



Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)

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Next Meeting August 1, 2006
7:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral
Restaurant, Universal City
A member of the American Volkssport
Association (AVA) & the International
Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)
The Public is always welcome

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Event Information

1-800-830-WALK

TVA Website

<http://walktexas.org/>

European AVA Liaison

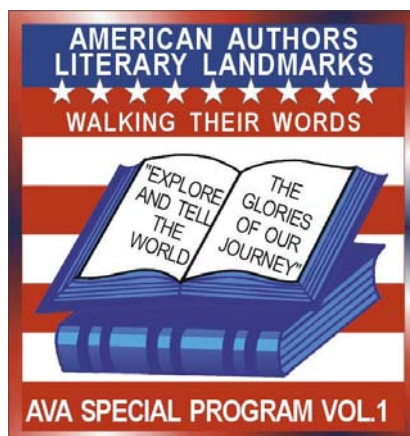
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Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:
Mary Marino, Jim & Dee Momone, Ron Rundberg, Ruth & Wiley Sanders, Joanne & John Ward, Kathryn Close, Larry Cook, and Mary Richmond. Please send in your renewal fees now. We value your membership. To renew your membership, fill out a renewal application attached or print one from the following website address: www.geocities.com/RandolphRoadrunners/membership.html and send it with your fees to Nancy Paulson c/o the club address.

Welcome, New Member!

Diane Duesterhoeft from San Antonio.



AVA Special Programs--

The American Authors and Literary Landmarks Special Program started on July 1, 2006 and ends on June 30, 2011.

Complete 15 events anywhere in the United States associated with an American author or literary landmark. For example: birthplace, cemetery, homes, city where the book takes place, or when the trail passes where you can see places described in the book. A list of events will be available with registration by state and additional information will be posted on the AVA web as more events are identified.

You may choose to focus only on mysteries, children's books, fiction, non-fiction, historical fiction, history, town histories, poetry, suspense novels, etc. Or like a library you can enter a wide variety of events in your program booklet. Passing a bookstore or a library does not count unless it has historic significance.

Remember this is a fun program. You can be as general or as specific as you want. If you find the connection, it counts. You do not have to read the book for the event to qualify.

An event stamp can only be entered once with a "+" and once without per year. Repeating the same event in another year is allowed. Each line of the record book is used to record the IVV event stamp. This program is not retroactive. You may not record previously completed events in the book. All walks must be stamped in the record book using the IVV event stamp. Handwritten entries are not allowed.

The American Authors and Literary Landmarks Special Program Book are available for \$10. Redeem it when complete to receive a 4" x 3-3/4" 100% embroidered color patch. The patch is included in the price of the book.

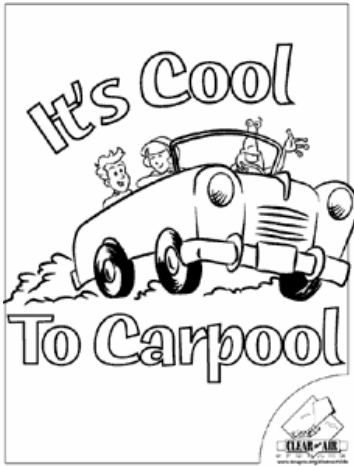
Order your book by sending \$10.00 payable to Granite State Trail Walkers, P O Box 133, Jaffrey NH 03452

Next Executive Council

Meeting. The next meeting of the AVA Executive Council XIV will be held in Seattle, Washington on September 30, 2006.

TAW Deadline The deadline for the October 2006 issue of TAW is August 25. All articles and photographs should be submitted directly to: The American Wanderer, Laurel Parrott, Editor, 3526 Humboldt Ave. N.,

Minneapolis, MN 55412, email Laurel@home-media.com. Be sure to include "TAW" in the subject line of the email.



Carpooling to Events-

With the current higher gas prices, carpooling is a great way to cut travel expenses to walking events that are out of town.

If anyone is interested in carpooling to any of the walks, please contact David Toth, 521-8684, e-mail dntoth@scbglobal.net.

SALES --- VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED

The RR Sales Committee position is open for a volunteer (one person or two or more people working together) to help at events promoting sales of club logo T-shirts, polo shirts, AVA logo walking socks, Starting Point books, etc. If any member would like to help relieve Joanne Forinash and serve their club on the Sales Committee, please contact Ellen Ott.

Coming Texas Events:

8/6/2006 - 8/6/2006 - Walk
Event Number: 74658 5K/10K
Start: Redbud YMCA
Event City: Abilene
Host Club: Shoeleather Express
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:
3117 Meander Street
Abilene, TX 79602
Contact: Chris Scott, (325) 698 - 5616
E-Mail: Elachrisscott@msn.com
Club Website:
www.walktx.org/Abilene.html

8/6/2006 - 8/6/2006 - Swim

Event Number: 74659 300 Meter
Start: Redbud YMCA
Event City: Abilene
Host Club: Shoeleather Express
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:
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8/6/2006 - 8/6/2006 - Swim
Event Number: 74660 300 Meters
Start: Redbud YMCA
Event City: Abilene
Host Club: Shoeleather Express
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
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8/19/2006 - 8/19/2006 - Walk
Event Number: 74718 10K
Start: GNC Store
Event City: Dallas
Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.
Event Website:
www.dallastrekkers.org
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:
P. O. Box 743813
Dallas, TX 75374
Contact: Jim Carlo, (214) 693 - 1776
E-Mail: j.carlo@ieee.org
Club Website:
www.dallastrekkers.org/

AVA Awards

Nominations Nominations are now being accepted. Get an awards nomination form off the AVA website, fill it out and submit it to your Regional Director by November 1, 2006 if you would like the award presented at the National Convention.

Nominate those special, hard working volunteers for the honors they so greatly deserve. Some of the criteria has been changed, but the idea is still the same. Hall of Fame awards and Distinguished Service awards must

include service at the national level.

Nominations for Meritorious Service awards and Certificate of Service Awards service may include national service, but that is not a requirement. These two awards will be bestowed by the Regional Director at an appropriate time, not necessarily limited to the regional meetings at the convention. Certificate of Appreciation awards may be bestowed by club presidents, with the approval of the Regional Director, at any appropriate time. As a volunteer organization, it is critical that we remember to say thank you to our committed workers. Nothing hurts more than feeling "taken for granted" and this is your chance to recognize those who are the life blood of our organization.

IRS Q&A by Bob Wright

Have a question or comments? Send them to Bob at rcwright_va@adelphia.net
May Our Club Lend Its Name to a Cause? Certainly. Your organization has a purpose and promoting that is its duty. Supporting a kindred cause might be in line with that duty. Remember too that volunteers come forward because they believe in the organization's purpose, not for monetary gain. Before deciding, understand what the cause is all about. If it is educating the public on one of the purposes as stated in your Bylaws and those of the AVA, then that is okay. If it is trying to directly influence legislation, that is lobbying and that is not okay. (See also the IRS Q&A in the December 2005 Checkpoint. Tax-exempt organizations may educate, not influence.)

Of equal importance, decide if your organization wants to be associated with that cause. Is it reputable? Will it further, or compromise or complicate, achieving your organization's purpose? Will it generate good, or ill, will in the community? Is it a 501(c)(3) in its own right already? Who is already supporting it; do you want to be associated with those organizations too?

When considering lending your club's name (and logo), think about the impact and implications. You are a member club of the AVA and what

