



**BILL LATTER** (William B. Latter; born 14 July 1956), while not exploring the roads and trails in the mountains near his home in Tujunga, CA, is an astrophysicist at the California Institute of Technology. He is responsible for the operations of the NASA Herschel Science Center in support of the recently launched European Space Agency's Herschel Space Telescope. His scholarly works include more than 150 publications. Bill regularly runs and races long distances, having done

numerous marathons and ultra-marathon distance runs. The numbers on a clock do not drive him; for Bill running is a metaphor of life – one he wishes to experience to the fullest. He is now on the long recovery road from a back injury that threatened to end his running entirely. When he runs again, he will be attempting to run from Badwater, Death Valley to the summit of Mt. Whitney, and back again in August - a distance of 300 mile. Part of his preparations has included crewing the Badwater Ultramarathon for the famous Pam Reed in July 2005, and lengthy desert runs. He also enjoys writing, having published several articles in magazines dedicated to distance running, equestrian activities, building show cars, and living with three cats and a bird.

Bill is married to Deborah Levine, an astrophysicist at Caltech, an equestrian, and an artisan.