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**Randolph Roadrunners  
Volkssport Club  
A Walking Club Established 1980  
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**Year-round Events: DeZavala Daily Bread,  
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**TVA President:** Dave Roberts

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## Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:

**Donnie King, Irene Martinez-Ramirez, Michael & Janice McMahon, Wendy Dylla, Brenda Dever-Armstrong, Ed McCabe, Victoria Welan, Vivian Holder, Sonia Hogeland, Herlinda Zamora, Glen Salazar, Samantha Durgin, Josh Inguanzo, Marco Munoz, Rose Scott, and Mary Japhet.** To renew your RR membership, fill out the attached application or print it off our website: [www.RandolphRoadrunners.info](http://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. **Remember:** Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.

**The next RR club meeting will be held April 13 at 6:30 p.m.** Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive, Universal City, TX 78148.

## Welcome New Members!

Paulette & Gerald Cook San Antonio

## From the Desk of the Pres-- April 1-7 National Walking Week

April 1 – Friedrich Wilderness YRE

April 2 – Tour de Castroville traditional

April 3 – S.A./Cibolo Nature Center

YRE

April 4 – StoneOak YRE

April 5 – Mainland Leon Creek YRE  
(Bandera Rd. off Mainland)

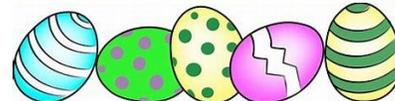
April 6 – Downtown Churches YRE

April 7 – Leon Creek Greenway

(see all walk details under **Events**)



The Pi (e) Day walk at Eisenhower Park was enjoyed by 48 participants who each received a 4" fruit pie.



Check out the April issue of Texas Highways Magazine.

There's an article titled "United We Walk." The picture of me wouldn't have been so bad, but my name tag is crooked!! The RR's got EXCELLENT coverage.

Thank you to all the folks who worked the Roosevelt Check Point on Saturday for the TTR February 19:

Mike Hermes

Pat Gunter

Linda Goodman

Laurie Stitler

Sheri Logan

Susan Alton

Kevin from Natural Grocers

Andy Thomas

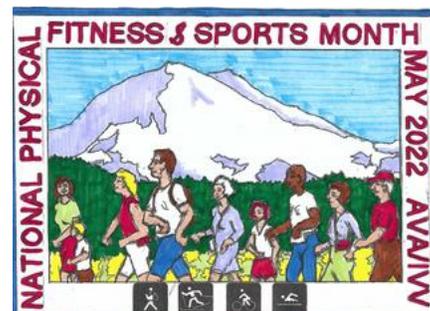
Friday's check point at Pete's Taco House was manned by Laurie Stitler and Mike Hermes.

And to all the other RR's who helped during the TTR weekend -- your service was most appreciated!

## IN MEMORIAM

David Prewitt, the RR sales person, passed away sometime during the second week of March.

**His service will be at Ft. Sam on 7 April at 10:15 a.m.**





## Tale from the Trail ---- sort of...

By: Ellen Ott

From 24 thru 26 March 2022 I attended the OST100 celebration in Alpine, Texas. The OST does not go through Alpine, but around 1922 the OST governing body met in Alpine to decide on the best route for the auto highway to go west. It was finally decided it should go by Ft. Davis and to what we now know as I - 10.

Alpine has a population of about 6,000 and is best known as the home of Sul Ross State University and is a base for exploring the areas attractions like Big Bend and Ft. Davis.

On Thursday evening there was a meet and greet with great food and conversation at the Parker Hotel meeting room at the back of the property which overlooks the mountains. The Lacey's gave an overview of their ranching operating and how the wild fires and drought have changed how they currently do business. Warren Nutt, another rancher in the area, said if he can keep his ranch for 4 more years it will have been in his family for 100 years. The drought has caused him to sell most of his cattle.

On Friday morning the speakers included a fellow who talked about all the good things that happened in the 1920's. He brought his 1925 model T Ford to Alpine and drove it to Ft. Davis on Saturday morning. (there was an article about him in Sunday's Express- News). Other speakers were from Kimble County (Junction), the Texas Transportation Department and Warren Nutt who gave a more in depth history of his ranch and that there are over 5 miles of the OST that goes through his property.

After a donated catered lunch, the participants were able to look in depth

at the dozen or so display tables. I had a display for Volkssporting promoting walks in the communities adjacent to the OST. There was a spark of interest from the Flatonia and Junction representatives.

On Saturday morning there was a motorcade of cars with yellow, red and white streamers that went on the historic route 17 to Ft. Davis. After exploring the town we were sent off with a picnic lunch for the trip home.

Next OST100 celebration is in New Orleans around 24 March 2023.



## AVA VICE CHAIR - SUSAN MEDLIN Texas Trail Roundup

We had a wonderful time at the Texas Trail Roundup IML walking event in San Antonio, February 18-20, 2022. The weather cooperated; cool mornings and warm sunny afternoons. We had 170 participants, including international walkers from Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, The Netherlands, Norway, and Switzerland. The Military Marathon contest was won by the Viking Strollers, a group made up of several nationalities. Hermann Sons provided a lovely venue and the Start/Finish was held in their ballroom. In the evening, the River Walk was a short stroll away, the Rathskeller in the basement was open, and a number of folks enjoyed the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

At our opening ceremony on February 18, visitors were greeted by Nancy Wittenberg (AVA Chair/President), the Honorable Marialyn Barnard (Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 3), John Courage (City Councilman District9) and the Honorable Rebecca Simmons (Executive Director, Old Spanish Missions).

Andy Thomas designed a very nice new 10km/5km walk route for our Friendship Walk on Friday, focused on new art work and local history. Everyone enjoyed it.

Susan Medlin altered the Marathon route slightly, removing Stenson Airfield and Mission San Jose Cemetery and adding a walk through the new San Pedro Creek Project. In 2023 the Marathon moves to a one-way route designed by Jim Tree. We will bus Marathon walkers to the Pleasanton Trail Head near the shores of Lake Mitchell. Marathon walkers will walk 42 km back to San Antonio. Several of us have biked this route already. It will mean more checkpoints need to be set up on Saturday, but it should be a lovely change of pace.

At the closing ceremony, we thanked everyone who came, particularly those who flew in from overseas or came inform the East and West Coasts. The US Travel Restriction wasn't lifted until November 2021, so it was hard to plan big trip. And most people decided to wait until 2023, when they could enjoy a week of walking with the 2023 IVV Olympiad & TTR IML. It's a logical decision, but we still needed to host an event in 2022 and hope to make enough to keep our club financially viable so we could make it to 2023. Many thanks to everyone who came and helped us meet that goal.

Mark your calendars for February 19-26, 2023. San Antonio is the place to be!



Gorman Falls, Colorado Bend State Park

## West Texas Trail Walkers Featuring

**Colorado Bend State Park Event  
October 7-9, 2022**

Join the West Texas Trail Walkers to hike the trails of Colorado Bend State Park, Bend, Texas October 7-9, 2022. Colorado Bend State Park is in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, two hours north of Austin, TX. With over 35 miles of trails and rugged wilderness, Colorado Bend is a hidden gem of the Texas State Park System. Three moderate to difficult trails will be

offered in Colorado Bend State Park and an easy walk will be offered in historic Lampasas, TX. Don't miss the featured 10k hike that leads to the beautiful Gorman Falls.

Our host lodging is at the Best Western Plus in the charming Hill Country city of Lampasas, Texas. Thirty rooms are available October 7-9 at the negotiated rate of \$99 for a single queen bed and \$109 for two queen beds. Please call the Best Western Plus at 1-512-556-2100 by September 7 and mention that you are with the West Texas Trail Walkers to secure this special rate. Keep checking [www.westtexastrailwalkers.org](http://www.westtexastrailwalkers.org) for updates. The brochure and registration forms will be on-line in June 2022.



### **Texas Traditional Events for April, 2022:** (Please check the AVA website for any changes or cancellations)

4/2/2022 - 4/2/2022 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 121383 10k/5k  
**Start:** Castroville Regional Park, 816 Alsace, Castroville, Tx  
**Event City:** Castroville - 11th Annual Tour de Castroville  
**Host Club:** San Antonio Pathfinders  
**Event Website:**  
[www.castrovillespecialevents.com](http://www.castrovillespecialevents.com)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**  
12235 White Ash St.  
San Antonio, Tx 78245  
**Contact:** Mike Schwencke, (210) 382-0367  
**E-Mail:** [mike.schwencke@outlook.com](mailto:mike.schwencke@outlook.com)

4/9/2022 - 4/9/2022 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 121497 10km & 5km  
**Start:** Texas Baptist Historical Center Museum  
**Event City:** Brenham - Independence  
**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  
**E-Mail:**

[hphpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com](mailto:hphpresident@houstonhappyhikers.com)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.houstonhappyhikers.com](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.com)

4/9/2022 - 4/9/2022 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 121328 10 km/6 km  
**Start:** Point North Park  
**Event City:** Richardson - University of Texas at Dallas Campus and Neighborhood  
**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:**  
1134 Thistle Dr.  
Mesquite, Tx 75149  
**Contact:** Deborah Carter, (214) 549-0851

**E-Mail:** [debwalk@earthlink.net](mailto:debwalk@earthlink.net)  
**Club Website:** [www.dallastrekkers.org](http://www.dallastrekkers.org)  
4/16/2022 - 4/16/2022 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 121259 5/10K  
**Start:** Comfort Community Park  
**Event City:** Comfort - Easter Walk  
**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)



4/23/2022 - 4/23/2022 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 121421 5k & 10k  
**Start:** Casa Garcia's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina at WestPoint Village, 1691 W State Highway 46, New Braunfels, TX 78132  
**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:**  
217 E. Tanglewood  
New Braunfels, Tx 78130  
**Contact:** Jan Engel, (830) 660-4935  
**E-Mail:** [jsengel@earthlink.net](mailto:jsengel@earthlink.net)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.muw.walktexas.org](http://www.muw.walktexas.org)

4/30/2022 - 4/30/2022 - Walk  
**Event Number:** 121430 5/10 km

**Start:** Fisherman's Park/Library  
**Event City:** Bastrop, Tx.  
**Host Club:** Colorado River Walkers  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

**Write for more information to:**  
3109 Rogge Ln, Austin, Texas 78723  
**Contact:** Carol Obianwu, (512) 771-9566  
**E-Mail:** [cobianwu@utexas.edu](mailto:cobianwu@utexas.edu)  
**Club Website:**  
[www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/](http://www.coloradoriverwalkers.org/)



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### **Antonio Area: San Antonio, TX – Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Randolph Roadrunners – [Friedrich Wilderness Park YRE](#)  
POC: Ellen Ott –  
[ellenott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net)  
Stamp and sign in at the start. **Registration Time: 8 – 11 am, Walk Start Time: 8 – 11 am**

### **Castroville, TX – Saturday, April 2nd**

San Antonio Pathfinders – [Tour de Castroville \(Sanctioned Event\)](#)  
POC: Mike Schwencke –  
[mike.schwencke@outlook.com](mailto:mike.schwencke@outlook.com)  
Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Castroville Regional Park, 816 Alsace Street, Castroville. This week is in conjunction with the 11th Tour de Castroville, an annual family event. Walk through “The Little Alsace of Texas” founded in 1844 by Henri Castro. Registration for the volkssport walk is separate from the Tour de Castroville. Come to the Pathfinder's start/finish table under the tent. **Finish by 2:00 pm. Registration Time: 8 – 11:30 am, Walk Start Time: 8:20 am**

### **Boerne, TX – Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Randolph Roadrunners – [Cibolo Nature Center YRE](#)  
POC: Ellen Ott –  
[ellenoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenoff@sbcglobal.net)  
The Cibolo Nature Center the sign in will be at the Comfort Inn. **Registration Time: 8 – 11 am, Walk Start Time: 8 – 11 am**

**San Antonio, TX – Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Texas Trail Roundup – [Stone Oak YRE](#)  
 POC: Susan A. Medlin – suemmed@aol.com

On Monday, April 4th, we feature the Stone Oak YRE, this walk winds through a quiet, upscale neighborhood with hip restaurants and trendy shops. Walks starts at the Drury Inn & Suites North, 801 North Loop 1604 between 281 and Stone Oak Pkwy. **Registration Time: 9 am – Noon, Walk Start Time: 9 am – Noon**

**San Antonio, TX – Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

San Antonio Pathfinders – [Leon Creek Greenway/Mainland YRE \(Mainland Trailhead\)](#)

POC: Mike Schwencke – mike.schwencke@outlook.com  
 Tuesday, April 5, 2023 at the Mainland Trailhead of the Leon Creek Greenway, 8238 Mainland Drive, San Antonio. Walk along the mostly flat section of the paved pathway shaded by large oak trees. The creek is home to a variety of birds and wildlife. **Registration Time: 8:00am – 10:30am, Walk Start Time: 8:00am**

**San Antonio, TX – Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Texas Trail Roundup – [Downtown Churches YRE](#)

POC: Susan A. Medlin – suemmed@aol.com  
 On Wednesday, April 6th, we feature the Downtown Churches YRE. This walk explores downtown San Antonio

and stops by most of the historic downtown churches. *\*\*This walk has been unavailable since the Holiday Inn closed in March 2020, so please join us for this rare opportunity to walk a favorite YRE.\*\** Walk starts at the Residence Inn by Marriott at 628 S Santa Rosa Ave, San Antonio, TX 78204. **Registration Time: 9am – Noon, Walk Start Time: 9am - Noon**

**San Antonio, TX – Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Randolph Roadrunners – [Leon Creek Greenbelt YRE \(Drury Inn @ 1604 and I-10\)](#)

POC: Ellen Ott – ellenott@sbcglobal.net  
 The start for the Leon Creek walk will be in the lobby of the Drury Inn at 1604 and I-10. **Registration Time: 8 – 11 am, Walk Start Time: 8 – 11 am**

**Del Webb – Cookie Walk 2/12/22**



Cookies baked for the cookie contest.

**\*All Walk Photos Courtesy of Martin Callahan**



At the walk Start Point, workers and walkers.



Volkssporters, Tina and John Bohnert next to the Military Veterans plaque



Martin Callahan with Rudy & Dolly in front of a map at the first check point on the walk route.



**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 \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

This renewal fee includes each family member who paid \$2.00 with the original application.

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.

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

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

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

AVA Volkssport Associate  Yes  No

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

