

Empire State Capital Volkssporters





Walking Club in the Capital Region of New York State

Member of the American Volkssport Association and the International Federation of Popular Sports

WWW.WALKESCV.ORG JULY/AUGUST 2017

Walk Schedule:

⇒ * Registration begins 30 minutes prior to start.

All dates and times as of publication are subject to change. Walkers are encouraged to check the ESCV website.

Wednesday Walks Registration begins 30 minutes prior to start.

Start time: 6:45am, 9 am & 6 pm Jul 5 – Schenectady, River Walk

Jul 12 - Round Lake

Jul 19 - Ballston Spa

Jul 26 – Ballston Lake, Rail Trail

Aug 2 – Albany/Washington Park

Aug 9 – Saratoga, East Side

Aug 16 - Malta, Tech Park

Aug 23 – Troy

Aug 30 - Glens Falls, 9:30am Only

One-Day Traditional Events

Sat- Starts at 9-11:30am. Finish by 2:30 Sun- Reg. 1:00pm; group walk at 1:30 Aug 5 – Rockport , MA Oct 7 (Sat) – Moreau (Oktoberfest) Oct 17 (**Tue**) - Schuylerville Nov 5 (Sun) – Albany (Pizza Party) Dec 2(Sat)–Schenectady (Holiday Party)

Year Round / Seasonal Group

Nalks Start t

Wed & Sat 10 am*; Sun 1:30 pm* See Walk Book for complete schedule.

Please refer to Walk Booklet for directions. Hint: Use Google Maps for directions from your home to starting point.

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Rambling Thoughts . . . by Teresa Kennedy

June has been a special month for ESCV. We won the bid to host the 21st biennial AVA National Convention for 2019 and we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of our club. It seems safe to say that we are going strong. Both events are a testament to our strength and commitment to the sport of volkssporting. While so many clubs in the country have gotten smaller and/or have folded, our club continues to attract new members and remain vibrant. I am proud that we will be showing off our area to the national membership in two years time but I am especially excited that those who come to the northeast will be meeting our hard working, fun and gracious members.

As always, happy walking everyone!

Important Notices:

- > **Publicity Chairperson** We welcome Kathy Mack as our new publicity chairperson. Thank Kathy when you see her on a walk.
- Finger Lakes Trip There is still time to register for the Finger Lakes trip in September. The registration form is at the back of the newsletter.
- ➤ Volunteers Needed at Walks— Check out the Wednesday Walk Schedule, Call the POC and volunteer to work the registration table, lead or sweep. We need lots of helpers to make the program the success it is. http://www.walkescv.org/ Click on "Wednesday Guided Walks" tab
- ➤ **Hotmail** Send all hotmails to Eileen by Sunday night for announcements related to the week. There will only be one hotmail per week to the membership.

Congratulations to Liz Walsh for completing her 50 State quest by walking in Hawaii on June 20.



Fantastic News!!! Drum roll please...

The 2019 AVA National Biennial Convention is coming to the NORTHEAST REGION for the First Time!

Earlier this month in Billings, Montana, our club made a presentation on "Why Albany" was the best place to hold the next National Convention. Our theme is Walking Thru History which will showcase our regions rich history in the forming of the United States. When the vote was finalized, they announced there was a unanimous decision among the voting delegates to award the next convention to the Northeast Region. I wish you could have been there for the HIGH that followed as folks came up to congratulate us, to say they really loved the PowerPoint, couldn't wait to come to the Northeast to do walks in all of our states, etc.

Our N.E.R.D., Chris Mellen, put out a plea for volunteers and already has a list with over 40 names! So this shows there is great interest in the Northeast. I asked for volunteers to wear our mascot costume and we had three volunteers! FYI, our mascot is Sal the Mule who pulled all those barges along the amazing Erie Canal which opened up travel to the great western frontier.

So, for these next two years, hop on the train for a great ride into Albany for our National Convention, June 12, 13, and 14, 2019. – *By Lea Darling*



We are pleased to be collaborating with other clubs in the Northeast Region for our pre and post convention walks. The clubs hosting the pre and post convention walks are Twin State Volkssport Association., Two Town Walking Club, Walk 'N Mass Volkssport Club, and the Volkssport Club at West Point. Additionally the Finger Lakes Volkssport Club and the Niagara Volkssport Club have offered to help during the convention.

The planning begins in earnest when on July 17, when our AVA Executive Director, Henry Rosales, and our newly elected AVA President, David Bonewitz, will be flying to Albany for a site visit. They will be met at the airport by Chris Mellen, our current NERD, and Doug Reynolds, our ESCV Representative. A full day planning meeting with committee chairs will take place on July 18.

2019 Convention Chairpersons

Co-Chairs Lea Darling and Teresa Kennedy

Finances Warren Lavery

Fund Raising Vacant
Publicity Linda Morzillo

Programs Barbara Kolapakka and Trudi Thun

Registration Vacant Silent Auction Vacant

Transportation Deborah D'Arcangelis

Volunteer Coordinator Chris Yost

Walks Doug Reynolds and Rachel Trier Walks Equipment Kathy Mack and Wayne Knapp

Web Master Eileen Skinner

ESCV Celebrates an Anniversary

By Teresa Kennedy

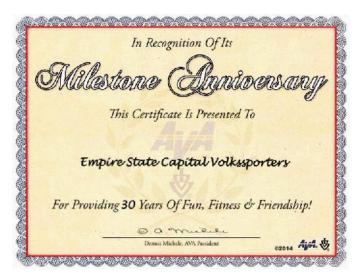
On what turned out to be a picture perfect day on June 24, ESCV marked the 30th anniversary of its founding with a walk in Thacher Park and a catered barbecue lunch. There was cake too! Winnie Balz, our POC for the day, was keen to commemorate our club anniversary in a place where we have walked many times previously. This year was even more special walk route went by the new Visitor Center which everyone greatly admired for its architecture, its exhibits and for the amazing views from the various windows and porches.

Over one hundred people attended the lunch and the Paint Mine Pavilion where we sat comfortably and patiently waiting for the food to be served. It was delicious and there was even enough for seconds. It was great to see so many come out for a celebration. Thank you Mary Sorell for being our event registrar.

Following lunch the official announcement was made that the bid for the 21st biennial AVA Convention in 2019 was awarded to ESCV and the Northeast Region. If we could bottle the enthusiasm of the day, we could absolutely guarantee our club will put on a great convention and will be around to celebrate many more anniversaries.



Photo by Arden Lawand



The following article was submitted to *The American Wanderer* for the August/September 2017 issue:

It's Official! You Will Walk Through History!

By Linda Morzillo

The nearly 300 members of the Empire State Capital Volkssporters (ESCV), are absolutely delighted and excited that the 21st American Volkssport Association Biennial Convention will be held in the Great Northeast June 9-16, 2019. This is the first time a biennial convention will be held in this region, which is one filled with history, scenery and culture. The convention itself will officially take place in Albany; the exact location is in the Town of Colonie, just outside the city limits of Albany, the capital of the Empire State. A detailed description of the hotel and nearby amenities will appear in a future issue of *The American Wanderer*.

Our theme, "Walk Through History," was chosen because of the historically themed walks being planned for your enjoyment. We will highlight some of the history of New York and the New England states; the site of many historic events, beginning in the 1600's, important to the history of this country. As walkers learn about history, they will enjoy lovely scenery and learn about regional culture.

The Northeast region is home to Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club, Southern Maine Volkssport Association, Walk 'N Mass Volkssport Club, Two Town Walking Club, Niagara Frontier Volkssport Club, The Finger Lakes Volkssports Club, Volkssport Club at West Point, NH Patriot Pathfinders, Twin State Volkssport Association and, of course, the Empire State Capital Volkssporters, celebrating their 30th anniversary as this is written. We will all be proud to show off the wonderful things you will be seeing during your visit.

It is never too early to start your bucket list of walks to do, and places to see. Future issues of *The American Wanderer* will highlight outstanding features of walks that one can enjoy before, during, after or along with the preconvention and post-convention walks!

Wednesday Walk Schedule

WALK WEEK	DATE	START/FINISH			
6:4	6:45 AM, 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM Walks for July-August				
10	July 5	Schenectady – River Walk-SCCC			
11	July 12	Round Lake			
12	July 19	Ballston Spa			
13	July 26	Ballston Lake – Rail Trail			
14	August 2	Saratoga East Side			
15	August 9	Albany – Washington Park Walk			
16	August 16	Malta – Saratoga Tec-Smart Walk Troy			
17	August 23	Troy – Sacred Heart Church			
9:3	9:30 AM ONLY				
18	August 30	Glens Falls – Crandall Park			

The walks will again this year will have leaders and sweeps for a 10 km at 6:45 AM during the months of July and August. The 9:00 AM walks will have leaders and sweeps for a 10 km, a 5 km, and a slower 5 km. The 6:00 PM walk will have a leader and sweep for either the 10 km or the 5 km route depending on the wishes of the group.

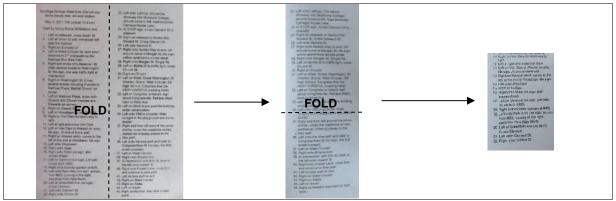
Volunteers are the key to the success of this program. We need leaders, sweeps, people to register walkers and greeters. Everyone can help at least once. Please contact the POC and offer your services.

Trail Tips

By Linda Morzillo

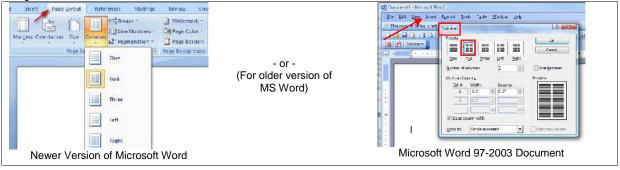
Here is the fifth article in the Trail Tips series! We previously discussed: thinking about where one might stage a walk, choosing a route, measuring the distance and writing directions. Once the directions are written, certain formatting can make the POC's excellent directions easy to carry-in-hand as the designated route is followed!

It is recommended that the directions be written in two columns. The paper then can be folded twice; this allows for a more compact item to hold as one walks along. The paper can be turned/refolded as each section is completed. See below:



How does a POC write the directions in a two-column format? New directions can be written in one or two columns. If they are written in one column, as with old directions, they can be reformatted to be in two columns using the word processing tool bar at the top of a word document. PC and Apple both have this "magic" feature, the one shown here (below), is on a PC. Under the <u>Layout</u> tab are several choices for various features of a document. Go to and click on <u>Columns</u>; a window will open, and click on <u>Two</u>.

When writing new directions and this is done first, the directions will automatically appear in two columns. Each version/update of a word processing application is slightly different, as there are differences between PCs and Apples, therefore it is recommended that the author of directions experiment to find out how it works on his/her computer.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

6:30 PM

July Meeting – none August Meeting – none September Meeting – September 18, 2017

> Latham Firehouse 226 Old Loudon Road, Latham *All are welcome!*

Membership

by Larry Godshalk – email: lgodshal@nycap.rr.com

Twenty-one new members have joined the club over the last couple months. That brings our active membership to 285 members. Please welcome the following new members when you see them on the trail: Larry Walley of Albany; Paula Dewald and Susette May of Clifton Park; Gregg Anderson, Colleen Benson, Terry Gitnick and Lorraine Gorton of Cohoes; Craig and Lisa Rounds of East Greenbush; Mary D'Alessandro of Latham; David Zdunczyk of Malta; Lois and John Pflomm of Mechanicville; Judi Woodruff of Rensselaer; Barbara Mullen, Charles and Gail Lumenello of Schenectady; Diane Miller of Troy; Margaret Bivona and Peter Aldino of Voorheesville; and Hanne Bloomfield of Wynantskill.

Birthday Wishes

Happy July Birthday to . . .

Gregg Anderson	Carely Feltt	Kathy LeRoux	Alice Slingerland
Cindy Berard	Jeffrey Ferrucci	Gail Livingston	Pat Steadman
James Brown	Bernie Geren	Gail Ostrander	Eleanor Tunny
James Burke	Kathryn Gizzi	Madeline Santulli	Toni Walsh
Robert Elie	Lorraine Groton	Mary Saratora	Patricia Whalen
Beverly Feltt	Warren Lavery	John Shaw	Judi Woodruff

Happy August Birthday to . . .

Herb Alfasso	Patty Costa	Barbara Nigro	John Sowa
Anne Cavosie	Patrick Frament	Jean Padula	Eunice Stritsman
Edith Christina	Edward Koch	Carol Reid	Joan Van Slyke
Roger Clark	Kaylee Marrano	Patricia Ross	Vera Weiss
Carla Conklin	Ann Misener	Sandra Rybaltowski	
Denise Connelly	Linda Morzillo	Natalie Smith	



Sunshine and Cards of Care

Please let our **Sunshine Secretary Kathy LeRoux** know if you hear of anyone in our club who is recovering from illness or surgery, Kathy will also send congratulations to club members for individual achievements they may be celebrating. Kathy can be reached at home by phone 438-1947 or email kleroux 1@nycap.rr.com.

Name Tags

Name tags can be ordered at any time by contacting Laura Sheldon at sheldon.laura1@gmail.com. They are available with either a magnet or pin back for \$8.00. If you would like it mailed to you, please add \$1.00.

From the Editor

Articles for the August newsletter are due on Friday, August 18, 2017. Please send us any news items that you feel would be interesting to our membership. Your reflections on a past or upcoming volkswalk and/or trip are always welcome. Ellen Brown - gorow1010-escv@yahoo.com - 384-0015

MRC Public Health Spotlight: Tick-borne Disease

Submitted by Pat Reed

Background

Tick-borne diseases are an increasingly pressing public health issue in the United States. In 2014, 94% of all vector born diseases reported in the US were tick-borne diseases. Furthermore, infections from tick-borne diseases in the US are steadily increasing as the geographic ranges of ticks expand.1 New York and New Jersey carry a significant burden of tick-borne illnesses, especially Lyme disease.

- 1 CDC Public Health Grand Rounds; Emerging Tick-borne Diseases; March 2017
- 2 http://www.caryinstitute.org/newsroom/forbidding-forecast-lyme-disease-northeast
- 3 CDC; https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/index.html

2017 Outlook

Scientists are predicting an uptick in tick-borne diseases in 2017. A bumper crop of acorns from 2015 has driven an increase in mice populations (who feed on acorns) in 2016. More mice on the move in 2016 means more infected ticks transmitting diseases, such as Lyme disease. In the northeast, white-footed mouse numbers are of particular concern. These mice play a major role in infecting blacklegged ticks with the agents that cause Lyme disease, Babesiosis, and Anaplasmosis.2

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the United States. The CDC estimates that around 300,000 people are infected each year. Many of this these individuals go undiagnosed. 3

Prevention

Reducing exposure to ticks is the best defense against Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections. Individuals should be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active. You and your family can take several steps to prevent and control Lyme disease:

- 1) Reduce direct exposure to ticks by avoiding wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- 2) Repel ticks on skin and clothing using a repellent that contains 20 percent or more DEET, picaridin, or IR3535 on exposed skin for protection that lasts several hours. Always follow product instructions.
- 3) Find and remove ticks from your body as soon as possible.

Dogs are also very susceptible to tick bites and tick-borne diseases. Vaccines are not available for all the tick-borne diseases that dogs can get, and they don't keep the dogs from bringing ticks into your home. For these reasons, it's important to use a tick preventive product on your dog. Furthermore, always check your pets for ticks daily, especially after they spend time outdoors.

Finally, you also may want to explore measures to help reduce tick populations in your yard. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has developed a comprehensive Tick Management Handbook to help create tick-safe zones around homes.

For more information on prevention measures visit: https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/

Symptoms, Treatment and Care

The most common symptoms of tick-related illnesses are fever/chills, headache, fatigue, and muscle aches, as well as rash. 4 Since the early signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses are nonspecific patients are often misdiagnosed. To increase the likelihood of an early, accurate diagnosis, health care providers should be familiar with risk factors, signs, and symptoms consistent with tick-borne diseases and their geographic distribution. To help health care providers, the CDC has created a reference manual on Tick-borne Diseases of the United States.

- $1~\mathrm{CDC~Public~Health~Grand~Rounds}; \underline{Emerging~Tick\text{-}borne~Diseases}; \underline{March~2017}$
- 2 http://www.caryinstitute.org/newsroom/forbidding-forecast-lyme-disease-northeast
- 3 CDC; https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/index.html
- 4 CDC; Symptoms of Tick-borne Illness

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A Summer Walk by the Sea in Rockport, Massachusetts - Saturday, August 5

See May newsletter for additional information or Walk Brochure.

Walk Brochure: http://www.walkescv.org/17RockportBrochure.pdf



- American Volkssporters Association

www.ava.org



Northeast Region

Chris Mellen – Northeast Regional Director www.avaclubs.org/NE_RD/



- International Federation of Popular Sports

http://www.ivv-web.org/

ESCV Want Ads

<u>POCs</u>: Learn how to administer a Traditional, Year Round (YRE) or Seasonal walk. Shadow a present POC to learn the necessary tasks to be completed as the POC of one of our walks. Many of our POCs have been administering certain walks for years and would like to "retire." Working with a present POC of a YRE or Seasonal walk for several months is a great opportunity for new members to learn about how our walk system works. New POCs are needed for traditional walks in 2017 and next summer's Wednesday walk schedule

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Walking the USA Shirts

For those who are walking the 50 States/51 Capitals, Linda Kipnes from WalknMass has offered to take care of the new shirt order forms. Thanks Linda. There are a number of new ESCVers who are interested in this special program.

Order WALKING the USA shirts



Mail to: Linda Kipnes Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club 23 Nathaniel Drive Hudson, NH 03051

S, M, L, XL @ \$10.00

XXL @ \$12.00

Postage: 1 shirt \$4.00 each additional shirt \$2.50

Indicate quantity and sizes:

____ S ____M ___L ___XL ___XXL
Make check payable to Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club

Total enclosed: \$_____

Please PRINT legibly. This will be your mailing label.

Name:_____

Street:

City, State, ZIP



Front of shirt shows map of 50 states Back of shirt lists state capitals & DC

These short-sleeved, natural-colored t-shirts are 100% cotton. View at: www.walknmass.org/products

A guide to coloring in the states using 5 fabric marker colors will be sent with the shirt.

Shirts will be shipped when check and order form are received.

Volkssporters on the go . . .





Lake George – April 26











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Saratoga Springs, West Side – May 3











Deerfield, MA - May 6

Photos by Linda Morzillo







Saratoga National Historical Park – May 7

Photos by Linda Morzillo









Albany Tulip Walk - May 10









Photo by Christine Yost





Broadalbin - May 31



Photos by Linda Morzillo



Schenectady – June 7









Photos by Linda Morzillo



Lake Placid - June 17



Photos by Linda Morzillo

Niskayuna - June 21







Photos by Linda Morzillo





Photo by Deborah D'Arcangelis









FINGER LAKES BUS TRIP

September 10, 11 and 12, 2017

Our three day, two night trip to the Finger Lakes region starts at 7:15 a.m. from **Yankee Trails** and will make a stop at **Latham Farms**. Yankee Trails is located at 569 Third Avenue Ext., Rensselaer, NY 12144 and they have plenty of long-term parking.

The cost is \$460 per person, double occupancy and will include:

- > Transportation;
- Luggage porter;
- Yankee Trails escort;
- ➤ Hotel for 2 nights (Best Western Inn, Seneca Falls and Hampton Inn, Horseheads);
- 2 breakfasts:
- > 1 cocktail dinner cruise on Lake Seneca;
- > 3 walks (Geneva, Ithaca and Watkins Glen);
- Seneca Falls Women's Rights museum;

I will be in charge of a walk. _____

- ➤ 2 wineries for wine tastings coupons included (Lakewood Winery and Fox Run Vineyards),
- > Driver and escort tips (does not include hotel maid tips).

Please let me know if you'd be willing to be in charge of a walk. Further inquiries, please contact Marion Averill 941-761-0029, email walkingaverills@aol.com

Deposit of \$100 per person. ... Final payment of \$360 p.p due July 12. (check made out to YANKEE TRAILS) should be sent to:

Marion Averill, 17 N. Lyons Ave., Menands, NY 12204

Please reserve	seat(s) on the FINGER LAKES BUS TRIP – September	10, 11 and 12, 2017
Name		
Address		
Cell Number	E-mail address	=
Roommate name:(Please indicate if roommat	e is sending deposit with separate reservation application: YES	NO
Address		
Cell Number	E-mail address	

I would like to help with a walk.____

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