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Next Meeting – 3/13/2024

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
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SWRD: Susan Medlin

Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:

January 1: Howard & Lyn Tidwell, Leila Rathburn, William King, Hilda Juarez, and David Estes.

February 1: Connie & Jim Tree, Jose Jimenez, Cassie White, Jen Ruiz and Ginah Vrooman.

March 1: Wayne Cume

To renew your RR membership, fill out the attached application or print it off our website:

www.RandolphRoadrunners.info and send it with \$4 for 1 year or \$10 for 3 years, to Suzanne Markgraf c/o: RR, PO Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148. Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.

Welcome New Members!

Dan Dean San Antonio
Joanne Beecher Hondo
Tom & Cynthia Cochran San Antonio

The next RR club meeting will be held March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Universal City Public Library, 100 Northview Drive, Universal City, TX 78148.



Desk of the Pres--

First Friday: The First Friday walk is held each month starting at the AVA headquarters, 1008 S. Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78210. **Friday, March 1, 2024 is the next scheduled walk. Questions? Call Ellen 210-723-8574**

Sneakers/Tennis shoe

fundraiser: Ellen is still collecting gently used sneakers or tennis shoes for the AVA fundraiser. Bring to any RR meeting or walk event.



Upcoming RR events:

March 14, Thursday, for Pi Day – for the featured YRE Crown Ridge.

March 15, Friday, for Pi Day – for the featured YRE 1604 at Salado Creek.

Free pie treats at walks.

There will be No Pi walk on Saturday March 16 due to the Traditional Event scheduled.

March 23 – Saturday, Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood in conjunction with the OST100 weekend celebration.



TEXAS VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION

TVA Meeting Weekend in

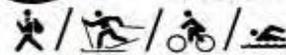
Kerrville - Join us March 8 - 10, 2024 at The Inn of The Hills Resort for a 5 Year-Round walk weekend. The TVA Meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 9. All are invited to attend.

Reserve Your Room asking for “TVA Group Rate” prior to March 7th: Inn of The Hills Resort, 1001 Junction Hwy 800-292-5690 \$149 Per Night W/Breakfast for Two \$139 Per Night W/O Breakfast.

Or at the Best Western 2124 Sidney Baker 830-896-1313 \$133.00 Per Night Includes Breakfast.



**AMERICA'S
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Make Plans to Join Us in San Antonio, Saturday, April 27, 2024, For the King William Parade!

Please call the AVA office at 210-659-2112 to register if you want to walk in the King William Fair parade or you can RSVP by emailing henry@ava.org with your name and the number of participants in your group.

Please put King William Parade in the subject line. Children and grandchildren are welcome to participate with you. Parade participants are limited to the first thirty individuals who RSVP.

This event draws over 30,000 national and international participants. Parade participants will walk approximately three miles carrying an IVV or IML banner. What a terrific way to market the AVA and our Clubs!

Don't forget Medal Mania! Ellen is collecting medals for the King William Fair sale on April 27 this year – 210-723-8574.

Accounting Specialist - Marian Devaul

Starting Point Books

We still have 2024 Starting Point books available for sale at a cost of \$30.00 plus shipping and handling. For purchase, please e-mail marian@ava.org, or call 210-659-2112.

This bound 7 1/2" x 9" publication is your comprehensive guide to 1,966 self-guided events throughout the United States. The book includes directions to the events, trail ratings, hours of operation and whether an award is offered. Follow the link to order form. <https://cb.ava.org/checkpoint/2023/June/StartingPointBookPreOrderForm%202024.pdf>



San Antonio OST100 Conference

Join us March 22 – 23 for the final reenactment in the decade-long series of Centennial Reenactments of annual Old Spanish Trail auto highway conventions. To be most spectacular with: a stagecoach from San Diego, Bexar County Sheriff Mounted Patrol leading the equestrian parade, Ford Model "T"s and "A"s transporting the dignitaries.

The Exhibit Hall provides an opportunity for cities, counties, and parishes to display their unique OST

highway corridor accomplishments or their area's tourism sites.

The San Antonio, Texas, March 22-23, 2024 Information Packet and attached Registration Forms are posted in the Info Packet on

<http://www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com> Ost100 Centennial Reenactment Registration Is Free and Open to The Public, Anyone Loving the Open Road.

Registration Is Required to Ensure Enough Complimentary Food and Materials Donated by Generous Businesses and Organizations. Registration Due by Wednesday, March 14, 2024

This will be the last of our OST100 reenactments. Thank you for your continued interest in our scenic route to I-10 and your participation in our OST100 events.

Happy Trails,
Charlotte Kahl, Co-Founder OST100
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldspanishtrailhwy/>
omeka.stmarytx.edu/omeka-s/s/ost/item

Tales from the Trails

Susan Alton's Facebook post about the TTR-IML walking event February 23-25

Over three days, the IML (International Marching League) and Texas Trail Roundup, in conjunction with AVA, America's Walking Club, held several walks of different lengths in San Antonio, Texas.



The flags represent IML (International Marching League) nations.

We had 184 people, 57 from foreign countries: Germany, Austria, Ireland, Turkey, Great Britain, The Czech Republic, Russia, Norway, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Denmark, Puerto Rico, and Israel.

Bob and I were involved in trail marking, unmarking, preregistration packet pickup, manning a checkpoint, working at the finish table, venue cleanup, and helping put the clubs' belongings back into our storage unit.

We had a chance to talk to people from other countries and welcome them to San Antonio. There were many comments from our guests about how beautiful San Antonio is. Many international walkers have been coming to our Texas Trail Roundup event since we first had it four years ago!

Some of the most dedicated workers were: Susan and Darren Medlin, Mike and Kathy Schwencke, Wayne Henry, Jim Tree, Pat Gunter, Terri Tyler, John Ives, Erin Grosso, Marian DeVaul, Hector Hernandez, Helen Hull, Mike Jones, Susan and Joe Noonan, Ken and Susan Fine, Doug Eide, Jill Troyer, Dolores Grenier, Fritz Knape, Mike Hermes, and Louise Menchaca. In addition, many thanks to all the people who manned the checkpoints.

On Saturday morning, while Fritz and I were manning the Hot Wells marathon checkpoint, we saw a beautiful grey fox lope by us two times. Doug Eide came by on his bike. He was responsible for keeping pace with the walkers to make certain they were going the correct route, and he kept a lookout for anyone who might have fallen or had medical issues. Jim Tree stopped by on his bike to clear the markers off the trail when the last of the 24 marathon walkers passed by our checkpoint.

Sunday morning, I was scheduled to work the finish table from 9:15 am to 1 pm. Early on, it was very slow as the walkers returned at their own pace. But from noon to 1 pm, it got very busy.



The Viking Strollers accept their San Antonio Missions Military Marathon award boot and streamer for their club's flag



San Antonio Missions Military Marathon award boot. The Viking Strollers have won the award for three years in a row.

The closing ceremony was from 1:15-2:15 pm. After that, all the volunteers in the hall helped put away the flags, flag stands, and other items needed to run the event.

The event was a success and the attendees liked it. That's pretty darn good! The return rate of international travelers to San Antonio for our event attests to the fact that we put on good walks!



**TEXAS VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
2024 VOLKSSPORTING CLUBS
OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS
CALENDAR**

Note: This is **NOT** an official document. Always verify events/dates on.ava.org or with the applicable club.

March:

- SAT/02 – VVF, Llano (T)
- SAT/09 – HCV, Inn of the Hills, Kerrville (YRE) TVA Meeting, Calendar Meeting
- THU/15-FRI/16 – RRR, π Day
- SAT/16 – TXW, Universal City (YRE)
- SAT/23 – RRR, Old Spanish Trail Event-Woodlawn Lake
- SAT/30 – HCV, Comfort (T)

April:

NATIONAL WALK WEEK

- MON/01 –Fredericksburg, Marktplatz, Walker's Choice, 3 YREs
- TUE/02 –RRR, Boerne, Comfort Inn, 3 YREs
- WED/03 –RRR, Friedrich Wilderness Park
- THU/04 –RRR, Salado Creek at 1604
- FRI/05 ---RRR, Hardberger Park
- SAT/06 –TTR, Japanese Tea Garden (T)
- SUN/07 –RRR, Eisenhower Park-TBD
- MON/08 –*Eclipse*, RRR, Trail @ the Rim
- WED/10-MON/15 –ETT, *New Mexico Walking event*

Club Abbreviations

- CRW – Colorado River Walkers
- ETT - East Texas Trekkers
- HCV – Hill Country Volkssportverein
- RRR – Randolph Roadrunners
- SAP – San Antonio Pathfinders
- TTR – Texas Trail Roundup
- TXW – Texas Wanderers
- VVF – Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg



Texas Traditional Events for March 2024: (Please check the AVA website for any changes or cancellations)

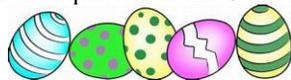
- 3/2/2024 - 3/2/2024 - Walk
Event Number: 126706
Event City: Llano - LEAF-free Walk
Host Club: Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Club Website: www.walktx.org/AVA1

- 3/16/2024 - 3/16/2024 - Walk
Event Number: 126731
Event City: Dallas - Bluffview - near Love Field
Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Club Website: www.dallastrekkers.org



- 3/23/24 – 3/23/24 – Walk
Event Number: 126806
Start: 219 Alexander St.
Event City: San Antonio-Woodlawn Lake/OST walk
Host Club: Randolph Roadrunners
Event Website: OST100Kahl@aol.com
Club Website:

<http://www.randolphroadrunners.info>
Walk will be part of the OST (Old Spanish Trail) Centennial Reenactment and South Texas Road Conference with the headquarters at the Gunter Hotel.



- 3/30/24 – 3/30/24 – Walk
Event Number: 126831
Event City: Comfort, TX
Start: Comfort Community Park, Easter Walk
Host Club: Hill Country Volkssportverein
POC: tinabohnert@gmail.com



**NATIONAL WALKING WEEK
April 1 – 7, 2024**

Walks Sponsor: Randolph Roadrunners

Walk Week Schedule:

1 April Monday- Fredericksburg YRE -registration at Kinder Hallé next to the playground - (the closest intersection is Austin and Crocket) start 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2 April Tuesday — Boerne YRE – Registration at Comfort Inn, 35000 IH-10W, Boerne, TX 78006 start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

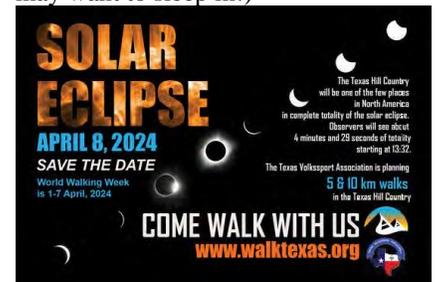
3 April Wednesday - Friedrich Park YRE – Registration, stamp and directions at start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

4 April Thursday — Salado - 1604 YRE – Registration, stamp and directions at the start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. SAS shoe factory tour is at 2 p.m. – limited to the first 8 people only who reserve with Ellen.

5 April Friday — Hardberger Park YRE – Registration, stamp and directions will be at park, start 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

6 April Saturday — Japanese Tea Garden - (Traditional walk) see AVA website for details.

7 April Sunday — Wild Card! – (you may want to sleep in!)



8 April Monday – Start 10:30 to 1:30. The RR's will host a traditional walk event on the eclipse day, starting at the Marquis Trail Head. Eclipse glasses will be available for purchase at the walk as supplies last.

We have reserved a block of rooms for National Walking Week and the total eclipse for 1-8 April 2024.

The hotel is Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio near La Cantera Parkway. [15806 IH10 West San Antonio 78249](#)

Cutoff date for reservations is on or before 15 February 2024.

Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-325-0720; refer to group # 10066742.

- 1 April (Monday), 2 April (Tuesday) 3 April (Wednesday) 4 April (Thursday) the rate is \$169 + tax per night for 2 queen beds.
 - 5 and 6 April (Friday and Saturday) the rate is \$199 + tax per night.
 - 7 and 8 April (Sunday and Monday) the rate is \$269 + tax for each night with a minimum of those two nights. Full breakfast is included, complimentary evening drinks and snacks and free Wi-Fi
- Social events are being planned for the week.
- POC:** Ellen Ott, (210) 723-8574; email: ellenott@sbcglobal.net - Event website:

www.randolphroadrunners.info.



AVA Fundraising Bus Tour to The Volksmarch at Crazy Horse Memorial May 30 – June 3, 2024

The AVA National Office is organizing a fundraising bus tour to the Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch, May 30 – June 3, 2024. The tour bus will leave San Antonio early morning on Thursday, May 30, 2024, with an overnight stop in Colorado Springs on the way out and back from Rapid City, SD. The tour bus will return to San Antonio late evening on Monday, June 3, 2024.

The cost is \$995.00 per person. This includes four hotel nights with breakfast and 3 AVA sanctioned walks to include the Crazy Horse Memorial walk. Space

is limited to the first forty registrants. A small non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your seat.

Trip Details: Destination: Rapid City, South Dakota to attend the Crazy Horse Memorial hike on June 1, 2024.

Departure: The bus will depart from a designated area in San Antonio, Texas to Rapid City, South Dakota the morning of May 30 and arrive in Rapid City, South Dakota, the afternoon of May 31. The bus will make an overnight stop in Colorado Springs, CO on May 30.

Return: The bus will return from Rapid City, South Dakota to San Antonio, on June 2 and arrive in San Antonio late evening June 3. The bus will make an overnight stop in Colorado Springs, CO on June 2.

Hotels: Included in the cost are two nights' stay at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Colorado Springs and two nights' stay at the Quality Inn in Rapid City. Breakfast is included.

Lunch: A box lunch is included in the cost for the departure trip. Refreshments will be provided on the bus. Guests are responsible for all meals other than breakfast as the hotels.

Walks: The bus tour includes the fee for 3 AVA sanctioned walks. Please bring a couple of nonperishable canned goods to pay for the entry fee to the Crazy Horse Memorial hike.

Cost: The total cost of the trip is \$995.00 per person for single occupancy and \$743.00 per person for double occupancy. If you are sharing a room with 3 or more people refer to the linked registration form for pricing. The cost includes transportation, room charges, breakfast at the hotels, 1 box lunch on the departing trip to Colorado Springs.

A deposit of 25% of the total cost is required to reserve your seat. The balance of the registration fee is due by May 1st, 2024. Beginning May 1st, registrants must pay for the trip in full. Cancellations before May 1st will receive a full refund minus \$50 service

fee. No refunds will be given after May 1st, 2024.

The American Volkssport Association (AVA) reserves the right to cancel this fundraising trip due to not enough participation. Should the AVA cancel the trip, fees will be 100% refunded.

Follow this link for the registration form:

[Crazy Horse Bus Tour Registration Form 2.5.2024.pdf \(ava.org\)](#)



Eleventh Biennial Atlantic Region Conference – Dover, DE

The First State Webfooters are hosting the 2024 AVA Atlantic Region Conference (ARC) in Dover, Delaware. The ARC will take place April 5, 6 and 7, 2024 and will include spectacular walks with opportunities to check off some AVA Special Programs – Walking with America's Veterans, City Hall/Town Halls, and Walking the United States - State Capitals.

A bicycle event and a swim event are also available for those interested in doing a triathlon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Email: info@firststatewebfooters.org; First State Webfooters - 2024 Atlantic Regional Conference (google.com) Conference brochure is available [here](#).

**Blue Skys of Texas Walk
January 13, 2024**



Betty Overacker, Pat Gunter (seated), Kathy Schwencke, Jane Radigan and Ellen Ott (seated) pose for a picture at the registration table



Martin Callahan with Winston in the basket of his rollator, Charley Watt, Jr. and JohnDavid Griffin with Dolly pose for a picture with a fountain in the lake visible in the distance behind them.



Volkssporters following the trail through a neighborhood.

RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS

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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 \$10.00 for three years

Address _____

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.

by _____
E-mail address _____

If the \$2.00 fee was not paid with the original application, add family members now including \$2.00 for each person.

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