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Kershnar To Be Honored For Expanding Roxbury Races

ROXBURY – He was a back-of-the-pack runner.

He called himself the “caboose.”

But he transformed a road race series into a four-season schedule with more runs than almost any series from Kennebunkport to Miami.

The late Larry Kershnar, a longtime town resident, became director of Roxbury’s weekly road race series in 1980 and when he departed after the 1985 season it was primed to have races from the sub-freezing temperatures in March through the dog days of August to the crisp air of early December.

The series began under former New Milford elementary-school principal Bill Burley in 1977 as an eight-week summer series.

In 1981 Kershnar started discussing a March-to-December schedule. That format began in 1986, just months after he stepped down as race director.

Reportedly, on the East Coast only the Fresh Pond series in Cambridge, MA has more races per year. That series operates every Saturday,

Kershner served as chairman of the Science Department at New Milford High School and began teaching the Education Research class part-time at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury.

Graduate students wrote the first three chapters of their master's thesis.

In 1985 he became a full-time professor in the university's Education Department.

On Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m., the Roxbury Road Runners Club will make its annual tribute to Kershner, who died in 1993.

He will be honored with a 6.3-mile race that will include a trip along the steep hills on Weller's Bridge Road.

Members of Kershner's family have been invited to attend.

Runners can enter through the \$45 season pass or the \$10 weekly waiver form.

Registration is available at

<https://runsignup.com/MemberOrg/RoxburyRoadRunnersClub>.

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