



Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)

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Next Meeting August 19, 2008
7:00 p.m. at the Universal City Library,
100 Northview Dr., 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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Volkssport Club**
A Walking Club Established 1980
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swrd@gvtc.com

Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:
Betty Berry, Polly Anderson, Georgeann Bodnar, Joe and Gloria Garcia, Herbert Laing, Angela Matey, Jim & Dee Momone, Magdalena Olson, David Osinski, Hilda Vazquez and Dorothy Martin.
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.

MEETING PLACE & DATE:

The next RR club meeting will be held at the Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive which is one block west of the AVA with the side of the library on Pat Booker Rd.

Our next meeting date is August 19th and we will meet on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month until further notice.

Next Executive Council

Meeting. The next meeting of your Executive Council is in Oklahoma City, Saturday, November 8, 2008.

Kudos to the Following Volkssport Achievers:

(From TAW April/May events and distance)
Michael Travis 300 events
Tony Paulson 325-350 events
Nancy Paulson 325-350 events
Martin Callahan 1,200 events
Tony Paulson 3,500 km
Nancy Paulson 3,500 km
Mary Quandt 17,000 km
Bernard Weiner 21,000 km
Richard White 30,000 km

(From TAW June/July events and distance)

Barbara Durkin 10 events
Christine Lindsey 50 events
Marta Knape 100 events
Reuben Knape 100 events
Patricia Lagleder 100 events
Kaitlyn Lindsey 200 events
Marie Sorrell 500 events
Suzanne Markgraf 550 events
Joanne Forinash 700 events
Kaitlyn Lindsey 500 km
Robert Sorrell 500 km
Marta Knape 1,000 km
Rueben Knape 1,000 km
Patricia Lagleder 1,000 km
Joanne Forinash 7,000 km
Carlen Forinash 17,000 km
John White 30,000 km

Kudos also

to Pat Gunter who has completed the following AVA Special Programs:
Lighthouses U.S.A
Walking Courthouses in the U.S.A.
Walking Europe in the U.S.A.
U.S. Presidents
Walking the U.S.A., A-Z
Route 66.

AVA Checkpoint Notes:

Promoting Volkssporting

Remember that AVA has brochures, business cards and other items they can send you to help promote Volkssporting any time your club hosts a booth at a local health fair or other promotional event.

The 2008-2009 Walk-Together Patch

We have selected the Walk-Together patch for 2008-2009. It will be available for events starting in September, 2008. The patch design came from 12 year old Callie Dunn, of troop 2637 in Centreville, Virginia, part of Girl Scouts of Our Nations Capitol. Bob Wright of the Loudoun Walking and Volkssport Club arranged with the council to hold the patch contest.



If your club has held Walk-Togethers with Girl Scouts and would like to work with the Girl Scout council in your area to design the patch for the 2009-2010 school year, please contact me, Nancy Wittenberg, at avayouth@ava.org. It would be great if a club in the west or south would volunteer. We have guidelines and forms which you can use. Because it is an award, those who want the patch must walk for credit. The patch can be used as the award for everyone for your walk if you wish, not just Girl Scouts. It can be ordered from AVA on consignment so you're not burdened with paying for patches you can't use. Please be conservative when you order patches. The AVA sends the patches with a Girl Scout Patches Consignment form. You return the form with the count of patches sold, and the unused patches along with the stamp for your walk. You can get patches on consignment for a scheduled group walk of a year round or seasonal as well. The AVA will bill the club for patches used. The cost for patches you use is \$1 each. Call the AVA office or email them to order patches and let them know what walk you want them for. If you want to have patches on hand for year rounds or seasonals, you may purchase the patches ahead of time. Purchased patches may not be returned. Please remember that unless you are working with a local troop directly, Girl Scout councils need a great deal of lead time to publish events. It is now summer and most troops are not active until the fall. It would be a good time now, to contact your local council about walks you might be planning for winter or spring. Check out the AVA's website under Special Programs/Youth Programs to see more

information about Walk-Togethers. It includes a downloadable .PDF format copy of a Walk-Together brochure which explains the process of arranging for walks for Girl Scouts. We'll be updating it with the new patch design shortly.

Your Photos Needed

Do you have photos that would be appropriate for the AVA web page? If so, please email them to us at avaHQ@ava.org. We cannot guarantee that every photo we receive will be used but we would like to change it out frequently.

Sanctioning a Year Round/Seasonal Event for 2009?

The sanctioning window is currently open and will remain so until the end of August. This is the only time of the year that you can sanction a Year Round Event. Seasonal Events entered during this time will appear in Starting Point as well.

Staff News

*By Candace Purcell, AVA
Financial/Personnel Director*

I am happy to now inform you that all regular staff have completed cross training in events, membership, and awards. If any staff member is absent on leave or out with illness another staff member can help you. Please join us in congratulating Cathy Turman, Events Coordinator, on her college graduation this June.

We have been receiving many calls from customers soon after they placed their orders wanting to know when they will receive their order. As printed in the TAW and on the web site, we allow four weeks for shipping. The reason we allow this length of time is that all shipping is done by one person, Kevin. Kevin usually ships out every week, however; in case he has to take care of other duties such as invoicing, or is out due to illness, then the four weeks allowable gives him time to perform these duties and shipping.

We also have customers sending in orders wanting us to notify them by phone or fax that we got the order. Again, this is not possible with only one person, namely Kevin, doing the

invoicing, and shipping. If you have a specific date you need your merchandise by then it should be specified on the order. If the date you want your merchandise by is close to the date we receive your order then we will contact you to see if you want to pay for next day or second day air, again we can not repeatedly try to contact you, so please provide us a way to reach you during our operating hours of 8 to 5, Monday through Friday. Central Standard Time.

Only Clubs are allowed to have orders billed, all individuals must pre-pay for merchandise including shipping. The shipping chart is located on the web and in the TAW. Figure shipping on your total order then apply the discount then add Texas sales tax of 8.25%, if your shipping address is located in Texas. Some individual orders are being sent in without enough money included to pay the total. Those not including the correct payment will have to be held and eventually returned if we can not promptly get in touch with you.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

There are three Special Events Programs that will end on December 31, 2008. You have five months to get them all finished and get that much coveted award. Those closing December 31, 2008 are:
"College Campus"
"Lighthouses of the USA"
"American Revolution Walks"

The great news is that there are 8 **new** programs beginning January 1, 2009. It appears there should be at least one special event program that would fit your special interest or walk favorites. You have five months to get your books and be ready to start your new programs by January 1, 2009.

NEW SPECIAL EVENT PROGRAMS:

1. "Celebrate American's Gardens"
Public Flower Gardens and Flower Festivals. 5 levels—Digger to Masters Gardner.
January 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2011
2. "Museum Walk America"
25 events that pass by a Museum
January 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2011

3. "Veterans Memorial"
30 events that pass a veteran
statue/memorial/monument.
January 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2012

4. "Walking Waterfalls"
12 events that include the sighting of a
natural waterfall.
January 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2011

5. "America's Artistic Heritage"
25 events passing an active or historic
community theatre, Opera house or
fine arts museum.
January 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2011

6. "Liberty Bell Rings"
15 events that pass the bell displayed
outside or the location where it is
housed.
July 4, 2009 through July 4, 2012

7. "Walking America's Fire Houses"
24 events passing a Fire House
January 1, 2009 through Dec.31, 2011.

8. "Walking Historic Churches"
15 events passing Historic Churches at
least 75 years old.
January 1, 2009 though Dec. 31, 2009.

Of course, there are other Special
Events Programs that are already in
existence that won't end in 2008.

You may get additional information
from the internet @ava.org.-under
Special Programs, the American
Wanderer, at any Randolph
Roadrunner sponsored walk or by
calling Joanne Forinash @210-493-
8543

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE
ADVENTURE AND FUN! GET
YOUR BOOKS AND BE READY
TO START STAMPING BY
JANUARY 1, 2009.**

Joanne Forinash, Sales

Labor Day Cruise

While there is still room for you on
The Bad Pennies Adventure to Canada
and New England, some of the
cheaper cabins have been sold out.
Member price starts at \$20 less than
the price listed on the web site
[http://thebadpennies.org/new_england
canada_cruise.htm](http://thebadpennies.org/new_england_canada_cruise.htm) There will be
IVV walks in Boston (along the
Freedom Trail), Newport (Cliff walk
along the fabulous mansions), Halifax,
Nova Scotia, and St. John, New

Brunswick. Ship also stops at Bar
Harbor, Maine (see where the sun first
touches the United States in the
morning). Deposit is \$300. For more
information call Matt at 703-980-
0392. There also is a bus to the pier in
Brooklyn, New York leaving from
Washington, DC, Baltimore,
Wilmington, and Philadelphia. Other
buses start at Providence RI and in
Pennsylvania. There also is parking at
the pier.

Matt

Quilt Cruise to Bermuda

I know there are plenty of quilters in
our walking groups so thought I would
just tell you about this one coming up
in May 24, 2009. Baltimore to
Bermuda on NCL. The teachers are
Jeanette Pie of Talking Quilts and
Lynne Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles.
I have several couples who (she quilts
and they both walk) are going along
and some singles who need
roommates.

There are some great places to walk
and lots of historic things to see. If
you live anywhere close to Baltimore
they do have parking at the port.. If
anyone has any interest or questions,
please email me privately at
avawalk5@comcast.net and I will be
happy to provide more information.
The prices are very good!
*Sandy Lynch -- AVA 470
Worldwide Volkssport Tours
Laurel, Maryland*

Huntsville YRE

The Start/Finish point at the
Huntsville, Texas Year Round
Event has been relocated, effective
immediately. Kaldi's Koffee Shop
closed abruptly.
The new location is the Walker
Education Center of the Sam Houston
Memorial Museum. Hours are 09:00
AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesday - Saturday.
Noon - 4:30 PM, Sunday. CLOSED
ON MONDAY.
For more information, visit
[http://www.houstonhappyhikers.org/Y
RE/YRE-Hville.htm](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.org/YRE/YRE-Hville.htm)

DIRECTIONS:

From Dallas: Take I-45 South to Exit
116, turn left onto 11th St/Hwy
30/190E. Cross over I-45 overpass,
turn right on Sam Houston Ave (6th
stop light by Walker County

Courthouse). Proceed to 19th St (4th
stop light). Turn right. Proceed half a
block past the Steamboat House to the
Education Center, on the right.
From Houston: Take I-45 North to
Exit 114. Continue on the feeder road,
turn right [east] at 19th Street [Ward's
Furniture is on the corner]. Continue
about 8 blocks to Avenue O. The
Education Center is on the right,
about half a block up.
From East: Hwy 30 to Sam Houston
Ave on west side of Courthouse.
Proceed as above [from Dallas].
From West: Hwy 30 past I-45.
Proceed as above [from Dallas].
See ya on the trail!

*Andy Howard
Houston Happy Hikers*

MS Research Walk

Hi,
Just wanted to tell you all that I have
finished plotting the route for my next
sponsored walk in aid of MS research
- 5,262 miles to 412 newspaper offices
and 310 radio stations in England,
over a period of 8 and a half months,
starting with the North of England at
the end of August.
Could I request the groups' help and
ask you to please send an email
to the Daily Mail -
news@dailymail.co.uk - saying
something along the
lines of "have you seen how far this
guy at www.aboutms.co.uk is
walking in support of The Myelin
Project and The Accelerated Cure
Project"? I will be writing to them
shortly and I'm sure they will be more
likely to listen if they have heard
about the walk already.
Thanks
*Andy Monk andy@aboutms.co.uk
www.aboutms.co.uk*

Coming Texas Events:

8/3/2008 - 8/3/2008 - Walk
Event Number: 80849 10km/5km
Start: Galatyn Park DART Station -
The Eiseman Center and the
Renaissance Hotel are near the walk
Event City: Richardson
Host Club: Plano Walking Club
Event Website:
[www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub/Bro
chureTVA0808.doc](http://www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub/BrochureTVA0808.doc)
More Details: [Click here for
directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Write for more information to:

4221 Whistler Dr., Plano, TX 75093

Contact: Maggie Cole, (972) 612 - 8129

E-Mail: MaggieC@airmail.net

Club Website:

www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub

8/23/2008 - 8/23/2008 - Walk

Event Number: 80878 10km/5km

8/23/2008 - 8/23/2008 - Bike

Event Number: 80879 25km

Start: Nueces Canyon Elementary School

Host Club: BTC Oddsports Club

Event Website:

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

Write for more information to:

6438 Hill Creek Dr.

San Antonio, TX 78256

Contact: Clay Baulch, (210) 698 - 0949

E-Mail: btco@satx.rr.com

Event Number: 80965 10km/5km

Start: Castroville Regional Park

Event City: Castroville

Host Club: Castroville Chamber of Commerce

Event Website: www.castroville.com

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

Write for more information to:

2648 FM 471 N

Castroville, TX 78009

Contact: Janet Bednarz, (830) 931 - 3158

E-Mail: jtbednarz@yahoo.com

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PO Box 2744

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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

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

Address _____

Apt No. _____

RENEWAL FEE:

\$4.00 for one year

\$10.00 for three years

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.

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number _____

AVA Volkssport Associate

Yes / No

E-mail address _____

Family members _____

Eager to serve as club officer _____ committee chair _____

Amount submitted \$ _____