
RIPPLES

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***Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 6:30 PM
Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson Road***

Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 9 at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson Road. Dawson is off of Barton Springs Road between South Lamar Boulevard and South First Street. The lodge is two blocks south of the light at Barton Springs Road and Dawson (there is a First Stop convenience store near that light), and on the right (west) side of Dawson.

CRACKING THE CODE

Have you ever witnessed “new walker’s confusion”? That’s when you encounter someone who has just discovered Volkssports and participates in their first event. You can recognize the confusion when the eyes glaze over and the new person stares heaven-ward seeking divine intervention. It may be a friendship group walk YRE or “multiple route event with a bike,” a California swim, or one of the many other descriptions commonly heard when Volkssporters talk about events.

Yes, we have our own language and it seems to many new walkers that we are speaking in code. If no one explains how to crack our code, some new walkers become frustrated and just go away.

Part of the problem, especially for those who travel, is that we also have different dialects in our Volkssport language, where the same familiar thing has different names in different parts of the country. Here’s an example: What do you call the person who plans the event? Trailmaster (or meister), event master, walk host, event coordinator and/or director all seem to qualify as answers. (*The AVA Event Handbook* uses only one title: Event coordinator.)

And we have year-rounds, seasonals, group walks, night walks, friendship walks, self-guided walks, long-distance walks, day walks and permanent trails. Is it any wonder that the new walker is confused?

You might say, “So what, Curt; we know what we mean.” Maybe so, but our sport is dependent upon new walkers to provide the income and participation to make our events attractive and to preserve our sport for younger generations. We need to help those new walkers by encouraging their questions and patiently explaining things that may seem commonplace to us.

We all need to be aware of new walkers at events, at meetings and social gatherings. Try to substitute plain English for the “code”. Next time you have the opportunity to speak with a new walker, who not ask them if they have any questions about the sport that you can answer? And be gentle in your response.

–AVA President Curt Myron in the August/September *American Wanderer*.

EXPIRING MEMBERSHIPS

Expiring August 31	-	Katherine Daly
Expired July 31	-	Carolyn A. Doolittle Dana L. Leary
Expired June 30	-	Mary Barr Deane Delmas
Expired May 31	-	Gisela Diggins

Please send your renewal fee, along with the membership form from the last page of this newsletter, to Sam Harris, treasurer.

PAST DUE MEMBERS

The following members are two months or more past due. If they don't renew their memberships, they are in danger of being dropped from the membership list.

Milli Stecker

MILESTONES

The following club member has achieved IVV Awards:

Michael McCormick 325 Events
Michael McCormick 3500 Km

Congratulations, Michael!

COLORADO RIVER WALKERS CALENDAR

Monday, August 9 Meeting-Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson Road, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 20 Walk, Mueller Lake Park

2010-2011 CRW OFFICERS

President	Greg Sells	443-6461
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CRW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Equipment Monitor	Dennis Cannon	858-4659
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YRE Contact—Georgetown	Colin Johnston	868-2882
YRE Contact—Pflugerville	Kathy Daly	837-8966
YRE Contact--Round Rock	Mike McCormick	832-1039

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/8/2010 - 8/8/2010 - Walk

Event Number : 87070 10km/5km

Start : Cooks Slough Bird Sanctuary

Event City: Uvalde - Summer Odd Holiday Walk

Host Club : BTC Oddsports Club

Event Website: faculty.sulross.edu/cbaulch/index_files/Page615.htm

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

Contact : Clay Baulch, (210) 204 - 9301

E-Mail: btco@satx.rr.com

9/4/2010 - 9/4/2010 - Walk

Event Number : 87255 10km/5km

Start : Castroville Regional Park

Event City: Castroville - Historic Walk

Host Club : Castroville Chamber of Commerce

Event Website: WWW.CASTROVILLE.COM

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

Contact : JANET BEDNARZ, (830) 931 - 3158

E-Mail: jtbednarz@yahoo.com

9/11/2010 - 9/11/2010 - Walk

Event Number : 86817 10km/5km

Start : Fox Run Elementary School

Event City: San Antonio - Comanche Lookout Park Loop Walk

Host Club : Selma Pathfinders

Event Website: www.selmapathfinders.com

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

Contact : Phyllis Eagan, (210) 496 - 1402

E-Mail: milchene@juno.com

9/18/2010 - 9/18/2010 - Walk

Event Number : 87446 10km/5km

Start : Schertz's Visitor Center

Event City: Schertz - Walk'n Old Schertz

Host Club : Randolph Roadrunners

Event Website: randolphroadrunners.info

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

Contact : Nancy & Tony Paulson, (210) 658 - 8324

E-Mail: nantony6@hotmail.com

9/25/2010 - 9/25/2010 - Walk

Event Number : 87204 10km/5km

Start : XXXXXX @ Picnic Area

Event City: Fort Worth - Military Appreciation Walk

Host Club : Tarrant County Walkers

Event Website: www.walktx.org/TarrantCountyWalkers

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

Contact : Anna Cottrill, (817) 788 - 0307

E-Mail: aecottrill@prodigy.net

9/25/2010 - 9/25/2010 - Walk
Event Number : 87419 10km/5km
Start : Orvis-Sporting Traditions
Event City: The Woodlands - The Woodlands Walk
Host Club : Houston Happy Hikers
Event Website: houstonhappyhikers.org
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Contact : Catherine Kellner, (979) 478 - 6203
E-Mail: hnhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org

9/25/2010 - 9/26/2010 - Walk
Event Number : 87132 10km/5km
Start : Lazy Hills Retreat & Conference Center
Event City: Ingram - Lazy Hills guest ranch walk
Host Club : Kerrville Trailblazers
Event Website: www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Contact : Patrick Powers, (830) 496 - 0010
E-Mail: ppowers00@hotmail.com

10/2/2010 - 10/2/2010 - Walk
Event Number : 87014 10km/5km
Start : Cherry Spring Historical School
Event City: Fredericksburg - Cherry Spring Historical School
Host Club : Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg
Event Website: www.walktx.org/AVA1
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Contact : Joyce O'Rear, (830) 992 - 2053
E-Mail: tnjocole@austin.rr.com

10/7/2010 - 10/7/2010 - Guided Walk
Event Number : 87544 10km/5km
Start : Toot 'n Totum Convenience Store
Event City: Amarillo
Host Club : International Wanderers
Event Website:
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Contact : Dan Friesen, (360) 260 - 9393
E-Mail: fun@walkingadventures.com

10/8/2010 - 10/8/2010 - Walk
Event Number : 87102 13km/10km/5km
Start : Visitors Center @ McKittrick Canyon, Guadalupe Mountains National Park
Event City: Pine Springs - McKittrick Canyon Walk
Host Club : West Texas Trail Walkers
Event Website: www.ava.org/clubs/wttw/
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Contact : Charles Wortz, (512) 479 - 0741
E-Mail: cwortz@texas.net

10/9/2010 - 10/9/2010 - Walk
Event Number : 84627 10km/5km
Start : Center Junior High School
Event City: Center - TX Poultry Festival Walk
Host Club : East Texas Trekkers
Event Website: www.walktx.org/easttexasrekkers/2010
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Contact : David C. Porter, (903) 534 - 1960
E-Mail: d.c.porter56@suddenlink.net

10/10/2010 - 10/10/2010 - Walk
Event Number : 87104 17km/12km/5km
Start : Pine Springs Visitors Center @ Guadalupe Mountains National Park
 Headquarters
Event City: Pine Springs - Guadalupe Peak (Top of Texas) Walk
Host Club : West Texas Trail Walkers
Event Website: www.ava.org/clubs/wttw/
More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)
Contact : Charles Wortz, (512) 479 - 0741
E-Mail: cwortz@texas.net

To view more events go to the TVA website: <http://walktexas.org/events/tva99.htm>,
 or the AVA website: <http://ava.org/walk/cal.htm>

COLORADO RIVER WALKERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Check one: New Renewal Change
 Dues are \$10.00 per year for individual or family membership
 or \$100.00 for lifetime membership

Type of membership: Individual or Family
 Length of membership: Years Lifetime
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Home phone: _____
 Work phone: _____

Name tags are available for \$15.00 each. Please print
 name exactly as you want it on your CRW name tag.

No. of tags _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____

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