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Club Volunteers Get a New Perq

Have you volunteered to work for PATC in the past year? Or are you planning on doing so in the future? If so, you can be eligible for a new privilege - a hard-won cabin reservation.

On July 20, the PATC Council voted to give every Club volunteer—that is, someone who has done work for PATC—the privilege of reserving a cabin 35 days prior to rental, instead of the usual calendar month in advance for member-only cabins (or four weeks, in the case of non-member cabins). This new benefit can only be exercised once a year. After you use it, you have to wait 12 months to do it again; and, you have to do another volunteer job in the meantime. But the payoff could be big. In return for your volun-

teer labor, you could get that popular cabin that you've never been able to stay in because others reserved it first.

The idea is to encourage volunteerism. But who is a "volunteer"? As defined by the Council resolution, any overseer, or a trail worktrip participant, or someone who staffs one of the desks in the evening, or helps stuff envelopes, or helps build a cabin on a Saturday, is a volunteer. Any Club officer or active participant in a committee, has the privilege. Are you an active member of SMRG or Trail Patrol? Presto, you're a volunteer. Did you help Dave Pierce with one of his map revisions? You're among the elect. Are you a Club or chapter officer? Ditto.

The cabins desk will keep lists of many of the people who are regular volunteers, but what if you are just an occasional participant? When making your reservation, you should be prepared to tell the person staffing the desk (who, too, is a "volunteer") what work you did, when, and under whose supervision. That way, the information can be checked later.

The new system goes into effect on the first of January, Y2K. So get your calendars and your cabins book, and picture yourself in your favorite Club cabin. □

—Tom Johnson



PATC Planning Database Upgrade

The Club is now soliciting professional assistance in improving and expanding our Headquarters database, which is utilized in documenting and supporting many aspects of the Club's activities.

We have prepared a document entitled "Scope of Work", dated August 27, 1999, which describes both the origins and current make-up of our existing database. It identifies in much detail some of its shortcomings as we perceive them to be. Also, identified in considerable detail are areas where changes or improvements are required. In addition, database subsets that do not presently exist, but that are required by the Club to provide for extraction of information believed to be important for our management purposes, are conceptualized.

As a Club, we have progressed through several iterations of the current database, usually called the Membership Database, since the mid-1980s. Its present format, which integrated trail overseers' names and work activity with membership records, was de-

veloped by a volunteer in 1995. The Membership database was programmed utilizing the relational data base program Paradox, originally in the DOS version and, in part, subsequently migrated into the Windows 3.1 version.

Since the General Secretary and staff lack both the time and technical expertise to perform this work, we are turning to commercial sources for the work. However, we are also aware that many Club members are Information Technology professionals, some of whom might be interested in performing this work for the Club. Should you possibly be interested in being retained to improve and expand the Headquarters database, we will be happy to provide you with a copy of the document referenced in the second paragraph, which describes our needs in detail.

A copy of the "Scope of Work" document or other related information may be obtained by contacting Wilson Riley, Director of Administration, at Club Headquarters, Phone 703/242-0693, Extension 11. □

—Warren C. Sharp

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Council Fire

The Council held its regular meeting on September 14, 1999 at the Club headquarters. The meeting was attended by 21 Council members, 3 staff, and 4 Club members. PATC membership stands at 6,903, with 150 new members registering in the last month.

Personnel Changes

Tom Johnson moved to the position of Vice President for Operations replacing George Still. Tom will be responsible for the 1999 annual report. Mickey McDermott was appointed as Vice President for Volunteerism and will remain as Chair of the Trail Patrol for the interim. Mel Merritt was appointed as Chair of Cabins Construction. Mel Merritt is reviewing maintenance needs for cabins and is developing a cabins overseers manual.

The President is looking for persons interested in being Chair of the Lands Management Committee and a member of the Endowment Committee.

A Gift for the Trail Lands Fund

Mark Nelson, Special Events Coordinator of REI, presented PATC a check for \$1,000 for the Trail Lands Fund. The money can be used as a catalyst for other giving.

New Funds for Blackburn's Roof

The Council voted to expend \$12,542 from the Cabins, Shelters and Building Lands Fund for materials for a new roof for the Blackburn Trail Center.

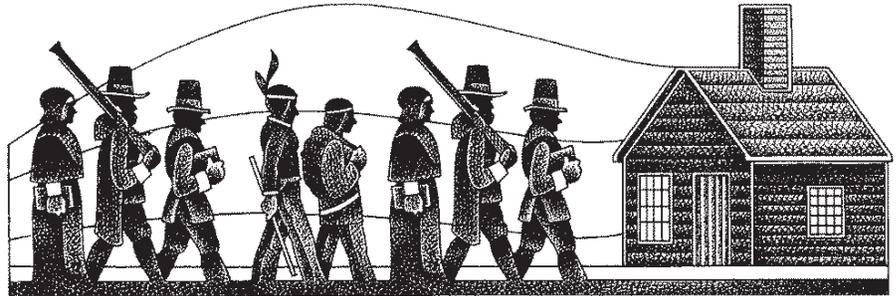
Joint ATC-PATC Training

Tom Johnson reported that ATC and PATC are actively cooperating to develop and provide training courses of use to both organizations.

Update on the Saddleback Mountain Issue

The response on the environmental Impact Statement for Saddleback Mountain in Maine overwhelmingly supports the alternative to protect over 2,800 acres (alternative one). □

—Gerhard Salinger,
Recording Secretary



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Walt's Notes

Does Our Vision Become Our History?

In 1921 Benton MacKaye had a vision of what the Appalachian Trail and its corridor might eventually look like. To what extent does vision assist in determining the future is a question that I have been pondering lately. How does one develop successful vision? MacKaye developed his vision by observing recreational trends of the '20s, then interpreting and applying them in a way he thought would benefit the average citizen. He also developed his vision by looking at the big picture, the Appalachian Mountains. As he wrote in *The Journal of the American Institute of Architects* in October 1921, "Let us assume the existence of a giant standing high on the skyline along these mountain ridges, his head just scraping the floating clouds. What would he see from this skyline as he strode along its length from north to south?...the crowded east—a chain of smoky bee-hive cities extending from Boston to Washington...he steps across the Potomac

near Harpers Ferry and pushes through into the wooded wilderness of the Southern Appalachians where he finds preserved much of the primal aspects of the days of Daniel Boone." Have we preserved enough of the wooded wilderness outside of our "bee-hive cities"? The giant also "notes the opportunities for recreation...secluded forest, pastoral lands, and water courses, which, with proper facilities and protection, could be made to serve as the breath of a real life for the toilers in the bee-hive cities along the Atlantic seaboard and elsewhere." Have we developed the needed recreational facilities for PATC members, who live mostly around the beltways of the "bee-hive cities"?

Shelters and Camps

The future recreational facilities that MacKaye anticipated were related to a series of recreational communities, all connected by a walking trail. Today we call that walking trail the Appalachian Trail. The facilities were to be built in three different types of situations: shelter, community, and food and farm camps. The

shelter camps "should be located at convenient distances so as to allow a comfortable day's walk between each. They should be equipped always for sleeping and certain of them for serving meals." They should be built by "volunteer workers. For volunteer 'work' is really 'play.'" So far, it appears that what has been accomplished reflects MacKaye's vision.

What about the other camps? The community camps "would grow naturally out of the shelter camps...where people could live in private domiciles...organized for recreation, for recuperation, and for study. Summer schools or seasonal field courses could be established and scientific travel courses organized and accommodated in the different communities along the trail." PATC has not established private domiciles in conjunction with our "community camps," such as the Vining Tract where we now have four cabins. However, as I observe the diverse recreational, social, and training activities that increasingly

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Five Years Online

Five years ago this past October, the first typographical characters of what was to become PATC's presence on the Internet were typed into an office computer in Rosslyn Virginia. At the time, I was an employee of BBN Corporation, one of three companies involved in creating DARPA NET, the predecessor to today's Internet. One month earlier, a coworker had introduced me to something new called the World Wide Web. As I took my computer on its first "surfing trip", it became obvious to me how it could benefit PATC. A little voice inside me said, "This is going to be something big". I decided PATC had to go "online". Meanwhile, somewhere in Redmond, Washington, someone named Bill Gates was laughing off the Internet as a "flash in the pan".

PATC Goes Online

While the web had been around for over a year, it hadn't quite caught on in the general population. In October 1994, a search of the Internet didn't reveal any trail clubs online. A number of forward-thinking organizations had posted web pages on the Internet, and new offerings were announced each week on the National Center for Supercomputing Applications website in an

area called "What's New". Every day, around 30 new websites appeared in "What's New"—worldwide. At the time, there were no books on HTML, no slick HTML editors, no "easy conversion" to HTML using MS Word—just a single "specification" outlining the few HTML "tags" that existed at the time. I used the spec as a guide and saved web pages to my computer hard drive that I thought were interesting. I opened the files in Windows Notepad and figured out how the HTML tags were being used to create different effects, essentially "reverse engineering" selected web pages to understand how HTML worked.

Over the next three months, I taught myself the language, learned the ins and outs of scanning, learned how to create computer graphics, and then went on the search for some free space on the Internet. I found an outdoor website in Texas called the "Backcountry Home Page" willing to provide server space to post information. In December 1995, unknown to our Club, information about PATC appeared to the public as the second trail club website on the Internet (a savvy network administrator and club member of the Appalachian Mountain Club managed to beat PATC to the Internet by one month). PATC was finally visible to the world.

PATC's Website Becomes Official

Then the thought occurred to me. If the Internet were going to grow into what I thought it would, perhaps it would be a good idea to make the PATC information something more than an informal site assembled by a past officer. I decided to get formal approval from the Club Council to make the PATC site official.

I remember that Council meeting well. After I had explained the concept of the Internet to everyone in attendance, a few Council members looked at each other thinking, "What's Andy up to this time". Perhaps two people on Council had electronic mail accounts. One asked, "Is this anything like AOL", which at the time was strictly a dial-up entertainment service. "Well, kinda", was my answer. After some discussion and hesitation, Council reluctantly provided conditional approval to make the website "official", but only after a select group of Council members had reviewed what I had posted so far. No funding was provided for the effort—the site remained online under the good graces of Stephen Johns of the Backcountry Home Page.

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Passing of an AT Legend

Edward B. Garvey (member 1952-1999) died September 20, 1999. The fifty-third person to hike the entire Appalachian Trail (in 1970 immediately after retiring from full-time work), his book recounting the hike, *The Appalachian Hiker*, strongly contributed to the large increase in number of hikers attempting through hikes of the AT in the 1970s, which continues even today.

As Supervisor of Trails, 1959-1963, Ed instituted repairs of ATC shelters and convinced the Virginia Department of Transportation that signs identifying the Appalachian Trail should be erected at Trail crossings of state highways. Some of us remember when he removed a past-president from his twelve-year overseership of a section of AT because of its inadequate maintenance. Though the past-president denied inadequacy, he didn't get the section back.

Elected President of PATC for 1972 and 1973, Ed spent several months of 1972 in Zagreb and Skopje, Yugoslavia, as backpacker and hiker member of the U.S. Information Agency's Outdoors Recreation exhibit. In 1973, he accepted the invitation of Russians he met at the fair to hike with them in the mountains near Lake Baikal and to climb Chursky Peak. In 1974, he led a two-week PATC excursion to the mountains of Yugoslavia.

In the late 1960s and in the 1970s, he was Shelters Chairman for the Appalachian Trail Conference; he also served several years on the Board of Managers for the Conference. In 1976 or early 1977, Grant Conway, another past president of the Club, and Ed wrote a joint letter to a Congressional committee, which initiated a chain of events that culminated in the passage of the 1978 National Trails Systems Act.

Ed began a second through hike of the AT on April 14, 1990, reaching Duncannon, Pa. on July 14. After a week or two back in Falls Church, he flip-flopped to Maine, climbing Mt. Katahdin on July 31. He found Maine to be much tougher hiking than he had twenty years earlier, and, after two bad falls, he abandoned the hike September 8 at Gorham, N.H. *The New Appalachian Hiker* tells of that hike, of his fifty years' hiking on the AT, and also about changes on the Trail after the passage of the 1968 and 1978 National Trails acts.

Ed will be missed at PATC annual meetings and ATC conferences, both of which he regularly attended. He was also a member of the Association of Long Distance hikers.

—Paula M. Strain

Memorial Service for Frank Shelburne, October 2, 1999

Frank Shelburne, who was the subject of an article in the August 1999 *Potomac Appalachian*, died in his sleep on September 17, 1999. When his nephew, Walter, suggested a memorial service somewhere in the woods, his friends thought that the most appropriate place to scatter his ashes would be on the trail he named, built, and maintained into his eighties—the Hot-Short trail in Shenandoah National Park. Little did they reckon on the power of the Hughes River to make this event reminiscent of a Frank Shelburne hike: adventure, bushwhacking, disarray, camaraderie!

Approximately 50 friends met at the Old Rag Parking lot to walk up the Weakley Hollow Fire Road, cross the Hughes River to the Nicholson Hollow Trail, then up the NHT to the junction with the Hot-Short Trail. The first crossing had been improved by the Blue

and White Crew (more rocks added), but the recent heavy rains had submerged the rocks. All of the participants were wearing boots, and some had brought river crossing shoes, so a few hardy souls stood in the stream and helped the others across on the rocks (the water wasn't too cold!). So far, so good.

When we came to the second crossing, some forged ahead successfully, one fell in, and the rest decided to hold the service on the near side of the Hughes River. Some of those who had crossed the river never came back for the service, while others waded the river again with help from Herb Cooper, who was the one who had fallen in previously. Meanwhile, a considerate property owner, Mell Ellis (see *PA* September 1999, p. 16), invited us to bushwhack along the river on his property for a possibly easier river crossing. When this was still not possible, he encouraged us to make

Edward Bohan Garvey (1914-1999)

On Monday, Sept. 20, 1999, Edward Bohan Garvey of Falls Church, Va., died of congestive heart failure at Arlington Hospital.

He is survived by Mary Quick Garvey, his wife of 61 years; three sons, Dennis Patrick Garvey of Los Angeles, Daniel Michael Garvey of Vienna, Va., and Kevin Quick Garvey of Los Angeles; two daughters Kathleen Garvey Menendez and Sharon Helena Garvey both of Falls Church, Va.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a brother Louis Jerome Garvey of Richland, Wash., and scores of nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, Sept. 24, 1999, at St. James Catholic Church, Falls Church, Va., attended by many of Ed's PATC and ATC friends. A reception was held following the mass at the Garvey home.

At the request of the family, PATC has established a memorial fund in Ed's name. Proceeds will be used for a suitable A.T.-related project. Contributions may be sent to: **The Edward B. Garvey Memorial Fund, PATC, 118 Park St., SE, Vienna, VA 22180.** Acknowledgements will be made to the family.

use of a beautiful clearing by the river, with appropriate pulpit-like rocks in the center. On these rocks we placed pictures of Frank as a member of "The Motel Backpackers", as one of a musical group that often entertained for residents of nursing homes, and as a former president of Wanderbirds Hiking Club, with past hiking schedules showing hikes he had led.

Walter suggested a moment of silent appreciation for our surroundings and then read a poem by T.S. Eliot. He talked about Frank's full life, noting that he had visited more than 100 countries, had just traveled to South America this summer, and was signed up for two ski trips in 2000! Members of the group

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told funny and touching anecdotes about Frank. It was clear that we thought Frank was a role model to us all in having lived his life to the fullest, in his work for the causes he believed in, and in never giving in to old age or ill health. Walter concluded with the reading of two more poems. We were invited to reach in and take some of Frank's ashes to scatter in the woods and in the river. Dan Risley and Larry Hatakeyama took some to scatter on the AT as well.

We all walked back to the parking lot, guided at turning points by red plastic arrows on the

ground á la Shelburne, this time crossing Mr. Ellis' bridge to keep our feet dry, and shared in some liquid refreshments. Walter had emptied Frank's liquor cabinet and encouraged us to take home what we didn't drink in memory of Frank. George Jocher had brought the Wanderbirds cooler filled with beer and soft drinks. Frank would have given this happy hour one of his highest ratings.

It was a memorable day, one that Frank would have enjoyed. We're going to miss you, Frank. □

—Joan Cooper

Volunteers Seek Trail Network in Fairfax County

Current opportunities for extensive hikes in Fairfax County are limited largely to the PATC-maintained Potomac Heritage and the Bull Run-Occoquan trails. A new group of volunteers, including several PATC members, are actively involved in promoting hiking trail development in Fairfax County. In a heavily developed county such as Fairfax, relatively little land remains undeveloped. Stream valleys are among the best alternatives for creating long, interconnected off-road trails that meet residents' needs for long-distance trails as well as providing significant recreational opportunities for the families that live close to the trails who may wish to walk or ride "off-road" in the evening or on weekends.

Although a number of Fairfax County residents, including several members of PATC, have been interested in developing trails in Fairfax County for several years, their efforts have begun to yield concrete results only within the past 12 months. In September 1998 a new Board of Directors of the Potomac River Greenways Coalition (PRGCI), a nonprofit organization interested in promoting greenways and trail development in the Potomac River corridor, decided to focus principally on developing trails in Fairfax County in the near term. PRGCI has two affiliated chapters, Fairfax Trails and Streams and the Great Falls Trail Blazers, which are composed of a number of enthusiastic volunteers. Several trails may be developed in the relatively near future, including a cross-county trail that would run more than 30 miles from Lorton in southern Fairfax County to the outlet of Difficult Run in the Potomac River. Other trails include multipurpose trails in Great Falls and stream valley hiking trails in McLean.

For National Trails Day, Fairfax Trails and Streams (FTAS) with PATC, the Northern Virginia Hiking Club, and the Sierra Club sponsored a two-day hike along the proposed route for the cross-county trail. Several Fairfax county supervisors participated in this event, including Kate Hanley, Gerry Connolly, Robert Dix, and Stu Mendelsohn. As a result of the interest generated by this hike, the Board of Supervisors requested that the staff of the Fairfax County Parks Authority work with FTAS to promote its development. Previously, the Park Authority and FTAS had been working together to develop hiking trails in the Difficult Run and Pimmit Run stream valleys. In 1999, funding has been included in the county budget for design or construction of parts of both trails.

As part of this ongoing collaboration, FTAS has requested that the Park Authority consider the adoption of Appalachian Trail standards for trail construction so that trails could be developed principally by volunteer effort without the expenditure of huge sums of money. PATC member Bernie Stahlman described AT standards to the Park Authority Board at a meeting in May. In the past twelve months FTAS volunteers have cleared a major section of trail along Difficult Run between Colvin Run Mill and the Dulles Access Road and have undertaken a massive trash cleanup along Pimmit Run.

The Great Falls Trailblazers have focused their efforts on promoting development of multipurpose trails beside historic roads in Great Falls. These trails would connect with Great Falls National Park, River Bend Regional Park, Fairfax County Turner Park, Colvin Run Park, and Grange Park and with the Potomac Heritage and Difficult Run Trails.

Obituary

Frank Shelburne (member 1961-1999) promised to hike September 18; when he failed to appear, investigating friends found him dead in his apartment. Frank maintained for over a dozen years a blue-blazed trail in the Hazel River country. Spring clearing was always done as a group affair with all overseers in that area and their friends joining in. Frank led numerous hikes for both the Trail Club and the Wanderbirds, and was a member of the Washington Ski Club.

—Paula Strain

Donations of easements are being sought to preserve greenways along eight historic roads so that pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians may safely travel to the parks and to the Difficult Run and Potomac Heritage Trails.

PATC members and others who are interested in learning more about Fairfax Trails and Streams activities are invited to check out its Web site: (<http://potomacgreenways.home.mindspring.com/acts.html>) or to contact Bill Niedringhaus (703/821-0975) or Bob Jordan (703/556-4887). Monthly meetings are held at the McLean Governmental Center on Balls Hill Rd. at the corner of Lewinsville Rd. (adjacent to the intersection of Dolley Madison, Route 123, and Lewinsville Rd.). The meetings remaining for 1999 are scheduled Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Those interested in the activities of the Great Falls Trailblazers are invited to attend their monthly meetings held at the Old School House next to The Grange on Georgetown Pike near Innsbruck Ave. The next meeting will be held Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Both groups are actively seeking new volunteer associates who may be willing to donate some of their time or make a tax-deductible monetary contribution to further the trail development efforts. Checks for use by Fairfax Trails and Streams and the Great Falls Trail Blazers should be made out to the parent organization—Potomac River Greenways Coalition, which is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Please send checks c/o Donald Finberg, 6540 Divine St., McLean, VA 22101.

—Robert Jordan

Trail Overseers

Contrary to what many think, those scenic hiking trails we travel in Shenandoah National Park (including the Appalachian Trail), the George Washington National Forest, and hundreds of miles of other footpaths are maintenance-intensive. Nature will easily reclaim a trail in short order; weeds will hinder walking; branches will grow toward the sunlit trail openings. Trees can topple across the trail, and rains will wash away the treadway if waterbars (which divert rain runoff away from the trail) aren't kept clear of debris. Without regular maintenance, especially during the growth surges of spring and summer, weeds and foliage alone can make a trail impassible in one hiking season.

Nearly 500 PATC members serve as individual Trail Overseers, venturing out in their free time and working on their selected sections of trail. One of these volunteers is Becki Swinehart, Trail Overseer responsible for 1.2 miles of the Tuscarora Trail near Bentonville, Va. On weekends, when she's not training with the Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group, Becki is working to make sure her trail is safe and passable.

Becki usually goes out by herself. Occasionally she gets friends to accompany her, offering them the sense of accomplishment that follows a day's hard work, and if that intangible remuneration is a bit too abstract, she offers the ultimate enticement: ice cream cones in nearby Front Royal. "The ice cream

comes after we've worked on the trail," laughs Becki, tossing back her leonine mane of fire-red hair. When asked why she chooses to do this physical labor in her free time, Becki says, "It's the usual cliché, I suppose. I've done so much hiking on trails that other volunteers have worked on that I feel like I should be returning their efforts."

One Saturday Becki, accompanied by Tony Hoade, friend and fellow PATC and SMRG member, parked at the trailhead off Route 340, outfitted themselves with handsaws, pruners, loppers, weed scythes, and hardhats, and proceeded to clank their way up the trail.

With pruners in hand they clipped away encroaching branches (it's the scenery you want to catch your eye, not a branch) and scythed weeds as they made their way up the mountain trail, until they arrived at the site of today's task, which was to clear out a warren of downed trees blocking the trail, close to where it crossed into the eastern border of the Shenandoah National Park. Not only had trees fallen across the trail, but in several areas dead pines had toppled together to form interlocked tepees of wood.

It takes time to decipher the sequence of dis-
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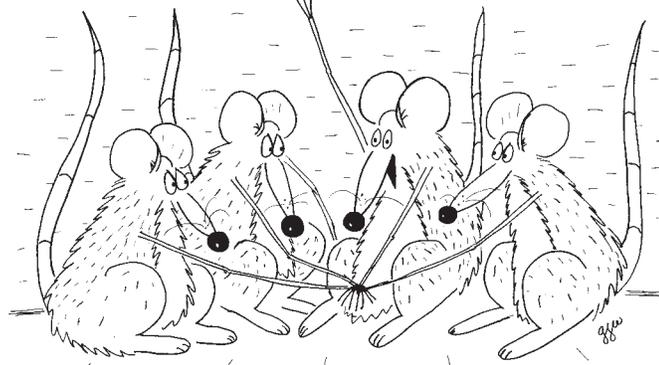
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assembling a trail-blocking abatis. The trees have to be cut down in the reverse order of which they fell to ensure that they can be easily pulled down. After a few minutes strategizing, Becki and Tony attacked with saws and loppers.

Progress was measured in yards. One tree cut to manageable size and rolled off the trail led to another, yet after a day's concentrated labor, the result was a cleared section of previously impassable trail that the next hiker or backpacker will blithely walk through, perhaps the more observant among them noticing the sawdust littering the easily traversed pathway beneath their feet. □

—John Luck

Tails from the Woods by George Walters



"OK YOU GUYS... WE ARE ABOUT TO MAKE A MAD SUICIDE DASH INTO THE CABIN!.. SOME OF US MAY NOT RETURN!... IN A MOMENT OF HONESTY, THERE'S ONE THING I WANTED YOU ALL TO KNOW... MOMMA LIKED ME BEST!!"

The Walkers

In a Club of long-range walkers, the Walkers, Dorothy and Egbert, provided leadership for over 50 years. Their combined efforts helped lift PATC to the stature it holds among outdoor organizations.

Egbert was born in South Haven, MI., in 1900. He became a professional botanist, graduating from the University of Michigan. He taught in Canton, China, from 1922 to 1926, then for two years at the University of Wisconsin. He came to the Smithsonian Institution here in Washington in 1928 and received his Ph.D. in botany from Johns Hopkins University. He was a specialist in Asian and Pacific Island plants.

Egbert had become a friend of Fred Blackburn, who with his wife Ruth provided leadership in PATC for many long years, from the 1930s to the 1980s. Fred took Egbert on a Club trip in 1929, and that was enough to convince Egbert that PATC was a good thing. He joined soon after.

Dorothy Kemball was a native of Washington, DC and a teacher in its public school system. She took her first Club trip in 1929, wearing knickers, which she said were very "wild" for a girl in those times, especially on a Sunday. She felt comfortable with the group and came back again and again and then joined.

Egbert Brings His Expertise to Trail Maintenance

Egbert made his first blaze on the AT in 1931. With his botanical knowledge, he ad-

vised the Club that chopping blazes damaged the trees and that painting blazes on the outer rough bark did not last as that bark fell away over a short period of time. He devised the method of scraping the outer bark down to the smooth inner bark, not far enough to damage the cambium growth layer, and then painting the white blazes on that. Once the Club's leaders of those years were convinced, axes were left at home, and paint buckets and brushes were brought out on the Trail. So, because of Egbert Walker, we have the familiar white-painted blazes on the Appalachian Trail, as other clubs adopted this method. It is possible that members came back from work trips spotted with white paint, but there were no more chopped fingers or arms, and paint washes off quicker than axe cuts heal.

Early in the '30s, Egbert became a Trail Overseer, taking on 6.45 miles near Mt. Weather in Virginia and kept this important post for about 30 years. He felt, like others, that Trail Overseers were the backbone of the Club as the Trail was what it was all about, was why the Club existed.

He never let a slight limp or weak arm, holdovers from a childhood case of polio, stop him from chosen activities. He pushed toward his goals and never considered his weaknesses as handicaps and never even mentioned them. For a short while, Egbert led a group of nature walkers from both the Wildflower Society and PATC, but these nature lovers dawdled too long for Egbert's taste, admiring plants after they had found them, and so he dropped that job. It was too much like his

daily work. He once said that just because he was a botanist did not mean that he wanted to spend his weekends looking for plants any more than just because he was a minister's son (which he was) meant that he wanted to attend church every Sunday. He spent many Sundays, probably hundreds of them, on the Appalachian Trail.

Egbert the Mapmaker

When Egbert once mentioned to Frank Schairer and Myron Avery that he had made a map of his hometown when he was a boy, he was instantly appointed to the Club's Map Committee. Like other such appointments made in the early '30s, this was made on the return from a work trip, when the appointees were too exhausted to resist. It was said that if one accepted a ride home from a Club work trip with either Club President Myron Avery or Supervisor of Trails Frank Schairer, one would be conned into a responsible post in the Club by the time Washington was reached. Best to refuse a ride, until one was sure of what was on their minds!

In 1932, Egbert became Chairman of the Maps Committee and held that job from then until 1952, then again from 1960 until 1976. Thus, he was a member of the Council for 36 years, possibly a record. He took to the job of providing the maps with enthusiasm and ability. PATC's maps became known for their meticulous detail, accuracy, and appearance. In the early days they sold for a dime up to a quarter, but when the Army bought out the entire supply of maps of Shenandoah National

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FORECAST

Chapters

Charlottesville Chapter

The Charlottesville Chapter hikes every Saturday, summer, winter and in between. Hikes are about 8 miles. Trail maintenance is usually done on the last Saturday of the month. Meet at Sprint parking lot, 2307 Hydraulic Road at 9 a.m. with food and water for the day. We hike trails in the Southern, Central and occasionally Northern Districts of Shenandoah National Park, and in George Washington National Forest. INFO: Jere Bidwell 804/295-2143, John Shannon 804/293-2953 or Lois Mansfield 804/973-7184.

North Chapter

The North Chapter of PATC conducts monthly trail work trips on the Maryland and Pennsylvania sections of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and on the Pennsylvania sections of the Tuscarora Trail. We also lead hikes on these and other trails. Maryland AT work trips are generally held on the first and third Saturdays—contact Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com), 301/461-7048 for information. Pennsylvania work trips are generally held on the AT on the first Saturday and on the Tuscarora on the third Saturday—contact Charlie Irvin, 301/447-2848 or Pete Brown (peter.brown4@worldnet.att.net) 410/343-1140. Pennsylvania AT work trips also include an optional Saturday night stay at the Gypsy Spring cabin. Dinner, breakfast, and camaraderie available. For information on upcoming hikes, contact Chris Firme (bncfirme@innernet.net) 717/765-4833. For general chapter information, contact chapter president Steve Koeppen (patcnorth@mail.com) 410/756-2916 or visit the North Chapter home page (www.patc.net/north_ch.html).

Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter sponsors hikes in national and state parks and forests in the Shenandoah Valley vicinity, open to the public, on a monthly basis except during the winter. Hikes are posted in the **Forecast**. Other activities are in the NSV Chapter Newsletter. For further information contact Martha Clark (mclark@visuallink.com) 540/665-2101.

Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter

See **Forecast** for work trips and hiking events sponsored by the Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter. Most trips meet in Harrisonburg at the Cloverleaf Shopping Center at 8:00 a.m. Hikers from the DC area should allow about 3 hours to get to our region. INFO: in Harrisonburg, call Suzanne 540/269-4341; in Staunton or Waynesboro, call Vernon 703/886-9218, or Doris 540/885-4526.

West Virginia Chapter

Chapter meeting at Highacre on the first Wednesday of the month; see **Forecast** for up-coming activities. For further information on chapter activities or to receive the chapter newsletter contact Jane Thompson 301/865-5399.

Ski Touring Section

The Ski Touring Section has served since 1974 to introduce Washington area residents to cross-country skiing and to provide cross-country skiing opportunities to experienced skiers. The Section sponsors winter weekend ski trips for all levels of skiers to nearby mountains in Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, as well as periodic social events year round. INFO: Katherine Stentzel 703/781-3249.

Mountaineering Section

We're a diverse group of local Washington, DC area climbers. Young and old, male and female, crag rat, sport climber, and alpinist, active and arm-chair types — we all enjoy climbing in its many varieties. We also share common interest in promoting safe climbing, conserving the outdoors, developing new climbers' skills, representing the Washington area climbing community, and having fun! We provide instruction for those who want to learn the basics — we're not a school, but we can get you started. We go climbing, either locally or further afield, nearly every weekend. In the winter we organize trips to the Ice Festivals in the Adirondacks and the White Mountains for beginning and advanced ice climbers. For further information contact Ozana Halik (mrkayak2@AOL) 703/242-0177.

PATC Midweek Hikes

PATC's **Vigorous Group** hikes 8-10 miles at a fast pace; and the **Easy Hikers** hike 5-8 miles on trails with little elevation change. See below for scheduled trips; check the weekly tape (703/242-0965) on Thursday or Friday for any changes or additions.

Other Clubs' Hikes

Capital and Wanderbirds hike on Sundays, traveling by bus and leaving from downtown, with suburban stops as well. Center Club, Northern Virginia Hiking Club and Sierra Clubs hike on both Saturdays and Sundays using carpools, which often leave from a suburban Metro stop. Schedules are available at PATC Headquarters and are published in area newspapers on Fridays.

KEY to Forecast Activities

All events are marked for easy identification. Late changes or cancellations are listed on the weekly information tape (703/242-0965), which is updated on Sunday evening for the following seven days. The **Forecast** can also be found on PATC's Web site at <http://www.patc.net>

-  **Hiking Trips**
-  **Backpacking Trips**
-  **Trail Work Trips**
-  **Cabin/Shelter Work Trips**
-  **Special Events**
-  **Meetings**
-  **Cross-Country Skiing**

Note to all hike leaders: Please ask nonmembers on your hike if they would like to join PATC, then get names and addresses so a Club volunteer can send them information packets. Thanks!

Meetings

Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (New Members meeting) - Second Monday
7:30 p.m. New members meeting. INFO: SMRG Operations 703/255-5034, then press #5.

PATC Council - Second Tuesday
7:30 p.m. sharp. The PATC Council meets the second Tuesday of every month to conduct business of the Club. All members are welcome. INFO: Wil-son Riley (wrliey1226@aol.com) 703/242-0693 x11.

Mountaineering Section - Second Wednesday
8:00 p.m. Second Wednesday of every month. INFO: Ozana Halik 703/242-0177 or see PATC's website (http://www.patc.net/mtn_sect/).

The Futures Group - Third Tuesday
7:00 p.m. Meets to research, develop, and recommend to membership changes to PATC organization, constitution, and bylaws in order to meet challenges of the next century. PATC members welcomed. INFO: Walt Smith (wsmith@visuallink.com) 703/242-0693 x 40.

Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (Business meeting) - Last Tuesday
7:30 p.m. Meet in conference room. INFO: Martin Juenge (mjuenge@rpihq.com) 703/255-5034 then press #5.

November

1 (Monday)

DEADLINE - December Potomac Appalachian Headquarters, Vienna, VA

5:00 p.m. All items for the next issue of the PATC newsletter must be submitted on disk if possible to headquarters, or via e-mail or e-mail attachment to jnsbianca@home.com. Allow one week for postal service delivery.

2 (Tuesday)

MEETING - Trail Patrol, 7:30 p.m.

2 (Tuesday)

HIKE - Vigorous Hikers**Beltway/Potomac River area, VA**

Local Election Day circuit hike along Difficult Run, along the cliffs at Great Falls, and through Riverbend Park. Back home early enough to vote. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

3 (Wednesday)

MEETING - New Members (PATC), 7:30 p.m.

3 (Wednesday)

MEETING - West Virginia Chapter**Highacre, Harpers Ferry, WV**

7:00 p.m. How should our chapter evolve in Y2K? Should we have monthly meetings, bimonthly or less often? On weeknights or weekends? With speakers or a hike? Or just do hikes and worktrips? Be there and be heard! We will be brainstorming to find out what people in the WV Chapter want. If you have input but can't be there, call Jane or e-mail your point of view to bear1952@hotmail.com. INFO: Jane Thompson 301/865-5399 before 9:00 p.m.

3 (Wednesday)

HIKE - Easy Hikers**Seneca Creek State Park, MD**

Meet at 10:00 a.m. for a 5-mile hike from Riffle Ford Road to Seneca Creek State Park. Directions: From I-270, take second of two exits to Rte. 28. Travel west, staying on Rte. 28 towards Darnestown. Continue straight, past the Rte. 124 intersection (Quince Orchard Rd. at Quince Orchard H.S.). Turn right from Rte. 28 onto Riffle Ford Rd. parking along the generous shoulders of the bridge over Seneca Creek, about 1 mile up from Rte. 28. INFO: Margaret Chapman 301/977-8988.

3 (Wednesday)

CLASS - The Potomac: River of Life (REI)**REI, Baileys Crossroads, VA**

7:30 p.m. Walking and paddling from the Laurel Fork in Virginia's Highland County, to Point Lookout, Maryland would be a hard journey of nearly 400 miles. Some of that voyage would be through land and water of exceptional beauty and environmental quality, and some of it wouldn't. In past years the Potomac has been named one of the most threatened rivers in the country. But from High Island, just above Chain Bridge, it's clear that the river is still the vital heart of the region, providing water, open space and recreation year 'round, and splendid vistas from trails high on surrounding ridges. Matt Berres of the Potomac Conservancy will discuss efforts to protect the river and adjacent lands, successes so far, and how we can all get involved. INFO: REI 703/379-9400.

5 (Friday)

SPECIAL EVENT - PATC Annual Meeting and Celebration**Old Town Hall, Fairfax, VA**

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Come and celebrate at the final annual meeting of the millennium. Local great Jim Nieb will entertain with a hilarious improv/comedy act. There will be food, drink, door prizes and other entertainment performed by PATC members. Children are welcome. See notice in this month's PA for details.

6 (Saturday)

SPECIAL EVENT - Cross Country Ski Fair PATC HQ, Vienna, VA

12:00 n. - 5:00 p.m. The Ski Touring Sections' annual salute to the new ski season. Members and non-members welcome. Full programs on where to ski - near and far; how to start, new ski gear, ski safety, ski care; ski exchange; and first opportunity to sign up for trips scheduled from December through March. INFO: Katherine Stentzel 703/781-3249 or Julie Nash 703/471-0854.

6 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - South Mountaineers Appalachian Trail, MD

It is easy to stay comfortable while doing trail work this time of year. The leaves are down; you can see the winter views. Bring lunch and water and join us for a fun, social and dirt-filled event. INFO: Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) 301/461-7048.

6 (Saturday)

CLASS - Outdoor Leadership and Wilderness Risk Management (REI)**REI, Baileys Crossroads, VA**

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Much has been written about wilderness survival skills. Comparatively little attention has been given to avoiding wilderness survival situations. This class introduces participants to prevention, planning, preparation, safety management and risk assessment. It also covers preventive search and rescue, time control plans, confrontation and intervention techniques, and setting people up for success. The class is taught by Christopher Tate, Director, Wilderness Safety Council. The class fee is \$75, and covers the course, text and materials, and a copy of *Outdoor Leadership*, by John Graham. Registration/INFO: REI 703/379-9400.

6 (Saturday)

HIKE - Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter North District, Shenandoah National Park, VA

Fox Hollow and Snead Farm Circuits. Enjoy a day appropriate for the entire family in the vicinity of the Dickey Ridge Visitor Center in Shenandoah National Park. Hike the 1.5-mile (300' elevation change) Fox Hollow Loop interpretive circuit of the former Fox family homestead including the family cemetery. Enjoy lunch in the picnic grounds and then hike the three-mile Snead Farm/Dickey Hill loop (500' elevation change) with Walt Smith, author of *"The Last Orchard"* (to be published), the story of the people who lived on Snead Farm. After passing through the farm (the barn is still standing in the former 250-acre orchard farm) we will see good views of the surrounding valleys and mountains from Dickey Hill. There will be ample opportunity to browse at the visitor's center. INFO: Walt Smith (wsmith@visualink.com) 540/678-0423.

6 (Saturday)

HIKE - Fairfax Cross-County Hike #1 (PATC/NVHC/Sierra Club)**Fairfax County, VA**

This is the 1st in a series of 3 hikes (11/6, 13, 20) co-sponsored by PATC/NVHC and the Sierra Club. Hike along Accotink Creek for about 10 miles at a 3 to 3.5 mph pace. Hike climbs out of the valley of Pohick Creek and then descends to Accotink Creek. Mostly flat and 95% off road. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Americana Park ballfield. Directions: Beltway exit 6, west, route 236, toward NOVA college, take the first left, then an immediate left again on the road to the park. Car shuttle required. Leader/INFO: Henri Comeau (HenriComeau@aol.com) 703/451-7965.

6 - 7 (Saturday - Sunday)

CLASS - Chainsaw Certification (ATC)**Scott Farm/Mid-Atlantic Training Center, Carlisle, PA**

Trail volunteers should be certified if they use a chainsaw in their maintenance activities. These two-day courses will cover safety issues, chainsaw function and maintenance, proper use of equipment, and modern felling, limbing, and bucking techniques. Two-week advance reservation is required. INFO: John Wright (jwright@atconf.org) 717/258-5771.

6 - 7 (Saturday - Sunday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - North Chapter**Appalachian Trail, PA**

Meet at US 30 and PA 233 at the parking lot of Caledonia State Park. Departure 9:00 a.m. sharp. Join us for a group dinner and overnight at the Gypsy Spring cabin Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. INFO: Charlie Irvin 301/447-2848.

6 - 7 (Saturday - Sunday)

CABIN WORK TRIP - Blackburn Trail Center Round Hill, VA

November in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Warm days and frosty nights. The end of the autumn leaf watching time and you don't have a reservation! All the Club cabins, the B & Bs and the local motels are long ago booked up. However, there is still room at the inn. That's "The Inn at Blackburn"! Sitting on the side of the mountain surrounded by big trees with a great view across the valley to Short Hill Mountain and we can accommodate you! Our rates are very reasonable. Just a days worth of work with the Blackburn crew under the apt leadership of Bruce Clendaniel. Lots of jobs, both inside and out. Shared meals and a great time to be had by all. Reservations/INFO: Bruce Clendaniel 410/820-7550.

7 (Sunday)

CLASS - Scrambling and climbing for hikers Great Falls, VA

8:00 a.m. This Mountaineering Section clinic will cover basic rock climbing techniques and make it easier and safer to hike on steep rocky trails. You will be belayed while you get a chance to practice these techniques on a moderate rock face. No special equipment is needed; just bring your favorite hiking boots or running shoes. INFO: Greg Christopoulos (greg.christopoulos@do.treas.gov) 703/876-0957.

7 (Sunday)

HIKE - Strong Hikers**Central District, Shenandoah National Park, VA**

This 14.5-mile hike begins near the Beahms Gap Overlook at the 28.2 mile point of Skyline Drive. We'll hike along the Hull School and Piney Ridge trails and return to the starting point via the AT. The elevation change is about 1400 feet. Meet 8:00 a.m. at a location outside the Virginia beltway. INFO: Donna Brother 703/435-8315.

FORECAST

8 (Monday)

 **MEETING** - New members (Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group), 7:30 p.m.

9 (Tuesday)

 **HIKE** - Vigorous Hikers

North District, Shenandoah National Park, VA

Circuit hike in N. SNP including bushwhack down the old Butterwood Branch Trail and a climb up to the AT along the Thornton River. About 16 miles total. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

10 (Wednesday)

 **MEETING** - Mountaineering Section, 8:00 p.m.

10 (Wednesday)

 **HIKE** - Easy Hikers

Pennyfield Lock, C & O Canal, MD

Six flat, easy scenic miles round trip on the canal from Pennyfield Lock to Seneca Creek. Bring lunch and water - we'll eat at the Seneca Creek Wayhouse picnic grounds. Directions: Take Beltway to River Road West. About 4.5 miles past Potomac Village (the intersection of River and Falls Road), turn left on Pennyfield Lock Road which is just past Travilah Road. Go to the end and turn left as far as you can go to the parking lot near the lock. Meet at 10:00 a.m. In case of doubtful weather, please call before 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday to confirm that we are going. INFO: Renee Schick (RS530@AOL.COM) 301/493-9525.

10 (Wednesday)

CLASS - Protect Blackwater Canyon! (REI)

REI, Baileys Crossroads, VA

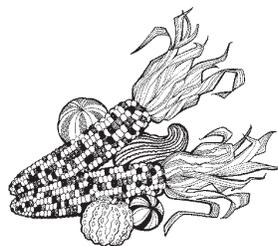
7:30 p.m. Nestled in the Monongahela National Forest, Blackwater Canyon and Blackwater Falls are one of the most popular outdoor recreation resources in the Mid-Atlantic region. Hikers, paddlers, cross-country skiers and flyfishers come to explore the forested slopes, take in the expansive views, test themselves in the whitewater, or match wits with wild trout. Some are lucky enough to spot the northern flying squirrel, an endangered species. Now, this important piece of West Virginia's natural heritage is threatened by logging. Jim Sconyers, of the Sierra Club, will detail efforts to achieve protection for this outstanding resource, and how we can all get involved in saving one of our favorite places. INFO: REI 703/379-9400.

11 (Thursday)

CLASS - Experience Dolly Sods Wilderness! (REI)

REI, College Park, MD

7:30 p.m. The highest, wildest alpine landscape in the Mid-Atlantic region is West Virginia's Dolly Sods. Originally virgin spruce forest, the area is now open meadows, alpine bogs, rhododendron thickets, endless views and constant wind. The southern portion is a designated wilderness, and one of the most popular backpacking areas in our region. The northern half is not protected. Jim Sconyers, of the Sierra Club will show us this unique area and how we can protect the northern region through wilderness designation. INFO: REI 301/982-9681.



12 (Friday)

 **MEETING** - Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Dean's Steak House, Front Royal, VA

6:30 p.m. This is the annual meeting of the NSVC. We will have a review of the past year, and we'll elect officers for the year 2000. Tim Anderson, from Winchester, will be on hand to give us an overview of his 1998 thru-hike. INFO/RESERVATIONS (by 11/10 please): Martha Clark (mclark@visualink.com) 540/664-2101.

13 (Saturday)

 **HIKE** - Fairfax Cross-County Hike #2 (PATC/NVHC/Sierra Club)

Fairfax County, VA

This is the 2nd in a series of 3 hikes (11/6, 13, 20) co-sponsored by PATC/NVHC and the Sierra Club. Meet at 8:30 a.m. Length 13 miles, mostly flat. Hike follows the upper Accotink Creek to Oak Marr Park and down the Difficult Run watershed to Oakton. 90% off-road. Car shuttle required. Leader/INFO: Michael Hender (mhender@erols.com) 703/821-6488(w) or 703/476-7076(h).

13 - 14 (Saturday - Sunday)

CLASS - Land Navigation (REI)

REI, Baileys Crossroads, VA

This comprehensive two day course teaches the skills necessary to use map and compass in an integrated land navigation system. The first day is spent in intensive classroom exercises. The second day is spent on and off-trail in Prince William Forest Park doing practical navigation exercises. The course fee is \$60 and includes workbook text, course materials, compass, map, and grid reader. INFO: REI 703/379-9400.

13 - 14 (Saturday - Sunday)

 **TRAIL WORK TRIP** - SNPS AT Crew

Appalachian Trail, VA

Bear Den Mountain revisited! Join Dave Thomas, Mike Karpie and the rest of the gang for some waterbar fun in one of the most scenic areas in Shenandoah National Park. If you missed the Fun in the Sun Worktrip in August be sure you don't miss this one. Grassy balds and panoramic vistas make this event a real treat! INFO: Mike Karpie (bkpkr@erols.com) 540/899-2649.

13 - 14 (Saturday - Sunday)

 **CABIN WORK TRIP** - Vining Tract Crew

Vining Tract, Lydia, VA

The Vining Tract crew meets the second weekend of every month to work on various projects, ranging from cabin repairs on any of the four rental cabins, to trail work and land management projects, to shoring up historic structures around the property. We're now relocating and rebuilding an old barn for eventual use as an overseers' refuge. Come join us and raise a hammer, a paintbrush, or loppers, as well as a beer or two, in the cause. Overnight at Conley and Wineberry. INFO: Hugh Robinson 703/525-8726 or Larry Lang 703/631-9278.

13 - 14 (Saturday - Sunday)

 **TRAIL WORK TRIP** - Cadillac Crew

Somewhere in PATC Country

There is most definitely a Cadillac Crew trip this weekend, but at the time of publication, we had not yet firmed up the event. (Who wants to sit at home all weekend? Not us!) So e-mail or call us and we'll let you know what's up for the weekend. INFO: Fran Keenan (frannanc@erols.com) 703/938-3973 or Jon Rindt (jkrindt@erols.com) 540/635-6351.

13 - 14 (Saturday - Sunday)

 **CABIN WORK TRIP** - Tulip Tree Cabin

Shaver Hollow, VA

Have you ever tried to figure out how to notch a round timber for a half-lap joint or cut a birds mouth on a round rafter? We will be doing lots of that this weekend. It either takes a lot of skill and some expertly made fixtures or a good eye and skillful use of an axe. Our forefathers probably used the axe but we will probably use a fixture and a saw. At any rate the rafters should be going up by now and it won't be long before the cabin is under roof. That will be a day for celebration because then we can work undisturbed by weather on the inside of the cabin and our precious cabin will be protected. We will be warm and dry for dinner and afterward in our enclosed and heated summer kitchen. Join our outstanding crew for some satisfying accomplishments and camaraderie and good food. INFO: Charlie Graf 410/757-6053.

14 (Sunday)

 **TRAIL WORK TRIP** - Massanutten Crew

Massanutten Mountain, VA

Join us to work with a fun group of 13-14 year old girls from a Woodstock Girl Scout Troop, as they continue to build a half-mile relocation on the Mine Gap Trail, on Massanutten Mt., near Elizabeth Furnace. (No hunting on Sundays.) INFO: Wil Kohlbrenner (wmack@shentel.net) 540/477-2971.

15 (Monday) **MEETING** - Conservation Committee, 7:00 p.m.

15 (Monday)

CLASS - GMU Climbing Series (HTO)

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Blind climber/adventurer Erik Weihenmeyer will talk about his remarkable accomplishments as a climber, biker and skydiver. Weihenmeyer, born legally blind, has summited Denali, Aconcagua and Kilimanjaro. He has climbed the 3,000-foot granite Nose of El Capitan, biked across Vietnam and logged over 60 skydives. Currently Weihenmeyer is training for a 100-mile five-day stage race in the Himalayas. This promises to be a remarkable presentation. Program sponsor Hudson Trail Outfitters will split the proceeds between GMU and PATC. Weihenmeyer is sponsored by Mountain Hardware. The talk begins at 7:00 p.m., Harris Theatre at George Mason University. Five-dollar tickets can be purchased at any Hudson Trail Outfitters. INFO: Hudson Trail Outfitters 703/591-2950. 16 (Tuesday) **MEETING** - The Futures Group, 7:00 p.m.

16 (Tuesday)

 **HIKE** - Vigorous Hikers

Massanutten Mountain, VA

Circuit hike west of Elizabeth Furnace on Massanutten Mountain. Includes climb to Signal Knob and return by the not-so-muddy Mud Hole Gap Trail. About 15 miles total. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

17 (Wednesday)

 **HIKE** - Easy Hikers

Glover Archbold Park, DC

We will hike about 5 easy miles in this local park. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Roy Rogers parking lot at Van Ness St. and Wisconsin Ave. Bring lunch and water. INFO: Carol Niedzialek 301/439-1654.

December

17 (Wednesday)

**CLASS - Winter Backpacking! (REI)
REI, Baileys Crossroads, VA**

7:30 p.m. No bugs, no snakes, no crowds, and great views! Push your limits. Get the skills and gear necessary to enjoy winter outdoors, in the mountains or at the shore. REI's Mark Nelson will discuss the necessary skills and gear and some of the best winter hiking and backpacking destinations in the region. INFO: REI 703/379-9400.

18 (Thursday)

**CLASS - Winter Hiking! (REI)
REI, College Park, MD**

7:30 p.m. Bracing air, clear, endless views, silent snow: winter is the best time to hike our regions trails. REI's Mark Nelson will demonstrate gear and clothing, planning and preparation, and outstanding destinations for winter hikes in the Mid-Atlantic. Don't hibernate in a dark hole. Enjoy winter! INFO: REI 301/982-9681.

20 (Saturday)

✕ **TRAIL WORK TRIP - North Chapter
Tuscarora Trail, PA**

For meeting place and other details, call Charlie Irvin, 301/447-2848.

20 (Saturday)

✕ **TRAIL WORK TRIP - South Mountaineers
Appalachian Trail, MD**

Tread repair or relocation work likely on this event. Bring water and lunch and expect to have fun getting dirty. INFO: Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) 301/461-7048.

20 (Saturday)

⤴ **HIKE - Tuscarora Trail Series #19
North District, Shenandoah National Park, VA**

A moderately paced 13-mile hike from Thompson Hollow to Browntown on the last leg of the Tuscarora Trail and Appalachian and Browntown Trails. Elevation gain is 2700 feet. A car shuttle is required. PATC map 9. Meet at Vienna Metro, Nutley Street North at 7:30 a.m. INFO: Jack Thorsen 703/339-6716 or William Needham 410/884-9127.

20 (Saturday)

⤴ **HIKE - NSVC History Hike to Old Rag Post Office
Central District, Shenandoah National Park, VA**

Join Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter as we follow Jimmy Brown, folk historian, with leaders, Jack and Carolyn Reeder, up Berry Hollow Road behind Old Rag Mountain in the Central District of Shenandoah National Park, while Jimmy tells us about his grandfather, postmaster W.A. Brown of Old Rag, Virginia, and the life they lived "in the good old days." Follow Jimmy while we bushwhack to the foundations of a few old home sites, stores, barns, springs, and at least one cemetery. Bring hiking boots, rain gear, lunch, and warm clothes. A short walk to the Old Rag flats with not too strenuous bushwhacking around the area. About 3 or 4 hours, rain or shine. INFO: Martha Clark (mclark@visuallink.com) 540/665-2101.

20 (Saturday)

⤴ **HIKE - Fairfax Cross-County Hike #3
(PATC/NVHC/Sierra Club)**

Fairfax County, VA

This is the 3rd and last in a series of 3 hikes (11/6, 13, 20) co-sponsored by PATC/NVHC and the Sierra Club. Length 12 miles, mostly flat. A scenic hike that is mostly wooded beginning 12 miles south of the Potomac River and ending as you step into the Potomac. The hike includes a stream overlook, a

horse farm, a rail trail, isolated pond and more. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Great Falls Visitors Center parking lot. Carpool fee: \$2.00. Leader/INFO: Mike Gingerich (gingerich@nrl.navy.mil) 703/590-3188.

20 (Saturday)

⤴ **HIKE - Geology Natural History Hike
Catoctin National Park, MD**

Tim Rose, mineralogist with the Smithsonian Institute, leads an approximately 8-mile hike with Bob Pickett in this National Park. This is the same mineral-rich rock that caps Hawksbill, Stony Man and numerous other peaks in the Shenandoah National Park. This area affords us a look at some of the more unique facies of the Catoctin formation. As always, we'll explore the area as we hike, looking for interesting flora and fauna. INFO: Bob Pickett 301/681-1511.

20 - 21 (Saturday - Sunday)

⤴ **CABIN WORK TRIP - Blackburn Trail Center
Round Hill, VA**

Join the Blackburn Crew and enjoy a cool weekend up in the Blue Ridge. We are installing our new standing seam metal roof and need lots of help as we need to get it up before the snows arrive. Other jobs include finishing trim work and building new bunks inside the main house and digging out part of the basement for a new pump room. (This last job will be for those with weak minds and strong backs!) Come for a day or spend the weekend. Reservations/INFO: Chris Brunton 703/560-8070 or Bruce Clendaniel 410/820-7550.

21 (Sunday)

✕ **TRAIL WORK TRIP - Stonewall Brigade
Signal Knob Trail, Massanutten Mt., Front Royal, VA**

Join us and the Johns Hopkins Outdoors Club for some tread repair on one of the most popular trails in the area. Our last trip this year. We'll meet before 9:00 a.m. at the Signal Knob/Bear Wallow parking lot. Be prepared for shorter, cooler days with seasonal clothing, work gloves, boots, water and lunch. Tools will be provided by PATC and are believed to be Y2K compliant. Directions/reservations/INFO: Hop Long (theFSLongs@erols.com) 301/942-6177.

23 (Tuesday)

⤴ **HIKE - Vigorous Hikers
North District, Shenandoah National Park, VA**

Circuit hike in N. SNP including climb along Piney Branch and up Sugarloaf Trail to the AT. About 15 miles total. Note to slow hikers: There's a full moon tonight. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

26 (Friday)

⤴ **HIKE - "Busiest Shopping Day
of the Year" Family Hike
Central District, Shenandoah
National Park, VA**



Crescent Rock Trail to Betty's Rock-Central Shenandoah. 4 to 5.5 miles (depending on experience/interests). Pack your child or bring the hardy young hikers. Leave DC metro area around 9:00 a.m. Limit 12 participants. INFO: John Butler (JohnButler@msn.com) 301/263-0141.

30 (Tuesday)

⤴ **MEETING - Shenandoah Mountain Rescue
Group (Business meeting), 7:30 p.m.**

30 (Tuesday)

⤴ **HIKE - Vigorous Hikers
North District, Shenandoah National Park, VA**

Circuit hike in N. SNP along AT south from Jenkins Gap to Gravel Springs and return along the Bluff Trail. About 14 miles total. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

1 (Wednesday)

**DEADLINE - January Potomac Appalachian
Headquarters, Vienna, VA**

5:00 p.m. All items for the next issue of the PATC newsletter must be submitted on disk if possible to headquarters, or via e-mail or e-mail attachment to jnsbianca@home.com. Allow one week for postal service delivery.

1 (Wednesday)

⤴ **MEETING - New Members (PATC), 7:30 p.m.**

1 (Wednesday)

⤴ **MEETING - West Virginia Chapter
Highacre, Harpers Ferry, WV**

7:00 p.m. Join us at our annual dessert meeting. Bring a holiday snack to share, along with trivia about hikes, trips, journeys which you took this year (or you can join us to listen to others). We will have a slide projector for those of you who have a handful of slides to share. INFO: Jane Thompson 301/865-5399, before 9:00 p.m.

4 (Saturday)

✕ **TRAIL WORK TRIP - South Mountaineers
Appalachian Trail, MD**

The South Mountaineers conclude this year with their 19th event when! Bring appropriate clothes, water and lunch. Tread repair likely. Fun quite likely as well. INFO: Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) 301/461-7048.

4 (Saturday)

⤴ **HIKE - Natural History Hike
North District, Shenandoah National Park, VA**

Steve Bair, resource management specialist with the Shenandoah National Park, and Bob Pickett lead us to the site of a remote mining tunnel deep in the Park. We'll hike ten miles along the Overall Falls trail and return by Haskell Hollow. This is a popular place for observing bear and other wildlife. With all the recent rains, the Overall Falls (tallest in the Park) should be quite photogenic. This will be a moderately paced hike with some bushwhacking (doesn't that go without saying for a Bob Pickett hike?). INFO: Bob Pickett 301/681-1511.

4 - 5 (Saturday - Sunday)

**CLASS - Wilderness First Aid
Arlington, VA**

A program of the Wilderness Safety Council, this sixteen-hour class includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification. The cost is \$125. Registration is limited to 25 people. More information and registration at: <http://wfa.net>. INFO: Christopher Tate 703/836-8905.

7 (Tuesday)

⤴ **MEETING - Trail Patrol, 7:30 p.m.**

7 (Tuesday)

⤴ **HIKE - Vigorous Hikers
Carderock, MD**

Local out-and-back hike from Carderock to Billy Goat Trail and on upstream along the C & O Towpath. Return along towpath for a total of about 14 miles. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

8 (Wednesday)

⤴ **MEETING - Mountaineering Section, 8:00 p.m.**

FORECAST

11 (Saturday)

👤 **HIKE - Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter Elizabeth Furnace, Fort Valley, VA**

Come join the NSVC as we explore in and around the Elizabeth Furnace area of the George Washington National Forest. Walk up Passage Creek and (hopefully) see beaver dams and their effect on the creek. Then continue on a short circuit hike around the Furnace area and view nature as it prepares for winter, and some historical clues to the area and the operation of the furnace. Get out of the malls and into the woods for this, the last chapter hike of the millenium. Leader/INFO: Martha Clark (mclark@visualink.com) 540/665-2101.

11 - 12 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **HIKE/Ski - A Cabin Christmas Meadows Cabin, Syria, VA**

Crisp country air and a warm wood stove—what better ambience for the Yuletide season. Escape the mobs and malls and join us for a weekend of day-hiking, xc skiing (if there is snow), group meals, and other forms of holiday cheer. Depart Friday evening. INFO: John Koutze or Kathy McDermott 703/846-9207.



11 - 12 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **Annual Holiday Party - Cadillac Crew Highacre, Harpers Ferry, WV**

If you've been out on at least one work trip with the Cadillac Crew this year, please join us at Highacre in Harpers Ferry to help us celebrate the holidays! We'll stroll through the streets of the town, hike the trails and try not to spend too much money in the bookstore. Saturday, we'll buy our own lunches in town and Saturday night we'll have a big community dinner. Please call by December 4 to let us know if you're participating! INFO: Fran Keenan (frannanc@erols.com) 703/938-3973 or Jon Rindt (jkrindt@erols.com) 540/635-6351.

11 - 12 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **CABIN WORK TRIP - Tulip Tree Cabin**

Shaver Hollow, VA

This will be the last work trip of the year and the crew Christmas party. We will be snug and warm in our heated summer kitchen for dinner and for the partying afterward. There will be some work done on the roof and other things but the main focus will be fun. If you have been on one or more trips with us this year come out and celebrate with us. INFO: Charlie Graf: 410/757-6053.



11 - 12 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **CABIN WORK TRIP - Vining Tract Crew Vining Tract, Lydia, VA**

The Vining Tract crew meets the second weekend of every month to work on various projects, ranging from cabin repairs on any of the four rental cabins, to trail work and land management projects, to shoring up historic structures around the property. We're now relocating and rebuilding an old barn for eventual use as an overseers' refuge. Come join us and raise a hammer, a paintbrush, or loppers, as well as a beer or two, in the cause. Overnight at Wineberry. INFO: Hugh Robinson 703/525-8726 or Larry Lang 703/631-9278.

12 (Sunday)

👤 **TRAIL WORK TRIP - Massanutten Crew Massanutten Mountain, VA**

On Massanutten Mountain, north half. (No hunting on Sundays.) INFO: Wil Kohlbrenner (wmaxk@shentel.net) 540/477-2971.

13 (Monday)

👤 **MEETING - New members (Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group), 7:30 p.m.**

14 (Tuesday)

👤 **MEETING - PATC Council, 7:00 p.m. sharp.**

14 (Tuesday)

👤 **HIKE - Vigorous Hikers VA/WV/MD**

See Harpers Ferry from all sides and the middle on this circuit hike from VA Rt. 9 to Loudon Heights, to Md. Heights, to the AT through town (with Christmas decorations), and back to start via the AT. About 15 miles. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

20 (Monday)

👤 **MEETING - Conservation Committee, 7:00 p.m.**

21 (Tuesday)

👤 **MEETING - The Futures Group, 7:00 p.m.**

21 (Tuesday)

👤 **HIKE - Vigorous Hikers W. of Front Royal, VA**

End-to-end pre-Christmas hike on the Eastern half of the "Dogwood" along the ridge of Massanutten East Mountain. About 13 miles. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

26 (Sunday)

👤 **HIKE - St. Stephen's Day Family Hike Catoctin Mountain Park, MD**

Wolf Rock/Chimney Rock-Catoctin Mountain Park. Up to 4.5 miles—depending on children's ability. Leave DC metro area around 9:00 a.m. Limit: 12 participants. INFO: John Butler (John-Butler@msn.com) 301/263-0141.

28 (Tuesday)

👤 **MEETING - Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (Business meeting), 7:30 p.m.**

28 (Tuesday)

👤 **HIKE - Vigorous Hikers W. of Front Royal, VA**

End-to-end last Tuesday hike of the millennium. We'll remember the "Dogwoods" by hiking their western half along the ridge of Massanutten West Mountain. About 13 miles. INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.



Photo by George Walters

12th Annual SNP North District Trails Workshop

Park Rangers Charles Rudacille and C.T. Campbell demonstrate use of the two-man cross-cut saw.

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Park and asked for more, the Club became more realistic about prices for its maps. The Army needed those of the Park as they were training troops there in World War Two. While other organizations had maps of the Park and other areas near the AT, the Club's, or Egbert's, maps were far superior, and PATC no longer set what were give-away prices for them.

Egbert took his sturdy Checker station wagon up dirt roads until it was not possible to drive any farther. Then he would walk in to gather information for his maps. He did this into the early 1970s when he was past his prime physical condition; the results were truly quality maps. Earlier, with the help of two Trail Club colleagues, Dr. Dickenson and Dr. Barger, the latter an M.D., they developed the topographical profiles of the AT that are on every Club map, so hikers can see all of the climbs and drops on a day's hike.

Egbert the President

Egbert was elected PATC President in 1948. This is a job that most "candidates" try to

avoid—run from until caught—as it is so time-consuming. (There has been only one contested election in PATC history, in 1985.) Egbert got more than he bargained for possibly. Myron Avery was back from his war service, living in the D.C. area again and was the Chairman of the Appalachian Trail Conference. From this position—and there is little doubt about it, though Myron would probably have denied it—he tried, in both subtle and open ways, to tell Dr. Walker how to run PATC. Myron wanted to manage PATC's affairs, as he had for 13 years before the war, with Egbert Walker as a figurehead executive. But Egbert would have no part of it. He stood up to Chairman Avery and ran the Trail Club in his own way, doing a very good job of it. The controversy and tension between the two became bitter. At one point, President Walker took Chairman Avery off of PATC's mailing list. He may have figured that the less the ATC Chairman knew of what the PATC President was doing, the less trouble he would be. This move certainly highlighted the strong feelings, but Myron had friends who kept him informed and continued his efforts to have it done his way and

never mind what the Club's President wanted. It was a turbulent two years for Egbert, and he must have had some sense of relief when he stepped aside as President.

Egbert presided over the return of the Club to its pre-war type of activity and saw that all of the trails and trailside structures were put in pre-war shape and that all of the Club's activities were functioning strongly.

Dorothy's Unsung Efforts

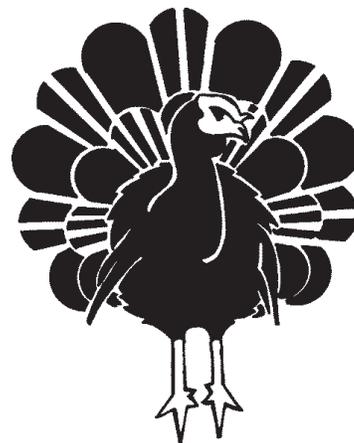
Egbert and Dorothy met on a Club trip, probably in 1930, and over the years developed an interest in each other. They were married in 1936. As the years went by, they had a son and a daughter. With all of the family responsibilities, they still found time to take on Club responsibilities, to go on Club trips, to be heavily involved in Club work.

Dorothy led many Club trips, both hikes and work trips, over many years. She was an excellent camp cook, ranking high among people like Bill Mersch, Bill Richardson, Mose and Madeline Fleming, and others who were

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On September 14th, Mark Nelson of REI presented a corporate donation of \$1,000 to the President for the Trail Lands Fund. Mark indicated to the members of the PATC Council that REI wished to show its support for the work that PATC is doing to protect the trails in the local area.

—Walt Smith



Attention Federal Employees

PATC is participating in the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area. Please consider a payroll donation to PATC. Our 1999 Designation Number is 7956. Thank you for your support.



Photo by John Luck

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good with food and a wood fire. At night she was a volunteer on the desk, helping the public when it came into the Club, opening and answering mail and all of the other volunteer chores, when PATC was still at 1916 Sunderland Place, N.W. When the Club moved 1718 N Street, N.W., in 1967, Dorothy became Chairman of the Headquarters Committee. She recruited and trained all of the volunteer staff, people that PATC could not get along without. This job took a lot of Dorothy's time, and there was little credit to go with it. She was one of the many Club workers who keep PATC going and receive little notice for it, except among those like them. Like sparkplugs in an engine, they are taken for granted until one gives out, and then the engine loses power. Without Dorothy Walker and her like, PATC would sputter and misfire and move in fits and starts, if at all.

A Dedicated Couple

Through all the years she supported Egbert in all of his work in the Club. Like the Blackburns, the Stones, and others, both husband and wife took part and, in some cases, involved their children in Club activities. Egbert and Dorothy Walker were on the scene for 50 years.

Both had a dry sense of humor; both were well balanced and had a sense of priorities; both gave greatly of themselves to what they felt was a worthwhile cause. Both were strong

and gave ground grudgingly if they thought they were right in a controversial situation. From the early years until into the 1980s, they were helpful and inspirational to members of all ages if the members were open to them. Not the missionary type, they were strong believers in the Club's purposes and showed the way by example. Egbert said once that PATC gave him another dimension, helped him find another niche in life other than his work and that he had seen it do that for others. He had seen people find themselves so-

cially in the Club, make lasting friends, and occasionally find a mate. He thought it was a great organization. Dorothy never said so in the same words, at least openly, but a person of her quality would never have given so much of herself or allowed her husband to do so if she did not feel it was all worthwhile.

The Walkers both had Honorary Life Memberships and deserved them in every way. PATC was fortunate to have them as dedicated, long-time members. □

—Dave Bates



Dorothy and Egbert Walker at the Annual Meeting—1985

Scouts Provide Service to the Maryland AT

Earlier this year, Maryland District Trail Manager Rick Canter was contacted by Rob Taylor, Scoutmaster of Troop 4 in Swedesboro, N.J., who was planning a 50-mile backpack trip for his Troop in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia. Earning the Boy Scout 50 Miler patch requires not only hiking the distance but also contributing at least 10 hours of service to the Trail. Rick and Rob worked out a couple of projects and came to me to coordinate them.

On Friday, Aug. 6, the second day of their hike, Maryland Ridge Runner Chad Siebert and I met the six boys and two leaders from the Troop at High Rock. After a refreshing soda break provided by Chad, the Scouts grabbed paint rollers and buckets and painted out the accumulated graffiti on the High Rock hang-gliding platform. After the platform was

restored to pristine condition, they roamed the surrounding woods and parking lot, picking up five large bags of trash, as well as assorted mattresses and chicken wire. Chad said he had never seen the High Rock area look so good! After a lunch break, the Scouts saddled up and got back on the AT, headed toward Hemlock Hill.

On Saturday evening, I met the Scouts once again at Dahlgren Backpack Camp and treated them to some fresh peaches, corn on the cob, and watermelon from Boonsboro and camped with them overnight. Sunday morning, the Scouts raised tools and hiked south for a bit of instruction and hands-on education in waterbars, check dams, and maintaining AT tread to PATC's specs. They split into two crews and built a stone check dam in sunken area of the trail where water can't be routed and a log-and-stone waterbar

in an area where the slope allows the water to be diverted away from the trail. After returning their tools and packing up, Troop 4 headed south on the AT once again.

The Scouts camped at Crampton Gap Shelter on Sunday night and went on to Harpers Ferry and Loudon Heights. They were picked up by some parent volunteers on Monday in Harpers Ferry, after completing 50 miles in four states and 10 hours of trail work.

Participating were Scouts Robert Taylor, Chris Morgan, David Morgan, Michael Schmick, and Harry Buckley, and leaders Rob Taylor and Jim Buckley. □

—Ralph Heimlich,
Trail Overseer, MD AT

NOTICES

NEW NOTICES

WANTED: NEW INTERNET SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON. Interested in heading up the Internet Services Committee? Job entails overseeing management of PATC's website and related duties, including some HTML programming and several volunteers. Requirements: previous experience working on a business website, outdoors experience, and PATC membership. Contact Wilson Riley at 703-242-0315, ext. 11.

CONSERVATION BUYERS WANTED: PATC's Trail Lands Committee has a need for individuals interested in acquiring wilderness land to help insure the permanent protection of the trails in the PATC system. These private properties would be set aside for either the trail path itself or buffer land naturally preserving the trail environment. The buyer would have the option of placing a cabin on the land for the buyer's use and enjoyment, but the cabin would be sufficiently distant from the trail to insure privacy for both the cabin owner and the trail hiker. Donating a conservation easement over the property would result in the conservation buyer being entitled to take a significant tax deduction, while gaining the satisfaction of contributing to the perpetual preservation of a PATC trail. Inquires should be address to Phil Paschall, PATC Trail Lands Committee, 118 Park St, SE, Vienna, VA 22180.

THE HOSTEL KNOWN AS "THE PLACE" needs your help. The hostel is owned and operated by the Damascus United Methodist Church and is in its twenty-fourth consecutive year serving hikers and bikers on the Appalachian Trail, the National Transcontinental Bike Trail, and the Creeper Trail. Until now, donations by the people who stay at "the Place" have been sufficient to pay the operating expenses and for maintenance projects, but permanent repairs to the structure are now crucial, including installation of new vinyl siding at an estimated cost of \$10,000. We are asking for donations for the first time in order to make these necessary repairs. To make a donation to "The Place," make checks payable to the Damascus UMC Hostel, Damascus United Methodist Church, P.O. 348, Damascus, VA 24236-0358.

LOOKING FOR A MISSING BOOK FROM HIGHACRE: Highacre House possessed a picture book of Harpers Ferry and the pictures went as far back as the late 1700s. It was a hard cover book, published in 1988, with only a small number printed. The size was around 10x12. It was a private printing, but the name of the lady author or the title of the book escapes us. It was a picture story covering the early and later floods and pictures of the town as it was back in its early founding. There were lots of pictures throughout the 1800s and early 1900s. Whoever took this book away from the cabin is asked to return it, no questions asked. This is a collector's item and is the property of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. We ask for your cooperation in this matter.

PURE MAPLE SYRUP. PATC Life Member relocated to the Berkshires makes his own. A quart shipped within the USA is \$18.00 and makes a perfect gift. Contact me for a brochure, Tom McCrumm, 755 Watson-Spruce Corner Road, Ashfield, Massachusetts. 01330. 413/628-3268.

FREE TO GOOD HOME. LARGE FOREST GREEN DOG BACKPACK. Worn once for fitting by Steve the Trail Dog, co-caretaker of the Jim & Molly Denton Shelter. It didn't fit and was on non-returnable sale from REI. High quality, lots of pockets, quite stylish. Call Jim or Karen Harvey at 540/636-1510.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOINED PATC BETWEEN 1950 AND 1980? Your memories of your early years in the Club are needed in PATC Archives. What was the Club like then? What Club activities were most frequent? Most fun? Any format welcome—e-mail, handwritten, typed. Ask Archivist for a sheet of questions if you need help getting started. INFO: Paula Strain, 301/340-6895 or Archivist; 118 Park Street, SE, Vienna, VA 22180.

Y2K? NO PROBLEM! 2002 IS THE PROBLEM UNLESS A PATCER WITH SOUND RECORDING EXPERTISE WILL VOLUNTEER ADVICE AND HELP. 2002 is PATC's 75th anniversary. Archives has tapes of the programs of the 25th and 40th anniversaries, of a concert of the Club's favorite singer, Joe Winn, and of interviews with past presidents of the 1950-1974 period but has neither the equipment nor the knowledge of how to make them available for the 75th anniversary celebration. If you can help, call Paula Strain, 301/340-6895 or write Archivist; 118 Park Street, SE, Vienna, VA 22180.

OVERSEER WANTED FOR BLACK ROCK HUT. Contact Charlie Graf at cagraf@aol.com for further information.

MEMBER OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND needed to assist with six other members, meeting bi-monthly, in managing the Club's \$3 million endowment that provides support for the Club's programs in perpetuity. Appointed by the President and approved by Council. Seeking member with strong financial and/or banking experience who will assist in making decisions affecting the Club's securities. Send resume to Walt Smith, President, Hq, Vienna, or e-mail wsmith@visuallink.com

CHAIR, LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE needed to oversee administration, use, and maintenance of PATC-owned property. In coordination with other committees, recommends to Executive Committee and Council land management policy and appointment of Tract Management Committee Chairs; supervises development of Tract Management Plans; Member of Council. Send resume to Walt Smith, President, Hq, Vienna, or e-mail wsmith@visuallink.com.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR—a Club member to coordinate volunteer opportunities and place volunteers in jobs. There is currently no placement system to match volunteers with open tasks; you can devise and implement one. No experience needed, just a general understanding of Club activities and a willingness to work. Most work will take place at the headquarters in Vienna. Call Tom Johnson, vice president for volunteerism, at 410/647-8554, or e-mail him at johnts@erols.com.

DISCOUNTS FOR HIKE LEADERS. The PATC hikes committee will offer a \$60 discount (or 50% of the tuition, whichever is smaller) on Club-approved wilderness first aid or other applicable training courses to any leader who agrees to lead at least three official Club hikes in the 12 months that follow the training course. So if you have heard about a really terrific training course that might be of benefit to a hike leader, but hesitated to take it because of the cost, this offer might be right down your alley. For details, contact Tom Johnson at 410/647-8554, johnst@erols.com.

THE SALES OFFICE is looking for volunteers interested in working from 12:00 until 2:00 on Thursdays and/or Fridays. If interested, please contact the Sales Coordinator, Maureen Estes, by either calling headquarters at 703/242/0693, ext. 19, or by e-mail at patcsales@erols.com.

NOT INTERESTED IN WORKING OUTDOORS? PATC has a continuous need for Headquarters Volunteers willing to help out with a variety of tasks — from manning the sales desk in the evening, to providing typ-

ing or office support. It takes a lot more than trail workers to keep the Club going! INFO: Wilson Riley (wiley1226@aol.com) 703/242-0693, Ext. 11.

PATC OVERSEERS get BIG discounts from the following merchants who support our volunteer programs: -Blue Ridge Mountain Sports (Charlottesville/Tidewater)-20% -Hudson Trail Outfitters (DC Metro Region) 15% -The Trailhouse (Frederick, MD) 15% -Casual Adventures (Arlington, VA) 10% -Campmor (Mail Order via PATC HQ) 10%. Check the back page of the PA for the latest trail, cabin, and shelter overseer opportunities. And all PATC members receive a 10% discount from Blue Ridge Mountain Sports. Be sure to have your membership ID or overseer ID ready when you shop.

SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN RESCUE GROUP (SMRG) is seeking people interested in wilderness search and rescue. New member orientation meetings are held every month at PATC headquarters. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. INFO: SMRG Operations 703/255-5034, then press #5.

TOOL ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help sharpen and maintain tools at PATC Headquarters. INFO: Pete Gatje 703/242-0693 x13.

HIKING VACATIONS

COSTA RICA? PATC members Tom and Steve Johnson (Los Dos Hermanos) will be leading another trip to the fabled land of jungles and volcanoes in February 2000 (theY2K Trip). A few spots still remain for this limited-edition boutique tour, but call soon for info/reservations - locally, Tom at 410/647-8554 (johntns@erols.com) and distantly Steve at SJohnson151@compuserve.com or johnsos@clemson.edu.

HIKE THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES of Turkey's Aegean and Mediterranean Coastline with AMC group April 23-May 11, 2000. For prospectus, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to trip leader and long-time PATC member, Donald Erbe, 129 Main St (B-11), Cornwall, NY, 12518 (fax 914-534-2368).

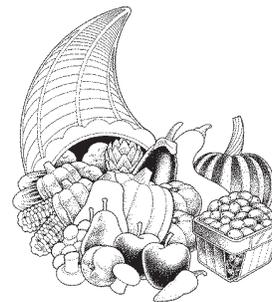
MISCELLANEOUS

FREE FIREWOOD! —Available at Highacre. Anyone willing to come and haul any or all of the cut wood from the grounds around the house can have it for free. Necessary to let me know one week ahead of time. Call Pat Fankhauser, 703/242-0693, Ext. 17.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND. Flashlight found at Fowler Hollow Shelter on Tuscarora. INFO: Keith Daly, 304/229-0110.

Notices are published free of charge for PATC members only. PATC cannot vouch for any of the advertised items. No commercial advertisement or personal notices unrelated to hiking will be accepted. Deadline for inclusion is the first day of the month preceding issuance of the newsletter. Notices will be run for 3 months unless we are otherwise advised.



Happy Thanksgiving



Mike Karpie's Outdoor Photo Tips

Composition, Part One: Depth

One of the greatest challenges in photography is to effectively capture a three-dimensional scene to a two-dimensional picture. There are several simple techniques for adding depth to your photos.

- **Natural Framing:** Use foreground objects to provide a natural frame for your scene. Nearby trees work well when you are photographing a panoramic vista.
- **Depth of field:** This technique is possible with cameras that have manual control over aperture settings. Choose a wide opening to blur out the background and focus all attention on your subject.
- **Side-lighting:** When your scene is lit from the side the texture and shape of its elements become accentuated, thereby adding a feeling of depth.

Several photos illustrating these techniques can be found at: <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/5633/More.html>



Finally, before you take the photo, close one eye and survey the scene. Does it look as dynamic as before? Closing one eye gives us a preview of how our scene will look on paper. Many scenes lose their appeal when transformed to two dimensions. Next Month: Shooting People (with a camera).

—Michael Karpie



Walt's Notes, from page 3

take place at the Blackburn Trail Center and elsewhere, I conclude that in a sense we are beginning to develop "community camps."

The food and farm camps "might not be organized at first," wrote MacKaye. "They would come as a later development...here in the same spirit of cooperation and well ordered action the food and crops consumed in the outdoor living would as far as practicable be sown and harvested...it would provide one definite avenue of experiment in getting 'back to the land'...the camp community is a sanctuary and a refuge from the scramble of every-day worldly commercial life." We have not been growing crops on PATC owned land for consumption by hikers. However, we have been experimenting with "getting back to the land"; I refer readers to the articles on Tulip Tree Cabin found in the June and August issues of the *PA*. In the future, should some members wish to "get back to the land" in Shaver Hollow, it would be perhaps a small step forward from using the natural resources for constructing a cabin to using the natural resources for other purposes.

The PATC Vision

The Council has been working on goals for the future. Hopefully these goals will reflect

the services and facilities you feel you need in order to enjoy the refuge from the "beehive city." I encourage your communications on the Club's vision and goals for the future. I encourage your participation in the development of our future history.

Our History in the Library and Archives

The history of PATC is contained in documents, publications, artifacts, and photographs that are maintained in the library and archives on the second floor of the Headquarters building in Vienna. The building renovation plans being considered by the Council will make the area more accessible and comfortable for use in the future. The library and archives are visited occasionally by members. I am aware of one person who came to the archives one day to find out what their deceased family member did when volunteering in a PATC leadership position. The membership can thank past archivists and librarians who have taken the time to organize our history so that it will be available when we do need it.

Thank You, Paula

Paula Strain has resigned her position as PATC's Archivist/Librarian after spending many hours over the years converting the library from a reader's to a reference library

and organizing the multitude of material in the archives. Paula is being replaced by Carol Niedzialek, and we are grateful that Carol, who has experience in the position, has volunteered to assume the responsibility.

Since Paula has been in the position, you may have seen her notices in the *PA* that requested volunteers for sorting out old photographs, among other tasks. Of course this meant that if you needed an old photograph to go with a future newsletter article, then you knew where you could find one or any other material concerning PATC's past. However, Paula was not content to just sit there and wait for the history to come to her; she diligently sent memos to those of us in leadership positions. The memos reminded us of the importance of forwarding copies of annual reports, chapter newsletters, and the like so that our history might be effectively compiled, enabling future generations to discover what we were all about. Paula continued to provide the same degree of dedication to the task at hand as she had during all of her forty-three years of volunteer service to the Club, including while being President, from 1970 through 1971. Paula, we salute you, and we thank you!

See you on the trail,

Online, from page 3

With approval, the site expanded dramatically. I scoured Headquarters for written material about the Club. What wasn't available in type I created from memory. My three years as Supervisor of Trails provided an intimate familiarity with the Club. I sent information to Stephen Johns on a daily basis, and, every day, he faithfully posted the new information and updates. At the end of the first year, we were receiving about 450 visits a week. I was thrilled. Somehow, some way, people were finding our Club website.

Hewlett Packard to the Rescue

As the site entered its second year in 1996, no funding was forthcoming from the Club, and, to make matters worse, the scanner I had been secretly using during lunch hours was suddenly moved to another office—a disaster of extraordinary proportions. At the time, scanners were not cheap. The Hewlett-Packard 2C 24-bit scanner I had been using had cost BBN over \$1,000. How in the world could I continue to expand the site without adding photographs? The answer came with a visit to the Hewlett-Packard website. Through a special program for schools and non-profit organizations, HP was offering free equipment provided the cause was justifiable. I set to work composing a letter to the program director with support and interest from the local HP office in Rockville, Maryland. Two months later, a large box appeared at Club headquarters. HP considered the PATC cause worthy and awarded the Club a new 30-bit 4C scanner. (To this day, I still say, "Thank you HP—you saved our site.") 1996 was a big year for the website in other ways.

Surprise, a Coveted Award

Awards started to roll in from different organizations, and an article I wrote about the site appeared in Internet World Magazine. However, the biggest surprise was yet to come. Towards the end of 1996, PATC was selected as a semifinalist for a National Information Infrastructure Award (now Global Information Infrastructure Award at <http://www.gii.com/>). The GII Awards, a non-partisan and independent initiative, recognize champions from all industries and sectors of society who use the Internet and network technology to produce amazing results. Vice President Al Gore has cited the Awards program itself as "an innovation that is vital to our country's future." In eleven categories, GII Awards go to individuals, businesses, and organizations that are using the information superhighway in collaborative, innovative,

and results-oriented ways. PATC was one of ten organizations in its "community" category to achieve this distinction in 1996.

The Website Expands

Many new services were added to the site that year—with the emphasis on the word "FREE". Our Trails Forum emerged in early 1996. I was also able to "win" free List Service from Lsoft. A new Guestbook appeared on the PATC site. Things were on a roll. By the end of 1996, the PATC site was receiving about 900 visits a week. My goal was to reach 1,000.

By 1997, the business world was finally discovering electronic mail, and AOL was finally providing a portal to the Internet, in fact, advertising itself as "the" portal to the Internet. (As an interesting side note, my job prior to BBN found me at a local consulting firm on Westwood Center Drive in Tysons Corner. We were on the fourth floor, and the company that was to become AOL was located on the second. On more than one occasion, I managed to beat Steve Case to the cellophane-wrapped pizza in the vending machine on the second floor....)

In 1995, PATC was the second trail club website on the Internet

By mid-year, I had located an inexpensive Internet hosting company and decided to seek funding to move the PATC site to an official provider. Fortunately, by this time, enough Council members were aware of the Internet that the proposal sailed through on a majority vote. In fact, the website was starting to regularly feed volunteers into Club projects, and our Internet membership forms started appearing on a regular basis at Club Headquarters. In 1997 I was also able to locate a provider willing to give PATC a free online store that would allow visitors to submit secure online orders to the Club. Unfortunately, this idea met with serious resistance from the Club and is still in discussion. Content continued to expand, with the addition of excerpts from early issues of PATC's newsletter, which at the time was called, *The Bulletin*. Site visitorship had climbed to about 1,800 visits a week by the end of 1997.

Since that time, I have continued to expand content and broaden the site into what it is

today. For a couple of years, I had excellent support from an Assistant Webmaster, Mike Ritoli, who left that position about a year ago. Today, I receive regular help from Amy Skowronek, who faithfully formats the Club schedule of events every month. Elements of the Club have also picked up responsibility for their individual web pages. The Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group and Mountaineering Section now maintain their own pages, and three of PATC's five chapters update their information on a regular basis. Another benchmark was established in December 1998 when PATC finally acquired its own domain, "PATC.NET". And the online store? Hopefully, by the time you read this, PATC's new online store will finally be active, after crossing many additional hurdles. And site visitation? We now receive over 4,000 visits a week to the main PATC website and even more visits to the interactive Trails Forum. PATC's "Members Only" e-mail list now has around 120 members who receive special mailings from the Club on news and events, and another 108 enjoy the public List Service offered through LSoft. The website now accounts for about 38% of PATC's new members and over 40% of its point of purchase sales.

Farewell from your Webmaster

But all good things must come to an end. After five years working on the PATC site, I will be stepping aside as Club Webmaster so that someone new can take the site to even greater heights. It's been a great honor to develop the PATC website into what it is today. I've had many interesting experiences and challenges, but on whole it's been a totally worthwhile endeavor and a contribution I enjoyed making to the Club. I'd like to thank the Club for the opportunity to serve in this position and formalize it into what it is today, and I'd like to thank all of you for your support, interest, and kind words. Perhaps the satisfaction I've gotten out of running the PATC site could best be summed up in one of the Guestbook entries posted to our site by Steve Hoey of Maryland. "As a member of the AT Conference I am looking to join a local club and was directed to PATC. Your web site is fantastic and very informative. Keep up the good work."

Mission accomplished. □

—Andy Hiltz

Trailhead

Sorely needed rain arrived in September thanks to two hurricanes and a cold front. While coastal areas east of PATC territory received high winds and heavy rains, most trail areas received light, continuous rain, and wind damage was a minimum. The springs were rejuvenated, and the risk of fire from the dry summer has been reduced. The exciting season of fall foliage is here and what better time to check your trails for blowdowns and clogged drains.

The past several months have seen a lot of activity by our regular trail crews, special summer trail crews, and trail workshops. Because of the mild summer storm season, these crews were able to focus on needed trail improvements as opposed to repairing storm damage. During the district managers' meeting in September, Pete Gatje, Supervisor of Trails, commented on the outstanding condition of PATC trails and asked the district managers to pass on his thanks to overseers.

SNP North District Workshop

George Walters reported that the 12th Annual North District Trails Workshop was a great success. The weather was perfect, the chow served up by the Aulthouse family was excellent, and there was lots of laughter around the crew's evening campfire in Mathews Arm campground. Thirty PATCers and park rangers participated, and several hundred hours of good trail work were performed on the AT near Pass Mountain and on the Thornton River Trail. Special thanks go out to Bernie Stalman, Kerry Snow, John McCrea, Pete Gatje, and Heidi Forrest who served as instructors for the Club and to SNP staff Shawn Green, Don Harvey, C.T. Campbell, Roger Dovel, Charles Rudacille, and Mike Montgomery. Thanks folks! By the way, Pete Gatje flew in from Cincinnati two days before the workshop having served proudly in grandfather duty for triplets.

On the following weekend, the North District Hoodlums completed waterbar work on the Pass Mountain AT, removed hurricane blowdowns on several trail sections, and installed scores of check dams on the Hogback Spring Trail. And yes, another evening campfire provided the backdrop for a traditional Appalachian dinner of turkey, stuffing, greens, and corn for the crew at Indian Run Hut.

Charlottesville X Three

Twelve people showed up for the Charlottesville Chapter's monthly work trip on September 25th and divided themselves into three crews. One crew cut three large blowdowns on the first 0.7 miles of the Rocky Mountain - Brown Mountain Trail and then took out four large blowdowns on the Rocky Mountain Run Trail. The largest, a living 14 inch diameter oak, was quite a challenge for the handsaws, required because the trail is in a designated wilderness area. The freebie wedge obtained by Lois Mansfield at the District Managers' meeting the previous Wednesday night proved to be indispensable. All of these blowdowns occurred in the last month. Another crew cleaned water bars, cut two blowdowns, and cut back vegetation on the AT north from Beagle Gap over Calf Mountain. The third crew worked on the Furnace Mountain Trail up to the Summit Trail and removed a dozen or more blowdowns, all but one a pine. They also cleaned water bars and clipped back laurel and blueberry bushes.

Mid Atlantic Helps PATC

Josh Adams and Joe LaRue led a crew of nine as the ATC Mid Atlantic Crew attacked a badly eroded section of the AT in the vicinity of Crescent Rocks in Northern Virginia (PATC Map 7). The section suffered a forest fire a number of years ago that advanced normal trail erosion exposing rocks and channeling the water. Hustling large rocks and some serious pick mattock and rock bar work resulted in the installation of 69 check dams, 21 water bars, and 20 steps during the 23-27 September visit. Eleven PATC walk-ons and a couple southbound through-hikers contrib-

uted a day's worth of sweat helping the crew. The crew enjoyed a much appreciated invite to a pig roast at Blackburn Trail Center on Saturday evening where they met a lot of PATCers including President Walt Smith. A small payback for the hard work says Chris Brunton, district manager for this section. Chris also invites hikers to check out the work. You probably won't recognize the trail if you have hiked it recently.

Blue And White Continues Rehab

The Blue and White Crew returned (again) to their AT rehab project near the Dean Mt Road. They found the outsloping tread they constructed in August held up well to the tropical rains of early September (all mineral soil accounted for). The project continued with the removal of some dilapidated checkdams, and the installation of large locust waterbars (no place to build grade dips, Wil). The Crew projects an October finish date for the project, and will move northward next season (Thornton Gap by 2005!). On Saturday evening, the Blue and Whites joined Central District Trail Supervisor C.T. Campbell at the Page Methodist Church in Luray, for an all-you-can-eat chicken-fried steak dinner (Steve Paull was forced to wear elastic-waistband pants for the rest of the weekend). Sunday found the Crew huffing and puffing up Sam's Ridge and Broad Hollow trails, clearing storm-dropped deadfalls with crosscut saws.

Cellular Tower Update

Opponents of Bell Atlantic cellular towers in Rock Creek Park are closer to losing their
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battle to block erection of the towers at two locations in the park. A legislative rider inserted into a District of Columbia appropriations bill on Capitol Hill has survived and is included in final legislation sent to President Clinton for his consideration. The rider, attached by Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, essentially overrides local authorities regarding the towers and compels the park service to allow them to be installed. The rider stayed in the bill despite opposition from some key Republican leaders such as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

President Clinton has vowed to veto the bill for a variety of unrelated reasons, making it possible the measure could be dropped in subsequent negotiations over the D.C. bill. However, it's survival the first time around indicates the rider has muscle. By the time this item is published in November it is likely a final D.C. bill will have been signed into law and a resolution on the cellular towers will be known. The park service, meanwhile, has been preparing to comply.

A Little Cleanup First

The Rock Creek Park trail crew took a hiatus from trail work on Sept. 18 and joined with the International Inter-coastal Cleanup to pick up trash along the banks of Rock Creek Park. Those attending included regulars Walter Wells, David Holton, and Frank Webert and D.C. trail overseers Trip Reid and Jack Magarell. Overall, a dozen PATC members helped with the effort, which removed dozens of bags of trash from the park. While backs were spared from the labor-intensive projects of recent months, several members initially groused we weren't spending our time working on the never-ending list of tread projects. We made up for it in October, however, by finishing crib work at a large erosion-prone section of trail in Glover-Archbold Park.

Meadows Now Has Meadows

Pat Fankhauser, PATC Cabin Coordinator, asked the Cadillac Crew to reopen an old loop trail behind Meadows Cabin near Syria, Va. On the weekend of September 11/12, the crew quickly cleared and blazed the one mile plus loop trail and found there was time to do more. Guided by Pat, the crew removed old fences, brambles, and encroaching trees in the immediate vicinity of the cabin; opened a view down the valley; and pruned some trees. Pat commented the cabin now had the open feeling it used to have. After a hard day's work on Saturday, John Spies provided

his version of spaghetti and meatballs that really restored crew energy. A few days after the trip, a plaintive e-mail from crewmember Raelee Hines promised never to clear brush in shorts when there is poison ivy within a mile of the work site.

Interested In Being an Overseer?

As the trail maintenance season winds down, there is always some turnover in overseer positions (see back cover of this publication). New overseers are generally appointed by the district managers, but some trail districts rarely advertise for new overseers. Usually these are districts that have active work crews, and the new overseers often come from their ranks.

Other trail districts just seem to have an ample supply of volunteers. If there is an area that you are interested in but don't see advertising for overseers, find out who the district manager is. There is a listing in the Overseer Handbook, which is available on

the PATC web site or at HQ, or ask someone in the Trails organization.

The next step is to contact the district manager to inquire about opportunities for trail work. Although there might not be any overseer slots open, there is often a need to provide assistance or fill in for another overseer who might be temporarily out of action. Ask if there are any crew projects or work trips coming up at the district level.

If time passes and you haven't heard anything, get back in touch, since messages and telephone numbers often have a way of getting lost. Persistence and enthusiasm will generally pay off in the long run. Happy Trails !

Please send any interesting tale, technical advice, individual or group accomplishments, and trail maintenance questions to Trailhead, c/o Jon Rindt, 621 Skyline Forest Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630 or to jkrindt@erols.com. □

Volunteers - Appointed September 28, 1999

Trail Overseers

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| Jack Longstreet | AT - US 30 to PA223 |
| Roger Barbee | AT - Davenport Meadow to Dick's Dome |
| Robin Laskowski [Co-overseer] | AT - Jarman Gap to Beagle Gap |
| Randal Carlson [Co-overseer] | AT - Jarman Gap to Beagle Gap |
| Liz & Mike Ritoli [Co-overseer] | AT - Skyland Stables to Timber Hollow Overlook |
| Patricia Meeks [Co-overseer] | Potomac Heritage - Donaldson Run to Gulf Branch |
| Emily Faker [Co-overseer] | Potomac Heritage - Donaldson Run to Gulf Branch |
| John Tagert [Co-overseer] | Potomac Heritage - Windy Run to Donaldson Run |
| Stefan Neumeister [Co-overseer] | Bull Run Occoquan - White Garage to Wolf Run Shoals Road |
| Dennis & BJ Freeman | Valley Trail - Boulder Bridge to Military Road |
| Dianne Rennack & Family | Pinehurst Branch Trail - Oregon Avenue to Western Avenue |
| Thorburn Reid | Battery Kemble Trail |
| George Meek | Dickey Ridge Trail - Front Royal Entrance to MP 2.1 |
| Walter "Tilly" Smith | White Oak Trail - Skyline Drive to Waterfall Viewpoint |
| Diane Smith | Rocky Mountain Run Trail |
| Jim Finucane | Cabin John Trail |

ARE YOU MOVING?!!

Did you know that the Post Office charges PATC 50 cents every time they let us know a member has moved? You can help save money and get information to you faster just by telling us yourself.

Please fill out the following form and mail it to 118 Park Street, S.E., Vienna VA 22180-4609. You can also call Pat Fankhauser at 703/242-0693 or e-mail her at pfankh@erols.com.

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New Phone Number: _____

TRAIL OVERSEERS WANTED

Trail Overseer Openings October 5, 1999. Contact the District Manager for the region that interests you.

NO VIRGINIA SOUTH AT& BB (Maps #8 & 9)
[CALL ED MCKNEW AT 540/622-6004
or Email: emcknew@aol.com]

AT - Davenport Meadow Parking to Dick's Dome Shelter Rd.
[1.30 miles]

AT - Co-overseer

Powerline to south end of the Waterline [2.40 miles]

SNP NORTH BLUE-BLAZE (Map #9)
[CALL BERNIE STALMANN AT 301/725-8876 or
E-mail: Bstalmann@aol.com]

Pass Mountain Trail (upper)

Pass Mountain Hut to "break point" [1.48 miles]

SHENANDOAH CENTRAL BLUE-BLAZE (Map #10)
[CALL CHARLES HILLON AT 703/754-7388
or E-mail: hillon@erols.com]

Buck Hollow Trail (upper)

Buck Hollow Stream to Skyline Drive [1.70 miles]

Cat Knob Trail

Laurel Prong Trail to Jones Mountain Trail [.50 mile]

Corbin Mountain Trail (co-overseer)

Nicholson Hollow Trail to Old Rag Fire Road [4.40 miles]

Hot Mt.-Short Mt.

Hazel Mountain Trail to Nicholson Hollow Trail [2.10 miles]

Jones Mountain Trail

Bear Church Rock to Cat Knob Trail [2.80 miles]

Jones Mountain Trail

Fork Mountain Fire Road to Cat Knob Trail [.80 mile]

Pocosin Hollow Trail

Pocosin Fire Road to East Park Boundary [2.80 miles]

TUSCARORA [BBNO] (Map # L)
[CALL LLOYD MACASKILL at 703/978-4070
or E-mail: LloydM3160@aol.com]

Tuscarora Trail

Pinnacle Powerline to Larrick Overlook [1.40 miles]

Tuscarora Trail

Larrick Overlook to Lucas Woods [2.30 miles]

GREAT NORTH MOUNTAIN (Map # F)
[CALL "HOP" LONG AT 301/942-6177
or E-mail: the FSLongs@erols.com]

White Rock Trail

Tuscarora Trail to White Rock Cliff [0.20 mile]

Gerhard Shelter Trail

Tuscarora Trail to Gerhard Shelter [0.10 miles]

MASSANUTTEN NORTH (Map # G)
[CALL WIL KOHLBRENNER at 540/477-2971
or E-mail: wmaxk@shentel.net]

Massanutten Mt. East Trail

Milford Gap to Indian Grave Ridge Trail [1.40]

Massanutten Mt. East Trail

Habron Gap to Kennedy Peak Trail [3.60 miles]

Massanutten Mt. East Trail

Scothurn Gap Trail to Waterfall Mountain Trail [2.0 mile]

Massanutten Mt. East Trail

Waterfall Mountain Trail to US Rte. 211 [1.8 mile]

MASSANUTTEN SOUTH (Map # H)
[CALL BILL SCHMIDT AT 301/585-2477
or E-mail: weschem@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu]

Massanutten Mountain South Trail

TV Tower Road (FR375) to Pitt Spring [3.4 miles]

Massanutten Mountain South Trail

Pitt Spring to Morgan Run Trail [3.3 miles]

Morgan Run Trail

Cub Run Rd. to Massanutten Mt. South Trail [1.4 miles]

DC METRO (MAP #N)
[CALL MARK ANDERSON AT 202/462-7718]
Dunbarton Oaks

Whitehaven Street to Rock Creek Park [1.00 mile]

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