Parker Classic 2007 Notes:

For the net we will use two simplex frequencies:

145.550 MHz Course Safety Net 146.490 MHz Backup

The two mile course is the same as last year. Each year the Devens road system changes due to development so the 5 mile course is different. Other than the part of the course on the school grounds most of the two courses are unique so people with a 2 mile position will have to move for the five mile race. If possible park outside the race course as you may have to move before everyone is off the course. The five mile course is our primary concern. Also by popular request they have moved the races an hour earlier.

2 Mile start at 10 AM 5 Mile start at 11 AM

We will meet in the parking lot near the corner of Antietam and MacArthur which is off the school grounds between 9:00 and 9:30 AM. The school is on the east side of this intersection.

If your assigned station is near a mile mark which is marked on the map as "N mi" and also on the street you need to find the marshal stationed there before the race starts so they can start their watch/timer when the race starts. You can then move to your assigned position if it is different. In the two mile race there is a split timer at one mile. In the five mile race they are at one, two, three, and four miles. As of the printing the names of the marshals for the splits were not settled. If you are near a water stop (one on 2 mile, and three on the five mile at the 2, 3, and 4 mile marks on the 5 mile) please report when the water stop is set up. The water stops are marked WS on the map.

With the five mile course folded up the loop covers less area than in past years so communications may be better. Still be prepared to relay if needed.

We would like to report back to the school announcer the first male and female runners at each mile mark. They will have real bib numbers that should be readable. Please hold the numbers until you get both male and female numbers to reduce the traffic. Again only the first runner in each category and only at the mile marks. You will have to listen as the race progresses to see how this develops.

The five mile course leaves the school. Turns left on Antietam Turns right on Saratoga Turns right on Barnum Turns right on Jackson Turns right on Cavite Turns left on Bates Turns left on Buena Vista Turns right on Sherman Turn right on Sherman Turn right on Walnut Walnut jogs and becomes El Caney El Caney becomes Antietam which goes back to the school driveway.

The major concern is the course crosses Sherman and Jackson which are main traffic routes. It isn't known at this time where the State Police will be stationed which may help.