

Dallas Trekkers Newsletter



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 6:30 PM

EL FENIX, 1601 MCKINNEY AVE

DOWNTOWN DALLAS

VOTE FOR NEW OFFICERS

Speaker from Dallas Parks and Recreation

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:30 PM

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DOWNTOWN DALLAS

HOLIDAY WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Volunteer Recognition and Awards

VOTE FOR NEW OFFICERS AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM

Don't miss the club's November Membership meeting on Tuesday, November 13 with dinner at 6:30 and the program starting at 7:00 PM sharp. Our speaker will be from the Dallas Parks & Recreation Dept. and we will elect officers for the 2002-2003 term.

The candidates are: **President:** Bruce Fitch; **1st Vice President:** John Ferguson; **2nd Vice President:** Ken King; **Secretary:** Lesley Bowen; and **Treasurer:** Scott West.

Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting if the proposed nominee has agreed. Please let your voice be heard as we choose the people who will lead our organization over the next two years.

HELP US TO PLAN WALKS

WALK DIRECTORS NEEDED

by John Ferguson

The next year is almost upon us and that means that there are plans that must be made for 2002 and 2003. The First Vice President is responsible for planning the future events. Planning must begin with someone volunteering to be a walk director. There are several scheduled dates for 2002, including the DART walk in September and Grapevine Lake park in October, for which no one has stepped forward to be walk director. The location for most of these walks for 2002 has been discussed and what's needed now is for a walk director to fill in the blanks. There will be assistance from the club officers and experienced members. All those who want to help as walk directors should contact either Bruce Fitch or myself.

Additionally, we need to plan the walks for 2003. The Dallas Trekkers will meet with other metroplex clubs in February 2002 to schedule dates for our 2003 events. NOW is the time for all members to make suggestions about special locations and times, such as a local fair or a special park, where we should consider having a walk. If you have know of or have connections with a new facility that offers something special, speak up. Your ideas are needed. Again contact John Ferguson at (214) 348-0003.

DALLAS TREKKERS NAMETAGS

Remember that your Dallas Trekkers nametag can be ordered by sending \$6.50 (checks made out to Dallas Trekkers) with written instructions for spelling of your name as you want it to appear to John Ferguson at 9817 Kingsley Rd., Dallas, TX 75238.

DALLAS TREKKERS' BOARD MEETING

- Open to all members -

Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM

Upstairs Meeting Rm

REI, 4515 LBJ @ Welch in Dallas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On October 6th, Claudia and I had the wonderful opportunity to meet up with a busload of volkssporters at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah for what turned out to be one of the most spectacular walks we have ever taken. The views were breathtaking, the weather was perfect and the instructions were well done, but that's not that I remember most about that day.

What I remember most is that we were invited to ride to the second part of the walk on the group's bus. I remember how they made room for us on their crowded bus and welcomed us as part of their group. They even offered us donuts, bagels and juice and serenaded us with a rendition of "Deep in the Heart of Texas." I can truly say we had fun on that afternoon in Utah. What we experienced in the bus and on the trail that day is what I consider is the true spirit of our sport.

We left the group feeling like we were leaving a bunch of old friends. We left with a deep satisfaction that we had just taken part in something we would always remember. I would love to be able bottle some of that spirit and give it out to every participant at our next event. I would love to give a giant bottle of the stuff to every one of our club officers and committee chairs. It doesn't matter how much we publicize our events or if we call our sport walking or volkmarching, if we don't have spirit there is little hope we will ever achieve the club's mandated objective of providing walking opportunities for the entire Dallas community.

We not only need every one of our members to volunteer for something at least once a year, but we also need to do it with spirit. We need to say, "welcome," to our new walkers. We need to say "welcome" and "thank you" to our fellow workers. We need to cheer everyone when they cross the finish line like they do at the charity walks

Shortly after we arrived back from the Bryce Canyon trip I received a letter from Wendy Bumgardner, former Vice President and Secretary of the American Volkssport Association, with her thoughts about what has happened to our sport in the past ten years. Although Wendy lives in Oregon, I was so moved by her letter that I asked her

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if I could reprint it in our newsletter so all our members here in Texas can start thinking of ways to provide the spark and spirit to make our sport FUN AGAIN.

Wendy's reply to me was even more poignant when she said "I love this sport so much – it permeates my life. I see sparks of life in some places and we need to fan them into flames."

Here are excerpts from Wendy's letter:

- ...We had huge early growth and we started just advertising our sport to each other instead of our mission - to get the PUBLIC walking.

- Our events became what only WE wanted – .. few or no awards....We cut them to one day so we didn't have to work so hard ...so we could go to other walks and used less trailmarking/mapping since "we" knew where to go. In other words, our events became "stamps in our books" rather than wonderful trails designed to get the newbies out walking and enjoying it.

- ...YREs, by their nature, are NOT for newbies...a type of event meant ONLY for the converted.

- Our regular events began to look like a YRE with a staffed start/finish rather than an EVENT. New people coming see no reason to come back.

- Club leadership got stale and burnt-out, starting a spiral down as there were fewer new people in our clubs and our leaders couldn't rotate out (or wouldn't).

- REAL competition. In the 1980's there were few and rare walking events other than volkssports, just a handful of charity walks....These exploded in the '90s as every running event seemed to be adding a walk, and many more charities started putting on yearly walks....[A]walker can go to a well-organized walking event almost every weekend without ever going to a volksmarch. And because we are too busy with our own walks, we don't advertise to those walkers. Those events often have something for everybody - the runners can run, the walkers can walk, there is often a special kid's run, etc. Yes, it costs, but people are willing to pay for a day's entertainment. If you ever go, you will see the hundreds of FAMILIES doing these –families that we just don't have. ...[W]e call ourselves a family sport, but at any event you might find ... 3 families walking together (defined as at least 1 child under 16 and one adult relative). ...[W]e have FAILED MISERABLY to be a family sport. Why? Not because of cost, but because most of our events are NOT FUN EVENTS and not advertised well enough to reach busy families. They don't have the time to track us down, we have to advertise to them....

-The other segment we need to reach is younger women, 18-35. When I go to other walking events (non-volkssport) they are there in droves...-we just need to advertise where they are....[D]iet programs, gyms, ob-gyn offices, maga-

zines that cater to pre-menopausal women and those non-volkssport walking events. Tell them...and they will come. -If you want to compliment somebody on their athleticism - don't make a joke of it. Say, "Looking great!" "Go Girl!" etc. like the RUNNERS do for we walkers who go to their races. I get CHEERED there, not teased....They already may be inclined to go away when they see they are the only one at your walk without grey hair - so bend over backwards to be nice.....

I just wanted to give our members some food for thought. Our club does have A & B awards at many of our walks. We do have some 2-day events. Do we need more 5K trails and walks held at non-traditional times and days? Although most seasoned volksmarchers will go anywhere to walk, we have some who do not want to venture far and hunger for walks close to their home. Our Frequent Walker Coupons give discounts to members who do our YREs often, but can we also use our YREs as tools to advertise regular, community walking? How can we fill the weekly requests for walking partners or rides? Volkssporting by definition is non-competitive, but could we piggyback with competitive events or make competitors feel welcome at our events? Can you think of ways we could make our scheduled events more fun? Can you think of creative ways we could bring younger walkers or families to come out to enjoy our sport? Let me hear from you!

I also want to thank our retiring **Secretary, Christa Harper**, for her hard work over the past few months. She did a great job. She is moving out of our area so please be sure to wish her well as she leaves. Thanks to **The Hughletts** for taking on *Rudy Dog* Sales.

Make time to attend our Membership Meeting on Nov. 13 at the El Fenix Restaurant at 6:30 PM and vote for club officers for the next two years. You, too, will not want to miss the exciting information from our speaker from the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department. Also another of our members, **Margaret Kelcey**, is now fighting cancer. She is going to try to be at this meeting, so please come to see her and remember her in your prayers.

The Holiday Party will be a part of the January Membership Meeting. Bring your wrapped **White Elephant Gift** for the fun gift exchange game and **cheer our volunteers who will be recognized with Worker Bee Awards.**

See you on the trail.

Bruce Fitch

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ON THE TRAIL

Yes, Santa, There's a Virginia; 2 in Fact

By Ken King

Over Labor Day weekend, Dorothy and I walked two wonderful YREs in two states. Dorothy works for a "major airline" and one of the benefits is the opportunity to fly inexpensively on a space available basis. We have walked in 36 states, 5 Canadian provinces and three European countries now. I am retired, but since she is not, our running and playing is limited. (And no, I am not nearly that much older than she is and I did not marry one of my students when I taught college government!)

We had lived in Virginia when I was in the Navy and our permanent "souvenir," Kevin, was born in Portsmouth in 1967 and now lives in Austin. We decided, however, to do our first walk in Leesburg, VA. This was a leisurely walk, rated 1, in an historic old town about 25 miles from Dulles Airport. "Real" colonial architecture and a delightfully preserved downtown showed that people were justifiably proud that "Washington [had] slept here."

Having never before physically set foot in West Virginia we were delighted that the jewel of the trip was the YRE walk at Harper's Ferry. History personified, Harper's Ferry is where the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers meet and Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland come together. Pennsylvania is not more than a sneeze away. Numerous Civil War battles took place only a few miles away and the town itself changed hands repeatedly during that time. Many building signs boasted: *Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters*. Most famously this was the site of the "John Brown Raid" before the war started, the goal being to take control of the armory and emancipate the slaves.

The starting point for the walk was the Appalachian Trail headquarters, a trail from Georgia to Maine, familiar to many and chronicled in Bill Bryson's adventure book, *A Walk in the Woods*, which has a section on Harper's Ferry. Although we only walked a kilometer or two as part of the YRE, we bought T-shirts to commemorate our visit. It was a rigorous walk. The terrain is very hilly and walkers were cautioned not to use the steps down to the river in wet weather because they become slippery. The trail rating is 3+.

We stayed at a motel in Shepherdstown, WV, which we learned is the oldest town in the state. We want to go back to explore more. We highly recommend both of these walks, especially the one in Harper's Ferry.

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East Coast Trip - History, Beauty, Tragedy

By Jan Wood

Having unexpectedly left Tyler, TX, I had driven 1431 miles and felt really tired. My sister has a studio in an artists' colony in Alexandria, Va. at the Torpedo Factory. On the Sept. 5th I went to the King Henry Corner Deli to do a walk through the historic part of Alexandria. I saw lots of very old homes with some being only 8 ft. wide on original cobblestone streets and the National Masonic Lodge Headquarters. After completing the walk, I ate one of my favorite meals, steamed clams and salad.

The next day I drove to another Alexandria walk in the country on a superb nature trail, totally within one of the best wetlands in the country. There was lots of birds and wildlife to see along the way.

On September 8th I rode the Metro into DC and did the walk that went to the National Cathedral and Embassy Row. The old homes that house the Embassies are really beautiful. The Cathedral is always a peaceful place to visit. After the walk, I trekked up to the National Zoo to see the new pandas.

The following day I drove into DC to do the Monument walk. I did it last year, but wanted to repeat it as there is so much to see on this walk. The monuments to our fighting forces are very moving and the F.D. Roosevelt monument is spectacular. I took time this year to go through the Holocaust Museum. It is a very intense experience to see how these people suffered and died and I pray we never allow this to happen again in our world.

On September 11, my sister and I left at 6:15 AM to tour a Frank Lloyd Wright Home in Mill Run, PA called *Falling Water*. We had planned to also see one of his houses at Kentuck Knob in Chalk Hill, PA. It is about a four hour drive from her house. Around 11:30 AM we arrived and learned what had happened in DC and N.Y.C. They were closing the places there because the plane that crashed in PA was less than 30 miles from where we were at that time. We therefore returned to DC. On September 12th I left my sister's in Bowie, MD to go to my sister's in Chicopee, MA. Because of the tragedy in N.Y.C. I had to bypass the New Jersey Turnpike and went up Hwy 84, almost to Albany, NY, to cross into Massachusetts.

The following morning I drove to Londonville, VT to take the covered bridge walk. It was an interesting walk, through four different bridges, however much of the walk was on highways with no shoulders and I did not feel very comfortable. Heading back to my sister's home I stopped in White River Junction, VT to do another walk. The route passed through both of the states of Vermont and New Hampshire on the same walk. It was a rather hilly

walk, but beautiful. It was about three weeks too early on these walks to enjoy the Fall foliage.

Connecticut was next. On September 17th I drove to Mystic, CT to take a walk. I chose not to go through the Mystic Seaport Museum because of the \$17.00 fee, but was able to see some of the schooners docked there. I then drove to Groton, CT to do another walk. Groton is also a seaport walk with an optional free tour of the Nautilus Submarine. On September 24th I went to take the Hartford, CT walk. The starting point had changed, but luckily the POC was at home so I was able to take the walk though downtown and by the homes of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe. This was a charming walk, but because of the mist falling all I wanted to do was finish. Leaving this walk I went to Farmington, CT to do the Amistad walk. Although this is the third time I have taken this YRE I love this historical city walk

On the 26th I stopped in Roanoke, VA on the way home and did the YRE through city streets and parks.

Returning to Tyler, after having driven 5427 miles and experiencing many sights while mourning the tragedy on Sept. 11th, I pray each of us will re-think what is important to us as we go through this trying time.

Chicago Downtown Year Round Event

By Rudy Myers

Two former Dallas Trekkers who moved to Michigan still manage to do a walk. I drove to Niles, MI to Eileen Foghino's home, picked her up and we took the South Shore commuter train into Chicago to do the downtown Chicago walk. The train went to the Randolph station. We came out from underground, up the stairs into the Visitors Center and signed in. This sure beat fighting with the traffic, finding the place and finding a place to park.

After we had lunch we started out on the walk. The day was perfect, cool and sunny. We passed Buckingham Fountain and proceeded to the Museum of Natural History, Shedd Aquarium and the Planetarium. Then we followed the lake to Navy Pier, walked through a bit of Navy Pier and continued more along the lake. We proceeded inland at Chicago Ave., went by the oldest fire station in Chicago, the water tower, the John Hancock Building and along the "Magnificent Mile" viewing all the great stores.

This was a great walk that had only one not-so-desirable block to walk through. After finishing the walk, we had a few hours to kill so we strolled through Marshall Fields, did some window shopping and had dinner before getting on the train to return home.



Leroy Wright & friends sign up for the an East Texas Trekkers' walk. (above)

Maggie Scheuch
John Ferguson
Pam Speir
Linda Fields
Jerry Stoval
Frank Forestier
at the Top of Texas. (right)



Jim Ross follows Berdelle Johnson of Alpharette, GA up a switchback (left)

John Ferguson at the Top of Texas. (below)



On The Road Again- Texas to New Mexico

by Jan Wood

On October 1st I drove to Leroy Wright's house in The Colony, TX. We left on the 2nd in Leroy's RV at about 3:30 AM to drive to El Paso, TX. We arrived in El Paso in time to do one walk on the 2nd. After spending the night in El Paso, we got up and did another walk in El Paso. Then we drove to Alamogordo, NM to do another walk before driving to Las Cruces, NM to do the final walk of the day. Spending the night in Las Cruces, we then got up on the 4th and did two more walks there and drove to Organ, NM to do the final walk of the day before driving to Cloudcroft to spend the night. The purpose of all of this was to get us acclimated to the altitudes so walking in Ruidoso, NM with the West Texas Trailwalkers would be easier. Spending the night in Cloudcroft at 9200 ft. we got up the next morning and did the walk there. Of all the walks we had done so far the most interesting were in Las Cruces, NM. Two of these walks took you through an old city called *Mesilla*. It was a typical Mexican city with the square and gazebo in the center and an Old Catholic Church at one end with small stores around the square and houses beyond that area. It was a very interesting town. Billie the Kid had been in jail there and was sentenced to be hung, but escaped. I highly recommend this walk.

On the 5th, after walking Cloudcroft, we drove to Ruidoso, NM to do the first walk of the West Texas Trail Walkers' three day weekend events. We arrived at the campgrounds and rode to the starting point with David Mauser from Tyler. The walk was in the higher altitudes, but not as high as Cloudcroft, so we had no difficulties doing this walk. I chose to walk with David of Tyler, as I had walked with Leroy for several days. This 10K walk was beautiful. It was in the mountains and the aspen and maple trees were beginning to put on their fall colors.

**BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS THE EDITOR
NEEDS ALL SUBMISSIONS AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE
FOLLOWING DEADLINE:**

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

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The trail went over a mountain brook as it babbled its way down the mountain. There were about 150 walkers signed up do these walks. The weather was ideal and everyone seemed to enjoy the scenery and each other. Saturday morning's 31 degree temperature was ideal for walking. After signing in, I teamed up with a couple from the San Antonio area and despite the inclines and hills I finished the 10K walk in about 2 hours and 15 minutes. In the mean time, Leroy did a 20K walk in 3 hours and 5 minutes. Saturday night's banquet at one of the lodges was attended by a great group of people, many of whom received awards for their contributions to help put on these walks. Good food and fellowship was had by all who were there.

Sunday we woke up to 32 degree weather and went to the starting point to do another 10K walk. I teamed up with Dick Burke from Kansas to do this walk. We had walked together for part of yesterday and seemed to have a lot to talk about. He comes down each year to do these walks. This was my first trip with this group and, I believe, it was his seventh. The weather was beautiful and there was not one drop of rain the whole weekend. Again, while I did my 10K, Leroy did a 15K and was waiting for Dick and I when we got back to the starting point.

Leroy and I left Sunday about 10:30 AM to start back to The Colony. We spent the night in Haskell, TX and got up the next morning and drove to Olney, TX to visit the grave of Ruth Miller. She was an avid walker with whom Leroy walked many trails. Arriving at the cemetery and knowing only that her grave was on the right side, we started walking up and down rows. We finally located her grave in the last row. Leaving the cemetery, we arrived in The Colony about noon on the 8th. After loading my car, I headed back to Tyler and arrived home about 3:00 PM.

It was a wonderful trip. I encourage anyone who has not walked with this group to try to do so this coming year. Next year's walks are scheduled to be in Palo Duro Canyon. Think about coming and "Hike with an *Altitude* with the West Texas Trail Walkers."

Time to renew? Did you move?

If the expiration date on the mailing label is highlighted don't let your membership lapse. So you won't miss a single issue of this newsletter send your \$10 renewal check made payable to the Dallas Trekkers in the enclosed envelope. Please write your phone number on the check. Send changes of address to:

P.O. Box 743813, Dallas, TX 75374-3813
or to bfitch@ix.netcom.com

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

- NEW MEMBERS -

Emily Butler
Jim & Muffy Carlo
Joan Schmitter
Cynthia Tope

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Janyce Brannon
Mary Burnett
Jo Caudle
James Doutre
Ethel Downing

- RENEWALS -

Edgren Family
Gary Garmon
Aharon Netzer
Ken Puckett
Jeremy Rentschlar
Janie Rubalcava
Chuck/Suzanne Stenson
Jerry Vanlandingham
Fred/Diane van Naerssen
Barbara Williams
Joe & Ann Workman

TALES FROM WEST TEXAS

by John Feguson

For 2002 the West Texas Trail Walkers ventured into "way" west Texas for their annual October events in the White Mountain Wilderness just north of Ruidoso, New Mexico. For the historian this area WAS in the Republic of Texas before Texas joined with the United States to become a state.

These walks all began at an elevation of 7400 feet with the highest climb going up to 9200 feet. Leroy Wright completed this 18K route in about three hours. Most others took longer, but they stopped to smell the roses.

The aspens were beginning to turn. The weather was cool and clear. There was "evidence" that there had been a bear on the trail and Leslie Bowen was on the alert hoping to spot one. But there was no such luck, which made Cathy Kelcher very happy.

There were about 125 walkers at each of the three walks with a full house at Saturday night's meal and annual club meeting. Many of these walkers expressed the opinion that these were the best that WTTW had ever staged. But most will agree that West Texas walks are always interesting, although sometimes challenging.

In preparation for these walks, several of the club officers, including me, stopped off at Guadalupe Mountains National Park on the way to Ruidoso. We walked to the Top of Texas at Guadalupe Peak at elevation 8751 feet just for fun, no AVA credit. Three hours up and about 2.5 down. The great promise of enjoyment in walking, even without AVA credit, was found this day.

The West Texas Trail Walkers' members are from across the United States and also from several other countries. The club officers have a reconnaissance to the walk sites early in the calendar year with the membership gathering for the October events.

In 2002 these events will be centered about Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo Texas. Join with WTTW and walk with an *Attitude* !!

MILESTONES

The following north Texas volkssporters were recognized in the **October 2001** issue of *The American Wanderer* for reaching milestones in the IVV Achievement Awards system. **Congratulations!**

- EVENTS -

2000-Leroy Wright
1050-Siba Spencer
950 -Bruce Fitch
950 -Claudia Fitch
700 -James Sibley
525 -Richard Timmermeyer
475 -Paul Campanelli
450 -Evard Cottrill
450 -Carolyn Ernst
325 -John Ferguson
175 -Gail Bassham
175 -Bernice Myers
175 -Donald Myers
175 -Mary Sikora
150 -Cathy Kelcher
150 -John Smith
150 -Mary Smith
125 -John Smith
50 -Michael Tienemann
50 -Barbara Timmermeyer
30 -Marilyn Boling
30 -John Girard
30 -Marek Gorgol

- EVENTS -

30 -Marlene Leveton
30 -Della Thurman
30 -Michael Tienemann
10 -Connie Clark
10 -Marek Gorgol
10 -Michael Tienemann
10 -Sheree VanNote

- DISTANCE -

30000-Leroy Wright
21000-Chuck Samus
7500 -James Sibley
7000 -R. Timmermeyer
5500 -Carolyn Ernst
5000 -Carolyn Ernst
4500 -John Ferguson
4000 -Carole Quarles
2000 -Gail Bassham
2000 -Janica Wood
1500 -John Smith
1500 -Mary Smith
1000 -Phyllis Girard
500 -Michael Tienemann



El Capitan is located north of Ruidoso, NM. (above)

Walkers from Plano and Austin wait at the start area. (below)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Nov 10, 2001 - 10K/5K Walk

Lake Forest Park
Hwy 64 & W. Fordall St., Henderson, TX
East Texas Trekkers
David Mauser 903-534-0214
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Sat Nov 17, 2001 - 10K Walk

Dallas - Fort Worth National Cemetery
City Park, 2000 Mountain Creek Pky, Dallas, Tx
Dallas Trekkers
John Ferguson 214-348-0003
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Fri Dec 07, 2001 - 10K Night Walk

Wichita Falls, TX
Buffalo Chip Kickers
Chuck Samsus 940-691-0584
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Sat Dec 08, 2001 - 10K Walk

Coldwell Banker Real Estate
3316 Woods. Blvd. Tyler, TX
East Texas Trekkers
David Mauser 903-534-0214
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Sat Dec 15, 2001 - 10K Highland Park Christmas Walk

Gerald Ford Stadium East Side
Airline Drive, University Park (Dallas, TX)
Star Trekkers of Irving
John & Charlene Irvin 972-254-2998
jirvin@airmail.net

Mon Dec 31, 2001 - 10K Walk

St. Joseph's Hall
210 West San Antonio, Fredericksburg, TX
Texas Volkssport Association
Robert N. Theis 830-896-3550

Tue Jan 01, 2002 - 10K Night Walk

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Sat Jan 19, 2002 - 5K/11K Walk

Cain Center
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East Texas Trekkers
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Sat Feb 02, 2002 - 10K Walk

Bob Jones Park
3901 N. White Chapel, Southlake, TX
Tarrant County Walkers
Beverly Maurer 817-483-6371
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Sat Feb 09, 2002 - 5K/11K Walk

Mineola Civic Center
Newsom St., Mineola, TX
East Texas Trekkers
Jan Wood 903-534-9301
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Sat/Sun Mar 02-03, 2002 - 2- 10K Walks

Dana Peak Park on Stillhouse Hollow Lake
3740 FM 1670, Belton, TX
Texas Volkssport Association
Robert N. Theis 830-896-3550

Sat Mar 30, 2002 - 12K Walk

Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Ave., Dallas, TX
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Grasslands Walk Respite From Tragedy

by Jim Ross

The atrocity in New York City and the weather conspired to hold down attendance at our September 15 walk at the LBJ Grasslands. The 75 people, who did brave the possible rain and a few hours separation from TV news programming, had an enjoyable day of walking on the trails built by the Dallas Trekkers in 1989 or 1991, (we're all getting a little old to remember exactly which year, but our first walk there was in '91). Thirty-five people walked for the award, thirty-four walked for credit only and six were free walkers.

Excellent bratwurst "hot dogs," bought specially from Fisher's Meat Market in Muenster by John Ferguson and served by Darwin White were complemented by the iced tea prepared by Cathy Kelcher and Lesley Bowen, all of which added the proper festive atmosphere to the event. [The iced tea was prepared from Nestea sample packets sent by that company for distribution to our walkers.]

Workers, not already mentioned, who made the walk possible, were Mary Jo Vasquez, Mary Burnett, Ann Murray, Susan Edgren, Marvin Petsel, Denise Harvey and Jim Dyer.

Special thanks go to John and Lesley, who came up on Friday to work on clearing the trails of saw-briars and brush to make them user-friendly for Saturday's walk.



John Ferguson, Dallas Trekker VP, looking like the cat who swallowed the cream, walks the Plano Plodders' Halloween walk with his special canine friend. Both look like they are having fun!

UPCOMING YRE GROUP EVENTS

Sun 25 Nov 2001 - Group Walk of YRE

Downtown Dallas YRE - 2:30 p.m.

Sun 02 Dec 2001 - Group Walk of YRE

Carrollton YRE - 2:30 p.m.

Sun 13 Jan 2002 - Group Walk of YRE

The Colony YRE - 2:30 p.m.

Sun 10 Feb 2002 - Group Walk of YRE

DeSoto YRE - 2:30 p.m.

Sun 10 Mar 2002 - Group Walk of YRE

Duck Creek, Garland YRE - 2:30 p.m.