

# UTAH

## Utah Valley Marathon

Saturday, June 9, 2012 • Provo, UT

Marathon/Ultra number:	157
State (first in state):	7 (yes)
Finish Time:	3:57:25
Overall Place:	614 of 2059
Gender Place:	415 of 1096
Age Group Place:	71st
Age on race day:	31



This was the beginning of my quest to complete the 50 states. Prior to this I had only run six states, but over seven years. At this point finishing the 50 states was my main goal.

It was the Marathon Maniac reunion and I knew there would be Maniacs from all over the country, many of whom I had never met. I flew into Salt Lake City on Friday and drove to Provo. I picked up my packet and attended the Maniac group meeting. It was a good time.

We were bused to the start line, up in the mountains. It was a downhill course, but at very high altitude. I was hoping for a good time. At the starting area it was fun to meet a lot of the Maniacs and we had a huge group photo.

I started running and was running well, but the altitude was a challenge. About mile 18-20, I got to the point where I had to start taking walking breaks. I finished in 3:57:25 which was good for a sub-4.

I flew home later that day after visiting the state capitol in SLC.

