

THE ROWAN ROAMER

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NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, JULY SECOND

The next Meeting of the Rowan Roamers is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd, at the Blue Bay Seafood Restaurant. As always, dinner (optional) will be at 6 PM and the business meeting will commence at 7 PM. The Blue Bay Seafood Restaurant is at 1007 East Innes Street. If you are coming via I-85, take Exit 76 and head west into Salisbury. The Restaurant is on the south side of East Innes Street but you will have to pass it and turn back due to barriers in the road.

Rowan Roamers Minutes of the Meeting June 4, 2015

President Larry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. The number of members present was 13.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed in the newsletter to the membership to read and were accepted

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted as read. The current balance is \$2059.00 and \$14.00 in cash.

The drawing for the free dinner was won by Boyd Morgan.

The group discussed the upcoming group walks.

Old Business:

Further discussion was held about a location for our September regular event. The Kadelas have walked some of the trails and report that a 5 km trail is feasible. A walk in the town of Badin was also discussed.

New Business:

Loren Little presented a 30-year ribbon to the club.

It was mentioned that our vote against the IVV-Americas proposal has been sent in. Loren reported that the election count nationally was 143 against and 57 for.

The 2015 Year Round Event Participation Totals were updated:

Salisbury 14	Southport 17
Concord 22	Greenfield Park 20
Kannapolis 11	Mocksville 14
Myrtle Beach 18	Dan Nicholas Park 10
Wilmington 37	

The meeting was closed at 7:43 pm.

Dick Feldmann, Acting Recording Secretary

CLUB NEWS

ACHIEVEMENTS: Christina Gately: 375 events; Elaine Howle: 225 & 250 events & 2500 km; Perry Rawson: 1450 events & 21000 km; Frank Sargent: 1050 events; Gary Schrum: 17000 km; Helen Swanson: 11000 km; Donna Wilson: 600 events

UPCOMING GROUP WALKS

GREENSBORO CITY ON 7/4: This holiday morning walk will start at 8 am at the Bryan Family YMCA. (336) 478-9622. 501 Market St. From the south on I-85 exit 35, US 220 north to Washington St. in downtown. Cross Washington Street and move to the left lane to turn left into the YMCA parking lot (before you get to Market Street). FROM EAST OR WEST ON I-40/Bus-85, exit 218 Freeman Mill Rd/US 220 (westbound use 218A, eastbound use 218B) to Washington St. in downtown. Cross Washington Street and move to the left lane to turn left into the YMCA parking lot (before you get to Market Street).

HIGH POINT ON 7/18: The walk will start at 8 am at a location yet to be determined.

MOCKSVILLE ON 8/15: Meet at the Davie Family YMCA for an 8 AM start to the walk. HOW TO GET THERE: *From Winston-Salem:* I-40 west to Exit 174. Left off ramp to Hwy 158 and turn right to Cemetery St. Turn right and YMCA is on right. *From Statesville:* I-40 east to Exit 169. Right on Hwy 64. At 3rd light turn left onto Gaither for 1 block, then left on Main St. to Cemetery St. Left to YMCA.

BURLINGTON ON 8/29: We will start at 8 AM at the Burlington YMCA at 1346 South Main Street. From I-85/I-40 take exit 143, NC62/Alamance Rd. Go north 1.5 miles and turn right on US70 (being careful not to turn too far right onto NC54). Pass through 2 traffic lights (Burlington City Park is on right), then bear right on Main St. to YMCA on right.

PROBLEM AT BLOWING ROCK START POINT

Hi All,

We just found out that the start point for Blowing Rock (Blowing Rock Market) walk has closed. The market has temporarily moved out on US 321, and will eventually move back into downtown. It is not known at this time if the start box got tossed in the move or not. Until we can find the box, you can register for the walk at the alternate start point in Boone (YR1465). The address is 1700 Blowing Road (US 321) Boone, High Country Visitors Information Center. Stay tuned here for more developments.

Lloyd

NEW START POINT FOR CHAPEL HILL YRE

from Keung Hui

I wanted to alert everyone that the Triangle Trailblazers have found a new start point for the Chapel Hill, NC, walk. We'll now be using the Carolina Coffee Shop, www.carolinacoffeeshop.com, located at 138 East Franklin Street. Since they're in a campus town, they may not open until 9 a.m. during the summer months. Ask for the blue folder when you request the walk box. The directions have been updated to reflect the new location. This is the third, and hopefully last, location we've had to turn to this year in Chapel Hill. The good news is the coffee shop been open for 93 years so I'm optimistic they won't be closing anytime soon. Please thank them for hosting the walk and, if possible, please give them some of your business.

Description: Mon, 8am-2pm; Tue-Wed, 8am-9pm; Thu-Fri, 8am-2am; Sat, 9am-2am; Sun, 9am-2pm. (May open at 9 am daily during summer so call if planning on coming before 9 am during those months). Phone: 919-942-6875. Ask for a blue folder when you request the walk

box. The 5 & 10 km are rated 1A go through old neighborhoods, many historic houses, the UNC campus, Coker Arboretum, and Old Chapel Hill Cemetery. The 12km trail (Rated 2B) also goes through the UNC campus, and includes natural surfaces through forested areas with gullies, stream beds and rocky terrain. This option is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

Directions: 138 East Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. From the west on I-40, take exit 266 (NC 86). Continue on NC 86 (MLK Jr Blvd) for approx. three miles, which then becomes Columbia St. as it bears to the left. Cross Rosemary St. and turn left on E. Franklin St. The coffee shop is a short distance on the right. From the east on I-40, take exit 270 (US 15-501 S) towards Chapel Hill. When US 15-501 forks, bear right towards Franklin Street (there will be an overhead sign). Go approx three miles. The coffee will be on the left a short distance after crossing Henderson St. There is limited parking on the street. Only short term parking is available directly in front of the coffee shop. Suggest after registering for the walk you proceed to the public parking lot on 104 West Rosemary St. (turn right on Columbia St., then right on Rosemary).

TWO SCENIC SUMMER STROLLS

July 25 - 26, 2015

The Asheville Amblers will host two walk in the western part of North Carolina. For those doing the Tarheel 100 Program, this means walks in Madison and Yancey Counties. The walk on July 25 will be in Hot Springs and the Sunday walk (July 26) will be at Carolina Hemlocks.

Start Points:

Hot Springs – Hot Springs School Entrance
Carolina Hemlocks – Carolina Hemlocks Campground

Start/Finish Times:

Hot Springs Sat 8 AM – 1 PM. Finish by 5 PM
Carolina Hemlocks Sun 9 AM – 1 PM. Finish by 4 PM

Trails:

Hot Springs 7 KM (rated 2A)/11 KM (rated 3C).
Enjoy a unique experience in this historic

mountain town in western NC. See stately Victorian homes, and other historic residences including “Balladry” with a ghost in residence. Walk with thru hikers as they cross the valley and continue on the Appalachian Trail. On the 11 KM, you will join them again as you wend your way to Lover’s Leap with its fantastic views of the French Broad River and its forested valley. Both routes pass the Hot Springs Spa where you may consider making a reservation for a “soak” after a day on the trail. Sturdy walking shoes or boots and stick are advised for the 11 KM. Walk counts for Madison County for Tarheel 100 program and Civil War Battle Field, Honoring Our Flag, Trekking with Trees and Register of Historic Places Special Programs **Carolina Hemlocks** 5/10KM rated 2C. Peaceful walk through the woods; path along a swiftly flowing Toe River; a swimming hole for the hardy; scenic views up and down Toe River valley. Walk counts for Yancey County for Tarheel 100 program and Amphitheater and Trekking with Trees Special Programs.

Directions:

Hot Springs School, 63 Serpentine Ave, Hot Springs, NC 28743: From I-240 in Asheville,

take Exit 4A (I-26 W toward Woodfin/Weaverville) to Exit 19A. (US 25 toward Marshall). Go approximately 22 miles, being careful to stay on US 25 into Hot Springs. Follow US 25 as it turns right, then loops left and right uphill to School. Follow signs to parking.

Carolina Hemlocks, 6000 Hwy 80 S, Burnsville 28714: From I-240 in Asheville, take Exit 4A (I-26 W toward Woodfin/Weaverville) to Exit 9. Go approximately 20 miles on US 19 N continuing straight on 19 E N past Burnsville to Micaville Loop (sign: To HWY 80 S). Right on loop one mile and then right on 80 S 8 miles to entrance to Carolina Hemlocks. Turn left into campground loop road and follow signs to the AVA start point.

From Hot Springs, take US 25 S approx. 11 miles to ramp (signed to Mars Hill College). Turn left on NC 213 and go approximately 8.5 miles to I-26 W (toward Johnson City). At Exit 9, go approximately 20 miles on US 19 N continuing straight on 19 E N past Burnsville to Micaville Loop (sign: To HWY 80 S). Right on loop one mile and then right on 80 S 8 miles to entrance

to Carolina Hemlocks. Turn left into campground loop road and follow signs to the AVA start point.

Trail Notes: It is always good to carry water and a snack. Water and restrooms available at all walk start points. No strollers or wheel chairs on either walk. Pets on leash only and deposits picked up. Pets not advised on Hot Springs 11 KM. Bring a picnic lunch to Carolina Hemlocks as no eateries nearby.

Stipulations: Event proceeds rain or shine. NO REFUNDS.

Disclaimer: The sponsors are not responsible for accidents, theft, and or material damage. Every effort has been made to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

Where to stay:

Hot Springs: Alpine Court Motel (under new management), 50 Bridge Street, 828-209-3384.

Hot Springs Spa and Campground (from primitive to cabins) 828-622-7676.

<http://nchotsprings.com/>

Carolina Hemlocks Campsites available on first come first served basis, 6000 Hwy 80S,

Burnsville, <http://cfaia.org/carolina-hemlocks-recreation-area-campground-in-north-carolina/> to stay

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SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2015

AA – Asheville Amblers
RR – Rowan Roamers
TT – Triangle Trailblazers

MW – Metrolina Walkers
TSW – Tarheel State Walkers
WW – Winston Wanders

Regular Events Are in **BOLD>**, all others are group walks

May	30	MW	Davidson – 9:00am
June	6	AA	Brevard City – 9:00am
		WW	PEC – 8:00am
	13-21	AVA	Convention in Salem, Oregon
	13	TT	Wilson – 9:00am
	20		
	27	AA	Hendersonville – 9:00am
July	4	WW	Greensboro City – 8:00am
	11	AA	Black Mountain – 4:00pm – picnic BYO Food, watermelon by club
	18	WW	High Point – 8:00am
		TT	Lake Johnson – 9:00am

25 - 26 **AA RE – Mountain Regular Event**

August	1	TT	Raleigh, Umstead Park – 9:00am
	8	AA	Lake Junaluska – 8:00am
		WW	Boone – 9:00am/Blowing Rock – 1:30pm
	15	RR	Mocksville – 8:00am
	22	AA	Asheville City – 8:00am
	29	WW	Burlington – 8:00am
September	5	RR	Salisbury City – 9:00am
		TT	Yanceyville – 10:00am
	12	AA	Hendersonville (Carl Sandburg Rte) – 9:00am
		WW	Old Salem – 9:00am
	19	RR RE – TBD	
	24(Thurs)		Virginia Creeper Bike – non-credit – 10:00am
26	AA	Brevard Estatoe with picnic – 9:00am	
	WW	PEC – 10:00am	
October	3	TT RE – Bentonville	
	10-12	AA	Beaufort/Charleston/Magnolia Gardens start time TBD
	16-18		Freedom Walks, Arlington, VA
	24	AA	Waynesville – 10:00am
		RR	Dan Nicholas Park – 10:00am
	31	WW RE – TBD	
November	1(Sun)	WW	Greensboro Parks – 2:00pm
	7	AA	Greenville, SC – 10:00am
		RR	Concord – 10:00am
		TT	Cary, Bond Park – 10:00am
		TT	Cary, Preston – 1:00pm
	8(Sun)	WW	Salem Lake – 2:00pm
	14	MW	Davidson – 10:00am
	21	AA	Black Mountain (Montreat Route) – 10:00am
		WW	Mount Airy – 10:00am
	27 (Fri)	WW	Triad Park – 1:00pm
December	5	AA	Lake Lure – 10:00am
		TT	Raleigh Oakwood – 10:00am
		TT	Raleigh Wolfpack – 1:00pm
	12	MW	Charlotte – 10:00
	19	RR	Kannapolis – 10:00am
	26		