

# THE ROWAN ROAMER

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## **NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, AUGUST SIXTH**

The next Meeting of the Rowan Roamers is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th, 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.

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## **Rowan Roamers Minutes of the Meeting July 2, 2015**

President Larry Brown called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm. The number of members present was 8.

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 \$1882.75.00 and \$17.00 in cash.

The drawing for the free dinner was won by Larry Brown.

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. It was decided to hold the event at Lake Norman State Park.

New Business:

There was a brief discussion about the appointment of a deputy regional director.

Dick Feldmann announced that he and Winnie were moving to a continuing care facility in Burlington, NC, and would probably not be attending further meetings. It was suggested that some else take over the editorship of the newsletter.

The 2015 Year Round Event Participation Totals were updated:

Salisbury 15	Southport 17
Concord 22	Greenfield Park 20
Kannapolis 11	Mocksville 14
Myrtle Beach 21	Dan Nicholas Park 11
Wilmington 37	

The meeting was closed at 7:43 pm.

Dick Feldmann, Acting Recording Secretary

# CLUB NEWS

## LAKE NORMAN STATE PARK REGULAR

**EVENT:** Our event has been sanctioned for September 19<sup>th</sup>. Both 5 and 10 km options will be available. The only other information on the AVA web site is "Lake Norman State Park - enter park on State Park Rd, continue to Shortleaf Dr on left to start".

## BLOWING ROCK UPDATE:

We found out that the start box is at the temporary location of the Blowing Rock Market. Address is 8100 Valley Blvd., Blowing Rock. You can see the market as you travel on US-321 Bypass even though the address is not US-321 Bypass. The owner said that he would take the box to the permanent location as soon as it is ready for occupancy. Keep an eye out on the website [Blowing Rock Market](#) or here, for information on when the move has happened. Lloyd

**BLOWING ROCK/BOONE ON 8/8:** See President's message for details.

Directions to Boone Visitors Center: 828-264-1299. Tourist Info 1-800-438-7500 , 1700 Blowing Rock Road (Hwy 321). From I-77, at Exit 73, or Wilkesboro follow US421 to US221/105 in Boone. Left on US221/105 to US221/321 South (Blowing Rock Rd.). Left on Blowing Rock Rd. approximately 1 mile to Boone Heights Dr. Visitor Center is on the right side of the road, at edge of K-Mart shopping center at traffic light.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> light turn left onto Gaither for 1 block, then left on Main St. to Cemetery St. Left to YMCA.

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## UPCOMING GROUP WALKS

**UMSTEAD STATE PARK ON 8/1:** Join the Triangle Trailblazers for a woods walk (12 km, rated 3C) in Umstead State Park on Saturday, Aug. 1 @ 9 a.m. The scenic park walk is on Umstead's Sycamore Trail. It's a natural surface through forested area with some hills. Please come 15 minutes early to allow time for registration.

The special programs for the walk include Trekking With the Trees, (WPA) Works Project Administration and You'll Never Walk Alone The Start Point is the Umstead State Park Visitor Center. 8801 Glenwood Ave. The Visitor Center is located in the Crabtree Section of Umstead State Park off US 70, ten miles NW of Raleigh..

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From I-440 (Raleigh Beltline) take the Crabtree Valley/US 70 exit (exit 7). Go six miles west on US 70 to the park entrance on the left. From I-40, take I-540 (exit 283) to US 70E (exit 4-A). Go straight at the bottom of the ramp to 70. Park entrance is one mile on the right. Visitor Center is 1/2 mile from the entrance.

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**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

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## YANCEYVILLE REGULAR EVENT ON SEPTEMBER FIFTH

The Triangle Trailblazers will hold a guided walk in Yanceyville, Caswell County, at 10 am on the fifth of September. This is the first time this walk has been held. It's a level walk through a small town with a historic courthouse. It's mostly on sidewalks but includes a stretch through a trail in a park. Suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. The trail is 10 kilometers in length and is rated 1B. It's a chance to add Caswell County for those walking North Carolina's 100 counties. It's also a rare Y for those doing the A to Z program.

The start point for the group walk is the

Hardee's Restaurant in Yanceyville.

The AVA Special Awards Programs for this event are Honoring Our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Walking the USA A - Z, Water Towers, and You'll Never Walk Alone.

Directions: Hardee's, 2089 NC Highway 86 N, Yanceyville, NC 27379. Phone: 336-694-5218. From Raleigh: Follow US-70 W to I-85 S. From I-85 South, take exit 170 for US-70 W toward NC 86 N. Take NC 86 N into Yanceyville. Turn left into Hardees but please park in main parking lot area for shopping center. Registration will be by the parking lot for the Hardees.

From Charlotte: Take I-85 N and I-40 E to Jimmie Kerr Rd in Graham. Take exit 150 from I-40 E/I-85 N. Turn left on Jimmie Kerr Road and continue on to Trollingwood Road and North Wilkins Road. Turn right on to NC 49 N and stay as it becomes NC 62 N. Turn left on Main Street/East Main Street. Turn right on to Atwater Street. Turn left onto NC 86N. Turn left into Hardees but please park in main parking lot area for shopping center. Registration will be by the parking lot for the Hardees.

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of the battle. Bentonville isn't too far from Smithfield so you can get two walks done in one day.

The AVA Special Awards Programs for this event are Civil War Battlefields, Honoring Our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, and Walking the USA A – Z.

DIRECTIONS: Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Park, 466 Harper House Road, Four Oaks, NC, (910) 594-0789.

From Raleigh, take I-40 East to Exit 341 for North Carolina 50. Take left at exit for NC 50 South. Turn left onto North Church Street. Take slight left onto US 701 North/Main Street. Turn right onto Harper House Road. Turn left at entrance sign for Bentonville State Historic Site and head to parking lot. Registration will be at the picnic table by the parking lot.

From Charlotte, take I-77 North to exit 13A to merge onto I-85 North. Stay on I-85 North as it merges I-40 East. Stay on I-40 East after it splits from I-85 and get off at Exit 341. Follow directions from above.

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## BENTONVILLE BATTLEFIELD REGULAR EVENT

The Triangle Trailblazers will host a regular event at the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Park near Four Oaks, NC, on October Third. The walk is in Johnston County. The start point is a picnic table near the parking area.

Registration is anytime between 10 am and noon. The club plans to walk as a group starting at 10 am. Individuals can walk at a time of their choosing. The length of the trail is 10 kilometers and the trail rating is 1B. Walk is on trails and along roadway. Walk goes by various monuments and historical markers about the largest Civil War battle fought in North Carolina, where more than 80,000 soldiers fought in March 1865. This is the first time a walk has been organized at Bentonville. This is a must for Civil War buffs, especially as the walk will take place in the same year as the 150th anniversary

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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

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	<b>RR</b>	<b>RE – TBD</b>
	24(Thurs)		Virginia Creeper Bike – non-credit – 10:00am
	26	AA	Brevard Estatoe with picnic – 9:00am
WW		PEC – 10:00am	
October	3	<b>TT</b>	<b>RE – Bentonville</b>
	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	<b>WW</b>	<b>RE – TBD</b>
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
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