

# Wo-Zha-Wa #1 - Results

*(compiled by James L Schneider from articles in Wisconsin Dells Events and personal recollection)*

Date: September 22, 1968 (Sunday)

Race Director: Bud Gussel

Course: Started on Hwy 127 near Portage (now entrance to prison – a vacant lot back then) entirely on 127 to junction with WD near Hwy 16 at Wisconsin Dells. Advertised as 16 miles and one article referred to it as 15.5 but it was more like 14.5.

Results: 33 of 42 finished

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Veeter Marshfield 1:21

Dr. William Andberg (the ‘Grey Ghost’) from Anoka, MN was 4<sup>th</sup>. He was 58 years old and held almost every United States long distance record for men over 50. Two years later Marathon Handbook named him the fastest man in the world for his age.

James L. Schneider from Rock Springs, WI finished 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:02.

Tom Gussel (Wisc. Dells) finished 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>.

Other Finishers: Paul Olson, Mrs. Herbert Brunn, Charles Balsmeider, Audrey O’Connor, Bill Timm, Bud Gussel (Wisc. Dells), Ross Follendorf, Dave Bork, Ginny Bork, Mrs. Jerry Hamm, Mike Cahoon, Gloria Borkowski, Jim Conlin (Reedsburg), Jim(?) Edmonds (Wisc. Dells), John Archer (Oconomowoc), Dr Knud Stobbe (Milwaukee), and Clark Nelson (Milwaukee).

The race was sponsored by the Wisconsin Dells Jaycees. I saw an article in the Wisconsin State Journal. Entry fee was \$1. No shirt but some awards. Had a special ‘handicap’ category which subtracted one minute off your time for every year you were over 20. A local Dells restaurant offered a free supper to any local participants which got a number of takers. 10 members of the Milwaukee Track Club participated with 5 finishing in the top 10. The Milwaukee Track Club later became Badgerland Striders Running Club.

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