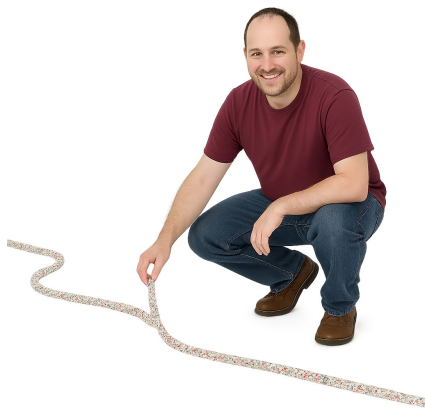




Gary began a gum wrapper chain in 1965 when he was 14. He learned from older kids. He loved collecting, so he kept making it longer. It became special.



In 1994, Gary made a very long chain with wrappers. It was over 12,000 feet long. He has broken his own record many times since.



Gary's chain is over 23 miles long. He checks it every five years with surveyors. He connects with other chain-makers online, calling them his "chain gang".



Gary loves his hobby. His chain was in New York. He wants it to be as long as a marathon. He feels proud and wants to keep going.