



Roadrunner Happenings

Roadrunner Activities and News (August 2011)

1. **A-MEDAL SUPPLY DELAY:** For those of you that we owe May Walk A-medals or who ordered some after-the-fact; we have not forgotten you! We expect them within the next 7-10 days so be patient. I will make sure that you get your glasses and will notify you as soon as they are in.

2. **AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The General Membership meeting will be held on 16 August at the usual time, 1800 social, 1900 Business at the Bodega, a tapas restaurant on the main street in Landstuhl. Check the website for the map. Mark this on your calendars. This is a unique restaurant and was very enjoyable since we are in the "basement" which is a vaulted stone room and really cool.

3. **MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER:** We have had a number of people signing up for new memberships using the web page on-line tool – that is a success story. However, that is only the first step, you need to either come by a meeting or mail your check into the Ramstein Recreation Center to finalize your membership and get your membership cards and patch. This is important because we are going to revamp the membership database soon and will be deleting people that are not current in their dues from the database. Please help us out and either send in your initial dues or send in your renewal dues when your membership is about to expire, so that we don't have to do this and you can keep enjoying all the benefits of being an active member.

4. **UPCOMING TRIPS AND TOURS:** Gene Behrends (parrotdad@hotmail.com) has recently announced the tours agenda for the rest of the year. We will be doing three more trips in 2011:

20 August	Crailsheim walk and visit romantic Dinkelsbühl
8 October	Bischofsdhrön walk and wine fest in Zell an der Moselle
10 December	Evening walk and Christmas Market in Metz. This is always a favorite so sign up early.

See the website for cost, meeting points, and times. Join us for a fun time at some of the interesting locations in Germany and France.

5. **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE;** The Ramstein Roadrunners will be hosting a Membership drive at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on August 11th from 10:30 till 2:00. Anyone who would like to help please call me Lynne @ 06374-801179. A big shout out to Cathy Larchey for helping us with this mission. It would be much more difficult if it wasn't for all the volunteers who make things happen for the club. Thank s to all!

Upcoming Events

- Here's how you decode the listings - you'll find the event name (i.e. **Morbach**) followed by the state or the country the walk is in (**RP, Saar, etc**) and the trail lengths if they have been published in the termineliste (**NEW for 2011**). Check on the web site in the Master Distance Listing Dec 09 for how far approximately the walk is from Ramstein-Miesenbach. You still need to check the weekly walking column in the Stars & Stripes, the walk brochures and the official termineliste but this will give you a start. We will also suggest some nice "mini-trips" for folks who are more adventuresome. The officers have done a number of these over the years and can provide information if you need it.
- Always remember to take your **passport AND international driver's license** if you are traveling to a walk outside the boundaries of Germany. You never know when the customs officials will enforce the borders and the fines can be steep. At best, the hassle may cost you several hours and much frustration.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location and Distances (A=5/6km trail in France)</u>
Aug 2011	
6/7 Aug 2011	Dansenberg (RP – 5/10/20km)
6/7 Aug 2011	Ebernhahn (RP – 5/10/20/42/50km)
6/7 Aug 2011	Hottenbach (RP – 5/10/20km)
6/7 Aug 2011	Huhnerfeld (Saar – 6/10/20km)
7 Aug 2011	Wattens, Austria – for the long distance travelers, see the Swarovski Museum and factory works/sales room
13/14 Aug 2011	Langscheid (RP – 5/10/20km)
13/14 Aug 2011	Winterbach (RP – 6/10/20km)
13/14 Aug 2011	Gersheim (Saar – 6/10/20km)
13/14 Aug 2011	Uchtelfangen (Saar – 5/10/20km) CANCELLED
18 Aug 2011	Dudweiler (Saar)
21-22 Aug 2011	Clausen (RP), Tiefenbach (RP), Lautenbach (Saar) Schmelz (Saar), and & a BUS trip to Crailsheim/ Dinkelsbuhl (BW-Nord)
22 Aug 2011	Mainz-Gonsenheim (RP)
28-29 Aug 2011	Flag walk at Lambsborn on Sunday (RP), Polch (RP), Schiersfeld (RP) and Steinbach (Saar)
29 Aug 2011	If you want to travel a little on the long weekend try the walk at Titisee-Neustadt (BW-Sud/310km), it is beautiful country. Looking for a place to stay, talk to Lynne. You can also visit the Black Forest/Triberg area (275km) on the way home.
September 2011	
1 Sep 2011:	Langenlonsheim (RP)- great walk and fun mid-week event

4-5 Sep 2011 *Flacht (RP), Hohenoellen (RP), Kirschberg (RP), Namborn (Saar), and Rigelsberg (Saar)*

8-9 Sep 2011 *Groelsheim (RP)*

11-12 Sep: 2011 *Kuembdchen-Keidelheim (RP), St Julian (RP), Ensheim (Saar), Karlsbrunn (Saar),*
12 Sep 2011: *Neuerburg (RP)*

18-19 Sep: 2011 *Flag Walk at Miesau (RP) on Sunday (19 Sep) – we will be looking for volunteers to assist them over the weekend. The Miesau club has helped us with volunteers over the last two years so let's not let them down. Need help (6-8 people) on late Sunday afternoon to move tables and equipment after the hall closes. Contact Brad at 06374-801179*

18-19 Sep 2011 *Diez (RP), Mittlestrimmig (RP), Hirzweiler (Saar), and Saar Louis (Saar)*

18-19 Sep 2011 *Heidelberg International Walking Club – Possible Flag Walk on Saturday 18 Sep 2011, this may be the last walk of one of the three largest American clubs in Germany so if you can, please show them our support, BW-Nord)*

Long Range Event Planning

2 Aug 2011 Board of Directors Meeting – 6PM at the Crandalls

16 Aug 2011 General Membership Meeting . Location : The Bodega in downtown Landstuhl, see the Website for directions. 6PM social hour and 7PM meeting

6 Sept 2011 Board of Directors Meeting:. Location : TBD 6PM social hour and 7PM meeting

20 Sept 2011 General Membership Meeting Location : TBD 6PM social hour and 7PM meeting