

ILLINOIS TREKKERS FOOTNOTES

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About our Members



Mary M. "Dusty" Fehner, nee LaPlante, 81, of Smithville, Mo., formerly of Marissa, Ill died Monday, July 7, 2008, in Mascoutah, Ill. Dusty was a retired grade school teacher from Marissa Grade School in Marissa, Ill and a former Illinois Trekker. She was very active in the Marissa walks (1983, 84, & 86). She is most remember by the Clarks for showing up 3 days after a walk at our house with a nondescript puppy that turned into an Old English Sheep dog named Misha. Our condolences to the family

HELP PLEASE

The Illinois Trekkers Awards Committee needs your help!

At the next AVA Biennial Convention, which will be held in June 2009, the AVA will hand out recognition awards to individuals and organizations. The AVA recognizes that our organization would not exist if it weren't for our dedicated volunteers.

According to the AVA Manual, any person wishing to nominate an individual for a national AVA Recognition Award may complete the appropriate AVA Form302B and submit it to their Regional Director. However, we, the committee, will do the paper work for you. All we are asking is that you give us your ideas/suggestions—names of members or organizations you think should be recognized for their outstanding service or support to the AVA and the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club.

You can give us your ideas at the next meeting, by phone or by e-mail. We will

review your nomination to see if they fit the AVA criteria and proceed from there. We need this info by our September 4th meeting. Let's work together to recognize our members who work tirelessly to put on quality events.

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Get to Know Your Officers:

Mark Kruep, Director at Large:

Debbie and I started walking on December 31, 2005. That sounds like we are just babies leering to walk. But in the Volkssporting world we really are babies constantly learning about new things and seeing new places and where the walk will take us. The people we have met along the way have really been great and welcoming to this great new world!

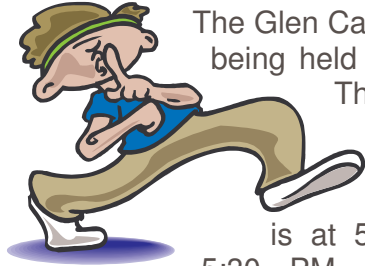
We recently returned from Florida on a walking and visiting vacation. Never walk in Florida in the summer unless you start at sunrise like our last walk of the vacation. It was the most enjoyable walk of the week! We enjoyed a great breakfast with the Happy Wanderers while we were there. The "egg in a bag" was great! The company was even better!

We have walked a few state parks this summer and a few guided walks. Meeting new people is great and knowing there other crazy people like us in the work is even better! Through all the ticks, mosquitoes, rainstorms, getting lost, and a few arguments, it has been a great 2 1/2 years so far. We hope to make it many more and try to talk our kids into trying to get involved. Our son joined us on a walk in Washington County State Park.

Unfortunately for him he thought of it a competition to try to keep ahead of his parents. Maybe someday he will learn what we have learned about the walking world.

Make it about the journey and always plan ahead for the next walk. You will never run out of places to see and new people to meet! Also be Flexible cause the path you take could suddenly change (as a few of ours had due to various storms)! And NEVER forget your bug spray!!!

SNEAK PREVIEW!!!



The Glen Carbon YR group walk is being held on August 16, 2008.

The **Start Point will be at Collinsville-Maryville-Troy YMCA**. Registration

is at 5:15 PM and start at 5:30 PM. This is a SNEAK

PREVIEW for a 2009 start point and trail.

Midway of the walk, a stop at Bobby's Frozen Custard for refreshing **ice cream** treats "carry money". **Directions to Collinsville-Maryville-Troy YMCA Walk:**

1 Town Center Dr, Maryville, IL. From the intersection of I-55/70 and IL Route 159, go North on IL 159 and turn LEFT (West) onto Town Center Dr. Follow the road to YMCA parking lot. Please park in the rear of lot.

Planning Meeting

On July 13, 2008, Officers, Directors and POCs meet to plan the remaining year of 2008, procedures for the Start and Finish Table, obtaining email addresses, Dues Structure, 2008 group YRE and 2009 regular walks were discussed.

* **Start Table:** Circle start card if walker paid for award or just fee

- Offer award to every one

- Yellow card alphabetically order goes to Jack, treasurer

- White card alphabetically order goes to Gary, IT Administrator

- White cards filed for the clubs records

* **Finish Table:** Ask walker if they would be on the clubs email list for the upcoming walks and reminders of walks.

- A sign up sheet will be available.

- Stamp books and give out award

* **Dues Structure** to be discussed at September 4 meeting. Plan to attend.

* **2008 YR group walks:** check website for dates

* **2009 regular walks:** POCs checking available dates and new locations.

Thanks to every one for their ideas and participation at the meeting.

Dee's Trail Notes

This month has been a slow walking month. I have only completed 3 sanctioned walks. I hope you can pat yourself on the back and say I have completed a walk every week. All 3 walks were places that I had never walked before. Leonard and I walk at the Moraine State Park near Bloomington, IL. This was a group walk that Mark and Debbie Kruep attended. We drove through lots and lots of rain but when we arrived at the park it stops raining. The group walk had a few detours because of the rain but all the paths we walked on were not muddy. This was a refreshing and fun walk. After the walk we spent more social time with the group enjoying lunch together at the State Park café. The Lewis and Clark Seasonal walk is another walk we completed. This is a great way to see the flooded rivers. The parks roads were closed because the parking lots were flooded. This was great for us because we did not have to share the roads with any cars. The visitors' center (start point) is so interesting that hours can be spent there. My accomplishment this month was the completion of the Stroll Cemetery special program book. Hope you have accomplished at least one of your walking goals this month.

IL. TREKKERS PICNIC AND WALK

On Saturday June 28, 2008 our annual picnic/walk was held at Tamarack Country Club Golf Course in Shiloh, IL. First of all I want to thank Leonard, Dee, Phyllis, Packy and Denny Luehder for marking the trail while I was enjoying myself in Maryland. We had a beautiful day for a change. We had 51 walkers this year and about 23 guests for our BBQ. Also, thanks to Denny for cooking the great pork steaks and all the people who brought wonderful side dishes. We had a great time and it is always nice to be able to sit around and enjoy visiting with everyone. Again thank you workers for making this walk a success.

- Shirley Martin POC

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WEBSITES

HQ AVA – <http://ava.org/>

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<http://www.illinois-trekkers.org/events.html>

Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes July 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 by Dee Wojtysiak

VISITORS: none

NEW MEMBERS: none

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Kruep- Minutes are attached to the Footnotes.

Corrections: none Motion: Mary Monet; Second: Len Wojtysiak

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack McKeon- Balance as of June 30, 2008 \$3591.34 Motion: Shirley Martin Second: Shirley

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ready to sanction 2009 events. Tear off expired coupons off of start cards. AVA office is all cross-trained so if anyone is off the staff will still run smoothly.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

X Committee: Steve Koluch- The new committee is working on determining its goals.

Services and Properties: Wil Clark - We have plenty of arrows and lots of ribbon, flag has been found.

Publicity: Debbie Kruep - no report

Special Activities: Shirley Martin - Picnic Walk had 51 walkers, some unused items were bought back from the club.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refreshments: Shirley Renner - August is?? Sorry, I missed it.

Footnotes: Wil and Carol Clark- keep the articles and photos coming.

Club Points Manager: Dee Wojtysiak - All the points are current.

Website News: no report

Data Base Admin: Gary Staley- POC's for upcoming events, please get your info in.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Mascoutah- 91 walkers and a great day!

Report on year round events (YREs):

Our Lady of the Snows: Jack & Shirley McKeon - 52 walkers for year.

Richland Creek: Tom and Betty Boyd - 43 walkers for year.

Glen Carbon Walk: Dee Wojtysiak - 33 walkers for year.

Glen Carbon Bike: Gary Staley - 13 bikers

Belleville YMCA Walk/Bike: Packy/Sue Botula - 52 walkers - 12 bikers

IVV/AVA News: Tom Boyd- no report

NEW BUSINESS & ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

(1) Popeye Walk Chester Sept 6th - Brochures are ready. Everything is set.

(2) Eckert Walk Sept 27th -Brochures are ready.

(3) Mascoutah Chili Walk Oct 18th

(4) Planning Meeting July 13th -Plans for the rest of 2008 and 2009

(5) Gingerbread Cookie Walk Dec 13th- Belleville Main Street to work with us to present this walk in downtown Belleville in the fashion of the Ice Cream Walk in Mascoutah.

(6) Darlene Kramer just returned from walking in Alaska. Congrats!

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Dorothy Maschal

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Aug 7th, 2008 at 7pm

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Shirley Renner ;Second: Mary Monet

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Kruep
Secretary Illinois Trekkers

August-September Events\

- August 7 – Regular Meeting
- August 16 - Glen Carbon “Maryville” YR **SNEAK PREVIEW**. Start Point is at Collinsville - Maryville - Troy YMCA register 5:15 PM start 5:30 PM (*See article elsewhere*)
- August 30 - Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows register at 7:45 AM start at 8:00 AM
- September 4 – Regular Meeting
- September 6 – Popeye Festival, Chester IL
- September 20 – Eckert’s Orchards, Belleville IL

2008 YREs

- Belleville “Richland Creek” Greenway
618-233-6348
- Belleville-YMCA (Walk)
618-236-9521
- Belleville-YMCA (Bike)
618-236-9521
- Glen Carbon “Heritage Trail” (Walk)
618-632-4164
- Glen Carbon “Heritage Trail” (Bike)
618-344-0225
- National Shrine of Our Lady of the
618-210-0679

Trekker Meeting: August 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at PSOP



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