



Roadrunner Happenings

Roadrunner Activities and News (May 2011)

President's Corner: Instead of the usual short informational notes from the President, we have a letter requesting volunteer support:

Dear Roadrunner,

The Roadrunners' Spring Walk is a club tradition that dates back to the mid 1970s. This is our 35th Spring Walk and the 70th walk the club has sponsored over the years! There are very few other walking clubs anywhere that can make that statement. We expect to have about 1,500+ people attend the Spring Walk based on the attendance at our last two events. We need **YOU** to make it happen!

This event allows our club to "pay back" the European volksmarching community by hosting an IVV-sponsored walking event for other walkers to enjoy. This is our way of thanking them for providing walks that we enjoy the other 51 weekends each year.

Show your support for the German community and get to know your fellow Roadrunners!

A normal two-day walk needs volunteers to make it a success. Many people don't realize all the jobs available—from marking the trails and routes to the hall, to selling Startcards and stamping IVV books, selling food and drinks, manning trail control points, and final clean-up. Volunteering for even a few hours on just one day would greatly reduce the workload for all and make this a first class event.

The club has over 200 members and we still need some a few additional volunteers to provide backup! To all of you that have already contacted us and are scheduled to work – the Board of Directors and I thank you for your wholehearted support and help.

If you haven't yet signed up, you can still volunteer for the walk in several ways.

- Contact Donna Glenn or Lynne Crandall at ramsteinroadrunners@yahoo.com or telephone (06374-801179).
- Sign up online at www.ava.org/clubs/ramsteinroadrunners/index.html
- Come to the Volunteer Prewalk on 1 May at the Merzweckhalle in Ramstein-Miesenbach. The 10km prewalk will start at 1300 and the 5km will start at 1400.

Volunteering for just a few hours will help make the Spring Walk a success!

Thank you in advance and we hope to see as many of you as possible at the General Membership meeting and at the Spring Walk. ***Let's make this a true "Roadrunner Family" event!***

Yours in walking,

Brad

NEW General Membership Meeting Location: We are always looking for new locations that members can enjoy while participating in the General Membership meetings. Last month we tried the Rimini , also called the “Schutzenhaus” in Weltersbach. The results were really good. I would suggest that if you want to eat a full meal – come a little earlier and bring an appetite. The May social hour will begin at 6PM and we have a back room for the meeting. The Rimini is located on Bergstrasse 7, 66879 Weltersbach. More detailed directions are at the end of the newsletter.

Car Pooling and Flag Walks (Lynne Crandall): We have a couple of opportunities for carpools in May. However, our schedule is pretty full for the month so if someone else would like to lead a carpool out feel free to give it a spin. If you have any questions on what needs to be done and how to advertise it, please feel free to call me for more information at 06374-801179. The two best chances for a car pool are:

21/22 May 2011	Herschweiler-Pettersheim (RP - 5/10/20km)
29 May 2011	Grevenmacher, Lux (6/11/20km)

Sales (Pat Patterson & Sheryl Neal): Pat Patterson has decided to resign as the Sales Director since he will be out of the area for an extended period over the next year. We all need to thank him for what he has done over the last couple years – so if you see him let him know how much he is appreciated. Sheryl Neal will be taking over the task of Sales Director effective 1 May and we all know she will do a great job for the club. Come by the May walk and the next General membership meeting and place your order so you can have them to wear over the Summer.

Club Patches (Donna Glenn): We have our new supply of club patches so if we owe you a patch or you need a few more for the family come by the walk or our next General Membership Meeting and pick it up from Donna and stay for the meeting.

NEW -- Recent Trail Reports: We need member inputs to make this a successful and useful item for the newsletter – please send a note to the email account after a walk and share your opinion and information with your fellow club members.

Achievements (Sheryl Neal): Contact Sheryl Neal if you have volunteered to help a club or achieved any of the IVV or club distance goals so we can recognize your efforts in the newsletter

HOT Club Elections (BOD): Don’t forget that the annual club elections will be held on 21 Jun. We’d like to see as many members there as possible to participate and vote for the officers and directors for 2011-2012. Anyone interested in running for a club office (either officer or director) please contact any of the board members by the May General Membership meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor the night of the elections. This year we are also looking for any of our members that are interested in working as the assistant or alternate to our present board members. This gives you the chance to participate actively in your club and meet more people interested in volksmarching. Pat Massey and I would love to see all of our Board Members have an alternate – that way people can participate, learn the ins and outs of volksmarching and it helps cut the overall work load for everyone. Try it – you might like it and have a great time.

REMINDER – On-Line Membership Applications: The on-line membership application makes becoming a Roadrunner a very simple task and has been very successful. However, this is a two part process – first, the application and second, you need to send in your membership dues to complete the process and enrolled into the database. You can do this either by sending your check to the club mailbox at the Ramstein Recreation Center or by coming to the monthly membership meeting. Please don’t forget to complete the process.

22 May 2011	Innsbruck, Austria
28/29 May 2011	Kirchen-Freusberg (RP - 5/10/20km)
28/29 May 2011	Bendorf (RP - 6/10/20km)
28/29 May 2011	Longuich (RP - 5/10/20km)
28/29 May 2011	Oberwiesen (RP - 5/10/20km)
28/29 May 2011	Oberbexbach (Saar-TBD)
28/29 May 2011	Goetzenbruck, FR (A/10/20km)
29 May 2011	Bouzonville, FR (A/10/20km)
29 May 2011	Grevenmacher, Lux (6/11/20km)

June 2011

2 Jun 2011	Messerich (RP – 5/10/20km)
2 Jun 2011	Montabaur (RP – 5/10/20/42km)
2 Jun 2011	Siersburg (Saar – 5/10/20km)
4 Jun 2011	Bischweiler, FR (A/10km)
4/5 Jun 2011	Hahnstaetten (RP – 5/10/20/30km)
4/5 Jun 2011	Reichweiler (RP – 5/10/20km)
4/5 Jun 2011	Waldboeckelheim (RP – 5/10/20km)
4/5 Jun 2011	Differten (Saar – 6/10/15/20km)
4/5 Jun 2011	Frankenholz (Saar – 5/10/20km)
4/5 Jun 2011	Soucht, FR (A/10/20/42km)

Long Range Event Planning

3 May 2011	Final Pre-Event Coordination and Board of Directors Meeting –TBD, 6PM social.
7-8 May 2011	May Walk 2011 (Merzweckhalle, Miesenbach)
17 May 2011	<u>NEW LOCATION</u> -- General Membership Meeting – Rimini (Bergstrasse 7, 66879 Weltersbach, 6PM social hour
7 June 2011	Board of Directors Meeting-TBD 6:pm social
TBD June	May walk volunteer picnic-more details to follow, watch for this on the Facebook account and Web Page
21 June 2011	<u>NEW LOCATION</u> -- General Membership Meeting and elections. Rimini (Bergstrasse 7, 66879 Weltersbach, 6PM social hour