

Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club • Lancaster, Pa

newsletter

March, April, May 2008

Akron :: April 12th & 13th



Akron is a borough in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. It is a small town with two main roads going through it: Main Street and Pennsylvania Route 272. The town is mostly residential with a number of small businesses. The American headquarters of the Mennonite-related relief organization, the Mennonite Central Committee, is located in the center of the town. The town features the Loyd Roland Park which has baseball fields, pavilions, a pond, a gazebo, tennis courts, and an 18 target Disc golf course.

And on April 12th and 13th Akron will also feature a 10k walk by the Penn Dutch Pacers starting from the Lions Lodge located in the aforementioned Roland Park. The 2000 census indicated that the population of Akron was 4096 and we hope to grow that number by a few hundred two days in April.

As with all locations that we walk, the area has some interesting history. One of the earliest buildings in our area was a log cabin built in 1724, eight years before George Washington was born. It was located at the foot of North Eleventh Street on the land which is now the Loyd Roland Memorial Park. The cabin was built by Philadelphia fur traders who met Indians each spring as they came to drink the medicinal waters and trade their furs. The building had wooden shutters on the north and east sides. The shutters had holes five inches in diameter, which are thought to have been used to look out for unfriendly Indians who were living in the area at the time. Many arrowheads have been found in the fields surrounding the cabin. A farmhouse and barn were added later. In modern times, the farm was owned by Clayton Wenger, Sr., who operated a bottled water business which was famous for its spring water. It was known as the Bond Spring Farm. Clayton Wenger, Jr., sold the farm to the Borough in 1951. The log cabin burned down in the early 1940s, and the Borough dismantled the barn after purchasing the property, but the original farmhouse still stands and is being lived in today.

Early records do not state from whom the original land grants were made in the Borough, or what year, but there are early land grants recorded in Harrisburg from Thomas, John and Richard Penn, all sons of William Penn. There was a grant dated December 7, 1739, to Henry Miler, another dated November 30, 1748, to Mathias Beckley, and another dated June 13, 1749 to William Shearer. The new owners paid the Penns 19 cents an acre. Vincens and Anna Mayer owned 68 acres and 71 perches on what is believed to be part of these original grants. They built a farmhouse near the intersection of what are today Diamond Street and Tobacco Road.

The following is quoted from a book called The Pennsylvania Citizen, which records William Penn's instructions about local government. "Whenever a village has a population so large that it needs separate schools, lighted streets, improved sidewalks, etc., it may set up a government of its own, for the township has no power to grant these things to a village, nor would it be inclined to grant them if it could. A town that has a government of its own is a borough. To organize itself into a borough, a village must petition the court through a majority of its voters, and give notice thereof in one newspaper of the county for at least thirty days. If the judge approves the petition, the borough is incorporated." A petition was prepared for the court in November 1894, and the grand jury certified the incorporation of Akron as a borough in 1895.

During this period the chief industry was the manufacture of handmade cigars. At one time, more than 50 cigar "factories" were located in Akron. Many of these factories consisted of back rooms in private residences, but several were quite large and employed many people.

Early in the 20th century, the Miller Hess Shoe Company became the dominant factor in the Borough's economy, a role it maintained until it closed its doors in 1985. The former Usner House, a landmark from that era, still stands on the southeast corner of the square. In front of the building on South Ninth Street there was a sign marked "LAW" on which all the borough ordinances were posted. Another landmark was Romig's Hotel, which stood on what is now the parking lot for Weiser's Market.



The Village Band Hall, a two-story building next to the Usner House, was the borough's social center. Here the community band practiced, boys and girls played basketball and the community held fairs and carnivals. Early Akron churches held Sunday worship services there until their churches were built. In the early 1900s, North and South Ninth Streets were rebuilt with large stones, which were laid by hand.

A water department was created in 1911, and an electric light company in 1912. In 1939, the state built Route 222, now Route 272, through town on Seventh Street. The route had formerly followed Ninth Street. A new water plant and reservoir were built in 1962.

The Loyd Roland Memorial Park was also dedicated in 1972.

The folks listed below are the people that have stepped forward to give of their time & talents to make PDP work for you. An encouraging word & a Thank You occasionally is a small price to pay for what they do.

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Manheim Walk Recap

Our Christmas 2007 walk in the borough of Manheim was a WINNER on many fronts. First and foremost we experienced our largest turnout of walkers in quite sometime. In itself the increase in walkers was a welcome reward for all the work from everyone who contributed to our annual holiday walking experience held this past December in Manheim.

But there are other things like no precipitation, and although not balmy, the temperatures in the low to mid-thirties were seasonable and were ideal for walking this easy walk though out the borough. We have used the facility at Salem United Methodist Church several times before through arrangements made by Pat & Jim Boyer and we again found it an excellent startpoint. The thing this year that was different was our being able to do the food. In previous



Photo by Inge Koenig
Our Trailmaster (center in cap) Barry Weatherholtz schmoozes walkers enjoying the abundant eats in Manheim.

Manheim 2007	Award & Credit	Credit Only	Non IVV	Totals
5K	2	20	2	24
10K	45	126	25	196
Total	47	146	27	220

years groups within the church have provided the food for walkers as a fund raiser. As we have discussed many times previously in this publication and actually discuss elsewhere in this very edition, when we have a facility where we can sell food it helps to offset costs associated with producing the walk. Thus being able to sell food here was a welcome change at this venue. Seldom in the past have we been able to supply food at our holiday events.



Photo by Inge Koenig
Joan Simmers, center, takes care of business behind the counter of our splendid food offerings at Salem United Church of Christ.

With this walk we completed the tenth year of our 'Twelve Days of Christmas' with what was a popular "Ten Lords a Leap-which sold out. Thanks to all of those who purchased patches. And of course, thanks to everyone that contributed to the abundant success of our ad-venture in the borough of Manheim.



We certainly closed out 2007 with a bang and are looking forward to many great walks in 2008.

PENN DUTCH PACERS NEWSLETTER

The PDP Newsletter is published for the membership and friends of PDP and is produced 4 times a year with the intention of keeping everyone up-to-date with what is happening within the club and also within the world of Volksmarching. We encourage contributions from members and non-members alike. Our deadlines are November 1 for Dec/Jan/Feb edition, February 1 for the Mar/Apr/May edition, May 1 for the Jun/Jul/Aug edition and August 1 for the Sep/Oct/Nov edition. We prefer that articles for inclusion be submitted via e-mail either as a Word attachment or as native e-mail. We also accept articles typed or in long hand. All submissions will be included on a first-come first-included space available basis. Thanks in advance for your submissions.

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Kitty Glass & Bob Gast

**2007 NEW FOOTPRINTS
ADDED TO THE TRAIL**

**Anthony, Carol, Rachel & Alia
Blair
Robert & Anne Sherman**

**We are so pleased to add the
above NEW members to our
roster. Thank you!**

**RENEWED FOOTPRINTS
KEEP
ON WALKING THE TRAILS**

**2009
Peter & Andrea Cacka**

**2012
Edward & Karen Nescot**

Records as of Feb 5, 2008

*Please check your newsletter
mailing label and if it shows
PAST DUE or **PLEASE
RENEW** – annual memberships
were due June 1, 2007!*

**CLUB MEMBERS
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

KILOMETER MILESTONES

35,000 K
Wayne Oak

7,000 K
**Janice Copenhaver
LeRoy Copenhaver
Nancy Kiser**

6,000 K
Catherine Glass

4,500 K
Richard Wilson

2,500
Robert Cooney

500 K
**James Yuninger
Joanna Yuninger**

**President's
Message**



What's up with
this weather?
Unseasonably warm
and then bitter cold! And, of course,
Octorara Orphie had to see his shadow,
so six more weeks of winter. By the time
you read this, less than four of those
weeks should remain.

My last column was written near
Thanksgiving, and at that time I looked
forward to the holidays and to our
annual meeting in January. Well, Mr.
Weatherman had other plans for us, and
the snow forced us to postpone our
meeting until February. So I get to write
a second, "final" column.

Our Christmas walk in Manheim was a
great success. Be sure to read the recap
in this newsletter. Our first walk in 2008
will be held on April 12 and 13 in Akron.
This will be our first walk in Akron, and
I'm hoping the trail goes past Weiser's
store so I can get some of their
homemade doughnuts! More
information about the walk can be found
on Page 1.

Hopefully we'll have great Spring
weather for the Akron walk, so we can
see the Spring flowers. After you finish
the walk, think about taking the short
drive to Lititz, Ephrata, or New Holland
and doing one or more of the YREs.
That would be a great way to get several
events and many kilometers in one day!

On May 11th and 12th our two Lancaster
YREs will be visited by a group from the
Wandering Wheels Volksmarching trip.
The group plans to arrive early
afternoon on Sunday the 11th and then
do one of the YREs. They will do the
other on Monday the 12th. Bob Gast is
coordinating their visit, and he could
use some help greeting the walkers,
getting them started, and then stamping
their books when they finish. If you can
help out for an hour or two either day
Bob would be thankful.

As I noted in my last column, I have
enjoyed serving as your President
during the past four years, and I am so
grateful for the support and help from
the group of core volunteers who make

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everything happen. Without them we
would not be. Thank you Barb, Barry,
Bob, Bob, Chris, Dan, Dayle, Don,
George, Inge, Kitty, Marv, Mary, Phil,
Rose, Sherry, and all who volunteered
their time and energy during the past
four years. I look forward to joining you
on the other side of the table again! And
special thanks to my wife Ann for her
support and patience.

See you at the Akron walk. - Pete

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The park would eventually have baseball
and soccer fields, lighted tennis courts, a
pavilion, a meeting house and a paved
bicycle path. In April of 1981, an
arsonist set fire to the Borough Hall. A
few months before the fire, then borough
manager Wilmer Hall had removed and
stored in his home decades of Akron
memorabilia that had been kept in a
closet above the bathroom where the fire
was set.

A longstanding drought took the borough
to the brink of a water crisis in May of
1981. Fire hose was laid from a hydrant
in Ephrata to the borough standpipe and
water was brought in from our neighbor's
system. When water began to flow, the
standpipe held less than a six-hour
supply. The 4,400 feet of fire hose was
purchased at a cost of more than
\$11,000. The water did not need to be
pumped, because Ephrata's Spring
Garden Street reservoir is on a level with
the stand pipe and the water flowed
through gravity alone. A permanent
hookup was installed by the end of the
summer, and in 1983 the two boroughs
formed a joint water authority.

In 1985, the borough celebrated its 90th
anniversary with a celebration and the
town's first official fireworks display.
With the closing of the Miller Hess Shoe
Company in 1985, all the factories and
mills, as well as the railroad, that had
formed the economic base for Akron's
first century were gone. As the town
entered its second century in 1995, it
found itself in a state of transition, but
firmly rooted in the values and in the
traditions of neighborliness that had
served it so well through its first hundred
years.

Our walk in Akron will explore different
areas of the borough on a 10k trail that
will be entirely on sidewalks and paved

Anatomy of a Newsletter

The process of putting together this newsletter starts as the previous edition is sent to the printers. We first look at which of our walks will fall during the time frame of the newsletter that we are working on and of course that walk is featured on the front page. We also know that we have at least one page containing the Atlantic Region Calendar. We typically have a recap of the previous walk as well as a listing of new members and also members that have re-upped along with various milestones accomplished by our members.

The president usually has some comments and the back page contains the table of contents and the address panel. The balance of the newsletter is up for grabs and contains various other information that can include articles from members on places they have walked, information about walks or trips that other clubs are planning and news from AVA or for that matter IVV. Once everything is written and we are past our deadline we start laying everything out to see what kind of space we have. And we work everything in so that it fits.

Usually with everyone's help we have ample information to fill the twelve pages that we have been running for the past couple of years. Once everything is laid out, it is proofread and corrected and then e-mailed to a number of people who proofread it again and submit corrections. Once proofread and corrected, it's ready to go to the printer.

At this point we convert the newsletter to a PDF file and e-mail it to our printer. (This is the same PDF file that is posted to the website.) From there it's printed and then addressed using the latest member list provided by our membership chairperson Dan Stoltz. It's put in the mail and you have it in your home within several days for your reading enjoyment.

Although the process above sounds rather perfunctory it can be quite frustrating at times. Several people can proofread the newsletter and we can still go to the printer with a gross error like the time the months at the top of every page were wrong. Our printer many times in the past has caught errors and pointed them out to us before they printed and distributed the newsletter. They have not in our memory ever introduced errors.

However with the last edition (December 2007, January, February 2008) we submitted the newsletter in PDF format to the printer as usual and what we got in your home in the final printed edition was a finished product that had two copies of page 6 containing the Atlantic Region Calendar and a missing page 4. The up side is that all the articles on page 4 started and ended there so if you didn't look at the page numbers you wouldn't think anything was amiss except for the duplication of the Atlantic Region Calendar.

When we started hearing from people who noticed that the pages were messed up we had a several long discussions with the printer and first of all established that it was their problem and not ours. Whew!! The PDF file that we submitted was intact and all the pages were in order the way they should have been and the way we sent it and proofed it.

We never did get a complete answer as to what happened except that they admitted it was human error and their fault and that they have put a system in place so that it won't happen again.



Dates To Remember

Thursday, March 20th

PDP Membership Meeting - 7 PM •
LGH Health Campus Wellness Center - Conference Rm #2

Sunday, April 6th

Akron Pre-Walk for Workers Only
from the Startpoint @ 1 PM

Saturday, April 12th &

Sunday, April 13th

PDP Walking Event • Akron
Start 8 AM until 3 PM

Thursday, April 17th

PDP Membership Meeting - 7 PM •
LGH Health Campus Wellness Center - Conference Rm #2

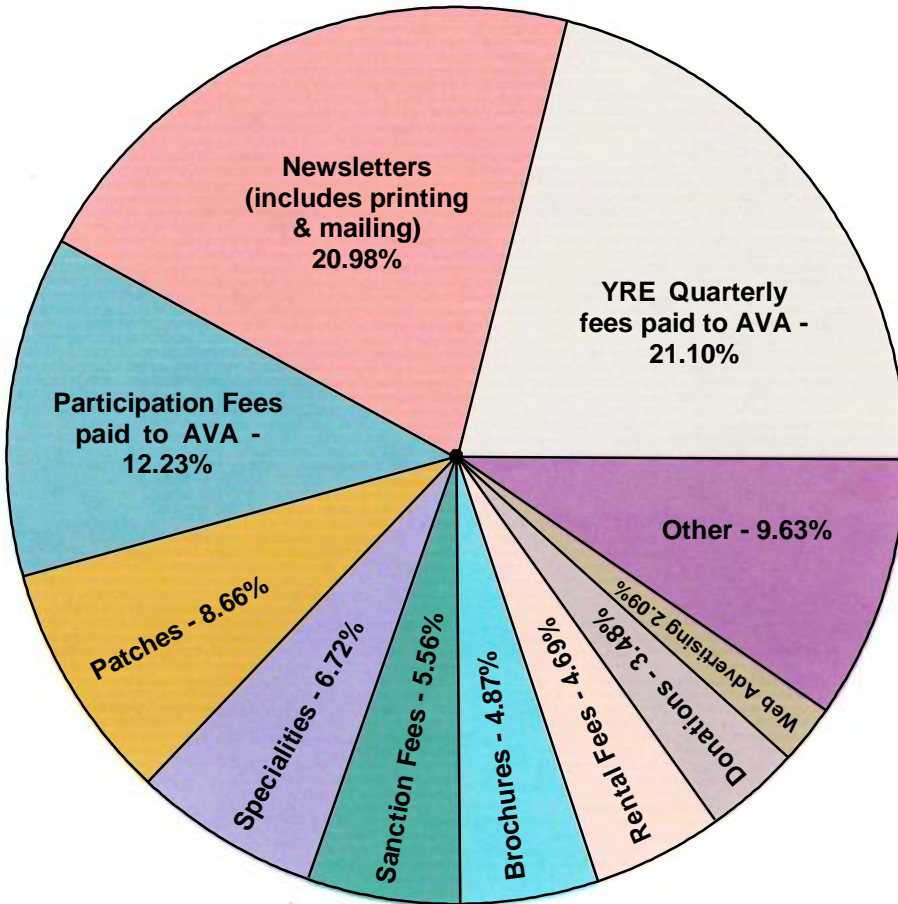
Thursday, May 15th

PDP Membership Meeting - 7 PM •
LGH Health Campus Wellness Center - Conference Rm #2

Volunteering for AVA By Curt Myron, AVA President

This year your AVA leadership will focus its efforts on growing AVA. I believe your new officers are very committed people, but they can't cause growth by themselves. You will have to help as well. One way you can help is to volunteer to work on an AVA Committee. Everyone thinks AVA should attract younger people, publicize AVA and give club training but those AVA Committees can't help much with only one or two members. Volunteering is sometimes a bit scary because you don't know what you are getting into. I'll try to make it easier to volunteer by asking each of the committee Chairs to design specific tasks based on your desires so that you can know how much of your time and effort is required. But you must start the process by expressing your interest. Descriptions of committees are at www.ava.org. Click on the MEMBERSHIP button, then on AVA COMMITTEES. Then contact the committee chair in your area of interest. Or contact me: president@ava.org

Please Identify Yourself



What the Penn Dutch Pacers try to present at each of our events is a warm welcoming atmosphere that says we're glad you're here and if there's anything we can do to make your walking experience better please let us know.

Sometimes it's hard for people to know who's just there walking and who's there working. One of the ways to identify ourselves as the hosts is to use a simple nametag.

It's been a while since we have included the ordering information for our club nametags so we decided to include it here and encourage the use of nametags at our events which means if you don't have one here's the information you need to order one. Nametags are certainly not required but are a nice extra touch.

PDP Expenses Graphically

In our continuing effort to share PDP financial information with all members we are providing the pie chart above which graphically depicts spending by category over the period of January 1, 2007 through November 15, 2007. Although this chart does not show dollar figures it is the percentages and what they represent that we want you to take notice of.

This graphically shows you where PDP spends most of its money and is interesting information as we go forward. Thanks to treasurer Kitty Glass for providing the data and the pie chart.

Food at Akron

We've elucidated ad nauseum in previous issues of this publication about food at our walks. Here are some of the highlights in case you've forgotten:

- Providing food is a service that we provide to walkers in addition to a great location and trail and is another reason for people to attend Penn Dutch Pacer walks.
- Food gives us a way to cover the cost of the Startpoint which in the case of Akron is \$75 per day.
- There are walks where we can not sell food, fortunately we can sell food at our Akron Walk
- We rely on both food that the club purchases for sale and donations of food from members and others.
- Food preparation and sales are done by volunteers, if you can help for even just an hour or so that would be great. Consider volunteering before or after you walk.

- Food donations can be hot food like chili, barbeque, soup, etc. or baked goods. If you are contributing baked goods we ask that they are packaged and wrapped in individual servings. Thus if you are contributing a cake, please slice it and wrap each piece. Put several cookies in a zip lock bag, etc.
- We have great success at our walks with vegetarian and vegan menu options. If you contribute food that contains no animal products, please let us know so that we can let our customer's know.

So to summarize, we'll be selling food at Akron, please contribute if you care to and please volunteer if you can. Questions concerning food can be addressed to Barb Weatherholtz at 717 -625-3533 or e-mail barrynbarb@dejazzd.com or Kitty Glass at 717-872-7743 or e-mail kittyglass@yahoo.com

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2008 ATLANTIC REGION CALENDAR

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
March 2008				
01	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Reedville, VA (American Legion)	757.766.3065
09	GW	Baltimore Walking Club	Monkton, MD (Group walk of the Monkton-North event.)	410.668.1614
14	W	Riverfront Ramblers	Charles Town, WV (Asbury United Methodist Church - ARC Event)	304.727.2699
14/16	W	All American Walking Club	Antietam, MD (Holiday Inn, Martinsburg - ARC Event)	703.631.8512
14/16	Other	Martinsburg, WV	(Holiday Inn, Martinsburg - ARC Event)	202.483.1925
15	W	Riverfront Ramblers	Martinsburg, WV (Holiday Inn-Martinsburg - ARC Event)	304.727.2699
15	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Bethesda, MD (Kenwood Cherry Blossoms)	301.229.1356
16	W	Riverfront Ramblers	Shepherdstown, WV (Clarion Hotel and Conference Center - ARC) 3	04.727.2699
22	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Franklin, VA (Franklin)	757.539.0136
29	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Gloucester, VA (Riverside Walter Reed Hospital)	757.766.3065
April 2008				
05	GW	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore, MD (Group walk of the Hopkins Campuses event.)	410.668.1614
05	W	Loudoun Walking & Volkssport Club	Sterling, VA (Claude Moore Park Recreation Center)	703.737.2175
05	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Yorktown, VA (The Stables, Colonial National Historical Park)	757.766.3065
12	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Audubon, PA (Audubon Center at Mill Grove)	215.699.9246
12	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Hampton, VA (Sandy Bottom Nature Park)	757.722.5637
12/13	B	Potomac River Volksmarching Club	Washington, DC (Bolling Air Force Base Slip Inn)	202.483.1925
12/13	W	Potomac River Volksmarching Club	Washington, DC (Bolling Air Force Base Slip Inn)	202.483.1925
12/13	W	Penn Dutch Pacers	Akron, PA (Lions Club Lodge in Loyd Roland Memorial Park)	717.625.3533
13	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Parkville, MD (Burger King)	410.668.1614
15	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria, VA (Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library)	301.449.6325
19	W	Annapolis Amblers	Annapolis, MD (Maryland Hall for the Performing Arts)	410.224.0907
19	W	Lee Lepus Volksverband	Mineral, VA (Fire Station)	804.768.0055
19/20	W	First State Webfooters	Pine Creek, DE (Carousel Park New Castle County Equestrian Center)	302.697.1191
19/20	W	Germanna Volkssport Association	Spotsylvania, VA (Lake Anna State Park)	540.972.2147
26	W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Laurel, MD (St. Vincent Palotti High School)	410.437.2164
26	W	Susquehanna Rovers	Millersburg, PA (Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art)	717.599.5033
26	W	Loudoun Walking & Volkssport Club	Leesburg, VA (St. John the Apostle Parish Center)	703.737.2175
26	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Norfolk, VA (WHRO-TV & Radio offices)	757.490.9324
May 2008				
03	NW	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Kensington, MD (Parkwood Elementary School)	301.946.5496
03/04	W	Balony Stompers	Cleona, PA (Cleona Fire Company)	717.272.0655
04	W	Annapolis Amblers	Severna Park, MD (American Legion Post 175)	410.647.5919
10	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Towson, MD (Towson YMCA)	410.828.8039
10	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Huntingdon Valley, PA (Lorimer Park)	215.663.1328
10	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Williamsburg, VA (New Quarter Park)	757.877.5049
17	W	Piedmont Pacers	Westminster, MD (Union Mills)	410.795.7855
17	W	Cumberland Valley Lead Foot Club	Fayetteville, PA (Caledonia State Park)	717.263.8633
17	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Norfolk, VA (Norfolk Botanical Garden Picnic area)	757.490.9324
20	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria, VA (Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library)	301.449.6325
24	Group	Baltimore Walking Club	Bentley Springs, MD (Group walk of the Bentley Springs event.)	410.668.1614
24	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Woodstock, VA (American Legion Post 199)	757.766.3065
25	W	Piedmont Pacers	Cumberland, MD	301.829.3685
25	W	Riverfront Ramblers	Keiser, WV (TBA)	304.727.2699
31	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Fort Washington, MD (Fort Washington Park)	703.631.8512
31	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Volant, PA (Volant Mill Parking Area)	717.624.4808
31	W	Loudoun Walking & Volkssport Club	Leesburg, VA (Morven Park Equestrian Center)	703.737.2175
31/01	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Grove City, PA (Grove City Community Park)	717.624.4808
June 2008				
01	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	New Britain, PA (Lake Galena (Peace Valley Park)	215.345.1723
01	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Slippery Rock, PA (Slippery Rock Community Park)	717.624.4808
07	W	Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers	Beltsville, MD (Beltsville Agricultural Research Center)	301.937.3549
07	W	Loudoun Walking & Volkssport Club	Sterling, VA (Claude Moore Park, Visitors Center)	703.737.2175
08	W	Wood & Dale Wanderers	Lakeridge, VA (Lake Ridge Community Park - cancelled)	703.808.2178
14	W	US Freedom Walk Festival Club	Washington, DC (National Masonic Trail)	703.583.2936
14	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Kutztown, PA (Kutztown University, Keystone Hall So.)	215.699.9246
17	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria, VA (Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library)	301.449.6325
21	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Gaithersburg, MD (Olde Town Gaithersburg)	301.869.0698
21	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Williamsburg, VA	757.766.3065
22	Group	Baltimore Walking Club	Towson, MD (Group walk of the Towson event.)	410.668.1614
28	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Hampton, VA (Fort Monroe)	757.890.9220
July 2008				
13	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Elkton, MD (John P. Stanley Memorial Park)	410.247.4524
19	W	Annapolis Amblers	St. Michaels, MD (St. Michael's Elementary School)	410.647.5919
26/27	W	York White Rose Wanderers	York, PA (York Expo Center)	717.624.4808
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Legend: W=Walk, GW=Guided Walk, GNW=Guided Night Walk, NW=Night Walk, B=Bike, S=Swim
 Sk=Ski, XSk= Cross Country Ski, IS=Ice Skate, RS=Roller Skate, SS=Snowshoe M=Meeting

2007 YRE Events in Review

2007 YRE Results	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Individual Event Totals
	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	
Lancaster Downtown	26	3	29	21	0	21	26	0	26	44	1	45	121
Lancaster West	13	1	14	27	2	29	24	1	25	17	2	19	87
Lititz North	11	0	11	18	0	18	28	3	31	21	0	21	81
Lititz History	22	0	22	37	2	39	41	2	43	22	0	22	126
Millersville	25	0	25	23	3	26	31	0	31	10	1	11	93
Middle Creek Lake	14	0	14	14	0	14	10	1	11	Event Closed			34
Middle Creek Woods	5	0	5	9	0	9	10	1	11	7	0	7	32
New Holland East	16	0	16	7	0	7	22	1	23	8	1	9	55
New Holland West	16	0	16	13	0	13	26	1	27	2	0	2	58
Ephrata	24	0	24	45	1	46	40	0	40	14	0	14	124
	172	4		214	8		258	10		145	5		816
Quarterly Sub-Totals			176			222			268			150	

Year	Participants
2007	816
2006	856
2005	643
2004	747
2003	829
2002	784
2001	849
2000	796
1999	841
1998	893

It should be said again and again that YRE and Seasonal events are a wonderful part of the over all Volksmarching experience for without them there would be a long wait between weekend events. From a club and from a financial point of view YRE and Seasonal events also contribute to a club's cash flow.

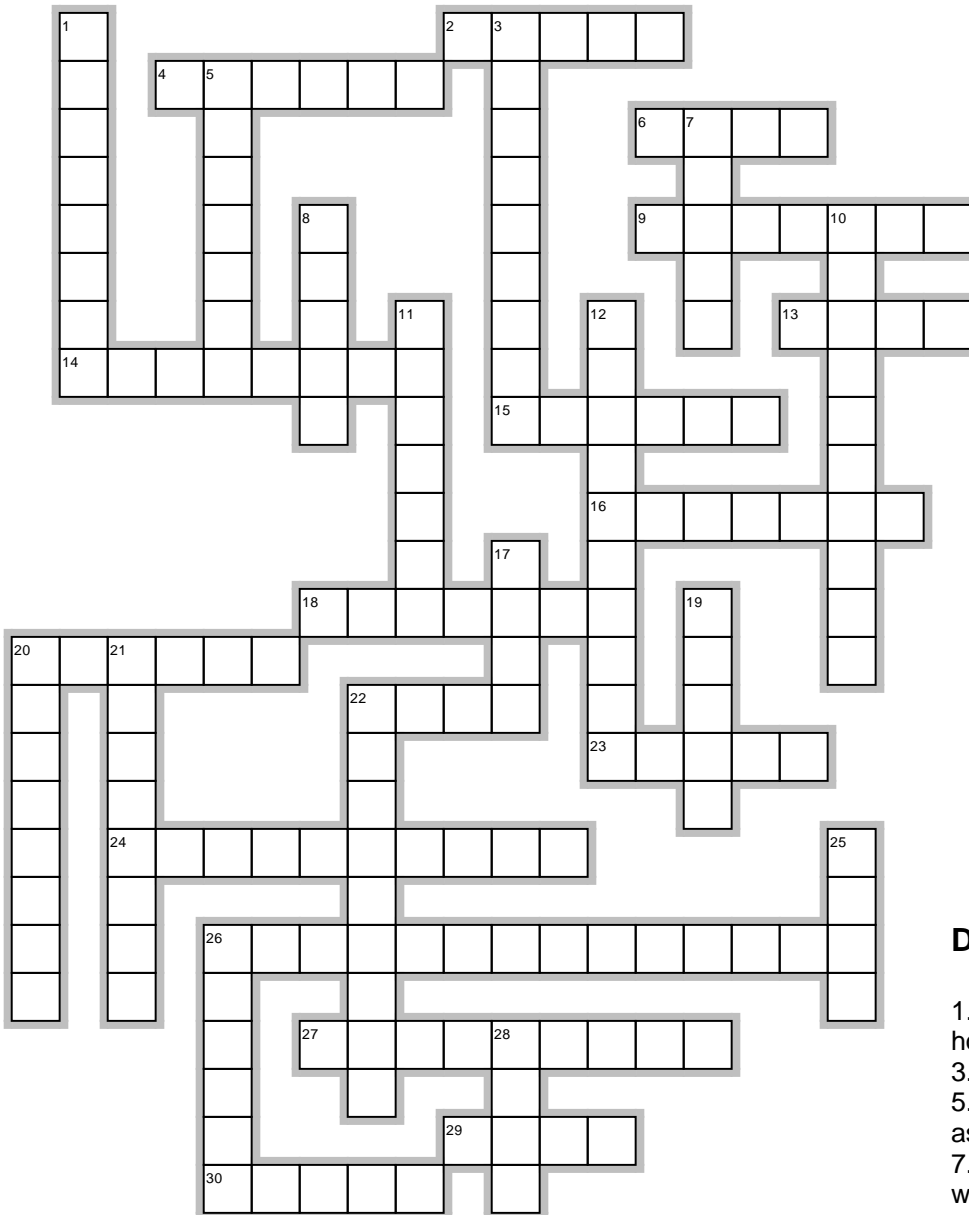
YRE and Seasonal events are also typically the only events that are available during weekdays and offer people visiting a way to see the area.

We like to share our YRE and Seasonal participation figures so that you know where we have been and where we are going from year to year. Remember that behind these figures are hours and hours of volunteer labor that go into creating and maintaining the trails, creating the maps and written directions, contacting the startpoints, creating all the materials that are in the start box and then checking the start boxes on a regular basis to make sure that there are adequate supplies. This also includes time to retrieve and collate the number of walkers from each of the events and then submit the quarterly reports to AVA.

All of this work is done by dedicated individuals to provide all of us and the volksmarching community as a whole wonderful walking experiences here in Penn Dutch Pacer Country. Thanks to all those dedicated souls who help keep all of our YRE and Seasonal events alive and well.

Akron 2008

This Month's Puzzle



We got a lot of good comments with our first crossword puzzle in the last newsletter so we decided to do it again.

The puzzle at left deals with our upcoming walk in Akron. All the answers relate somehow with our Akron walk and thus the answers can be found either in this publication or the event brochure or both.

The questions are designed to give you some information about the area in which we will be walking and hopefully make the walk even more enjoyable.

As with the previously puzzle you can go to the PDP website events page and play the electronic version if you wish. We hope you enjoy the puzzle.

And of course if you really get stuck you can reference the answer key on page 11, but please don't peek before you give it an honest try.

Across

2. The incentive for the patch for this event is the Akron Town _____
4. The name of the restaurant where we held this year's dinner meeting
6. The street name that you turn onto off of Route 272 to get to our walk
9. The type of golf course found in Roland Park
13. The body of water in Loyd Roland Park is called a _____.
14. The golf course has how many holes
15. What is the name of the park where the startpoint is located
16. Akron is just south of this town
18. Akron is this form of government
20. What do you play on the lighted court in Loyd Roland Park?
22. The acronym for our state organization
23. The first name of the current president of KSVa
24. Where is our Ephrata YRE startpoint?
26. This walk qualifies for this final resting place special walking program
27. _____ Central Committee
29. Frisbee golf courses are also known as _____ golf courses.
30. The former Miller Hess Company of Akron made what product

Down

1. What the book is called that we record how far we walk?
3. The county in which Akron is located
5. Route 272 through town is also known as _____ street.
7. The name of the town where we are walking in April
8. The commodity that Ephrata shared with Akron downhill.
10. The name of Route 222 exit where you get off to get to Akron
11. What they drop in Akron on New Year's Eve
12. The name of the shoe company that was a mainstay in Akron until 1985
17. A country that's famous for its cigars
19. Pets in the park must be on a _____.
20. Ten _____ Villages
21. The part of Lancaster County where Akron is located
22. What 3280.8399 feet equals
25. Akron is built on a _____.
26. What they made a lot of when Akron was first founded
28. The state where the other Akron is located

Museum Walk America :: Starts January 1, 2009

Via e-mail from Phil Hait the AVA Special Programs Coordinator (who took over the job from Joan Lampart at the Biennial Convention this past June) on December 1st following the NEC (National Executive Council) meeting in Mason, Ohio we learned that the Penn Dutch Pacer proposal to sponsor the Museum Walk America Special Walking Program was approved by the NEC.

You say you didn't know that the Penn Dutch Pacers were sponsoring the Museum Walk America Special Walking program; well we

“Walk & Learn at the same time by participating in the Museum Walk America Special Walking Program from AVA.”

weren't quite sure we actually were going to get the opportunity but with the e-mail notification of the NEC accepting our proposal it is now going to be a reality. The beginning of the long application process to sponsor a Special Walking Program started back in the Spring of 2007 with the idea that we should get involved in what seems to be a popular trend among Volkssporters today. We have talked about Special Walking programs in this publication before but in case you aren't familiar with them, here's a brief description.

In addition to the standard AVA Distance and Event books the Special Walking Programs offer additional incentive for walkers to participate in a club's events

that qualify for one or more of the Special Walking Programs. A good example of this was our most recent event in Manheim which qualified for a total of eight Special Walking Programs. We don't have the time or space here to delve into every one of them since we have covered quite a number in past issues of this publication. But as an example, one of the obvious Special Walking programs that our Manheim event qualified for was the Covered Bridge Special Walking program.

The reason I say its obvious is that you really couldn't miss walking through the covered bridge. If you walked in Manheim and walked through the covered bridge and had purchased your Covered Bridge book from the sponsoring club (in this case the Liberty Bell Wanderers) prior to the walk and then presented your Covered Bridge book at the finish along with your Event and Distance books you would have gotten an event stamp in your Covered Bridge book. Once you get 12 stamps in your Covered Bridge Special Walking Program book. You get a special patch that was designed specifically for this program. For more information of all the current Special Walking Program go to the AVA website and click on Special Programs in the left hand menu or go directly to them at this URL - www.ava.org/programs.htm

So there in a nut shell is what a Special Walking program is and as you might expect from the title of the Penn Dutch Pacer Special Walking Program we will be looking for Museums instead of Covered Bridges. We think that there are a lot more museums than covered bridges and are using this definition to define them - A museum is defined as a building, place, or institution devoted to the acquisition, conservation, study, exhibition, and educational interpretation of objects having scientific, historical, or artistic value and/or a building or location that has a name on a sign that includes the word "Museum".

As we get closer to January 1, 2009 we have more information on when books will be going on sale and that information will be added to a special page on the PDP website. Stay tuned!!

MUSEUM WALK AMERICA Special Event Hosted by the Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club, Inc. - Lancaster PA

•• Rules ••

- 1) Walk must be a sanctioned AVA walk that passes directly by a Museum. Any participant that participates in and pays the regular AVA event fee is eligible to record the walk in their Museum Walk America Event Book.
- 2) A museum is defined as a building, place, or institution devoted to the acquisition, conservation, study, exhibition, and educational interpretation of objects having scientific, historical, or artistic value and/or a building or location that has a name on a sign that includes the word "Museum".
- 3) Only Museums in the United States may be listed for inclusion in this program.
- 4) Clubs must pre-register qualified museums and the walk sanction number from either the AVA with the administrator for inclusion in this program.
- 5) Each museum may only be used once.
- 6) If an event includes 2 or more museums, a stamp may be awarded for each museum provided the event is walked a separate time for each stamp.
- 7) The IVV stamp must be used to record each complete museum walk. Handwritten entries are not allowed. This program is not retroactive. All events must be walked (or biked, if a bike event) after you register for the program. Insert cards may be used if you have forgotten your record book, however at least one event must be recorded in your record book.
- 8) For each event record the IVV stamp, date, location (closest town, state) and museum name.

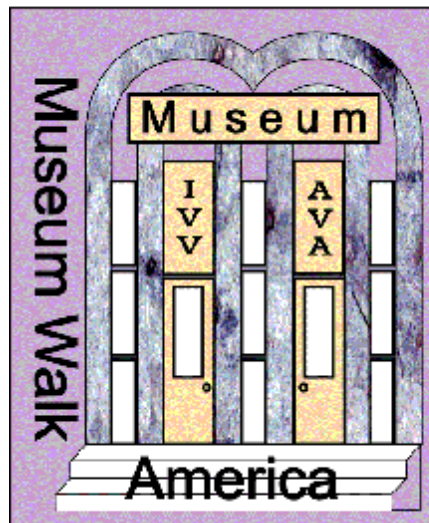
Return complete books to:

**Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club, Inc.
Attn: Museum Walk America, PO Box 7445
Lancaster PA 17604-7445**

For more information or questions contact:

**Robert Cooney @ 717-625-3627
Or e-mail rdcwalk@ptd.net**

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This is what the front cover of the Museum Walk American Book looks like along with the patch.

paths. It is interesting if you read the AVA trail ratings that they deal with the surface and difficulty of the trail in regard to terrain but do not address elevation, thus we have elected to rate our Akron trail a 1+ based on the walking surface. You should know however that Akron is built on a hill which means that some of the trail will go up the hill and thus logically some of the trail will go down the hill. We don't regard any the hills as severe but just want to let you know that this is not a flat 1+ walk. Our Startpoint does have a kitchen so we will be providing food for all those that attend, please consider donating your time or food or both. More information on the food can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Mark your calendars now to be sure to join us in Akron and as always you can go to the

website at www.penndutchpacers.org to get the latest information on the walk including a copy of the brochure.

The historical and geographic information in this article comes from the Akron borough website whose information was provided by former councilman and borough manager Wilmer Hall and Wikipedia.

4TH BIENNIAL ATLANTIC REGION CONFERENCE

Conference Schedule



All activities take place at the Holiday Inn -- Martinsburg unless otherwise noted.

Friday, March 14

Travel to Martinsburg possibly doing a YRE or two enroute

Daily, during daylight hours 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Noon - 3:00 p.m. Registration 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3-day event in Antietam, MD Conference Registration Walk in Charlestown, WV Cocktails [Cash Bar] Buffet Dinner
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Saturday, March 15

Daily, during daylight hours 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration Noon to 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3-day event in Antietam, MD Walk in Martinsburg, WV Conference Registration Workshop #1 Workshop #2 General Session Cocktails [Cash Bar] Buffet Dinner / Guest Speaker
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Sunday, March 16

Daylight until Noon 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration	3-day event in Antietam, MD Walk in Shepherdstown, WV
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Travel home possibly doing an YRE en route

The Atlantic Region Director (Skip Coburn) in cooperation with the Riverfront Ramblers, AVA-0664 and the All American Walking Club, AVA-0906 will host the 4th Biennial Atlantic Region Conference on March 14-16, 2008 at the Holiday Inn — Martinsburg, Martinsburg, West Virginia. The Registration Brochure contains all the information necessary to register for the conference. It also contains lodging, socials, events and other general information. Please join us for a weekend of activities and walking events. Learn about health and fitness, how the Atlantic Region operates, and maybe a little bit of West Virginia history. For reservations at the Holiday Inn - Martinsburg. call (304) 267- 5500 Ext: 5103.

For more information on the Atlantic Region Conference and a copy of the brochure go to the following website - http://www.ava.org/clubs/reg_atlantic/2008atrc.htm or check the link on the Penn Dutch Pacer website at www.penndutchpacers.org



The Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, located on the Lebanon-Lancaster County line about one mile south of Kleinfeltersville, is a special tract owned and set aside by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for the protection, propagation, management, preservation and controlled harvest of wildlife. This area of more than 5,000 acres provides habitat for waterfowl, forest wildlife and farmland wildlife and includes a 400-acre shallow water lake and a 70-acre impoundment. Visitors to the wildlife area in November and from late February to late March are fortunate to witness and photograph the flocks of beautiful tundra swan that stop in Pennsylvania during migration.

Friday, February 1, amid the rain and sleet saw the reopening of the Middle Creek Visitors Center and consequently the Woods & Meadows trail for volkswalking. Needless to say, no one was wait-

ing for the doors to open at 8 am. Not even Bob Gast who is usually number 1 on the trail!!! The temperature hovered around 32 and the road to Middle Creek was icy in spots, but the trees and shrubbery were beautiful. Clothed in a frozen sheen that twinkled in a quiet majesty when the breeze blew ever so gently. The Lake Trail will be opening on March 1. Both trails have been experiencing a downward participation as are most of the YRE's. Middle Creek walks are seasonal and may be done only once a year for credit. YRE's may be walked twice for credit, (Jan-June and again July-Dec.). All trails may be walked for distance as often as you may want. Most regular local walkers do the YRE's twice a year and I would encourage them to do the Seasonal more than once even if it's only for the distance credit. If participation in an event drops below the break-even point there is danger of the walk being dropped. I would hate to see that happen at Middle Creek. It is such a beautiful, quiet, nature abounding area to volkswalk.

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So our apologies for the page debacle from our printer and thanks to those who notified us of the duplicate and missing pages. Just goes to show that no matter how hard you try things can still get out of whack. We were able to get the word out to those of you who are on the pdpacers e-mail list about what the problem was with the newsletter and we attached the missing page 4 so that you could print it out and see what you were missing. We also let folks know that the complete newsletter was on the Penn Dutch Pacers website as are all issues of the newsletter going back to the September, October, November of 2005. So see this is another reason that all of you who have internet access sign up for the pdpacers e-mail list. It's easy to join. Go to the Penn Dutch Pacer website at www.penndutchpacers.org and go to the Join page. Scroll down and in the lower left hand corner of the page you'll see "Subscribe to PDPacers". Enter your e-mail address and click the icon and follow the instructions. That's all there is to it.

Annual Dinner Meeting, Elections Held February 21st

The second time was a charm when it came to the Penn Dutch Pacers Annual Dinner meeting that was originally scheduled for the 3rd Thursday in January but was canceled due to ice and snow. A month later on Thursday, February 21st, the Annual Dinner meeting took place for the first time at the Isaac's Restaurant location on the Manheim Pike.

The thing about this Isaac's location is that they have a meeting room that can be closed off which was great for our purposes. Seventeen Penn Dutch Pacer members enjoyed the food, room and great service before the meeting began at 7:00 PM. There were the usual reports from the secretary and treasurer as well as reports and discussion concerning the first walk of the year in Akron on April 12th and 13th, plus other potential walks that are in the works in places like Brownstown, Brunnerville, Maytown, Bainbridge, Silver Mine Park, Speedwell Forge and Masonic Homes in E-town.

The evening concluded with the election of Penn Dutch Pacer officers for the next two years. On the ballot, all running un-opposed, were Phil Allamong, President; George Resh, 1st Vice President and Bob Cooney, Volunteer Coordinator, 2nd Vice President. As you might have guessed, all were elected. It should be said here that without those that consent to holding elected PDP offices the Penn Dutch Pacers could not

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continue, so a big thank you to outgoing President Pete Byrne who served as President for two consecutive terms which is the maximum allowed by our by-laws. Also a big thank you to George Resh and Bob Cooney who continue in their elected positions. And we would be horribly remiss if we didn't thank all those folks that hold named positions in the Penn Dutch Pacers who continue to do their vital jobs without any fanfare whatsoever. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!!

Crossword Puzzle Answers

1. DISTANCE — What the book is called that we record how far we walk?
 3. LANCASTER — The county in which Akron is located
 5. SEVENTH — Route 272 through town is also known as _____ street.
 7. AKRON — The name of the town where we are walking in April
 8. WALTER — The commodity that Ephrata shared with Akron downhill.
 10. BROWNSTOWN — The name of Route 222 exit where you get off to get to Akron
 11. SNEAKER — What they drop in Akron on New Year's Eve
 12. MILLERHESS — The name of the shoe company that was a mainstay in Akron until 1985
 17. CUBA — A country that's famous for its cigars
 19. LEASH — Pets in the park must be on a _____
 20. THOUSAND — Ten _____ Villages
 21. NORTHERN — The part of Lancaster County where Akron is located
 22. KILOMETER — What 3280.8399 feet equals
 25. HILL — Akron is built on a _____
 26. CIGARS — What they made a lot of when Akron was first founded
 28. OHIO — The state where the other Akron is located

Down

2. CLOCK — The incentive for the patch for this event is the Akron Town _____
 4. ISAACS — The name of the restaurant where we held this years dinner meeting
 6. MAIN — The street name that you turn onto off of Route 272 to get to our walk
 9. FRISBEE — The type of golf course found in Roland Park
 13. POND — The body of water in Loyd Roland Park is called a _____
 14. EIGHTEEN — The golf course has how many holes
 15. ROLAND — What is the name of the park where the startpoint is located
 16. EPHRATA — Akron is just south of this town
 18. BROUGH — Akron is this form of government
 20. TENNIS — What do you play of the lighted court in Loyd Roland Park?
 22. KSA — The acronym for our state organization
 23. SUSAN — The first name of the current president of KSA
 24. HAMPTONINN — Where is our Ephrata YRE startpoint
 26. CEMETERYSTROLL — This walk qualifies for this final resting place special walking program
 27. MENNONITE — _____ Central
 29. DISC — Frisbee golf courses are also known as _____ Committee
 30. SHOES — The former Miller Hess Company of Akron made what product

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Banana Bread

- 1 1/2 cups flour -- whole wheat
- 1/2 cup wheat bran
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 3/4 cup turbinado sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 bananas -- mashed
- 1 apple -- finely chopped

Combine all ingredients. Bake at 350F for 60-75 minutes in a greased and floured loaf pan, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from pan and cool on a rack.

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