

KERRVILLE TRAILBLAZERS

NEWSLETTER

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From our President Pris Wright....

Summer is here for sure. The string of upper 90/100+ temps continue with no sight of relief in the forecast. So far the hot temps haven't caused me to be wishing for winter, but hope for rain dominates my thoughts someday.

For some reason, the brown, dry countryside reminds me of many people and groups whose spirits are so empty that growth seems to evade them. I don't find those kinds of individuals in Trailblazers. Conversations with our members are interesting. Our members have lived interesting lives. Our members are vital, happy people. Energy flows, smiles emerge, and active minds are everywhere when we get together.

Our summer gatherings are one of the places where all of us get a chance to talk with and listen to each other. The cool breeze and good food made conversing quite comfortable at our May picnic. In July, we have another

opportunity to share our lives with each other. Art Bell is once again hosting our picnic on the grounds of his gorgeous home. Art's hospitality and generosity is well known among us Trailblazers. We appreciate being able to congregate again in the beautiful setting. Thanks, Art, for opening your estate to us.

Thanks also to everyone who attended the May picnic at Judge Brown's river cabin. The food was tasty and plentiful. Everyone pitched in to organize the food for serving and continued helping by cleaning up at the end. When such events are over, I am reminded, one more time that our club is made up of people who are active, helpful, and generous with one another.

Be sure to join us at Art's home for dining by the river on July 25th.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Pris

TRAILBLAZERS ANNUAL JULY PICNIC (Mark your calendars i)

In lieu of the regular July meeting, Trailblazers will hold our annual July picnic which will once again be on the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River at Arthur Bell's pastoral River front property. The date is Monday, 7/25 & we will carpool from Moore's parking lot unless there is a change. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share, our own drinks, paper plates & cutlery. Participants may also bring a chair & card table if they wish. This is an event not to miss!

guests welcome

AVA SANCTIONED EVENTS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2011

Details for walk events and directions to walk events may be found at www.ava.org

Select: Find Events – Find Events – State (Texas) – Event Types (Traditional) – Search Events

Aug 20 & 21: Walk the Hills with BTCO #1

Start Times: 7:30 – 12:00, finish by 3:00; Location: Walk along the scenic Frio River at the Big Springs Ranch for Children, home of the Ed Brune Charter School. The residents have opened up their ranch to us for this scenic Hill Country walk. Bring walking sticks and sturdy shoes. Walk #1 will have a significant hill with great views and the phrase “from the country of 1100 springs” will be illustrated. Both walks start at the High School building. Trail is tough for strollers. Directions: 10664 US Hwy 83 N, Leakey, TX 78873. From I-10: Take Exit-490 (TX-41/Mountain Home) and go South (only way to go) on TX-41 for 23 miles. Left on US-83 (at Garven Store) and go 18 miles. BSRC gate is on left after a long downhill. From Kerrville (Scenic): TX-27 to "Y" in Ingram. Left at "Y" on TX-39. Drive through Hunt and along Guadalupe River on TX-39. Left on US-83 to BSRC gate on the right past long downhill. From Uvalde: Go North on US-83 towards Leakey. BSRC gate is nine miles north of Leakey on right side of highway. Contact: Clay Baulch (210) 204-9301, btco@satx.rr.com.

IVV EVENT AWARDS (As of June, 2011)

Carol Talpey: 450
Dora Pflieger: 575
Kathy Freeny: 1,350

Our Trailblazer nametags are now available at H&F Trophies at 708 Myrta. They are located just across Myrta from the Speedy Stop Exxon Station, which is located on Sidney Baker St. The telephone number is 896-1785. The cost will be \$7.50. Our newcomers have always told us how helpful it is when our members wear nametags to the local walks and socials. They learn our names so much faster. And..for newcomers, it helps seasoned walkers to learn your names quicker, as well. If you've never bought one or have misplaced yours, I hope you will take advantage of using this new local source for our pins.

Directory Changes & new members:

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Walk Leaders for July
Edna Platte is our walk leader

- July 2: Indian Creek Rd. Ingram Area #3
- July 9: Comanche Trace Dr., Hwy 173 #5
- July 16: Eagle Ranch Rd., Hwy 173 #4
- July 23: Fall Creek Rd., Hwy 16 S #5
- July 30: Holloman Rd., Kerrville #5

Walk Leaders for August
Rick Parkhurst Is our walk leader

- Aug 7: Ingram Hills, Ingram #5
- Aug 14: Morris Ranch Rd., Hwy 16 N #1
- Aug 21: White Oak Rd. Harper Area #3
- Aug 28: Wilson Creek Rd., Comfort Area #1



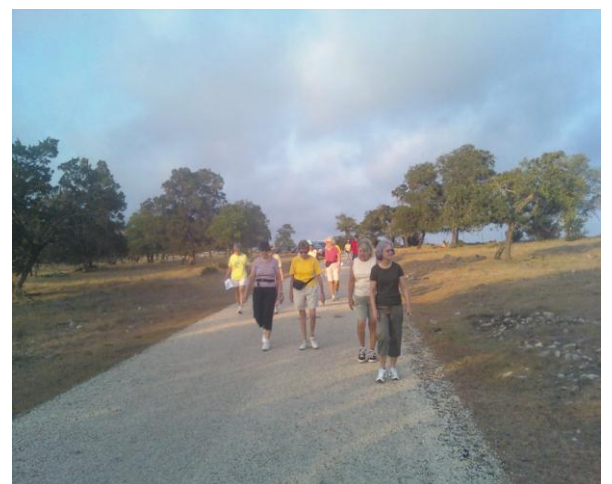
Trailblazers enjoying our picnic at Judge Brown's river cabin in May



Photographer trying to get everyone to look at the camera for a group picture



Saturday am walkers trying to fathom Virgil's directions



Finally on the trail for a great am walk

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS (ii)

Monthly Meetings – 7 p.m.

On Monday, August 22 we will meet in the dining Room at the Dietert Center located at 451 Guadalupe St # 101. The Board meetings are held at 6 p.m. and the general meetings at 7 p.m. Our program for August is Kevin Hartly who will speak on his experiences hiking Mt. Rainer's Wonderland trail.

Mark your calendars for Future Trash Pick-up Dates:

Sept 1st @ 8:00am & Dec 1st @ 8:00am. Trash pickup meeting location TBA.

The trash Pickup on June 2nd went very well, thanks to all who helped. Virgil Altwein, who graciously gives of his time to manage this project appreciated the turnout. Those who helped were: Pat Powers, Inez & Jake Bligard, Sherry Egloff, Melinda Wasson, Mary Vann, Jan Parker, Sue Digiampaolo, Ed & Paula Ejzak, Robert Theis, Kathleen Perrin, Dora Pflieger, and Larry Hesketh. A special thank you to David Kobe who picked up the **20** trash bags. Wow, what a lot of trash!