

Southern Maine Volkssport Association Newsletter

September 2001

Here is the rest of the SMVA Tuesday evening summer walking schedule:
Walks start at 5:30 PM promptly from the starting points.

September

4 Lighthouse Walk - SP Shop 'n Save

11 Westbrook - Shop 'n Save

18 Kennebunk - Village Take Out



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GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS --- THE WALK AND EAT GANG SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER!

The "Walk and Eat Gang" walk weekly on Thursdays. They gather at the walk's starting point 9:15 AM walking promptly at 9:30 AM. All are invited to join us for walking then eating after the walk (restaurant or picnic) Sept. 6 – Salem, MA Sept. 13 – Hampton, NH (Picnic) Sept. 20 – Bedford, MA Sept. 27 – Boston, MA (Freedom Trail or Alternate)

Minutes of the August Meeting of the SMVA Wednesday, August 15, 2001

As both President Dan Carr and Vice-President Penny Cole were absent, former President Ken Jackson chaired the meeting. There were 21 people in attendance. The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted as read. Wendy Hunter reported that membership stands at 207 (one new member in the last month). Wendy has made business cards for SMVA to be handed out to people we meet walking. It includes the AVA web site address. John Tibbetts reported that \$90 was received from the sale of books at the last two walks. John can only be present for one day at Norlands and asked for a volunteer to handle the second day. Ken volunteered Happy. Wendy Hunter reported there were 57 walkers for the sunset walk at Popham Beach and 52

for the sunrise walk at Bailey's Island. The 35 people who bought awards found a coupon inside for \$1 off the Mall Walks this winter. Wendy gave special thanks for the emergency relief the Bucks gave her.

Alan Robitaille told us that Hannaford has made a 3-year commitment to support the McAuley walk. This will be a very large walk with many different groups from the community including policemen answering Chief Chitwood's challenge. Bintliff's will provide lunch and there will be t-shirts for those raising \$75 in donations and lots of "stuff" for everyone. Though a pledge walk, you do not have to get pledges to walk. The group is glad to have us join and is appreciative of our efforts in setting the courses (5K, 10K & 20K) for them. The next weekend is the Norlands Volks-walk, -bike and -swim. Ken Jackson reminded us that though this is a two-day event, Norlands Fall Day is Saturday. Chuck Hutchins reported for Roland Melcher that the Tri-State prewalk must have the names of walkers ahead of time so people can be admitted to the base. Reports from the YRE and SEAs: Portland: 21 (2-18-1), 55 YTD Brunswick: 3 (1-29-1) Falmouth: 12 (1-10-1), 48 YTD Kennebunk: 26 (13-4-9), 90 YTD Westbrook: 37 YTD

There are still several group walks on Tuesday night. The walks start at 5:30 PM. Unfinished business: **Remember to collect your Maine made items for the gift basket for the Tri-State walk.** Joan Melcher is donating the basket and we will be filling it at the next meeting. Alan reported that nametags finally came. If you would like a nametag, please contact Alan. New business: Happy bought two-2 gallon water jugs and donated them to the club. Now for smaller walks we won't have to lug the big ones around. Also Alan found one of our old jugs deep in his cellar. The nominating committee for next year is: Alan Robitaille, Ken Jackson and John Tibbetts. If you are interested in serving the club, please contact one of them. Our RD, Patty Proulx will be carrying next year's YRE and SEA applications to the Executive Council Meeting. At the Tri-State event, club presidents will get together to devise a non-conflicting schedule for walks in 2002. We discussed some of the regular walks we had and some problems with summer walks. Chuck said turnpike travel and high motel rates would keep down attendance at Maine summer events. It looks like we are not going to have a holiday walk in Maine this year. It's not too late. Any takers? News from away: Alan, Wendy and Ed walked in Sudbury, Mass. and also enjoyed a day at the Maine Renaissance Fair. Do ask Ed about Molly, the wench in a family way, that he "married" that day. The story should last about 10K. Ken and Happy walked in Lexington, Mass. and Carroll Tiernan enjoyed a walk in Mystic, Conn. Though very hot, the walk past the Seaport, along the river and over the bridge into Stonington was enjoyable. Carroll didn't expect to see a relative on the walk, especially one who had been dead for 30 years, but she did. (5k story). Afterwards she cooled off watching the seals and penguins at the Aquarium. All enjoyed delicious refreshments. Alan Robitaille, Happy Jackson, Wendy Hunter, John Tibbetts and Connie Boyer won the door prizes. The meeting

was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carroll Tiernan, secretary pro tem

The September Meeting of the SMVA will be on September 19TH at 7:00 PM at the Walker Library in Westbrook

GOODIES FOR THE EVENING - Sweets: Alan Robitaille Veggies: Ed Witherell Beverages: Wendy Hunter

Meeting **dates the rest of 2001 - October 17 November 14 December 12**

Here's a note from our Membership Chairperson - Wendy Hunter

GREAT NEWS FOR YOU! Did you know that if you renew your membership 10/1 and following, that your new membership would extend through 2002. Then you won't have to be caught up in the hassle of renewing in the business of the holidays. Be sure to fill out the membership form in October's newsletter.

RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER - COMING VERY SOON - GET READY - THIS IS THE MONTH - 2 GREAT WALKS THIS MONTH!

Southern Maine Volkssport Association (SMVA) is featuring 2 SPLENDID WALKS for the fall.

First, on Saturday September 22, 2001, starting at St. Bartholomew's Church in Cape Elizabeth is our second year of participating in the walk to support the McAuley Residence in Portland. You are invited to get sponsors to support this worthy enterprise, but it is not a requirement to participate. The usual rules apply. 5km, 10km and 20km walks will be offered.

Second, is our fall weekend at the Norlands Living History Center in Livermore, Maine on Saturday, September 29 and Sunday September 30. The events will include a walk event, a bike event, and a swim. Check over your brochure or go to our website: <http://smva.8m.com> for more information.

Other coming events: The TRI-STATE WEEKEND

October 6 - Saturday - SMVA - Kittery, ME - POC is Roland Melcher 13 Juniper Rd.,

Brunswick, ME 04011

October 6 - Saturday - Seacoast Strivers - Portsmouth, ME

October 7 - Sunday - Walk 'n Mass - Gloucester, MA - Phil and Bea Hait - (508) 429-3564

E-Mail: October 7 - Sunday - Walk 'n Mass - Gloucester, MA - Don and Polly Meltzer
(978) 443-8513 E-Mail:

AND

October 13 - Saturday - Wandering Maine-iacs - Rockland, ME (A Maine County
Walk) -POC Sylvia Allen

887 Spring Street, Westbrook, ME 04092 (207) 774-8524 E-Mail:

A few notes on the AVA Convention and some other notes

The officers of the AVA for next year are -

President - Nancy Stenger Vice- President - Shirley Lindberg Secretary - Debbie Miller

Treasurer - Fred Sheets and our Northeast Regional Director - Patty Proulx

New Balance has renewed their sponsorship of AVA for another 3 years.

Walking Magazine will be doing an article on AVA. ABC and NBC is also planning a program on AVA.

A new promotional AVA video should be coming to our club soon. Brandi Beemer will be the new editor of

The American Wanderer.

The Seacoast Striders, **The Southern Maine Volkssport Association**, Two Town Walking Club, and Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club received the Trailblazer Award at the AVA convention.

The inscription reads: "Awarded for teamwork and club cooperation during year long planning for the annual Tri-State events. Your club volunteers made it possible for volkssporters to enjoy theme walks in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts over Columbus Day weekend for the past four years. Attention to detail, unparalleled organization and dedication by committee members resulted in events that epitomize the best that our sport has to offer."

We look forward to another great walk this year as Roland and Joan Melcher carry on the tradition for 2001.



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