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At the Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson Road*

## **FEB 20 MCKINNEY ROUGHS VOLKSMARCH A HUGE SUCCESS**

The walk at McKinney Roughs on Saturday, February 20, 2010 was a huge success and a great surprise. Due to torrential rainfall two weeks prior to the event, the trails had been deeply muddy. But at the time of the volksmarch, the two ten kilometer routes and one five kilometer route were mostly dry and very walkable. Mary Zeitler helped with the creation of the new 10K route on the west side of the park. It used trails not walked on by our club in the past. We had 101 credit walkers and 26 free walkers who made the trip out to Cedar Creek despite rain showers all around the area. Treasurer Sam Harris made a deposit of \$410.80. Compliments were very forthcoming and were appreciated.



Thanks to everyone who worked on the walk, to the staff of McKinney Roughs, and to Carol Castlebury, who brought a large group of TOWN (Texas Outdoor Woman's Network) members to do the walk. Another CRW success!--Joann Fries, with additional information from Sam Harris

*The Colorado River from the overlook at McKinney*

*Roughs.*

## **MEETING—MARCH 8, ELKS LODGE**

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 8, 2010 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.

## **REPORT ON FEB. 6 TVA MEETING IN FORT WORTH**

The Texas Volkssport Association met on Feb. 6 at the UT-Arlington Fort Worth Center, located in the former Santa Fe Railway Freight Station and Division Office. Outside was a steady parade of passenger trains going in and out of the nearby Intermodal Transportation Center, and freight trains passing the railroad crossroads of the Southwest known as Tower 55.

Inside, I unfortunately was unable to vote because I had not received a letter designating me as a proxy for the CRW. The only issue voted on in the regular meeting was a motion to continue the TVA budget until the next meeting in August. However, plenty of business was discussed. AVA Regional Director Heinz Johnson said that AVA Executive Director Jackie Wilson was in poor health, that Weight Watchers was planning a major national event on June 6 (with Dallas and Houston the targeted Texas markets), and that clubs needed to include club and event numbers on their event participation reports.

In event news, the two YRE's in Abilene, organized by the currently-inactive Shoeleather Express, will resume May 1 under the Randolph Roadrunners. The long-inactive McAllen Parks and Recreation Department will launch a new seasonal event June 1. The TVA Reunion Walks will be held March 6-7 in Norse, west of Waco. Furthermore, the TVA is now on Facebook.

The TVA's publicity committee, of which I am a member, reported on its meeting on New Year's Eve in Fredericksburg. The committee came up with suggestions on how to better promote our sport, and is particularly interested in keeping those who purchase New Walker Packets coming back. In another item, a member of the East Texas Trekkers proposed offering a series of glasses or mugs to be used as awards by clubs around the state.

Following the regular meeting, a special meeting was called to dissolve the TVA. Some around the state have felt that TVA is no longer necessary and that the regional director could take over many of its functions. But Heinz stated that the Evergreen State Volkssport Association in Washington State had faced similar frustration, according to a letter from AVA President Curt Myron. Myron indicated the Washington group ultimately focused on publicity and helping troubled clubs, after taking a survey. Thus, analysis of problems and finding solutions were recommended for TVA. Meanwhile, Charles Wortz suggested serious change was needed for TVA to continue. Ultimately, dissolution of TVA was rejected by a vote of 18 nays to 5 yeas.

The next TVA meeting will be August 7 in Uvalde, hosted by BTC Oddsports.--*Greg Sells, VP*

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

The following people have joined CRW in the past month. Welcome!  
Paula Stewart

#### **EXPIRING MEMBERSHIPS**

Expiring March 31  
Larry Jacob  
Kay & Del Taebel  
Mary Zeitler

Expired Feb 28  
Thomas Moore

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 one month past due.  
Carole Frey  
Chuen & Linnie Toh

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.

Theresa Bayoud  
Tim & Sue Buckley  
Fran Rush

#### **COLORADO RIVER WALKERS CALENDAR**

Monday, March 8...Meeting-Elks Lodge, 700 Dawson Road, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 1...Volksmarch, Clarksville

**2009-2010 CRW OFFICERS**

President	Nancy Middlebrook	442-8528
Vice President	Greg Sells	443-6461
Treasurer	Sam Harris	833-8969
Corresponding Secretary	Sandi Harris	833-8969
Recording Secretary	Carol Obianwu	928-9301

**CRW COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Historian	Mary Zeitler	345-5337
Publicity	Greg Sells	443-6461
Ripples Editor	Mike McCormick	832-1039
Specialties & Awards	Kathy Daly	837-8966
Webmaster	Stephanie Menteer	832-8546
YRE Contact--Austin	Carol Obianwu	928-9301
YRE Contact--Georgetown	Dick Trautmann	868-2583
YRE Contact--Pflugerville	Kathy Daly	837-8966
YRE Contact--Round Rock	Mike McCormick	832-1039

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

3/6/2010 - 3/7/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 86668 10km/5km  
**Start :** Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
**Event City:** Norse - St. Olaf's Walk  
**Host Club :** Texas Volkssport Assn.  
**Event Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
 17314 Spring Hill Drive  
 San Antonio, TX 78232  
**Contact :** Phyllis Eagan, (210) -49 - 1402  
**E-Mail:**[papre1947@yahoo.com](mailto:papre1947@yahoo.com)  
**Club Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)

3/6/2010 - 3/7/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 86667 10km/5km  
**Start :** Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
**Event City:** Norse - Our Savior's Walk  
**Host Club :** Texas Volkssport Assn.  
**Event Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
 17314 Spring Hill Drive  
 San Antonio, TX 78232  
**Contact :** Phyllis Eagan, (210) -49 - 1402  
**E-Mail:**[papre1947@yahoo.com](mailto:papre1947@yahoo.com)  
**Club Website:** [walktexas.org](http://walktexas.org)

3/13/2010 - 3/13/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 84927 10km/5km  
**Start :** Leon Valley Library  
**Event City:** Leon Valley ( San Antonio) - Leon Valley Trade & Market Days  
**Host Club :** Randolph Roadrunners  
**Event Website:** [www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**

11906 Pepperidge Cove  
 San Antonio, Tx 78213  
**Contact :** Ellen Ott, (210) 723 - 8574  
**E-Mail:**[ellenott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenott@sbcglobal.net)  
**Club Website:** [www.randolphroadrunners.info](http://www.randolphroadrunners.info)

3/13/2010 - 3/13/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 86602 10km/5km  
**Start :** Bob Woodruff Park  
**Event City:** Plano - St. Patrick's Day & Ides of March  
**Host Club :** Plano Walking Club  
**Event Website:**  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
 4221 Whistler Dr  
 plano, TX 75093  
**Contact :** Maggie Cole, (469) 233 - 0161  
**E-Mail:**[maggiec01@verizon.net](mailto:maggiec01@verizon.net)  
**Club Website:** [www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub](http://www.walktx.org/planowalkingclub)

3/20/2010 - 3/20/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 86517 10km/5km  
**Start :** West Community Center  
**Event City:** West - Czech Capital of Texas  
**Host Club :** Trotting Texas Turtles  
**Event Website:**  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
 712 Ridge Street  
 Copperas Cove, Tx 765223137  
**Contact :** Karl/Beverly Kittinger, (254) 547 - 1403  
**E-Mail:**[walkabout@hot.rr.com](mailto:walkabout@hot.rr.com)  
**Club Website:** [www.walktx.org/ttt2.html](http://www.walktx.org/ttt2.html)

3/20/2010 - 3/21/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 86395 10km/5km  
**Start :** Wimberley Community Center  
**Event City:** Wimberley - Spring Walk  
**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:**  
 P. O. Box 310778  
 New Braunfels, Tx 78131-0778  
**Contact :** Helgard Suhr-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)

3/27/2010 - 3/27/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 84313 11km/5km  
**Start :** First Presbyterian Church Scout Hut  
**Event City:** Tyler - Tyler Azalea Walk  
**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:**

901 Edgewood Dr.

Jacksonville, TX 75766

**Contact :** David C. Porter, (903) 534 - 9301**E-Mail:** [d.c.porter56@suddenlink.net](mailto:d.c.porter56@suddenlink.net) or [jpw6391@msn.com](mailto:jpw6391@msn.com)**Club Website:** [www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekks/](http://www.Walktx.org/EastTexasTrekks/)

3/27/2010 - 3/27/2010 - Walk

**Event Number :** 86573 10km/5km**Start :** Nature Center @ Huntsville State Park**Event City:** Huntsville - Huntsville State Park Walk**Host Club :** Houston Happy Hikers**Event Website:** [houstonhappyhikers.org](http://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**E-Mail:** [hkhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org](mailto:hkhpresident@houstonhappyhikers.org)**Club Website:** [www.houstonhappyhikers.org/](http://www.houstonhappyhikers.org/)

3/27/2010 - 3/27/2010 - Walk

**Event Number :** 86545 10km/5km**Start :** Small County Park located at the intersection of Hwy 173 & Camp Verde Road.**Event City:** Camp Verde - Camp Verde Walk**Host Club :** Kerrville Trailblazers**Event Website:** [www.walktx.org/Kerrville Trailblazers](http://www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers)**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)**Write for more information to:**

1350 Bandera Hwy #311

Kerrville, TX 78028

**Contact :** Patrick Powers, (830) 496 - 0010**E-Mail:** [ppowers00@hotmail.com](mailto:ppowers00@hotmail.com)**Club Website:** [www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/](http://www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/)

4/3/2010 - 4/3/2010 - Walk

**Event Number :** 86770 5/10/15km**Start :** Comfort Community Park Pavillion**Event City:** Comfort, Texas - Easter Walk**Host Club :** Hill Country Volkssportverein**Event Website:** [web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html](http://web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html)**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)**Write for more information to:**

P O Box 822

Comfort, TX 78013

**Contact :** John Bohnert, (830) 995 - 2421**E-Mail:** [tina.bohnert@comfort.txed.net](mailto:tina.bohnert@comfort.txed.net)**Club Website:** [web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html](http://web.me.com/txtrailhead/GG/Comfort.html)

4/10/2010 - 4/10/2010 - Walk

**Event Number :** 86785 10km/5km**Start :** Dart North Irving Transit Center**Event City:** Irving - Champion Trails**Host Club :** Star Trekkers of Irving

**Event Website:** [www.startrekkers.org](http://www.startrekkers.org)  
**More Details:** [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)  
**Write for more information to:**  
 217 Chamberlain  
 Irving, TX 75060-5344  
**Contact :** Gary Whitford, (214) 536 - 9756  
**E-Mail:** [grwhitford@gmail.com](mailto:grwhitford@gmail.com)  
**Club Website:** [www.startrekkers.org](http://www.startrekkers.org)

4/10/2010 - 4/10/2010 - Walk  
**Event Number :** 86518 10km  
**Start :** Dunbar Center  
**Event City:** San Marcos - Prospect Park  
**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, TX 78666  
**Contact :** Barbara Piersol, (512) 396 - 4463  
**E-Mail:** [bpiersol@grandecom.net](mailto:bpiersol@grandecom.net)  
**Club Website:**

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   
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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name tags are available for \$15.00 each. Please print  
 name exactly as you want it on your CRW name tag.

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