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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: South Baldy Hill Climb – 16 September 2000

Eleven riders, including four local athletes, completed the grueling South Baldy Hill Climb on a beautiful warm New Mexico day. Jason Strauch of Albuquerque arrived at the summit first in a time of 1:28:22. Local cyclist Mitch Plummer, running with his bike the last 30 yards, held off Peter Kern for third place. Other local cyclists who completed the climb included Eric Nilan, Peter Mozley, and Owen Parker. The event was organized by the Socorro Striders and Riders (SS&R) in conjunction with the Ninth Annual Socorro Fat Tire Fiesta. The race begins at Water Canyon Campground and climbs forest road 235 for 8.4 miles to the South Baldy Summit (10783 feet). The SS&R thanks the Socorro Chamber of Commerce, the Fat Tire Fiesta Committee, Martha's Black Dog Coffee House, and the National Forest Service for their help making this a successful event.

1.	Jason Strauch	1:28:22	Albuquerque NM	\$50
2.	Alan Rishel	1:35:14	Las Cruces NM	\$30
3.	Mitch Plummer	1:37:34	Socorro NM	\$20
4.	Peter Kern	1:38:00	Albuquerque NM	
5.	Tim Fowler	1:41:29	Santa Fe NM	
6.	Homar Salido	1:46:01	Albuquerque NM	
7.	Brian Robertson	1:47:32	Rio Rancho NM	
8.	Eric Nilan	1:52:50	Socorro NM	
9.	Peter Mozley	1:57:51	Socorro NM	
10.	Matt Aubych	2:04:05	Livermore CA	
11.	Owen Parker	2:50:01	Socorro NM	

About the Socorro Striders and Riders: The Socorro Striders and Riders (SS&R) is a local non-profit organization of approximately 30 runners, triathletes, and cyclists. The primary focus on the club is the social, recreational, and health benefits of sport. The club is open to individuals of all abilities. The SS&R holds regular group runs and bicycle rides and holds a monthly business meeting and social gathering on the first Monday of each month. The SS&R also organizes several local events, including the M-Mountain Duathlon, Socorro Triathlon, San Antonio ITT Series, Socorro Springs Brewing Company Winter ITT Series (both bicycle time trials), the Merry Mile, and an early Spring 15 km run to be announced shortly. The SS&R is a member of several national organizations, including the Road Runners Club of America, the American Cycling Association, and USA Triathlon. For information, contact SS&R President Cathy Pearce at (505) 835-2507.

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