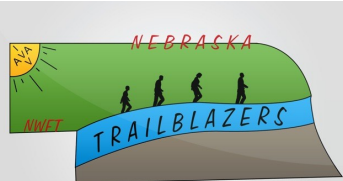


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Questions?
 Suggestions?
 Call!!!!



President's Corner



This newsletter is being distributed later than normal, for a variety of reasons. But since it is a little late, I have more information to share and will also be needing some timely feedback from the membership regarding our summer events. As I write this, we have just completed our first "Doggie Walk," which was attended by 73 humans and 10 dogs. We awarded prizes for various doggy characteristics, such as largest and smallest, shaggiest and longest ears. More information is on our Facebook page, which is open to all, even if you don't have a Facebook account.

Summer events include a trip to the Stormchasers ballpark for a picnic and game on July 19th and a trip to Lauritzen Gardens on August 12th to enjoy the Tempo of Twilight music performance. More about each ...

The game against New Orleans Zephyrs starts at 7:05, and our picnic would be before that—starting at 6:00 p.m. The Sweetright Brothers, a costumed act, will perform during the game. We need a minimum of 20 people to sign up to get the group rates and picnic specials. The least expensive package, which we had the last time we did this, includes a ticket to the game and the following picnic menu for \$24.00 a person: Omaha steak burgers, grilled Hebrew National hot dogs, cowboy beans, homemade seasoned potato chips, gourmet cookie tray, lemonade and iced tea. I have to know how many are interested by May 20th, because I have to put down 50% to reserve. Email me immediately at nwftprezmel@cox.net with the number of people who want to go. We **must have at least 20** for the group rates and picnic! The club will pick up \$5 of cost of ball game for members, and members only.

On August 12th, our selected date, Tempo of Twilight features a blues band called *Blue House with rent to own horns*. You can purchase dinner featuring fried chicken or bring your own food and drink, including alcoholic beverages. We did this last year and staked out a space in the shade. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

We ordered 54 shirts with the new logo, including pre-orders and a few extras. I need to know if others are interested in having shirts and the sizes. We need to order no fewer than 12 at a time, and the price is better if we order more. We will offer the option of other colors on request. We will still have the logo printed in white, regardless of shirt color, so consider darker color choices. Write to me about this as soon as you can (address above).

Our fall walks are planned, with the September 6th walk starting from Too Far North, a wine and beer tasting spot in Fort Calhoun. Our walk on October 4th will start from the Sarpy County Museum in Bellevue, and November's pie walk, on the first, from St Mary's Episcopal Church in Blair.

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Jim's Notes

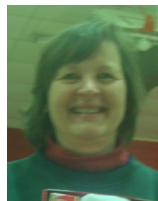
Our 28th annual Soup Walk was held on the club's 35th anniversary. What a birthday party we had! The event was scheduled for Children's Square in Council Bluffs and director Carol Wood welcomed us with open arms. Our usual spot—the gym—was getting a new floor so she opened up her headquarters building for us. We had our own dining area in which she set up eight tables and 40 chairs. She decorated the tables with old walking shoes, table cloths and flowers. We even had our own kitchen in which to prepare the soup, then moved the soup in two heated portable ovens (furnished by Carol Wood) to the dining area. Walkers could serve themselves. Sandy brought dozens of raffle items and her Mother tended that store. Mary brought all the photo books and together with walking patches and medals—brought by Butch and Sandy—lined the window shelves. Sheila prepared a chart with the oldest club newsletter and the latest plus pictures of our year-round events. Mel brought a huge birthday cake appropriately iced with our logo and a happy birthday. Fifty-eight walkers enjoyed the walk and then the soup and cake plus socializing. A

successful day. To top it off we had five club presidents present: current president Mel Bohn, plus past-presidents Claudia Dowling, Marge Leinen, Rita Eldrige and Butch Spaulding.

Since I am back home after my stint in the hospital and Risen Son re-hab I have continued the slow process of compiling our club history. Please be patient as I'm only up to 1988.

Lastly, my thanks to fellow volksmarchers who sent me greetings, called me on the phone, and made personal visits during my 'incarceration'. Your support was very much appreciated and raised my morale! Thanks!

~Jim



Sandy speaks

Our first-ever Dog Walk was a success! We had 14 new walkers for a total of 73, a good number when you consider the questionable weather. Ten dogs participated for fun and prizes: Astro, owner Lisa, had the longest ears at 5 1/2 inches. Gracie, owner Julie, was the friendliest. Lyla, a beautiful dog was our shyest - never did get to pet

her. Rusty, age 9, was our oldest, whose walking friend was Bonnie. Hector, a former rescue dog, was our smallest at 12 inches (owner Susan). Java, owner Tricia was our tallest at 29 inches. And Bella, owner Barbara, was our youngest at 7 months. All of the dogs were very well behaved, even nice to the resident cat who wandered around visiting with all the pooches as though they were all best friends.




We had four rescue dogs at the event from Little White Dog Rescue. They are a no euthenize group and all their dogs will stay in foster care permanently if no forever home is found for them. The dogs they brought were very sweet and very adoptable!

~Sandy



Have you checked out our club's Facebook page?

Just click this icon to catch up on the Trailblazers' most recent events and photos. While you're there, be sure to "like"  our page!



Our Host



Start Table



Java, our largest dog



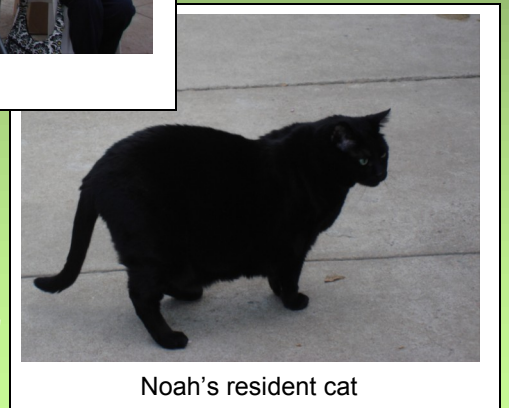
Rescue Dog



Field Club Trail



Prize Table



Noah's resident cat

Doin' the Louisiana Purchase

December 31, 2018. The club's POCs will for this will be Butch Spaulding and Jeanne Miller.

Our club will be sponsoring an AVA special program starting January 1, 2015, with a completion date of December 31, 2019. The special program is **Doin' The Louisiana Purchase**. The award is a multicolored rectangular patch about 4 X 6 inches in size. To receive the patch, complete one AVA sanctioned event in each of the 15 states made

up in whole: Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma or in part; Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana from the land of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The program record book can be purchased for \$10.00 starting in December of 2014 and ending



Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events



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| May | 17 | Three State Walk in Dubuque IA | GDMVA |
| | 17 | Custer Gordon Stockade | BHVA |
| June | 7&8 | Crazy Horse Memorial Walk | BHVA |
| | 13 | Osawatomie KS John Brown Night Walk | SSS |
| | 14 | Hill City SD Newton Lake Walk | BHVA |
| | 28 | Cedar Rapids..... | Hawkeye Hikers |
| July | 19 | Ames IA Games | GDMVA |
| | 19 | Picnic & Stormchasers Baseball Game | NWFT |
| Aug | 12 | Group Get-Together at Lauretzen Gardens | NWFT |
| Sept | 6 | Ft Calhoun NE <i>Too Far North</i> Breakfast Walk | NWFT |
| | 20 | Pleasant Hill IA | GDMVA |
| | 27 | Weeping Water NE Walk..... | Lincoln VC |
| Oct | 4 | Sarpy County Museum, Bellevue NE | NWTB |
| | 25 | Lincoln Cemetery Walk..... | LVC |
| Nov | 1 | St Mary's Episcopal, Blair NE..... | NWTB |

Event Awards for Club Members

| | <u>Events</u> | <u>Distance</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Barbara John | 1100 | |
| Wilma Damian | | 17,000 |

You're Still the One



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|------|----|-----------------------|
| May | 20 | Carol & David Johnson |
| June | 2 | Anna & Larry Boehm |
| | 3 | Sharon & Dale Nielsen |
| | 4 | Diane & Robert Glenn |
| | 9 | Cathy & Jim Ochsner |
| | 16 | Karen & Jerry Dix |
| | 25 | Diane & Jim Fenlon |

16 (or more) Candles

May

| | | | |
|----|----------------|----|--------------|
| 3 | Steven Dowling | 18 | Norma Wessle |
| 4 | Dave Johnson | 18 | Julie Brown |
| 9 | Martha McGahan | 30 | Tricia Abel |
| 10 | Ann Drobot | | |



June

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|----|----------------|
| 6 | Pete Dowling |
| 14 | Sandy Spielman |

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Meeting News

The next club meetings will be June 2, September 8, October 6, November 3 and December 1, at Morning Star Lutheran Church, located at 331 S 85th Street in Omaha. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. We try to have a short program before the business meeting. Just a reminder that the club meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. with some exceptions: no meetings in January, July or August, and it is the 2nd Monday in September. Don't forget that at each meeting, we have a drawing for a \$10 door prize. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be a club member to win this.

Membership Dues

March & April dues are now past due (check your mailing label—email message will be sent out as a reminder). Renewal is \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for a family membership. Please send renewals to:

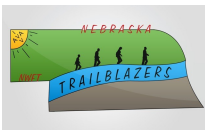
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