



# Roadrunner Happenings

## Roadrunner Activities and News (April 2012)

### 1. President's Comments:

a. The Rodenbach volksmarch scheduled for 31 Mar/1 Apr had to be rescheduled due to a conflict on hall availability. The walk is still ON but will be 14/15 April. Plan to see you there; the flag will be there on Sunday for sure. Try and support this local club to keep the sport alive.

b. Don't forget the Friendship Walk coming up on 5-6 May 2012. Please volunteer your time and help your fellow club members put on the best walk in the RP this year. This walk requires about 60 -70 volunteers working over the weekend to make it successful. If you know of any groups or organizations that might want to help in this way please let me know at 06374-801179 so I can coordinate it. We will be at Rodenbach all weekend and will be available to answer your questions about what is needed and how we can all help. If you can't be there, at least try and donate a baked item for the Cake & Coffee area. Any help/donations are greatly appreciated.

c. The annual elections/May General Membership meeting /Friendship Walk Volunteer Appreciation picnic will be held on 19 May at the Grillhutte near the LRMC on the hill. We have the picnic area and hut from Saturday morning until Sunday morning (Times will be announced). Food and drinks will be provided by the club and it would be great if all our members could come by and join us to thank our volunteers and socialize. We work hard all year so let's mark this day on our calendar so we can get together and have fun.

d. I mentioned in the last newsletter that four of our Officer/Directors will be returning to the CONUS before the summer. The positions that will be coming open are Secretary, Sales Director, Webmaster and Achievements Director. If you think you might be interested drop me a note and I'll send you a "job description" or talk to you about the position personally.

**2. TRIPS AND TOURS: Proposed Titisee-Neustadt Road Trip( 7-8 Jul 2012):** Join the Roadrunners for a road trip to the Black Forest city of Titisee-Neustadt and volksmarches in Bad Wurtemberg South and possibly France. Contact Gene Behrends or check the web site for more information. This will be an "overnighter" with us staying in the vicinity of Lake Titisee, a really nice summer destination just South of the Black Forest.

**3. Car Pools:** We should be seeing more car pools and flag walks now that the weather is starting to warm up. The springtime is a great time to join your fellow club members on one of these side trips.

Lynne and I will be participating as much as possible based on our schedule and May Walk events that need to get done. This is always a good way to meet new members and also get to see some things after the walk. As much as possible, I will try and get the “Car Pool leader” for that day to come up with a side trip to visit something in the area of the walk. We need your inputs on places that you would like to see or visit so we can do some planning.

**4. Walk Cancellations/Changes:** This year there are more change/cancellations to German club events than I have observed in many years. Please use our listing as a guideline for your trips but always try and reconfirm via the DVV web site that the events hasn’t been cancelled/changed.

**5. April General Membership/Walk Volunteer Meeting:** This will be an important meeting as we make our final preparations for the “Friendship Walk” in May. Please try and attend so we can get an idea of how many volunteers we will have this year. Keep an eye on the web site and we will confirm the location ASAP – plan on it being at the Unnerhaus-Bodega in Landstuhl at the normal meeting time.

## *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 terminelist. Check on the web site in the Master Distance Listing Dec 09 for how far approximately the walk is from Ramstein. You still need to check the weekly walking column in the Stars & Stripes, the walk brochures and the official listing 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.

### ***Dates Location and Distances (A=5/6km trail in France)***

#### **April**

4 Apr	Mainz	RP	5, 10km
6 Apr	Urexweiler	Saar	5, 11, 20km
7 Apr	Hahnenbach	RP	5, 10, 20, 42, 50km
7 Apr	Steinfort	Luxembourg	6, 12km
9 Apr	Bischofsdhron	RP	5, 10, 20km ( <b>Easter Monday</b> )
11 Apr	Hohenoellen	RP	5, 10,20, 30km (Mid-week)
14/15 Apr	Bingen	RP	5, 10, 20km
14/15 Apr	Rhaunen	RP	6, 10, 20, 42, 50, JWT
14/15 Apr	Rodenbach	RP	6,11,21km JWT ( <b>Flag Walk Sunday</b> )
14/15 Apr	Saarlouis-Roden	Saar	5, 11, 20km
15 Apr	Forbach	France	A, 10km
15 Apr	Consdorf	Luxembourg	5, 10, 20km
21/22 Apr	Schiersfeld	RP	6, 10, 20km
21/22 Apr	Bexbach	Saar	6, 10,20km

<b>21/22 Apr</b>	<b>Orscholz</b>	<b>Saar</b>	<b>5, 10, 20km (CANCELLED)</b>
22 Apr	Rohrwiler	France	A, 10, 20km
21-22 Apr	Stavelot	Belgium	7, 12, 21, 30, 42
28/29 Apr	Bockenau	RP	5, 10, 20, 30km
28/29 Apr	Koellerbach	Saar	5, 10, 20km
28/29 Apr	Quierscheid	Saar	6, 10, 20km
29 Apr	Larochette	Luxembourg	5, 10km
28 Apr	Longvilly	Belgium	7, 13, 21, 41km
30 Apr/1 May	Rensfeld	RP	5, 10, 20km
1 May	Leudelange	Luxembourg	5/10/20km
<b>5/6 May</b>	<b>Ramstein</b>	<b>RP</b>	<b>5/10/15/20km (CLUB EVENT)</b>
5/6 May	Weiler	RP	5/10/15/20km
5/6 May	Landsweiler-Reden	RP	5/10/20km
6 May	Itzig	Luxembourg	5/10/20km
9 May	Konz-Krettnach	RP	5/10/20/JWT
12/13 May	Kriegsfeld	RP	5/10/20km
12/13 May	Monreal	RP	5/11/20km
<b>12/13 May</b>	<b>Oberbexbach</b>	<b>Saar</b>	<b>5,11,20km (CANCELLED)</b>
12/13 May	Dudweiler	Saar	5,10/15/20km
12/13 May	Holving	France	A/10/20km
16 May	Morbach	RP	6/10km (Midweek)
17 May	Messerich	RP	5/10/20km (Thursday)
17 May	Montabaur	RP	5/10/20/42km (Thursday)
17 May	Siersburg	Saar	5/10/20km
19/20 May	Bining	France	A/10/20/42km

### Long Range Event Planning

- 3 April 2012** Board of Directors Meeting – 6PM Social, & 7PM business meeting at the Rimini in Weltersbach
- 17 April 2012** General Membership, 6PM social hour and 7PM business meeting – location is TBD at this time. All volunteers for the Friendship Walk in May are requested to attend so we can discuss times and responsibilities.
- 29 April 2012** Volunteer “Pre-Walk” of the Freundschaft Walk trails begins at 1400 at the Mehrzweckhalle in Miesenbach. Rain or shine!
- 5-6 May 2012** Annual Spring Freundschaft/Friendship volksmarch, held in Ramstein-Miesenbach, sign up and help your club by volunteering to support the walk. More details to follow on times/dates, in the next couple of weeks.