



MATT CARPENTER

Legendary Pikes Peak Ascent & Marathon Champion

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Twenty years ago, Matt Carpenter raced into the Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon record books with a 2:01:06 Ascent on his way to a 3:16:39 Marathon.

Since then, he just kept on running. In fact, Carpenter won the Pikes Peak Marathon a record 12 times and had six victories in the Pikes Peak Ascent. Twice he won both races in the same year, capturing the Ascent title on Saturday and the Marathon victory on Sunday.

His latest Pikes Peak victory came in 2011, when, at age 47, he won the marathon in 3:48:08 – his sixth victory in a row. He holds 17 course records in some of the most difficult races in the world, including the Leadville 100



Mile Run, where in 2005 he crushed the old record by 90 minutes to finish in 15:42:59.

Carpenter has served as president of the Pikes Peak Road Runners, started the Incline Club running group and co-founded the Barr Trail Mountain Race - which he has won eight times.

He has served as race director for the Garden of the Gods 10 Mile Run and as a member of the Triple Crown of Running Board of Directors.

Carpenter learned to love running in high school and he has helped raise thousands of dollars for area high school running programs.