



**Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)**

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 Next Meeting – September 15, 2015  
 Esplanade Gardens, Converse, TX  
 A member of the American Volkssport  
 Association (AVA) & the International  
 Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)  
 The Public is always welcome

**Randolph Roadrunners  
 Volkssport Club**  
 A Walking Club Established 1980  
 PO Box 2744  
 Universal City, TX 78148-1744  
*Elected Officers*

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*Treasurer*

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*Year-round Event, DeZavala Daily Bread*

*& Broadway Daily Bread*

*Year-round Event, Junction*

*Year-round Event, Leon Creek*

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*Year-round Event, Crownridge & Friedrich*

*Park*

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*Club Website*

[www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)

*AVA Website*

[www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)

*TVA Website*

[www.walktexas.org](http://www.walktexas.org)

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**Susan Medlin** 210-325-3523

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**Renewal Time**

The following membership renewals are currently due:

**Velma Herber, Jill Zimmerman, Maggie/Gus/Finn Roberts, Dr. Bernard & Marcia Weiner, Clarence & Dianne Johnson, Betsy Kernahan, Carole Merle, Jess Meyer and Shelta & Bob Reese.** To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print off of our website:

[www.RandolphRoadrunners.info](http://www.RandolphRoadrunners.info) and send it with \$4 for 1 year or \$10 for 3 years, to Caryl Swann c/o RR, PO Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148.

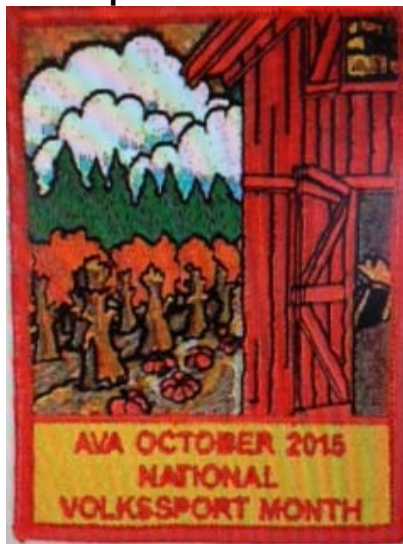
**Remember:** Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.



**Welcome, New Members:**

Sylvia Rocha San Antonio  
 Brenda A. Blackmon Ft. Sam Houston  
 And, Cheryl Lardy – welcome back!

**October 2015 - National Volkssport Month**



Patch design courtesy of Dorman Batson-Northwest Region

**RR MEETING LOCATION**

Esplanade Gardens  
 10790 Toepperwein Road  
 Converse, TX 78109

[www.esplanadeseniorcampus.com](http://www.esplanadeseniorcampus.com)

The Roadrunners meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is October 20, 2015.

**From the Desk of the Pres-**

SAVE the DATE 9 - 12 June 2016 40th anniversary of 1st Volksmarch in America.

According to Heinz Johnson's (TVA President) email: "A new AVA special committee called, "Celebrating 40 Years" has been organized to plan activities and the like for the celebration next June. The 40-year celebration is unique. It is a one-time effort that is national in scope and it will have historic implications. All Texas Volkssport clubs, their members and Texas volkssporters can take an active role in this unique effort through their thinking and ideas to help produce a quality celebration. In addition, volunteer assistance will be needed in the days ahead. Immediate help is being solicited in the form of "ideas and things" that the special committee can use in its planning process for the celebration.

Anyone can submit their "ideas and things" by email to Susan Medlin, Director, Southwest Region at: [sw\\_rd@ava.org](mailto:sw_rd@ava.org) or by snail mail to: Susan Medlin, 12527 Fern Creek, San Antonio, TX 78253. This needs to be done right away because the special committee is in its final organizational stage and it wants to be proactive and get underway immediately. Texas Volkssport clubs are in the forefront of this celebration because it will take place in Fredericksburg, site of the first Volksmarch held in the United States on 12-13 June 1976."

Ellen



## As Published in the TAW:

Kudos to all...Congratulations for your achievements!

From Oct/Nov 2015 TAW

### Events:

125	Cindy Krueger
175 -200	Carole Merle
325 -350	Susan Medlin
400	Caryl Swann
2,000	Ellen Ott
2,500	Richard White

### Distance:

1,000km	Cindy Krueger
3,000km	Susan Alton
3,500km	Susan Medlin
14,000km	Ted Cieslak



## AVA Executive Director's Updates

**Strategic Planning Update** – Keep the information coming! The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) met in San Antonio, Texas August 13-15, 2015. All AVA Regions were represented in the meetings. For a detailed report please read the update on the AVA website by the SPC Vice-Chair, Nancy Wittenberg.

The next scheduled convening of the SPC is November 17-19, in Dallas, Texas. Within the next few weeks a survey will go out via email and mail to all clubs and individual members of AVA. Your response to this survey is critical because it is one of the tools the SPC will utilize in assessing the current and future status of AVA as identified by our Clubs and Volkssporters.

If you would like to give the Strategic Planning Committee input on how you see the future of AVA and what things we need to change or add to keep AVA moving forward send your comments directly to me at [execdir@ava.org](mailto:execdir@ava.org). Be sure to put Strategic Plan Input on the subject line.

Special thanks to the Randolph RoadRunners Club for their support with the NEC and SPC meetings.



*Our Pat Roberts and Ellen Ott helped out at the NEC and SPC meetings.*

## Coming Texas Traditional Events:

10/3/2015 - 10/3/2015 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 102263 10km/5km  
**Start:** Castroville Chamber of Commerce Office  
**Event City:** Castroville - Walk Back Into History  
**Host Club:** Castroville Chamber of Commerce  
**Event Website:** [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
1115 Angelo St. Castroville, Tx 78009  
**Contact:** Jeanie Haby, (830) 538 - 3142  
**E-Mail:** [chamber@castroville.com](mailto:chamber@castroville.com)

10/3/2015 - 10/3/2015 - Guided Bike  
**Event Number:** 101790 13km/25km  
**Start:** Bastrop State Park  
**Event City:** Bastrop - SoTex Traveling Bike #4  
**Host Club:** Whatever of Texas Sporting Club  
**Event Website:** [http://faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index\\_files/Page615.htm](http://faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index_files/Page615.htm)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
21 Lowe St. Quemado, TX 78877  
**Contact:** Clay Baulch, (210) 204 - 9301  
**E-Mail:** [btcotx@gmail.com](mailto:btcotx@gmail.com)

10/9/2015 - 10/9/2015 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 101937 10km/5km  
**Start:** Gilvin Natural Science Center at Wildcat Bluff Nature Center  
**Event City:** Amarillo, TX - Wildcat Bluff Nature Center Trails  
**Host Club:** West Texas Trail Walkers  
**Event Website:** [www.westtexastrailwalkers.org](http://www.westtexastrailwalkers.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
3200 Clawson Rd. Austin, Tx 78704  
**Contact:** Linda Fields, (512) 466 - 1077

**E-Mail:** [lgfields@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lgfields@sbcglobal.net)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.westtexastrailwalkers.org/Home.html](http://www.westtexastrailwalkers.org/Home.html)

10/10/2015 - 10/10/2015 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 101938  
20km/10km/6km/5km  
**Start:** Chinaberry Day Use Area, Palo Duro Canyon State Park  
**Event City:** Canyon, TX - Comanche Trail  
**Host Club:** West Texas Trail Walkers  
**Event Website:** [www.westtexastrailwalkers.org](http://www.westtexastrailwalkers.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
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3200 Clawson Rd., Austin, TX 78704  
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10/11/2015 - 10/11/2015 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 101939 10km/5km  
**Start:** Chinaberry Day Use Area, Palo Duro Canyon State Park  
**Event City:** Canyon, TX - Lighthouse Trail  
**Host Club:** West Texas Trail Walkers  
**Event Website:** [www.westtexastrailwalkers.org](http://www.westtexastrailwalkers.org)  
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10/17/2015 - 10/17/2015 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 103323 10K/5K  
**Start:** Brookshire's Grocery  
**Event City:** Gilmer - Yamboree Festival  
**Host Club:** East Texas Trekkers  
**Event Website:** [www.WalkTx.org/EastTexasTrekking](http://www.WalkTx.org/EastTexasTrekking)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
2334 Saharah, Garland, Tx 75055  
**Contact:** Helen Hull, (972) 530-1026  
**E-Mail:** [helenthehun@yahoo.com](mailto:helenthehun@yahoo.com)  
**Club Website:**

[www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekks/](http://www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekks/)

10/17/2015 - 10/17/2015 - Walk

**Event Number:** 102372 10km/5km

**Start:** Salado Creek Greenway Trailhead

**Event City:** San Antonio - Salado Creek Greenway

**Host Club:** Texas Wanderers

**Event Website:** [www.walktx.org/Texas Wanderers](http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers)

**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**

102 Wildridge Trail

Universal City, TX 78148

**Contact:** Gerald Kamicka, (210) 658 - 2160

**E-Mail:** [GeraldK726@aol.com](mailto:GeraldK726@aol.com)

**Club Website:**

[www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers](http://www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers)

10/24/2015 - 10/24/2015 - Walk

**Event Number:** 102071 10km/5km

**Start:** Dunford Recreation Center

**Event City:** Mesquite, Texas - Mesquite Heritage Trail

**Host Club:** Dallas Trekkers, Inc.

**Event Website:**

[www.dallastrekkers.org](http://www.dallastrekkers.org)

**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**

PO Box 74831, Dallas, TX 75374

**Contact:** Dianne Duke, (214) 368 - 9730

**E-Mail:** [d.w.duke@live.com](mailto:d.w.duke@live.com)

**Club Website:** [www.dallastrekkers.org](http://www.dallastrekkers.org)

10/24/2015 - 10/24/2015 - Walk

**Event Number:** 10305 10 km/5km

**Start:** Carter & Cooley Company Delicatessen

**Event City:** Houston - Heights

**Host Club:** Houston Happy Hikers

**Event Website:**

[houstonhappyhikers.com](http://houstonhappyhikers.com)

**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**

P. O. Box 101, Orchard, Tx 77464

**Contact:** Catherine Kellner, (979) 478 - 6203

**EMail:**

[hhhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com](mailto:hhhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com)

**Club Website:**

[www.houstonhappyhikers.com](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.com)

10/24/2015 - 10/24/2015 - Boating

**Event Number:** 103085 1500m

**Start:** Zuehl's Hall @ Rio Cibolo Ranch

**Event City:** Zuehl - ZZZzzzee Boat

**Host Club:** LoneStar Walkers

**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**

27727 Ramblewood

San Antonio, Tx 78261

**Contact:** Heinz Johnson, (830) 980 - 5723

**E-Mail:** [tvapresident@gvtc.com](mailto:tvapresident@gvtc.com)

10/24/2015 - 10/24/2015 - Walk

**Event Number:** 103084 10km/5km

**Start:** Zuehl's Hall @ Rio Cibolo Ranch

**Event City:** Zuehl - ZZZzzzee Walk

**Host Club:** LoneStar Walkers

**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**

27727 Ramblewood

San Antonio, TX 78261

**Contact:** Heinz Johnson, (830) 980 - 5723

**E-Mail:** [tvapresident@gvtc.com](mailto:tvapresident@gvtc.com)

10/31/2015 - 10/31/2015 - Walk

**Event Number:** 104233 10km/5km

**Start:** Wal-Mart

**Event City:** Plano

**Host Club:** Plano Walking Club

**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**

4221 Whistler Dr, Plano, TX 75093

**Contact:** Maggie Cole, (469) 233 - 0161

**E-Mail:** [maggiec01@verizon.net](mailto:maggiec01@verizon.net)

**Club Website:**

[www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub](http://www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub)

10/31/2015 - 11/1/2015 - Walk

**Event Number:** 103489 10km/5km

**Start:** Waring VFD Hall

**Event City:** Waring - Halloween Walk-River Trail

**Host Club:** Hill Country

Volkssportverein

**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**

P O Box 822, Comfort, TX 78013

**Contact:** John Bohnert, (830) 496 - 1746

**E-Mail:** [tinabohnert@gmail.com](mailto:tinabohnert@gmail.com)



John Ives, Mike Hermes, Robert Theis, Rick White, Pat Roberts and Joanne Forinash at Highs café for Comfort Sunrise Walk 7/25/15.



Susan Medlin, Mike & Kathy Schwencke, and Darren Medlin enjoy a meal at the Highs Café and Store after completing the Sunrise Comfort walk 7/25/15.



Martin Callahan receives an AVA Certificate of Service presented by Joanne Forinash at the event with the following citation: For 15 years Martin has continued to write very skillful and researched articles for all the Randolph Roadrunner events for the American Wanderer. He manages to connect events into a history lesson whether it's how a community was developed or how an older community maintained its uniqueness.



Doug Eide stops for a picture on Gaddis Bluff Road along Cypress Creek in Comfort.

*\*All event photos, courtesy of Martin Callahan.*





A couple riding horses on Gaddis Bluff Road in Comfort stop for a picture.



Doug Eide stops for a picture in front of the Paul Ingenhuett Home on 8th Street, Comfort, designed by noted architect Alfred Giles in 1897.



**RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS**  
 PO Box 2744  
 Universal City TX 78148-1744

**RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS APPLICATION**  
 PO Box 2744, Universal City TX 78148-1744

Please check applicable box (es):

Renewal                       New Member                       Family member(s) included (see instructions below) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER FEE:** \$4.00 for 1 year  
 \$10.00 for three years

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt No. \_\_\_\_\_

This fee applies to the primary member. Additional family members require a \$2.00 fee per individual.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**RENEWAL FEE:** \$4.00 for one year  
 \$10.00 for three years

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

This renewal fee includes each family member who paid \$2.00 with the original application. If the \$2.00 fee was not paid with the original application, add family members now by including \$2.00 for each person.

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Lifetime membership for (1) one person is available for a \$30 fee.**

Family members \_\_\_\_\_

AVA Volkssport Associate     Yes     No

Amount submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Eager to serve as club officer \_\_\_\_\_ or committee chair \_\_\_\_\_