't dispute the allegations against him. He estimated his businesses are \$3 million in debt but said rather than enter bankruptcy, he's attempting to rebound. He just needs time, he said.

"I'm sorry some people are disappointed at the pace we are keeping," said Devine, who purchased the Palm Beach race for an undisclosed amount, although public documents place the value at \$540,000. "Businesses go through stuff. It doesn't not mean we're bad people."

Although he maintains "the buck stops" with him, Devine attributes many of Devine Racing's problems to the management team he inherited when he purchased the Los Angeles and Las Vegas marathons.

He says the only way to divest himself of those employees was to sell those events, which is why he's in Palm Beach. He knows his reputation in the marathoning community requires work.

"A lot of work," Devine said. "It'll either be an advantage or disadvantage, and my sense is it will be a great advantage for the races that we currently own, for them to be proving grounds because we are so focused on perfection and so focused on being good citizens at this point."

Former members of his management team acknowledge some issues, but overall are infuriated that Devine blames them for his problems. They say if they were as incompetent as he says, he was free to fire them.

"There is nobody that has any kind words to say about Devine Racing," said Brenda Ramsey, who managed the starting line for some of Devine's marathons.

"They borrowed from one, they stole from one to pay the other. Then they stole from those to go on to something else."

Marathon founders put trust in him

Dennis Grady is banking on Devine to make a fresh start. Grady is the president of the Chamber of Commerce and husband of Iva Grady, who first suggested a marathon in Palm Beach County.

The race weekend, renamed Palm Beaches Marathon Festival, has a budget of \$458,000, according to public records, and requires cooperation of 31 sponsors and scores of vendors supplying everything from portable toilets to cleanup crews and equipment.

Devine Racing is running the show, but Grady said he'll be there to support everyone involved in the event.

"I'll be here on behalf of the chamber — which will have an ongoing, obvious interest in a race that we started — and would be willing to assist anybody who felt that they had been less-than-satisfied with their working relationship with our race," Grady said.

Grady's group turned down a purchase bid from one of the marathon community's hottest companies — the Competitor Group, which operates the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon series, boasting 300,000 participants in 13 races nationally.

Grady said the "deal-breaker" was the Competitor Group's insistence on moving the race to February or March, when hotels are already full. But Elizabeth Cox, director of business development for the Competitor Group and Grady's guest during race weekend in 2008, said a late winter date was merely a suggestion and December was no problem.

Regardless, Grady saw how the Vegas marathon grew under Devine and envisioned a repeat here, citing the Vegas event's jump from 2,700 to 17,000 participants.

But Devine, who organized the Vegas marathon from 2005-2008, has said he took over a race already 6,000 strong and Active.com, a participant sports Web site, lists only 12,481 total finishers at the race's peak.

Marathons typically have a no-show rate of about 10 percent. "They never came close to 17,000," said Kelly, the former Vegas race assistant director.

Early registration for this year's Palm Beaches Marathon Festival is about 7.4 percent ahead of 2008, putting it on pace for 7,600 entries, including the half-marathon and kids' races. Devine said 10 percent growth this year is "an achievable goal."

As for the road not taken, the Competitor Group surpassed 20,000 entries for the Las Vegas Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and needed two years to grow the San Antonio Marathon from a size comparable to Palm Beach to 25,834 total finishers last month.

"No one else has done what they've done," said Larry Barthlow, who coordinates elite fields for marathons and said Devine owes him about \$11,000 for consulting.

Not long after making the deal with Devine Racing, Grady talked about at least part of the vetting process.

"We've gone online and read the articles in the newspapers, asked them specific questions with regards to that," Grady said. "And I think to our satisfaction felt that Devine answered those questions very honestly and forthright."

Grady said he did not ask Devine for proof of payment of his debts. In one case, Pennsylvania-based RoadSafe Traffic won a \$235,610 suit against Devine for traffic control at the '06 and '07 Vegas marathons, although little has been collected. Devine said like many suits, he settled and offered his "personal guarantee" the debt will be paid. RoadSafe operations manager Jeff Pritchett attributed three or four of his company's layoffs to Devine's debt.

"He's a completely shady character ... a con man," Pritchett said.

Equally critical are some of Devine's former employees. They say it wasn't unusual to arrive at the office to find no power, an eviction notice on the door or paychecks that bounced. Some used personal credit cards to purchase race necessities, such as traffic cones.

Praise for his charity work

But Devine has a stellar reputation at the Huntsman Cancer Foundation in Salt Lake City. Lori Kun, the director of development, said the foundation has received about \$50,000 from Devine via that city's marathon every year since 2004.

"He has been a visionary here," Kun said. "I think he is a savvy business person."

In his online bio, Devine says he has run the Boston and New York City marathons and in 1981 ran across the United States. Those who know him describe him as ruggedly handsome. Persuasive. Charming, even critics admit.

But in yet another suit, the family of a New York billionaire claims Devine used his charisma and the plaintiff's desire for friendship and a stake in the radio business to scam \$70 million from C. Robert Allen III, 79. The suit alleges Devine used some of the money to fund his marathon business. Devine blames the situation on Allen's adopted son, "who has taken over his estate."

The suit placed a rather unexpected heavyweight in Devine's corner: New York lawyer Ed Hayes, the inspiration for the character of Tommy Killian in *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, written by Hayes' friend, Tom Wolfe.

Hayes won a related multimillion suit against Allen in July. Hayes said Allen's actions are "typical example of a guy who cheated everybody and claims everybody cheated him."

Hayes isn't representing Devine professionally but nonetheless defends him personally.

"The poor guy gets the worst press and he doesn't deserve it," said Hayes, who met Devine via the Allen cases. Hayes calls Devine "a good salesman" whose fault might simply be that he "oversells things sometimes. He wouldn't get into so much trouble if he would shut up."

Four years ago, Devine said his goal for the Salt Lake City Marathon was 10,000 runners in 2010. Last year's race had 1,093 finishers. Devine Racing's site lists Sir Edmund Hillary as one of its "ambassadors." Hillary, one of the first two men to scale Mount Everest, died nearly two years ago.

Devine said he didn't compile the ambassador list.

The Palm Beaches Marathon offers a modest purse of \$6,700, but it remains to be seen whether it is again distributed within two weeks of the race. Scott Poteet, an Air Force major who flew with the Thunderbirds, earned \$2,500 by placing fourth at the 2008 Vegas Marathon. After nearly a year of constant calls to Devine Racing by Poteet's pregnant wife, Kristin, only \$950 had been paid.

But one week after *The Post* asked Devine when he intended to pay the balance, the Poteets had their check.

Tom Ratcliffe, an elite runners' agent, endured similar delays in collecting on behalf of top-three finishers at three of Devine's marathons. The money eventually arrived with unexpected interest, but Ratcliffe was perplexed by what wasn't sent.

"No note of apology," Ratcliffe said. "It was nice to get the check, but I thought, 'If you're a good business person, then you really kind of address those things if you want people to put faith in you in the future.'"

Kelly supplied *The Post* a list of 65 companies or individuals owed a total of \$422,593 from the 2008 Vegas Marathon. Devine did not dispute the figure.

"We always laughed," Debbie Biorn said of herself and other ex-Devine employees at the Vegas marathon. "If the goons in Vegas couldn't get their money out of Devine, how are we going to?"

Before Devine sold his rights to the Vegas race, Clark County Commissioner Rory Reid, son of Sen. Harry Reid, planned to force Devine to post a \$3 million bond to assure everyone from vendors to runners were paid after the next event.

"We're happy that the Competitor Group has taken over, how's that?" a spokesman for Reid said. "We're happy to have a reputable company who runs a multitude of successful marathons throughout the country."

On Jan 27, 2010, at 11:42 AM, "Daniel O'Donnell" <dan@marathonmedia.com> wrote:

Diana:

You are an inspiration!

6 marathons on 2006;

7 Full Marathons and 7 Half Marathons in 2007!

12 Full Marathons and 10 Half Marathons in 2008!

I can only imagine what the schedule for the past twelve months was like!

You are an excellent example of the old adage that age is just a number!

While Chris Devine has some interest in the company that owns the New Jersey and Palm Beaches events, it really is a new (and independent) company. We are painfully aware that Chris' name carries with it considerable baggage, some of it warranted, much of it not. What cannot be argued is his passion for runners and running. I believe Art and Iva would attest to this.

The more people with knowledge of the "facts", the more easily we can convince others in the industry that this company does business the right way. We believe in emphasizing the unique attributes of the communities that host our events. You have already experienced the thrill and beauty of running the Jersey Shore and along the Intercoastal in West Palm Beach.

We are extremely confident you will have a similarly unique and exhilarating experience in Salt Lake City this coming April. Our philosophy is to team up with passionate people like Art and Iva who believe in the power of training and discipline, athletic accomplishment, community, and philanthropy.

I will make certain you are registered for Salt Lake at the pre-January 1st rates. I am hopeful you will remember to give me a first hand account about your experience in Salt Lake City after the event. Participant feedback is a critical element of constantly striving to make our events better.

Warmest Regards,

Dan

On 1/26/10 6:42 PM, "Diana Burton" <dianab@juno.com <<mailto:dianab@juno.com>> > wrote:

Thank you Dan --

Your email is well received and I'm encouraged to hear from someone. I'd made a few attempts before and even the email on www.marathonguide.com <<http://www.marathonguide.com>> is being returned as 'unknown.'

Of course I want to register and I am putting my registration form in the mail to you now. It will be in the returned envelope so you can see that it was postmarked pre Dec 30th.

I'll be at the SLC Marathon with fellow Liberty Lady Maricar Korff and with friend Iva Grady. I worked with Iva for three

years on the Palm Beach Marathon. I was also on the NJM staff for about 5 years, all of which is coincidental since Devine Sports now has both those marathons.

A short article by "Marathon & Beyond" is attached showing how a couple of us run as Liberty Ladies as we will do at the SLC Marathon. If all goes well that will be my 57th marathon and 8th of the year.

Regards,
Diana

On Tue, 26 Jan 2010 08:57:40 -0600 "Daniel O'Donnell"

<dan@marathonmedia.com <<mailto:dan@marathonmedia.com>>> writes:

> Ms Burton:

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> Please accept our apologies for the difficulty in getting you > registered for the 2010 Salt Lake city Marathon. It is especially embarrassing for it to happen to one of our valued friends at the NJRRC.

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> It is fair to say your attempts to register ran into the "perfect storm" of several changes we are making in Salt Lake, including 1) rebuilding the website; 2) relocating the marathon office; and 3) making modifications to the overall race structure and management. In the event you remain interested in registering, send your registration to my attention at the address below, and I will personally see to it the registration is completed in a timely manner, with follow-up to you via e-mail.

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> We are appreciative of both your patience and your interest in the 2010 Salt Lake Marathon.

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> Regard,

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