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New meets, a Thank you USA List Soon, working on schedule

Hello Again.....this is our first Newsletter in two months.....heavy academic load this fall has prevented me from being more active.... BUT....this newsletter attempts to catch up on decathlon doings. I am working on the 2016 USA annual list and will have that posted soon. This is likely to be up to 9/10 pages long. It'll also represent the 105th USA annual decathlon list....the first 100 are presented in *The American Decathlon Century: 1912-2012*. (flyer attached below)



First, let me thank all those (140+ emails and calls) who offered congratulations on my recent honor. It took several weeks to clear that list. Again, thank you.

As soon as I return to my home (in a few days....we are in the final exam period at Dartmouth) in Maryland I'll get working on the 2016-17 meet schedule. That'll take a week or so.

There have been a number of event proposals, all emanating from Europe, to change the nature of the decathlon. I am unsure of their status as they wind their way thru IAAF/EAA channels. The most surprising would reduce the number of decathlon events from ten to eight and increase the number of women's heptathlon events from seven to eight, all in the name of gender equity. Needless to say I am opposed to such proposals for any number of reasons. The first is historical....well, as I hear more I'll pass the information along.

As well, recent proposals to change the staging and scoring of the Thrope Cup will be vigourously opposed.

There are a few new meets on the CE horizon, most notably a four man collegiate dual in Fayetteville between Wisconsin and host Arkansas in mid April....arranged by coaches Nate Davis and Travis Geophert. This sort of meet is heavily applauded.

WISCONSIN-ARKANSAS CHALLENGE



as part of **John McDonnell Invitational**
April 21-22, 2017 (Fri-Sat)

Dartmouth will host a new CE Invt on Sat-Sun, Dec 10-11.

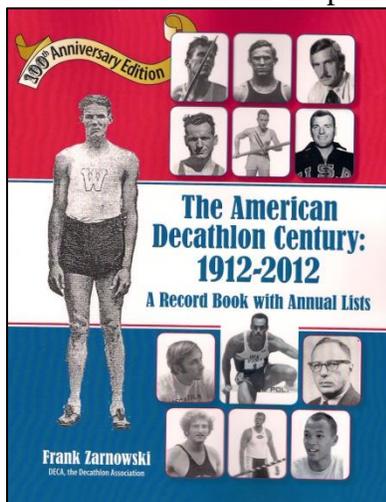
Akron decathlete Alex McCune provides us with an interesting javelin video of trick shots. Take a look. I understand that there is more to come.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1wPH2dSv10>

DECATHLON RECORD BOOK

IS STILL AVAILABLE

The American Decathlon Century: 1912-2012, A Record Book with Annual Lists, has just been delivered from the printers. This 100th anniversary edition is the ultimate US decathlon record-book with very deep annual lists for each year of the past century. An extensive record section and thumbnail photos of 500 USA decathletes is provided. As America celebrates its 100 years of decathlon success, nationally and internationally, you won't want to be without this reference book. If you ever had a historical or statistical question about the US decathletes, it is answered here.



This is the definitive record book, covering every year, every significant US decathlete and every even remotely important US decathlon meet, for a century.

*The American Decathlon Century: 1912-2012,
A Record Book with Annual Lists*

By Frank Zarnowski
528 pages. [8½ x 11]

Published by DECA, The Decathlon Association, 2012
ISBN: 0-9768358-1-9

HOW TO ORDER: you can order via mail:

Price: \$40 US
30 Euro

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Note: I tried to keep the price down, but the book has over 500 pages and weighs over 5 pounds. 200 copies are available.

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