

# the ROADRUNNER



## Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)

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7:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral  
Restaurant, Universal City  
A member of the American Volkssport  
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Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)  
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A Walking Club Established 1980  
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## Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:  
**Camille Fiorillo, Rick & Monique Baysinger, Ramona Cain-Parent, Barbara Fitzgerald, Richard & Henrietta Harrison, Gerda van Impelen, Randi Jones, Karen & Jonathan Marsh, The Arrendondo family, Sheryl Babiak, Diana Carroll, Malcolm & Barbara Carter, Luz Craven, Nancy & Fred Riley, The Smart family, Mary & Michael Walker and Mary Ellen Waters.**

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](http://www.geocities.com/RandolphRoadrunners/membership.html) and send it with your fees to Nancy Paulson c/o the club address.

## Welcome, New Members

Terri Schwarting, San Antonio  
Art & alma Dominguez, Converse  
The Killian family, San Antonio  
The Veale family, Helotes  
Janel Bacote, San Antonio  
The Contreras family, Kingsbury  
Polly Ruppert, Cibolo  
Caroline Moody, Cibolo

## BACK-TO-THE-BEGINNING

The RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS Volkssport Club was chartered by the AVA on 27 March 1980 as the 44th club in the United States and the 14th in Texas. The club just observed its 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Last year the founder of the club proposed a BACK-TO-THE-BEGINNING program to recognize the genesis and development of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS Volkssport Club.

The concept revealed at the March Club Meeting was to hold a special event to mirror the RANDOLPH

ROADRUNNERS first event or first years: a walk, bike and swim along with a fest of music, food and drinks. 1980 prices would be charged for the events and a commemorative medal would be awarded. Special sale items such as a cap, T-shirt, sweat shirt, polo shirt, and the like would be produced.

Past club event giveaway and sale items, newsletters, photographs and memorabilia would be displayed and past club officers would be invited to take part in the festivities including the founding group and other volkssport dignitaries.

The initial step in B-t-t-B project development is the selection of a date. Times to consider include but are not limited to:

...Date of Event #1 (May-June)  
...Date of Event #2 (December)  
...Date of TeXas 10 (second weekend in August)  
...Date of Charter (March)  
AND...should it be in 2008(BD-28), 2009(BD-29), or 2010(BD-30)?

Setting a date will be a primary discussion item at the April Club Meeting along with the appointment of a planning group. The magnitude envisioned for this project requires the entire club membership to play a role...big or small, but everyone's involvement will be important.

**YOUR ideas and YOUR attendance** at the April meeting will help get this project initialized. **YOUR** thinking and contributions are essential to make **B-t-t-B** an event to remember in volkssport circles.

Heinz Johnson

## Kudos to the Following Volkssport Achievers:

(from TAW Feb./March events and distance)

Tony Paulson	275-300 events 3,000 km
Nancy Paulson	275-300 events 3,000 km
Marie Sorrell	400 events

Martin Callahan	1,100 events 17,000 km
Ellen Ott	1,100 events
Rick White	1,700 events
Joan Lyman	11,000 km
Marcia Weiner	19,000 km

## ***Mitchell Lake Event***

We had 277 participants at the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center walk. Our loyal workforce included Tony and Nancy Paulson, Joanne and Carlen Forinash, Molly and MikeLey, Randy Baker, Heinz Johnson, David Toth, Totsy Miller, Joan Whealen, Gloria and Alan Mick, Larry Cook, Mike Hermes, Travis Perez, Pat Gunter and Darlene Oner. The highlight of the day was the alligator sighting. Hope someone got pictures! Thank you to all who volunteered. The April meeting will include planning the calendar for 2008, discussion of the "Back to the Beginning" event and deciding on a silent auction item for the AVA convention.

## ***SE Regional Road Trip!***

The following is a schedule from Marvin Stokes, Regional Director for the Southeast Region, regarding an organized volkssport trip called, FIESTA SAN ANTONIO & OTHER YRES. A group of walkers led by Marvin Stokes, (many of them are folks who went to the Disney World walk that David Toth did last November) intend to be here for Fiesta. The following itinerary was sent by Marvin F.Y.I. for anyone who would like to join their group walks.

Sunday, April 22nd --Shiner, TX. We should arrive between 10:00-10:30 a.m. and plan to do the Downtown YRE Y0559. We are going to allow three hours for the walk and for lunch. We plan to depart Shiner between 1:00-1:30 p.m. headed for San Antonio. There will be 31 walkers. We would certainly appreciate any locals who would like to accompany us and also to make recommendations for a good lunch spot (preferably Bar-B-Que or Mexican and serves Shiner Bock!)

Sunday, April 22nd --San Antonio. We should arrive in San Antonio between 2:45-3:00 p.m. We have a barge ride on the San Antonio River

scheduled at that time and when we return, we will be doing the Riverwalk Y0055. We will do this as an evening stroll and shopping spree walk. We hope to begin the walk between 4:30-4:45 p.m. We will allow 3.5 hours for walk, shopping & dinner and depart the Riverwalk between 8:15-8:30 p.m. headed for our hotel for the next 4 nights. Again, anyone who would like to go along with us is more than welcome. All help and recommendations are also welcome.

Tuesday, April 24th --Fredericksburg, TX. We will start the day driving to the LBJ Ranch for a tour. After the LBJ Tour, drive to Fredericksburg. We plan to arrive in Fredericksburg between 11:30-Noon. We will allow 3.5 hours for the Fredericksburg YRE Historical Y0001 and lunch. Leave Fredericksburg between 3:30-3:45 p.m. and return to San Antonio.

Wednesday, April 25th --Ft Sam Houston YRE Y0261 arriving at Bldg 592 between 9:00-9:30 a.m. Allow 2.5 hours for walk. All help that can be provided with security, etc. would be appreciated for this YRE. We will depart Ft Sam between Noon-12:30 and head over to AVA Headquarters for a visit. We will have lunch somewhere along the way. After AVA HQs visit, it's back to the hotel and then a group dinner at the Republic of Texas Restaurant on the Riverwalk.

Thursday, April 26th --Depart San Antonio for Dallas with a stop in Austin. Should get to Austin for the Capitol YRE Y0068 between 9:30-9:45 a.m. We will allow 3.5 hours for the walk and lunch and plan our departure from Austin for between 1:00-1:30 p.m. Arrival in Dallas between 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 27th -- After sightseeing visits to Downtown Big D and a tour of Texas Stadium, we will do the White Rock Lake Y0141 between 3:30-4:00 p.m.

The biggest problem I foresee might be parking for the bus (a 59 passenger Van Hool) at the various start points. The next one might be getting through the security procedures at Ft Sam. All help, advice, etc. will be fantastic. Thanks to everyone in advance!!!! Marvin

## **AVA News**

**FuelBelt.** The sponsorship relationship with FuelBelt has ended. Please remove all reference to them from your brochures, web pages, etc.

**Your Assistance.** AVA is in the process of installing an e-commerce site for on-line orders. So that Volkssports Associate members will receive their discount the first time they log on, we need their email address. We have many entered into our system but have no way of knowing if they are current since many were updated a year or more ago. Please pass the word to your members that they can go to the AVA web page and there is a link to a page where they can send us the information we need. Thanks for your help!

**Upcoming Publicity Opportunities.** The AVA is trying to compile a list of opportunities for publicizing the AVA such as the AARP Conventions. If you know of anything in your area that might be a good candidate, please email Jackie at jackie@ava.org or Curt Myron at treasurer@ava.org with the details. This list will be used by AVA to prioritize and budget for possible participation.

**Need Motivation?** Visit [www.idita-walk.com](http://www.idita-walk.com) for an incentive to get up and get walking! This program could easily be combined with YREs.

**AVA Staff.** We are here to help you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or if you need assistance. 210-659-2112 or via email: Jacklyn Wilson, jackie@ava.org Candace Purcell, candy@ava.org Linda Rebman, linda@ava.org Kevin Davis, kevin@ava.org Eric Moench, eric@ava.org Jose Martinez, jose@ava.org If you are not sure who you need to speak with, email us at [avahq@ava.org](mailto:avahq@ava.org) and your email will be forwarded to the correct person.

**Thank You!** Those of you who use Goodsearch when searching the web have contributed \$36.34 to the AVA so far. Keep using it and let's watch our money grow. If you haven't

tried it, go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and select the AVA as your charity every time you do a search. We receive one cent for each search.

## ***Walking State Parks in the USA***

This Special Program will promote walking in State Parks throughout the United States. Because there are so many walks that could qualify for this program, this program will not be monitored. It will be done using the honesty of the walker. Year Round walks, as well as regular one day or weekend walks may qualify for this event. Participants must complete thirty walks in a State Park with no repeat walks in any State Park throughout this Special Program. This program does not include State Forests, State Historic Sites, etc. It only includes State Parks. Upon Completion of this event, the participant will be awarded a four inch multi-colored, one-hundred percent embroidered iron on patch.

This Program runs from Jan 2007 till Dec. 31, 2009

Objective: Walk 30 AVA sanctioned volksmarch events in a state park. We recommend that you walk only one event in each state park. There are unlimited numbers of state parks available.

To purchase a record book for this event, send request with a check for \$10.00 made out to the East Texas Trekkers Inc. to:

East Texas Trekkers Inc.

Walking State Parks

P.O. Box 7042

Tyler, TX 75711

or contact Jan

Wood, [jpw6391@msn.com](mailto:jpw6391@msn.com) or 903-534-9301.

The price includes the record book and a multi-colored patch which will be awarded upon the return receipt of the completed program record book. Mail completed books to the above address.

## ***Coming Texas Events:***

3/31/2007 - 4/1/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 75277 10 km

**Start:** Gruene Hall

**Event City:** New Braunfels

**Host Club:** NB Marsch-und

Wandergruppe

### **Event Website:**

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

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

**Write for more information to:**

8 Mission Drive

New Braunfels, TX 78130

**Contact:** Helgard Hollis, (830) 625-6330

**E-Mail:** [helgard@satx.rr.com](mailto:helgard@satx.rr.com)

**Club Website:**

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

4/7/2007 - 4/7/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 77192 10K

**Start:** Teepee Hill

**Event City:** Dallas

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

**Event Website:**

[www.dallastrekkers.org/brochures/2007-Lakewood.pdf](http://www.dallastrekkers.org/brochures/2007-Lakewood.pdf)

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

**Write for more information to:**

1134 Thistle, Mesquite, TX 75149

**Contact:** Deborah Carter, (972)285 - 8102

**E-Mail:** [dahv@earthlink.net](mailto:dahv@earthlink.net)

**Club Website:**

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

4/7/2007 - 4/7/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 77332 10K

**Start:** Comfort Community Park

**Event City:** Comfort

**Host Club:** Hill Country

Volkssportverein

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

**Write for more information to:**

102 EDGEWOOD DRIVE

COMFORT, TX 78013

**Contact:** JOHN BOHNERT, (830) 995-2421

**Email:** [tina.bohnert@comfort.txed.net](mailto:tina.bohnert@comfort.txed.net)

4/14/2007 - 4/14/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 74662 5K & 11K

**Start:** Tyler State Park

**Event City:** Tyler

**Host Club:** East Texas Trekkers

**Event Website:**

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

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

**Write for more information to:**

4722 Comanche Trail

Tyler, TX 75707

**Contact:** Jan Wood, (903) 534 - 9301

**E-Mail:** [jpw6391@msn.com](mailto:jpw6391@msn.com) or [jpw6391@yahoo.com](mailto:jpw6391@yahoo.com)

**Club Website:**

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

4/14/2007 - 4/15/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 77203 10 Km

**Start:** Old Central School

**Event City:** Smithville

**Host Club:** Selma Pathfinders

**Event Website:**

[www.geocities.com/selmapathfndrs/frame-smithville-frames.html](http://www.geocities.com/selmapathfndrs/frame-smithville-frames.html)

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

**Write for more information to:**

P.O. Box 700946

San Antonio, TX 78270-0946

**Contact:** Phyllis Eagan

**E-Mail:** [milchene@juno.com](mailto:milchene@juno.com)

**Club Website:**

[www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/8195](http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/8195)

4/21/2007 - 4/21/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 77410 10 km

**Start:** Brenham City Hall

**Event City:** Brenham

**Host Club:** Houston Happy Hikers

**Event Website:**

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

**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:** [hphpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org](mailto:hphpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org)

**Club Website:**

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

4/21/2007 - 4/21/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 77025 11 KM

**Start:** U. S. Army Medical

Department Museum, Ft. Sam Houston

**Event City:** San Antonio

**Host Club:** HQ U.S. Army Medical Command

**Event Website:**

[www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers](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)

4/28/2007 - 4/28/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 74799 10 km

**Start:** Gregg-Clarke Park

**Event City:** Kyle

**Host Club:** San Marcos River Walkers

**Event Website:**

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

**Write for more information to:**

100 E. Laurel Lane

San Marcos, Texas 78666

**Contact:** Barbara Piersol (512) 396 - 4463

**E-Mail:** [bpiersol@grandecom.net](mailto:bpiersol@grandecom.net)

5/5/2007 - 5/5/2007 - Walk

**Event Number:** 77199 10 km

**Start:** Hwy 173 and Camp Verde Rd.

**Event City:** Camp Verde

**Host Club:** Kerrville Trailblazers

**Event Website:**

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

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

**Write for more information to:**

150 Shalako Dr. Kerrville, TX 78028

**Contact:** Doug Andreasen, (830)257 - 5745

**E-Mail:** [dfa1@ktc.com](mailto:dfa1@ktc.com)

**Club Website:**

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

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_