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## Surrey Thomas Rover Crew 35<sup>th</sup> reunion

The Surrey Thomas Rover Crew recently held its 35 year reunion. STR played a large part in the early evolution of the sport of rogaining, as recalled by this extract from *Cross country navigation* published in 2000.

“By the early 1970s, a few school and scouting groups around Melbourne were organizing their own closed twenty-four hour walks modeled on the highly-successful Melbourne University event. In 1972, the Surrey Thomas Rover Crew (STR) undertook to run an

annual twenty-four hour event and this was to prove the first of a long line of achievements over the next decade. With remarkable diversity, the crew and its members pioneered the introduction of females into the scouting movement in Victoria, set up a rock climbing club that taught climbing leaders from all over Victoria, opened up several new climbing areas, provided leaders for a number of scout troops and rover crews, went on regular caving and canoeing expeditions, organized hiking, rafting, climbing, flying and camping trips all over south-eastern Australia and founded the world's first rogaining association. The authors of this book were fortunate to share many of the experiences that STR provided.

At the first Surrey Thomas Rovers twenty-four hour hike in 1972, forty starters, mostly from scouting, set off from Gembrook, Victoria, and circled the hash house at Basan's Corner via a series of loops along forest roads. True cross-country navigation was minimal, but the publicity from the event and the emphasis placed on quality hash house service and a friendly atmosphere paved the way for similar events over the next two years at Labertouche and Kinglake. These were followed by an important shift to an all cross-country score event set in the Strathbogie Ranges near Yea in 1975, the first such event catering for the general public. This change of emphasis followed from discussions with regular STR participants at the previous 24 hour event.

The advent of the Surrey Thomas Rovers event was catalytic for the sport, attracting competitors who were entering several rogaines per year. This led to considerable improvements in competitive and organizational standards and significant transfer of ideas between the various groups. It was also obvious that some form of co-ordination was going to become necessary between the regular Melbourne University, Surrey Thomas Rovers, intervarsity, Monash and South Australian events. Perhaps the main realization to come out of the early 1970s was that the sport of twenty-four hour cross-country navigation had a far wider appeal and marketing potential than had been previously thought.”

It is interesting to reflect on how the number of participants grew rapidly from a small start of 40; and how the ideals of a friendly environment and quality food still serve us well three decades later.

### **Rogaining in Finland**

The new website [www.rogaining.fi](http://www.rogaining.fi) summarizes rogaining in Finland and foreshadows the first Finnish rogaine later in 2007. International visitors to this rogaine will be made most welcome.

### **New Zealand Rogaining Championships**

The annual New Zealand Championship 24hr event was held on the 3-4<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in Marlborough. The event site was at a woolshed inland from Ward. Winners were Nathan Fa'avae and Richard Ussher (3630 points), then Chris Morrissey and George Christison (3490), and Rachel Smith and Rhys Burns (3160).

### **Forthcoming New Zealand rogaines**

Wellington City Safari - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007

The City Safari allows you to use public transport instead of your legs to get part way to the checkpoints. The event starts in central Wellington [www.citysafari.org.nz](http://www.citysafari.org.nz).

Marlborough Rogaine - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2007

This rogaine will be a good warmup for the Heights of Winter.

Queens Birthday Rogaine - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007

In the Helensville area near Auckland with some interesting mangrove swamp controls.

Lactic Turkey Piha Rogaine 9<sup>th</sup> June, Auckland

Heights of Winter (Canterbury) - 16<sup>th</sup> June  
12 hour rogaine with a 6hr option.

### **Rogaining in Brazil**

12 hour rogaine - Late 2007

First Brazil 24-hour rogaine - early 2008

Both likely to be in the south of the country.

### **41<sup>st</sup> T'Walk 2007 (Canterbury)**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May

A rogaine full of history organized by the University of Canterbury Tramping Club.

<http://www.cutc.org.nz/twalk/>

### **Ukraine Rogaining Championships**

Chernovtsakh

16-17<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

### **11th Czech Rogaining Championships**

23-24 June 2007

Kremze, Chlum - 165 km S from Prague

Blansky Mountains 400-1084 m ASL

<http://h21e.unas.cz/rog2007.htm>

### **First Swedish 24-hour rogaine**

Hemavan, northern Sweden

27-28 July 2007

<http://www.icebug24.com/>

### **4th European Rogaining Championships**

Latvia, 28-29 July, 2007

<http://www.rogaining.lv/>

### **28<sup>th</sup> Australian Rogaining Championships**

Alice Springs, Northern Territory

29-30 July 2007

<http://nt.rogaine.asn.au/events/ARC2007/ARC2007.html>

### **Permsky Krai Rogaining Championships**

11-12 August 2007

### **Russian Rogaining Championships**

25-26 August 2007

<http://www.rogaining.ru/>

### **10<sup>th</sup> N American Rogaining Championships**

Laurentia, eastern Canada

25-26 August 2007

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/montbleu>

### **5th European Rogaining Championships**

Russia, St Petersburg, 5-6 July, 2008

[www.rogaine-spb.narod.ru/eng](http://www.rogaine-spb.narod.ru/eng)

### **8th World Rogaining Championships**

13-14th September 2008

Estonia

<http://8wrc2008.rogain.ee>