

## News From N.E.W. #5 Tuesday, September 3, 2013

- 1. Updates on getting maps for YREs/Seasonals: Additions and corrections:**
  - a. [www.gmap-pedometer.com](http://www.gmap-pedometer.com)** – You can set this program for kilometers and use either runner or straight line mode. Runner uses streets only, but doesn't care about one-way streets. The straight line view lets you go wherever you want. You can change during your drawing of the map. You can use an aerial view in woods. You will have to print, cut and tape to an appropriate size.
  - b. Streets and Trips** – You can find this currently for \$19.95 from Amazon.
  - c. GPS and MapMyWalk.com.** Using an Android or Iphone app. Contact Maryann Brown, at OTSVA about how to use these (sorry Maryann).
- 2. Thank you, thank you all for renewing your walks on time.** Every club made it by Friday afternoon, with some coaxing. Please **review all your walks for the proper information using the "Starting Point Listing"** link to check that walk descriptions are in the right place and enter Special Programs ASAP. **You and I have until the end of September to make changes (no renewals or new walks) before we cut off for the Starting Point.** This is a change, but please don't wait that long.
- 3. List of walks not being renewed:** I am sending a list soon of YRE/Seasonals that are not being renewed for 2014. It's almost done. Be sure to get to them before they expire.
- 4. Record Books and Insert Cards.** It has come to my attention that many walkers and club members do not know what to do with insert cards and even ROA (Record of Achievement) books – the red and white one. When someone brings an insert card to be stamped that is filled with stamps, please remind them that insert cards must have the appropriate record book with them to send in to AVA for awards. The back of record books state: **"A new IVV Event and/or Distance Record Book must be purchased for each level of achievement starting with the lowest level award."** We have also had instances where ROA Book has been stamped with event stamps. Please educate your club members.
- 5. Finding New Club possibilities:** Someone at the NEC, mentioned that our country looks like a Swiss cheese – lots of holes where no club exists. Our NW region is no exception. Where are there likely areas for clubs? Where are there clubs that need some oomph, some energy to put on traditional events and draw more walkers? State Associations and I both have the responsibility to foster growth and develop new clubs. I'm talking with someone in east central Oregon now about forming a club. The information on the website is daunting and doesn't really say how to do many things. It's my job to make that information more helpful to potential clubs. Think about how we can help get clubs started.
- 6. NW Regional Conference Registration is open:** Register as soon as you can for the NW Regional Conference to be held at Portland State University June 23-28, 2014, right after the Columbia Gorge Walks. Go to <http://www.walkoregon.org/conf/nw2014.htm> and click on the links for housing and registration. See the video there as well. Registering as early as you can helps the committee plan for transportation and other offerings
- 7. Articles for the TAW:** The deadline for the December 2013/January 2014 **American Wanderer** is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please consider an article for any special events you are going to do for this time period or later in the year, as well as special events you have done. Send to [taw@ava.org](mailto:taw@ava.org) (a change.) **Subject Line: TAW: NW: Name of Article.** Photos must be attached to the email separately, not embedded in the article and must be high quality, not off a web page. Include a caption.