

34 Years Of Crim T-shirts On Display

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Stop in & see 34 years of Crim T-shirts on display in the Crim Hall of Fame! Collection graciously loaned by long-time Crim runner & supporter *WALLY MCLAUGHLIN*

Wally is one of those people who make Flint a special place! Wally gives generously of his time and treasure to help ensure the quality of the Crim Festival of Races and the Crim Fitness Foundation for generations to come.

In 1977, Wally had done some running on his own as well as with a group of other runners from the downtown YMCA. He distinctly remembers hearing about the first Crim 10-Mile Road Race coming to Flint on the radio and thinking, "Oh my goodness, 10 miles—only world-class athletes can run 10 miles, not people like me!" Wally didn't run that first Crim, but he continued running on his own and with friends, and the next year the wife of a friend encouraged him to join the race. His training consisted of regular shorter runs and just one 8-mile run, along with a single quick jog up and down the already infamous Bradley Hills to check them out. Since that first race, Wally has only missed two other Crim races—one in 1982 due to back surgery when he struggled through the two mile fun run, and the other in 1999 due to a family funeral (although he admits trying to convince family members to move the date of the funeral so he could still run). Wally joined the CrimFit Adult Training Program in 1995 and served as a volunteer group leader for 12 years, contributing greatly to the enormous success of that program. He is still an active walker, meeting every Tuesday and Thursday morning with an intrepid group of long-time friends and fellow enthusiasts.