

ILLINOIS TREKKERS FOOTNOTES

NO. 2009-05

July 2009

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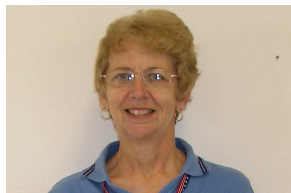
(Ed Note: Enclosed with this edition of Footnotes is a tribute to our friend, fellow volkssporter Tom Boyd. We will miss him and Betty a lot. They were a big part of our lives for nearly 30 years. Wil and Carol Clark

Betty Boyd Memorial Walk

Betty Boyd Memorial is our next walk. The Boyd family is planning to be at the walk and stay all night. The challenge is on, the Boyd family plan to stay all night and keep a person on the track all night. We are walkers and we as the club can keep someone on the track all night. In memory of Betty and Tom plan to attend the walk and participate as much as you can in the Relay for Life activities. The walk is held at Belleville West High School on July 10-11, 2009 from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. For more walk details go to our website <http://www.illinois-trekkers.org>. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from Relay for Life fund raising vendors. Donations forms will be available at the July 2 meeting. It will be easier to make these donations at the meeting but donation will also be accepted at the Relay for Life event.

Dee's Trail Notes

Spring Ramsey, Main Street Mascoutah, and Belinda Diecker, Bee Hollow Market, thanks the walkers for coming to the Mascoutah Ice Cream Walk. They have invited us to bring additional walks to Mascoutah. They are willing to assist with trails and try to make the current one better.



For 2009 all the regular walks and YR scheduled walks are listed on our website <http://www.illinois-trekkers.org>.

May has been a walking adventure for Leonard and me. We have completed 2 walks in Washington, Montana, Idaho, and Oregon. Each walk was special with so much history and beautiful scenery. Then we went to Canada and walked in Vancouver. Vancouver's walk was in downtown, the harbor, Chinatown, and historic gas town. Alaska's 4 walks were also full of scenery and friendly people. All of the northwestern walks were relaxing and enjoyable with so much to see. The important fact is the trail instructions were easy to follow for visitors and the walk boxes were neat and clean.

IVV AWARDS

This is a list of awards members earned that appeared in The American Wander, June/July 2009 issue. Congratulations to each one.

	EVENTS	DISTANCE
Carol Staley	450 Events	4500 KM
William Badger	475 Events	
Linda Badger	550 Events	5500 KM
Gary Staley	900 Events	5000 KM Bike
Bill Malina	1600 Events	18000 KM
Debra Kruep	1500 KM	
Mark Kruep	1500 KM	

Mascoutah Ice Cream Walk

The Ice Cream walk was quite a successful day for the Mascoutah merchants and us. We had 121 walkers and the merchants estimated about 200 people visited their stores. The winner of the ice cream contest was The Gathering Place. The runners up were Cross Point Church and Flowers, Balloons, Etc.

From this walk the club added 13 new names

to the mailing list, 10 new names to the email list, and 2 new membership applications. This is great news.

Thanks to each of you that volunteer to work on the day of the walk and those behind the scenes before the walk. A special thank you to Billy Herring for working above and beyond what is expected. Thanks Billy.

Relay for Life

Relay For Life[®] is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight it right here in your community. Teams of people camp out at Belleville West High school take turns walking or running around the track at all times during the event.

One of the most moving parts of Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony of Hope. As the sun sets over campsites and darkness falls, the night is brightened by the glow of illuminated bags called luminaria, each representing someone special who is battling cancer and the family and friends who continue to fight back in their honor.

This year we have two ways to honor your loved ones.

- Luminaria bags are available for purchase at \$10 a piece. If you would like to decorate a bag for your loved ones, contact a Relay Participant or American Cancer Society. You can also purchase bags the night of the event.
- 25th Anniversary Purple Luminaria bags are available this year only. These bags cost \$25 and can be purchased through the American Cancer Society.

Survivors: A Dinner for You and a Guest begins at 4:30 PM July 10. There will be entertainment, survivor t-shirt will be passed out, and to share stories. To participate in the dinner, [please sign up today](#).

Survivors: The First Lap's for You. To walk in the special first lap, [please sign up today!](#)

Caregivers: There's a Special Lap for You, too. To value these acts of caring and honor caregivers with a special lap following survivors lap. To participate in the Caregivers lap, [please signed up today!](#) NOTE: All sign up

are with the American Cancer Society, website http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=15220&pg=entry.

Road Trip!!

(Debbie Kruep)

I always love the feeling when we head out of town on a new adventure. This September we are inviting all club members and friends to join us. We are loosely calling this the Morris-Geneva weekend. It all came about during one of our group walks. I was discussing my goal of finishing my State Park book. I mentioned to Cindy Stucky that Mark and I were going to Morris to walk that event because it qualified for State Parks. Cindy was excited because she was also going and her mom was actually the POC for the event. Well, we put our heads together and decided to make it a weekend. I wanted to go to Geneva because the year round start point had been closed on our last trip up there. It is a beautiful town and it just happens to have a wine festival complete with grape stomping the same weekend as the Morris event. Cindy has a favorite walk in Springfield that her and her mom do together as a halfway meeting point between their homes. So this is what transpired. We will be walking the Morris event at 9 am on Saturday September 12, possibly have a picnic lunch and then move on to Geneva. We will be walking the year round, enjoying the shops and sampling the wine festival. We are still checking into different accommodations for the evening. Sunday we will make our way back to Southern Illinois with a short detour in Springfield to walk the residential year round. This is a very flexible weekend! Maybe you want to join us but don't think all of the activities are for you. Hey, it's OK! Some people may only want to walk 5Ks, or maybe you walk Morris and just shop, wine, relax and watch the Fox River in Geneva. Maybe you don't want to get up before the sun and would like to meet up with us in Geneva. If you are interested in joining us please email debmarkkruep@yahoo.com. Look for more info on our website under ride sharing.

So here's the scoop:

* Departing Belleville between 4:30-5:00am on Sat.

* Walking in Morris at 9:00 am

* Picnic Lunch?

* Enjoy Geneva at your own pace.

- * Dinner (looking for suggestions)
- * Hotel/Cabins (looking for suggestions. I think we can get the Days Inn for \$54.95)
- * Sunday breakfast hopefully included at hotel
- * Walk Springfield
- * Arrive home late afternoon/early evening.

FOOTNOTES SUBMISSIONS

Send articles and/or comments to "Footnotes" via email to wilburclark@att.net

WEBSITES

HQ AVA – <http://ava.org/>
 Illinois Trekkers – <http://www.illinois-trekkers.org/>

Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club Meeting Minutes June 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 by Dee Wojtysiak

VISITORS: none

NEW MEMBERS: Versie Gilcrest

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debbie Kruep- Attached to the Footnotes.

CORRECTIONS: none Motion: Leonard Wojtysiak Second: Mark Kruep

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack McKeon- Balance as of May 31, 2009 \$2826.71 Motion: Wil Clark Second: Packy Gary Staley

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: There will be a memorial page on our website for Tom Boyd. Send your emails and we will forward them onto the family. Thank you to Packy Botula for the ad in the Barbershop Program. We spent the last 3 weeks in Alaska and the Northwest. I encourage you to go. It is well worth it.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Committee: - none

Awards and Achievements: Wil Clark- none

Services and Properties: Wil Clark -

Publicity: Debbie Kruep -Get up and Go closing finale was May 9th. Thanks to Versie Gilcrest for coming and helping at the booth.

Special Activities: Shirley Martin - no report

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Refreshments: June: Robin Latdrick. July: Shirley McKeon. Still need someone for Aug and Sept. Sign up with Darlene Kramer.

Footnotes: Wil and Carol Clark- none

Club Points Manager: Dee Wojtysiak - no report

Website News: none

Data Base Admin: Gary Staley- none

REPORT ON YEAR ROUND EVENTS (YREs):

Our Lady of the Snows: Jack & Shirley McKeon -28 walkers for the year.

Richland Creek: Tom Boyd - 27 walkers for year.

Maryville: Gary Staley - 4 walkers - 12 biker for the year.

Belleville YMCA Walk/Bike: Packy & Sue Botula -41 walkers - 5 bikers for the year.

REPORT ON UPCOMING WALKS:

(1) June 6-Mascoutah Ice Cream Walk/Girl Scout Walk start 8am-noon.

(2) June is the AVA Convention in Dallas/Fort Worth.

(3) July 10- Betty Boyd Memorial Walk- registration begins at 7pm. T-shirts coming in about a week.

(4) Aug 8- Maryville Reg.3: 30-4:00 Stop at Bobby's go back afterward and enjoy the music.

(5) Aug 15 Picnic Walk-

(6) Aug 22 Shrine year round 8:30-9:00

(7) Sept 5 Richland Creek Year Round. (Packy and Sue offered to take over.)

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Gary will proceed with new nametags.

(2) Shirley Martin tried to negotiate storage unit price.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Carol Clark made a motion to donate \$50 to the Heart Association on behalf of Tom Boyd. Wil Clark seconded. Motion passed.

(2) Billy Herring made a motion to purchase a flower arrangement for Tom Boyd. Len Wojtysiak. Seconded. Motion passed.

(3) Shirley Martin made a motion for Illinois Trekkers to pay meal bill after donations. Gary Staley seconded. Motion passed.

(4) Directors asked Robin Latdrick to be Vice-President. She accepted. Shirley Mckeon made a motion to accept Robin as a Vice-President. Wil Clark seconded. Motion passed.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Shirley Martin

NEXT MEETING: Thursday July 2, 2009 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Wil Clark; Second: Billy Herring
Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Kruep
Secretary Illinois Trekkers

July- August 2009 Events

- July 2, Thursday, Regular Meeting
- **July 10 & 11 Betty Boyd Memorial Walk** at Belleville East High School, Registration 7:00 PM July 10 to 7:00 AM July 11, in conjunction with Relay for Life, American Cancer, Dee & Leonard Wojtysiak
- **August 8**, Maryville YMCA YRE at 1 Town Center Dr, Maryville, IL. Gary Staley
- **August 15**, Picnic Walk at Tamarack Golf Course Pavilion, Shiloh I
- **August 22**, Lady of Snows Shrine YRE at Belleville IL. Shirley McKeon

2009 YREs

Belleville "Richland Creek" Greenway
618-236-9521

Belleville-YMCA (Walk and Bike)
618-236-9521

CMT YMCA, 1 Town Center Dr,
Maryville, IL (Walk and Bike)
618-344-0225

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
618-210-0679

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