



# Roadrunner Happenings

## Roadrunner Activities and News (September 2011 )

1. **SPRING WALK A-MEDALS :** For those of you that we owe May Walk A-medals or who ordered some after-the-fact; we have not forgotten you! They are finally here and ready for pick up. I will have them with me at the walk in Miesau on 17-18 Sep if you want to pick them up there. Otherwise contact Brad or Lynne at either [crandalb@yahoo.com](mailto:crandalb@yahoo.com) or 06374-801179 (evenings) and we will make arrangements with you.

2. **SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The General Membership meeting will be held on 20 September at the usual time, 1800 social, 1900 Business. Due to restaurant vacations we have not determined a location yet but will post it on the web site and Facebook as soon as possible.

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](mailto:parrotdad@hotmail.com)) has recently announced the tours agenda for the rest of the year. We will be doing two more trips in 2011:

8 October	Bischofsdhron 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. **TURKEY TROT 2011:** It's that time of year again to begin the preparations for our annual Turkey Trot on 24 November 2011. We will be having 5 and 10km trails and be working out of the sporthalle in Ramstein-Miesenbach again. Please put this on your calendar to either help us out by volunteering. This year we are working to have a "Thanksgiving Dinner" after the hall is closed and cleaned up for the volunteers as we have done in the past. More to follow in the next couple weeks either on email, facebook, and the web-site.

# 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>
<b>September 2011</b>	
1 Sep 2011:	Langenlonsheim (RP)- great walk and fun mid-week event
3-4 Sep 2011	Hoheinod (RP), Kirschberg (RP), Namborn (Saar), and Riegelsberg (Saar)
4 Sep 2011	Bitche, Carling and Contz-les-Bains, Moselle France
7 Sep 2011	Groelsheim (RP)
10-11 Sep: 2011	Kuembdchen-Keidelheim (RP), St Julian (RP), Ensheim (Saar), Karlsbrunn (Saar),
11 Sep 2011:	Neuerburg (RP)
14 Sep 2011	Bockenau (RP) and Rohrwiller (France)
17-18 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 Sunday afternoon (approx 1600) to move tables and equipment after the hall closes. Contact Brad at 06374-801179
17-18 Sep 2011	Diez (RP), Mittlestrimmig (RP), Hirzweiler (Saar), and Saar-Louis (Saar)
18 Sep 2011	Forstfeld and Miesenthal (France)
21 Sep 2011	Idar-Oberstein (RP)
22-24 Sep 2011	Innsbruck, Austria (Marathon)
24 Sep 2011	Berlin-Spandau (B)
24/25 Sep 2011	Gusenberg (RP), Horn (RP), Wolfstein (RP), Oberwuerzbach (Saar), Siersburg (Saar), Heidelberg (BW-Nord), and Walschbronn, France
30 Sep and 1/2 Oct 2011	Fulda (HE – 6/11/20/42km - night walk 30 Sep)
1 Oct 2011	Goetzenbruck, France
1/2 Oct 2011	Berschweiler (RP), Mainz (RP)

2/3 Oct 2011                    *Thalexweiler (Saar)*

5 Oct 2011                        *Mainz (RP)*

8/9 Oct 2011                    *Bischofsdrhon (RP), Dachsenhausen (RP), Auersmacher (Saar), Primstal (Saar) and Berghaupten (BW-Sud, this is a very pretty area in the northern Black Forest and a fun trip, has always been a hilly walk in the past so be prepared). Bischofsdrhon is a special anniversary walk for their club and we would like to support them by attending. This will be a club bus trip and after the walk we will proceed to a wine fest at Zell on the Mosel. Check with Gene Behrends ([parrottdad@hotmail.com](mailto:parrottdad@hotmail.com) or the web site for prices and times).*

12 Oct 2011                      *Hahnenbach (RP)*

15/16 Oct 2011                 *Allenbach (RP), Bad Sobernheim (RP), Hahnstaetten (RP), and Voelklingen (Saar )*

16 Oct 2011                      *Wiesbaden (HE)*

#### **Long Range Event Planning**

**6 Sep 2011**                      Board of Directors Meeting – 6PM Social, & 7PM business meeting; TBD

**20 Sep 2011**                    General Membership Meeting . Location : TBD. 6PM social hour and 7PM meeting

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

**18 Oct 2011**                    General Membership Meeting Location : TBD(Rimini in Weltersbach) 6PM social hour and 7PM meeting