



The Strider

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President's Corner

By: Derrill Rothermich

Welcome back to our Fall Volksmarch season. As you already know, there have been some changes this past summer with me becoming President. Your board has been hard at work making for an even better experience. One of the big changes is the addition of the Cloudcroft Year Round Event. This event will be different from when it was run by the Alamogordo club. Previously the walk was through Cloudcroft city streets. Now the walk is along Rails-To-Trails area on west side of town along old railroad trestle areas. Makes for a beautiful walk through the forest just outside of town. Well maintained trails, makes this easier than other trails in Cloudcroft area. During the year, there are many special event weekends, which I will tell you about later. So plan on coming and enjoying this wonderful area. All other Year Round Events normally held by our club have been renewed but there will be adjustments to some trails as needed—especially with Coas downtown walk. Also, Bob Glover has made some changes to Deming walk which now also includes a 6 KM option. If you are traveling to Year Round Events in nearby areas, please

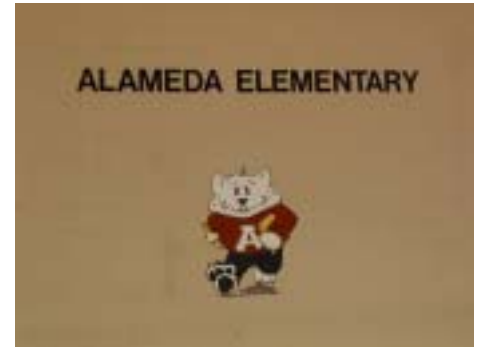
see if you can bring back some of their brochures so we can make them available to other club members who might travel to those areas. Also, please see if you can leave some of our YRE brochures at their events. Maybe you can pick up ours at one of our walks or contact Doyle. Thanks to all for your help and participation in the club events. As usual, any suggestions about, where to walk or what can be done to make events better is greatly appreciated. *See you on the trail!! Be a friend-bring a friend!!* ■

September Walk Report

By: Doyle Piland

Well folks, if you didn't plan for and set aside time to participate in the September Event held at the Alameda Elementary School, shame on you. You missed out on a really nice event with great weather for walking. On the following pages are some photos of people who did make their plans and came out and had a great time. We had a total of 47 participants, which is up a little, but far short of where we would like to be. We need everyone's help and participation to improve that to a much higher number.

We all owe a dept of gratitude to our President/Trailmaster, Derrill Rothermich, for all his hard work and



The school name and logo adorns the wall near the Start-Finish Point for our September walk.

the other things he has been doing for our club and for those who participate. As many of you know, Derrill has taken on the roll of both, Club President and Vice President, Trails (Trailmaster). Derrill spent much of Friday putting together one of the best-marked trails the Sun Country Striders has had for a long time. Derrill used both the course marking material we are used to, but, also as he puts it, "enough flour to start a bakery" to place directional arrows at all key places to augment the other markings.

Derrill also donated lots of goodies, such as several kinds of cookies and bananas, for participants at the Start-Finish Point and the Check Point. He also donated bottled water and cans of Ice Tea, along with the ice to keep it all cold. Thanks Derrill, we all appreciate your efforts and generosity.

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Sun Country Striders' 2007 Schedule

Our 2007 and 2008 schedules below needs all your support by participation and/or volunteering to assist with various tasks necessary to put these events on. We look forward to seeing each of you at these events and hopefully working with you to expand and grow our sport.

Nov 10 & 11, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Walk at the Viña Winery in La Union, New Mexico.

Dec 22, 5:00 PM ... Christmas Lights Guided Night Walk (5:30 - 8:00 PM), Trails West Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla, New Mexico.

2008 Schedule

Jan 12 & 13, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, Las Cruces, New Mexico - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Feb 9 & 10, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Peppers Supermarket, Deming, New Mexico - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Mar 8 & 9, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, Las Cruces, New Mexico - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Apr 12 & 13, 8:00 - 4:00 PM ... Fairacres Elementary School, Las Cruces, New Mexico walk.

May 3 & 4, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Sonoma Rabcg Golf Club, Las Cruces, New Mexico walk.

June 7 & 8, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Chamber of Commerce, Cloudcroft, New Mexico - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

July - August, HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

Sep 13 & 14, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM walk.

Oct 18 & 19, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... La Viña Winery, La Union, New Mexico.

Nov 8 & 9, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Walk at Dripping Springs Natural Area, East of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dec 19 (Friday), 5:00 PM ... Christmas Lights Guided Night Walk (5:30 - 8:00 PM), Trails West Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla, New Mexico.

OTHER CLUBS & WALKS

For the **Amigo Amblers** in El Paso, their group walks for 2007 are listed below:

October 27, UTEP walk at 9:00 AM
December 8, Fort Bliss at 9:00 AM

For detailed information on these group walks, see URL <http://www.zianet.com/dpiland/AmigoAmblers/> or contact:

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For **The Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club** in Albuquerque;

The next two are regular weekend walks.

6-7 Oct, 7-12 am: Balloon Walk

13-14 Oct, 7-12 am: Oldtown/Bosque

Sat, 27 Oct, 8 am: North Rio Walk

Sat, 10 Nov, 10 am: Nature Center

Sun, 25 Nov, 1 PM: Foothills

Sat, 8 Dec, 10 am: UNM

Sun, 16 Dec, 1 PM: South Rio Walk

For interpatation of the event name and directions to the Start-Finish point go to <http://members.aol.com/abqdoubleeagles/> or contact:

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Then, there were the usual suspects that carry much of the workload for the Club. Not because they want to hog the spotlight, rather the do it because so many Club members either can't or won't help out at the Start-Finish Point and Check Point. There was Walter Baker, Louis Bevacqua, Bob and Ruth Ann Glover (from Deming), Robert Macklin, Doyle Piland, Joanne Poulos, Randy Ranel, and Derrill Rothermich. A BIG thanks you to all. ■

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Two New Year-Round Walks Coming in 2008 to Roswell

Both walks, sponsored by the Pecos Valley Volkssporters, will begin at the Roswell Adult and Senior Center (RASC), 807 North Missouri, in Roswell, New Mexico.

From Main Street (Highway 285/70) turn on 8th Street (next to Alien McDonalds) and head west. Drive 5 blocks (Missouri Ave.) and turn right. RASC is immediately on your right. From 2nd Street (Highway 380) turn on Missouri Avenue and travel North for 6 and 1/2 blocks. Right after you cross 8th Street you will see the RASC on your right.

For more information, contact Sara Hall at (505) 624-6718 or e-mail racassistant@dfn.com. ■

A BIG Welcome!

Welcome to our newest members who joined the club recently. First, there are Delbert and Princess Thompson, from Deming who found out about our club from Bob and Ruth Ann Glover. Then, at the walk, Dino and

Salus Villani came to their first walk and decided they liked it and joined. In addition, Linde Wycoff also joined. Linde and the Villanis are from Las Cruces. *Welcome to all.*

And, a **Hugh WELCOME BACK** to Carol Gaines, not only as a club member, but more importantly as

a participant. Carol has had a lingering eye problems that have kept her from participating. She thought she might be ready to try walking this event. So, she gave the 5 KM course a try and finished without any problems. We all wish Carol continued progress toward a complete recovery. ■

For those of you who missed the Walk from the Alameda Elementary School on the 15th & 16th of September, here are a few photos that give you some of the Sights and Sounds (if you have a good imagination) from the Start-Finish Point and along the trail that you completely missed out on. And, for those who participated, relive some of the things that you experienced firsthand.



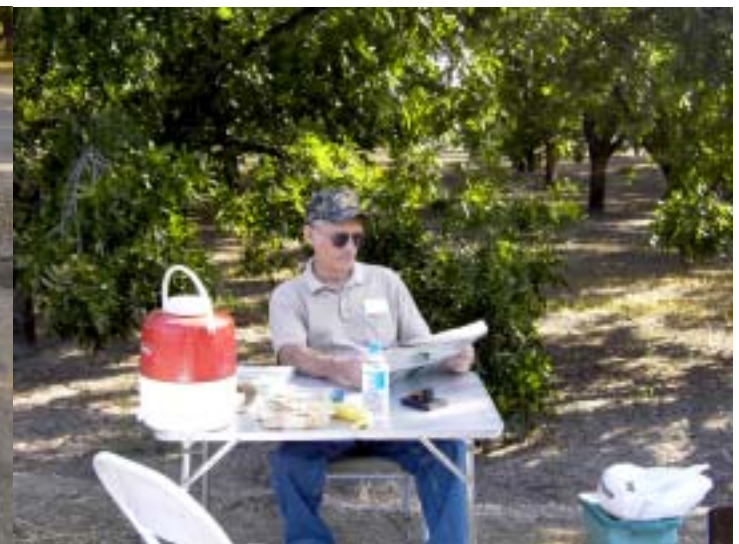
Club President, Derrill Rothermich (yellow shirt) registers former President Randy Ranel, while Linden Ranel chats with former President Walter Baker (standing).



Joanne Poulos (red shirt) chats with Gail Logan, from El Paso, as she is checking in after completing the 10 KM walk on Saturday morning.



Louis Bevacqua at the Check Point on Saturday Morning. If it looks like Louis just got caught with his hand in the cookie box, that is exactly what happened.



Randy Ranel at the Check Point on Sunday Morning. Randy is taking advantage of the lack of people coming by the check point to catch up on the news.



Club members Amelia Davis, arrives at the Start Point ready to walk Saturday Morning.



Tom Baltes (left), President of the Double Eagle Hike & Bike Club in Albuquerque, Jennifer Hendrichs, Beth Gonzales, and Louise Baltes all from Albuquerque.



Robert and Janet McPherson from La Mesa, New Mexico.



Club members Amelia Davis, from Las Cruces and Todd Sherman, from Alamogordo walking Saturday Morning.



Mary Seagrove, President of the Amigo Amblers in El Paso, along the irrigation canal in Northwest Las Cruces.



Above, the little Glovers, with Daddy (Bob) Glover finishing the 10 KM walk. They are tired and looking for their air-conditioned car, ready to go to Deming. Mama (Ruth Ann) follows behind. ➔

