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75 Years of Service

National Trails Day



June 7, 2003

PATC Trail Patrol Presents 1st Annual National Trails Day Event Dickey Ridge Visitor Center, SNP Saturday, June 7

Trail Patrol is sponsoring an all-day event in the Shenandoah National Park that highlights PATC's diverse activities and teaches people how to enjoy the outdoors safely and with minimal impact to the environment. The event is designed to encourage both beginners and experienced outdoorsmen and women to learn more about the outdoors and to encourage conservation activities through involvement in PATC activities.

If you would like to present a workshop on a PATC activity, or to get more information, please e-mail or call Kumait Jawdat (Kumait@jawdats.com) 202/328-8137 (6:00 to 9:00 p.m. evenings or weekends).

The following are some of the planned activities:

Hikes

You may sign up for the hike of your choice (first-come, first-served), including these:

- Hike for family with young hikers
- Hike for parents with infants
- Natural and cultural history hike
- Beginner hike
- Strenuous hike
- Moderate hike

Workshops

Trail Patrol and other PATC experts introduce visitors to:

- Beginning hiking
- Safety in the outdoors
- Backpacking essentials
- Trail construction and maintenance
- Mountain rescue (Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group)
- Hike leadership
- Leave No Trace
- Hiking apparel

PATC Volunteer Receives Award from Governor

Rick Canter, PATC's Maryland District Manager for the past 13 years, received an award for his service from Gov. Robert Ehrlich on April 30. Rick was cited for his long years of service to the trails community. The ceremony was held at Maryland Hall in Annapolis and was attended by a large crowd of well-wishers, including Rick's mother and son.



Photo by Roberta Dorsch

Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich Jr. (right) presents the Volunteerism and Service Award plaque to PATC Maryland Trails Manager Rick Canter.

Rick is well-known to PATC. He established the South Mountaineers in 1993, and their very first job was to reopen the Appalachian Trail, which had been closed only two weeks before by a horrific ice storm. They removed thousands of blowdowns over the 40-mile span of the AT in Maryland and got the Trail ready for the summer season. Rick continued the South Mountaineers, a group that still operates today.

My most memorable moment with Rick occurred several years ago. I was working on the AT in the Weverton Cliff area one Sunday morning when I came upon a very dangerous leaner, a huge tree that rested precariously

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Council Fire

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's regularly scheduled Council Meeting was held on April 8, 2003, at Club Headquarters. President Tom Johnson introduced Jeff Pearcy, the new Conservation Committee Chair. He also introduced Andy Britton, the new Chair of the Mountaineering Section. He informed Council that PATC member John Ferguson has volunteered to help create a business plan for the Club. Tom also announced the resignation of Mal Fordham, Supervisor of Information, Education, and Activities. He noted that a search is under way for a new Supervisor. In accordance with Club policy, the best candidate will be appointed to the position.

Administrator Wilson Riley reported the Combined Federal Campaign donation to PATC was \$20,042. Wilson also acknowledged a donation of four digital cameras to the Club by Road Runner. He announced the names of PATC members that had been submitted for gold (50 yrs) and silver (25 yrs) ATC service awards. The nominee for the Gold Award was Ruth Blackburn. The Silver Award Nominees are: Matthew Ogorzalek, Shirley Strong,



Robert Humphrey, Olivia Pickett, Charles Irvin, Kenneth Lacey, Paula Strain, Philip Paschall, Frank Smith, Warren Sharp, and Willard Rahn.

Finance

Treasurer Gerhard Salinger distributed the monthly budget report for March 2003, reminding Council that the Club is operating on a deficit budget. He also distributed a post-audit report, dated December 2002, and a Revenue and Expenses summary that he prepared. He briefed Council on pertinent points from these reports, reviewing the major sources of revenue and expenditures for the Club, noting that the 2002 revenue totaled \$649,214.

Trails and Lands

Supervisor of Trails Liles Creighton informed Council of Walt Smith's resignation as DM on the Tuscarora Trail due to family obligations. Supervisor of Land Chris Mangold updated Council on the status of the Vining Tract. He informed Council of the location and condition of the cabin in the hollow on the Vining Tract that the family wishes to lease to PATC. The Club would maintain the cabin and rent it to members.

Facilities

Council approved an allocation of \$10,883 from the Shelters/Cabins/Cabins Land Fund for proposed improvements to Cliff's House. The renovation, led by Tom Jorgensen, will include replacing the interior floor, installing new appliances, building a large new front deck, and adding a small back deck to improve safety and to act as a fire escape.

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HEADQUARTERS

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Bus/Metro Directions to Headquarters: When taking Metro Orange line, get off at Dunn Loring station (not Vienna, the last stop). Outside the station, find the stop for Metrobus 21 westbound in the direction of Tyson's Corner. When the bus starts down Maple Avenue in Vienna, exit at the library just past Center St. Walk half a block in the same direction the bus travels, and turn right at Park St. PATC will be on the left only a few yards down from the corner. The fare is \$1.10, but you can ride for \$.25 if you remember to get a transfer ticket at your originating station.

Tom's Trail Talk

PATC in the Spotlight

The April/May edition of *American Hiker*, the American Hiking Society's (AHS) national newsletter, had an interview with Fran Mainella. In case this name is new to you, Fran is the Director of the National Park Service, and her opinions matter.

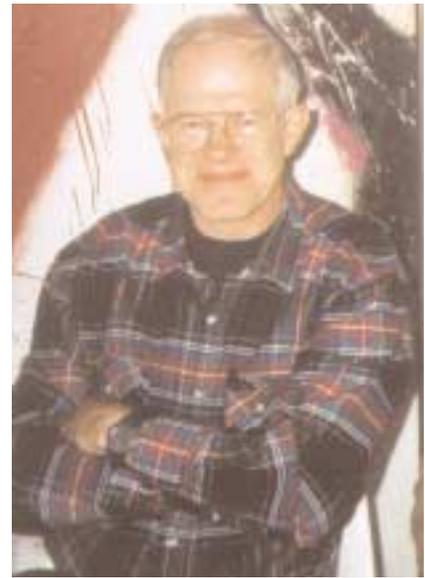
The interview focused on policy questions relating to trails, but it began with a warm-up: specifically, where did she like to hike? Her answer: the Billy Goat Trail was a favorite of hers, and she described her first hike there, just after 9/11.

Lots of influential people live in Washington, and when they want to get out and hike, they are usually on a PATC trail. As part of our effort to make a connection to policymakers, PATC and AHS work with the House of Representatives to offer a hiking series (four a year, to start) in the local area, and all hikes are on our own trails. When President Clinton and Vice President Gore wanted to get out and do trail maintenance on Earth Day 1998, they worked on a PATC trail, with PATC workers.

Because of our location, we are constantly in the spotlight. People who influence environmental policy nationwide are in turn influenced by their experience on our trails, in our cabins, and in our shelters. It is very gratifying that all these things are ready for inspection. It could damage the cause of trails everywhere if we displayed anything but the best possible trails and facilities. In that sense, PATC represents a nation of hikers. Impressions that stick with policymakers are the impressions they form from PATC.

On a somewhat different level, our cabin system is frequently highlighted in local news media. We have one of the finest recreational cabin systems in the country, and people who stay in those cabins come away with an impression of PATC based on how their cabin stay went. Fortunately, those experiences are almost always positive, which is why, whenever news media talk about mountain cabins, PATC is always mentioned and frequently featured.

Proceeding to yet a different level, thru-hikers are almost invariably impressed with the condition of our trails. For several years the scuttlebutt on the Trail has been that the PATC section is the best on the entire AT.



This very sunny account does not mean that we have no room for improvement. But it does (or should) boost our resolve to keep up the good work. For PATC, there is a special obligation. When you are out chopping weeds this summer, remember that the Director of the National Park Service could be just down the trail behind you. □

—Tom Johnson

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Volunteerism, Training, and Communication Club membership, as of April 8, 2003, totaled 6,910 members.

□ *Trail Patrol*: Kumait Jawdat reported a successful spring LNT course. He is continuing to plan the Trail Patrol's National Trails Day Event to be held at Dickey Ridge Visitor Center in SNP on June 7.

□ *Maps*: Dave Pierce reported that he donated a PATC map for use in a Maryland Tourism ad. He showed the ad as it appeared in the April edition of the Appalachian Mountain Club's magazine.

□ *Potomac Appalachian*: Editor Linda Shannon-Beaver announced a new Forecast Editor, her sister Susie Shannon. She reported that, as a result of problems with the Club's e-mail/computer system, many Forecast items have been lost and not posted in the *PA*.

□ *Tuscarora Trail Committee*: Lloyd MacAskill is working with Phil Paschall on the possibility of obtaining an easement to protect the trail at Rte. 340 and the SNP property line. This solution may entail a relocation of the trail.

□ *Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group*: Chris Smith said SMRG had participated in a recent training exercise with other search organizations. He also said some SMRG members would attend the upcoming Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference. John Luck added that

SMRG had also been involved in recent training in the George Washington National Forest.

Mountaineering Section: Andy Britton informed Council that the schedule of climbing trips has been published through August.

The April Council meeting was attended by seven Club officers, nine committee Chairs, three chapter representatives, three section representatives, two staff members, and three other club members. □

—Georgeann Smale

Congressional Stroll

PATC and the National Hiking Society have developed a series of hikes designed for members of Congress and their staff members. These hikes allow people responsible for approving trail-friendly legislation to get a first-hand look at our local trails. There have been three hikes to date, which have been well attended. The next hike is scheduled for June 21, to Bear's Den Rock on the AT in Virginia. Volunteers are needed to help lead, assist leaders, and ferry hikers from East Falls Church Metro station to the trailhead in Clarke County, Va. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Lee Sheaffer (thumpers@visuallink.com) 540/955-0736. □

—Lee Sheaffer

Bears Den Could Use A Couple of (PATC) Helping Hands

Bears Den would like to let the members of PATC know about the many projects and volunteer opportunities available at our trail center. We are looking for volunteers interested in helping with information displays, developing a Web site, building gardens, or assisting guests. Someone willing to bring a wood splitter for half a day could help us create firewood.

Bears Den is also looking for a donation of a desk and a rug (not over 5 feet by 7 feet) for a summer intern's room. The secluded cottage needs a piano bench, dining room chairs, and a straw rug.

Anyone interested in these or other opportunities is asked to call 540/554-8708 between 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. any day or e-mail info@bearsdencenter.org.

We are also looking for an outdated but operable computer with WINDOWS 95 or 98.

That will be GREATLY appreciated. □

—Dave Appel



Left; Upper Cedar Cliff Falls, right, lower Cedar Cliff Falls.

Waterfalls Benefitting From High Precipitation

This spring has given us the best waterfall conditions in probably more than a decade. On April 12, Kisun Han and I bushwhacked to the three most underappreciated waterfalls in or (in the case of Cedar Cliff Falls) adjacent to SNP: Upper Cedar Cliff Falls, Lower Cedar Cliff Falls, and Lower Dry Run Falls. Upper and Lower Cedar Cliff Falls are about 1.5 miles NW of the South River picnic area, just beyond the Park boundary. Lower Dry Run Falls is about 0.8 miles NE of Cedar Cliff Falls, just inside the Park boundary.

These waterfalls are under-appreciated because they are not accessible by maintained trails.

Lower Cedar Cliff Falls has an estimated height of 50 feet. Upper Cedar Cliff Falls is estimated at 75 feet. Lower Dry Run Falls, the tallest of the three, could be 125 feet high. A word of caution: A 2003 visit to these falls should be approached with due diligence since the tick and rattlesnack season is upon us. □

—Len Wheat

Shenandoah National Park Specialty License Plate Announced

Shenandoah National Park and the Shenandoah National Park Association (SNPA) are proud to announce a SNP license plate as the newest addition to the Virginia Specialty License Plate program.

Sen. Russell Potts and Dels. Allen Louderback and Clay Athey introduced a bill that was passed in 2002 for the specialty plate. Once the bill was passed, SNPA worked with designer Cindy Wilson on artwork that would best represent the Park. This was submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for approval. The design incorporates the Park's logo, which contains Stony Man Mountain, stone walls overlooking the valley, and trilliums.

Now that the design has been given final approval, the Association is ready to take applications for the plates. SNPA must collect 350 pre-paid applications before DMV will begin making the plates. The application form can be downloaded from the SNPA Web site at www.snpbooks.org. The \$10 application fee must be included with the form and can be paid by check or credit card. For additional information you can call the Association at 540/999-3581. □

—Greta Miller



At last, a license plate paying tribute to a beloved National Park. Place your order soon for one of these treasures.

What's One of the Biggest Annual Club Events?

And, what serves as one of our biggest Club fundraisers? The Annual Blackburn Summer Barbeque, of course!

If you've never attended one of the annual Blackburn Trail Center Summer Barbeques, you really should consider attending this year! Blackburn Trail Center is located very close to Round Hill, Va., just a few strides from the AT. This year the event is scheduled for July 12-13, 2003. Come join us for a day of hiking, arts and craft activities for the kids, relaxing on the porch, and the best BBQ, some say, outside of Texas! Besides bringing good people together to enjoy great food, hiking, and the wonderful views from Blackburn, this event seeks to find new members as well as to raise funds for the Club. Last year, the event provided funding to the Land Acquisition Committee to support the purchase of property surrounding Blackburn and the AT. We raise funds at the event through registration fees and a raffle.

The Blackburn Trail Center can accommodate approximately 30 people in bunkrooms – which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the nearby campground has ample space for tents. The cost of the BBQ is \$30 for adults and children 16 and older, \$15 for children seven to 15, and \$5 for children under seven. (Babies are free!) The registration fee covers happy hour, beginning around 5:00 p.m., dinner, beverages, and dessert on the 12th, as well as camping or bunking privileges. In addition, breakfast is served to all participants on the 13th.

There is limited parking right at Blackburn, but cars can be parked in various locations, except where prohibited, along the dirt road leading to the cabin. For those who want to get in as much hiking as possible, cars can be parked at the bottom of the road, providing you with approximately a mile to stretch out those legs.

So pack up your gear, put on your hiking boots, and join us for a truly enjoyable, recreational, and culinary weekend. Please mail the attached registration form along with the appropriate fee to Lisa Still at: 5812 Cove Landing Rd., Unit #302, Burke, VA 22015.

Checks should be made out to Lisa Still and sent with the accompanying registration form no later than June 30, 2003.

As much as we love them, please leave your dogs at home or at the pet hotel!

Due to its success last year, we are holding the 2nd Annual Dessert Contest. Bring your best cookies, cakes, pies, or otherwise Grandma's favorite recipe. Prizes awarded to first-, second-, and third-place winners.

Volunteers are welcome and needed for several activities. If you would like to assist with this event or have any questions, please contact Caren or Blaine Robinson at 703/560-1361 before 9:00 p.m. or e-mail them at imshemish@aol.com.

—Caren Rothstein-Robinson



Schedule of Events:

- Saturday, July 12- Blackburn Trail Center
- 10:00 a.m. Long Hike (7 miles)
 - 11:00 a.m. Short Hike (3 miles)
 - Lunch (On Your Own)
 - 1:00-2:00 p.m. Arts and Crafts
 - 2:30-3:30 p.m. Children's Scavenger Hunt
 - 5:00-6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. BBQ Dinner
 - 7:30-8:00 p.m. Dessert Contest Judging and Prize Award & Raffle Drawing
 - 8:00 p.m.-? Relaxing, Game Time, and Music on the Porch (bring your favorite games and/or instruments)
- Sunday, July 13 - Blackburn Trail Center
- 8:30-10:00 a.m. Breakfast and Farewells!

Blackburn Summer BBQ Registration – Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13, 2003

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

DESSERT CONTEST ITEM: _____

(If interested, please indicate what delicious item you will be entering!)

Number of adults: _____ (@ \$30.00 each) \$ _____

Number of children ages 7-15: _____ (@ \$15.00 each) \$ _____

Number of children 6 and under: _____ (@ \$5.00 each) \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____



Please mail reservation form and check to: Lisa Still at 5812 Cove Landing Rd., Unit #302, Burke, VA 22015.

Registration forms must be received no later than June 30, 2003.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to make your check payable to Lisa Still.

Bob Pickett's Appalachian Nature: Bioluminescence, Foxfire, and Swamp Gas

With June comes the beginning of summer. And with summer comes a plethora of insects. More than perhaps any other animal, insect populations are dictated by temperature. It's been said that with every 10 degree C (18 degree F) increase in temperature, insect activity doubles.

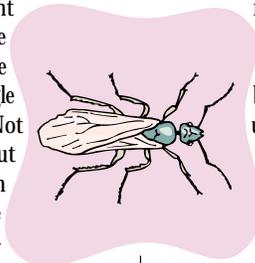
For the past two years in mid-June I've found myself in the Pisgah National Forest assisting a wildlife biologist trapping black bear. This puts me near the Great Smokies National Park where I've attempted to observe a very unique insect phenomenon. For two weeks in mid-June a species of firefly lives out its short adult life and can be found in profusion in the old fields associated with the decaying summer homes adjacent to the Elkmont campground. What makes these fireflies so unique is that all the males tend to cooperate as a single force by flashing in synchrony. Not only do they flash in unison, but on occasion they will flash from the top of the mountain to the valley in a cascade of light, producing quite a spectacular show. Now, I say I attempted to see this display for the past two years, but I've only seen localized populations flashing together; perhaps a 20-square-foot area, not acres as some articles have indicated. Because of media attention this event has attracted crowds. It seems to me that the constant verbal, visual, and physical interruptions made by the audience in this burgeoning public attraction, complete with lawn chairs, flashlights, and conversation, must be interfering with the natural display.

Up until a dozen or so years ago, this phenomenon was only known to exist in Southeast Asia. Then, entomologists were informed about this site in the Smokies. Now, I read about other species known for this event in other regions, including one species that lives right here in Rock Creek Park! Look for it the next time you're out among the fireflies.

Beyond Fireflies

This glowing bioluminescence of the fireflies is quite special, but it's not limited to the adult firefly. We've all heard the phrase "glow worms," but were you aware that this term applies to the firefly larva that can be found in spring and late summer? Look for them deep in the grass in open areas.

Bioluminescence in plants and animals is not that uncommon. It is found in many marine animals; both invertebrate (crustaceans and squid) and vertebrates (some fish), some insects (like our fireflies, certain worms, snails, beetles, and centipedes), some fungi, and bacteria. There are even two citations discussing the luminescence of amelanistic (reversed normal coloration) corn snakes! The production of light in bioluminescent organisms results from the conversion of chemical energy to light energy, basically the opposite of photosynthesis. In photosynthesis, a living organism captures light and carbon dioxide to



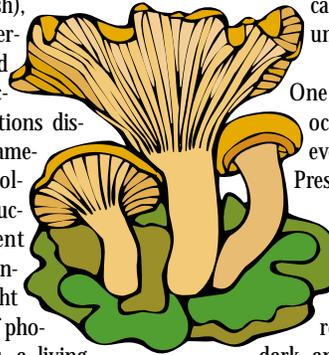
make organic materials and release oxygen. In bioluminescence, light and carbon dioxide are released by breaking apart organic materials using oxygen. This natural process is almost 100 percent efficient, meaning virtually no energy is lost producing heat. It's referred to as cold light, as compared with incandescent lighting, where only 10 percent of the energy is utilized in light production, the other 90 percent being wasted as heat.

Talking about bioluminescence, we have to talk about another well-known term: foxfire. This is the glow found in rotting wood that has been permeated by the roots, or mycelium, of certain fungal species. If you want to find foxfire, you need a warm, moonless night in an old, dank, moist forest. Find a rotting log with streaked and splotchy bark and with mushrooms growing from it. Break the rotting wood apart, and if the right species exists, the availability of oxygen will enable the production of the bright elfin-green luminescence.

Mushroom Madness

Foxfire is not the same as bioluminescent mushrooms which are the species where the gilled, spore-bearing undersides of the cap glow. Jack-o'-lantern is a common luminescent mushroom, found in our area from July through September on rotting wood. Others include oyster and bitter oyster mushrooms. Interestingly, some luminescent fungi have fruiting caps that glow on the

spore-bearing underside, while others have glowing mycelial strands found in the wood, but normally one fungus will not have this capability in both the mycelium and cap areas.



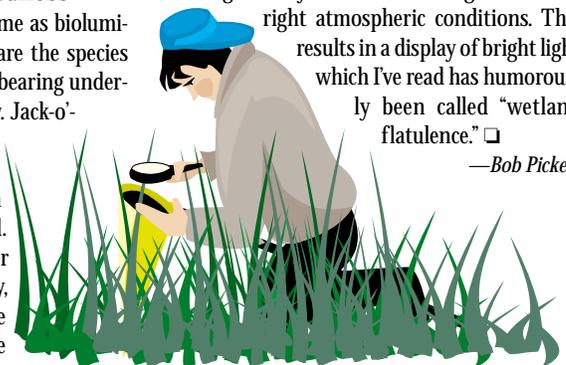
One memorable event for me occurred one September evening in Scott's Run Nature Preserve, just downstream from Great Falls, Va. I had taken a mushroom field trip to this area and we had found some jack-o'-lantern mushrooms. I came back after dark, and as I walked to the site I

came across some glowing pieces of wood in the trail. It was a special moment to have foxfire in one hand, sitting next to the glow of the jack-o'-lantern at the base of a tree. While both were about the same intensity and yellow-green color, certainly not enough to read by, it was fun to compare the two. (Depending on the particular wavelength emitted by the species of mushroom – or firefly for that matter – the color can range from orange to yellow to green to blue.)

It's been suggested that fungal luminescence is a vestigial phenomenon, preserved in a few species. It originated after photosynthetic organisms evolved, when oxygen was toxic to most species and the best way to get rid of it was to chemically reduce it to water. The production of light accompanied this reaction. These early oxygen-removing organisms might all have been luminescent.

While we're talking about natural lights, we might as well address swamp gas, even if it isn't due to bioluminescence. Swamp gas is a natural phenomenon in which warm methane gas from swamps rises into the Earth's atmosphere. Methane is a volatile gas and can be ignited by electrical discharge under the right atmospheric conditions. This results in a display of bright light which I've read has humorously been called "wetland flatulence." □

—Bob Pickett



10,000 People Say, 'Protect Blackwater Canyon Trail!'

Thank you all for your comments!!! In just over two months, concerned citizens have sent thousands of individual comments to the U.S. Forest Service opposing a proposal to turn the Blackwater Canyon Trail into a commercial logging road.

In case you are new to this issue, here's the background in brief: John Crites, owner of the logging company Allegheny Wood Products, has asked the Forest Service to allow him to turn the 10-mile-long, beautiful Canyon Trail – a premier hiking, biking, and ski trail that is located on public land – into a commercial logging road.

In January 2003, Friends of Blackwater began a "Keep It Public" campaign to tell the Forest Service to protect the trail and to perform a full Environmental Impact Statement on the logging road proposal.

According to the Forest Service, as of early May, more than 10,000 people have sent mail and e-mail on the road proposal. This may be the largest number of comments ever in a Monongahela National Forest comment period.

Following are excerpts from some of the comments:

"I've had the pleasure of riding a mountain bike on this trail twice, and it is beautiful beyond description. It has to be God's prototype for

Heaven! Please don't allow Mr. Crites to destroy something that can never be repaired or replaced!"

"You are the steward of this forest. Therefore, you carry the burden of our trust. If you do not take the responsibility to stop this latest cut-and-develop frenzy besieging our country, who will? If not now, when?"

"The very serious nature of John Crites' request must be analyzed by a full EIS. Anything less will be an inadequate response on the part of the Forest Service. As a graduate student in Forestry at Virginia Tech, I certainly support the need to harvest timber; however harvesting it from Blackwater Canyon is not appropriate. Converting a popular recreation trail into a logging road is not good forest management, in my opinion."

"My family and friends often bike and hike on this trail. It is special to us, and we would like to see it preserved so that we and future generations can enjoy it. The Blackwater Canyon area is a jewel for us to treasure. Please consider [a study of] the negative effects that logging would cause."

This huge outpouring of public comment will send a powerful message to all of our officials and political leaders, not just the Forest Service. Our next step will be to see how the Forest Service reacts to these comments. Will the Forest Service

do a full environmental impact statement on the road proposal, as the law requires when major issues are involved? Friends of Blackwater will be watching, and we will report – and react – as soon as there are further developments.

Finally, let's not forget who made this public comment avalanche possible – the "Keep It Public" campaign is supported by the West Virginia Sierra Club; West Virginia Citizen Action Group; West Virginia Environmental Council; Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition; the West Virginia League of Women Voters; the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees; West Virginia Highlands Conservancy; West Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy; Coalition for Responsible Logging and Religious Campaign for Forest Preservation; West Virginia Native American Coalition; West Virginia Wildlife Federation; West Virginia Rivers Coalition; West Virginia Whitewater Association; American Rivers; American Lands; the Wilderness Society; with help from the American Hiking Society; West Virginia Rails to Trails Council; and West Virginia Trails Association. Thanks, folks!

You can help us continue this important campaign by donating and volunteering. Contact us at Friends of Blackwater, 501 Elizabeth St., Charleston, WV 26331, 304/345-7663, outreach@saveblackwater.org. Our Web site is www.saveblackwater.org/. □

—Judy Rodd

The Hoodlum Rebels Do Their Own Thing



While the Hoodlums did their thing further north, a small band of hardy souls – George Ivey, Marilyn Dugan, and Wayne Limberg – under the able leadership of District Manager Dick Dugan, helped Judy Lagenhorst clear deadfall on her section of the Thornton River Trail. Rains the week before meant high water and four "bracing" stream crossings. Dick discovered you can lead Hoodlums to water but it takes some time and convincing to make them cross. That, plus some serious crosscut sawing, made the Southwestern feast back at Range View all the better. At left, Marilyn Dugan (left) and Judy Lagenhorst encourage unknown sawyer, who showed up for the photo. Right, Marilyn Dugan encourages George Ivey and Judy Lagenhorst, while Dick Dugan looks on. □ —Wayne Limberg

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against another one, hovering across the Trail and seemingly ready to fall. I didn't have a chainsaw, but I did have Rick's phone number, so I hiked to a local restaurant and called him. An hour later he was there with his chainsaw. At that moment, Hurricane Dennis hit with tremendous force. And there was Rick, in the middle of the downpour, cutting that leaner so that hikers could get safely through. That, to me, epitomized the man. □

—Tom Johnson, President



Left, Rick Canter displays his award, flanked by Ranger Tammy McCorkle and Superintendent Daniel Spedden of South Mountain Recreation Area. Ranger McCorkle and Superintendent Spedden nominated Rick for this award. Above, Rick Canter is joined by his mother Eloise and son Jeffrey (right), South Mountain Recreation Area ranger Tammy McCorkle and park superintendent Daniel Spedden to display the award."

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from Blackburn. Sandi Marra's Shepard's Pie had everybody asking for seconds. It was much better than her fireside jokes later in the evening.

Later in April the crew began digging tread on a new trail laid out last year from Tulip Tree Cabin to SNP's Crusher Ridge Trailhead. Darwin and Eileen Lambert have graciously encouraged PATC to build a trail across their

property to access the trailhead. Ask Darwin and Eileen about being snow-bound in Shaver Hollow during February's big snowstorm. While you are asking questions, ask Charlie Graf about the green trim on Tulip Tree Cabin – it has met with considerable discussion.

Blue and White Crew regulars John Hebbe and Stan Turk prepare to remove a large blowdown from the Entry Run Trail. The crew removed scores of similar trees from the trail. The Entry Run Trail is the first new trail in SNP since the 1960s.



Southwest Comes to SNP

In April, the North District Hoodlums worked on four sections of the AT and the Thornton River Trail in SNP, removing the last of winter blowdowns and rebuilding or adding new drainage devices along the way during their "Southwestern" work trip. Afterwards, the banditos and señoritas retired to the Indian Run hacienda for a chilifest with authentic Tex-Mex cuisine and, after trying Tex Herbel's habanera salsa, it can safely be said that there was nary a dry eye in the house!

Blackburn Caretakers

Bill Parlett, Sarah Clemmitt, and their 16-month-old daughter Kai arrived in early April to take over the caretaker duties for this season. They've already had to put up with a trail crew and a trail workshop. Welcome to PATC country, and enjoy Blackburn Trail Center!

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

OOPS! Actually - Our Cabin Overseers Love Their Work

The Editor of the *PA* inappropriately labeled the "Bob Humphrey Look" described in last month's report on the cabin Overseers meeting as a look of "outrage." This could not be further from the truth.

The look common to so many of our cabin builders when asked about when their cabins will be ready to go into the system is more a look of Benign Uncertainty.

It consists of a Mona Lisa grin and the movement of the eyes upward toward the forehead as though the answer lies there somewhere.

But ... it doesn't!

—Mel Merritt
Cabins Operations Chair

PATC Cabin Book Back on the Shelves!!

We know you've missed the chance to purchase one in the last few months so we printed more and they reflect the new cabin fee prices. Spring is here and the cabins await you.

Call, click, or come in to place an order. Contact Maureen Estes at 703/242-0693, Ext. 19; or place an order online at www.patc.net, or come on by the Headquarters sales office at 118 Park Street in Vienna, Va., to get yours.

The Single Copy Retail Price is \$5.50 (\$4.40 for PATC members). Add 4.5 percent tax for shipments to Virginia, and \$2.00 for mailings under \$10.00 or \$4.00 for mailings over \$10.00.

Get ready for the AT Conference, July 25-August 1

Planning is underway for the 34th Biennial Meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference, scheduled for July 25-August 1, 2003, in Waterville Valley in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Check out the Web site at www.atc2003.org for more information on this opportunity. □

DC Youths are Treated to the Outdoors

Forty-five inner city teenagers will be the recipients of a weekend designed to foster their appreciation for the outdoors, introduce wilderness skills and safety, and to have FUN. This program was developed jointly by PATC and the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation. For each outing fifteen teenagers, with adult volunteers, will spend the weekend at Blackburn Trail Center and hike on the nearby AT. They will then share the history of nearby Harper's Ferry, Jefferson's Rock, and PATC's Highacre. As with any cabin experience, all participants will have responsibilities to share in the chores, cleanup, and cooking.

This program is designed as a learning experience, as well as a reward program, for inner-

city youth who have shown accomplishment. According to Mickey McDermott, who is spearheading this effort, "the program has generated a lot of excitement for the the inner city teenagers, the DC government, and PATC. This is a program that PATC has been trying to get off the ground for over five years." Corporate and academic sponsors/partners, as well as other hiking organizations' support are being sought and some have already expressed interest in contributing to this project.

The first weekend is scheduled for May 31-June 1, 2003. Additional weekends are scheduled for July 19-20, and August 16-17. To volunteer or for more information, contact Mickey at patcvolunteer@PATC.net. □

—Mickey McDermott

Book Review: "Walkin' on the Happy Side of Misery, A Slice of Life on the AT"

'Walkin' on the Happy Side of Misery, A Slice of Life on the Appalachian Trail, by J.R. "Model-T" Tate, Xlibris Publishing Corp., soft-cover, \$28.00.

Although hardly in the same league with the AAT hiking classics (such as Earl Shafer's *Walking With Spring* and Ed Garvey's *Appalachian Hiker*), Tate's tome offers pleasant reading for 2,000-milers as well as wannabes. It is a highly personal, often humorous narrative of his successful 1990 thru-hike, the first of three.

In addition to the usual moose, bear, deer, and mice of the trail, Tate reports seeing timber rattlesnakes and a cougar along the route. He falls in bull manure and nearly drowns in a rolling creek.

The retired Marine Corps officer presents realistic, engrossing portraits of the diverse thru-hikers who joined him for much of his journey and adds an epilogue to chronicle what happened to them after the trail. He clearly kept up with fellow hikers afterward.

Some of the peaks that Tate calls difficult seemed easy for this reviewer, and vice versa. Such perceptions depend on different physical, emotional, and meteorological conditions at the time of each person's ascent. But few would disagree with his characterization of the infamous boulder-strewn mile of Maine's

Mahoosuc Notch as a "nightmarish obstacle course." The happy side of misery is properly balanced with the long-distance hiker's companions of hunger, pain, and diarrhea.

Tate's incessant dialogues with his alter ego, including mutual name-calling, and repeated references to his wife's withering stare (THE LOOK), may turn off some readers. The account would probably have been better without them. By compensation, "Model-T" is a master of simile, employing such apt phrases as "hypothermia began its snake-like coiling around my mind," that he felt like "a flyspeck on life's window pane," rain came "like a scared virgin," Long Creek Falls (Georgia) was "roaring louder than a dozen lions," and "summer pounced like a hot tiger." He also records some apt aphorisms about the trail.

It's not clear why Model-T calls "duct tape" "duck tape" on each reference. There is a graphic description of its use for wart removal.

There is a factual discrepancy (perhaps merely a typographical error) in the author's passage through PATC territory. He says Mary's Rock in Shenandoah National Park is 2,300 feet above the cloverleaf at Thornton Gap, when in reality it is only 1,300 feet.

Tate's warm, earthy account contains a score of black and white photographs; it would benefit from an index. □

—Reviewed by George Meek

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Charlottesville Chapter

The Charlottesville Chapter hikes every Saturday; summer, winter, and in between. Hikes are usually 8 to 10 miles. We usually maintain trails 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. The majority of hikes are in the southern and central districts of Shenandoah National Park, with some in the north district and in George Washington National Forest. Our Chapter hikes are posted at www.patc.net/chapters/char/hikes.html. INFO: Jere Bidwell 434/295-2143 or John Shannon 434/293-2953.

North Chapter

The North Chapter of PATC conducts monthly trail work trips on the Maryland and Pennsylvania sections of the 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 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@innet.net) 717/794-2855. For general chapter information, contact chapter president Pete Brown or visit the North Chapter home page: www.patc.net/chapters/north/.

Chapters

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 Lee Sheaffer, (thumpers@visuallink.com) 540/955-0736.

Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Please refer to our Web site at www.ssvc.org or the one linked to the PATC Web site for descriptions of hikes and work trips. We usually hike in the southern and central districts of the SNP and in the GWNF. Contact the listed hike leader for information about a specific event, or contact Michael Seth 540/438-1301 for more information.

West Virginia Chapter

Chapter meetings at Highacre are on the second Wednesday of Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., and Dec. See Forecast for upcoming activities. For information about the chapter or to receive the newsletter, contact Judy Smoot 540/667-2036 or e-mail wvpatc@hotmail.com.

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: Steve Brickel 301/946-2520 or sbrickel@erols.com.

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 armchair types – we all enjoy climbing in its many varieties. We also share common interests 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 wanting 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 Andy Britton, (tallandyb@aol.com) 703/622-1920, or (MackMuir@edisaurus.com).

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 Club 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. The schedule of West Virginia Highland Conservancy outings in the Monongahela National Forest and surrounding areas is on their web site at www.wvhighlands.org.

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 www.patc.net/activities/forecast.html.

-  Hiking Trips
-  Backpacking Trips
-  Trail Work Trips
-  Cabin/Shelter Work Trips
-  Special Events
-  Meetings
-  Classes

Note to all hike leaders: Please ask non-members 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

Meetings

Meetings are held at PATC HQ, 118 Park Street, S.E., Vienna, VA unless otherwise noted.

New Members (PATC) – First Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Curious about the Club? Want to learn more? The best way is to attend a New Members meeting (but you don't have to be new to qualify). Attend the meeting and find the mysteries of PATC revealed in full. Refreshments will be served. Directions to PATC: Take Rt. 23 into Vienna, Va. and turn east on Park St. (Rt.675) to 118 Park St. on your left. INFO: Jane Thompson 301/565-6704 x208.

Mountaineering Section – Second Wednesday

8:00 p.m. – We meet every month unless noted in the Forecast. INFO: Mack Muir (MackMuir@edisaurus.com) 703/960-1697 or PATC's Web site: www.patc.net/chapters/mtn_sect.

Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group

Business meeting – Last Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. INFO: Zeb Whitaker (zw@tdcarchitects.com) 703/255-5034, then press #5.

PATC Council – Second Tuesday

7:00 p.m. sharp. The PATC Council meets every month to conduct business of the Club and once a year for a Dinner meeting. All members are welcome. Come see how we make decisions about your Club. INFO: Wilson Riley (wriley@patc.net) 703/242-0693 x11.

Trail Patrol – First Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Trail Patrol volunteers are PATC's goodwill trail ambassadors to the hiking public. They provide a visible, reassuring presence on the trails, educating the public on good hiking practices, minimum impact hiking, and camping ethics. Patrol members are trained in land navigation, emergency procedures, radio communications, and personal equipment. All patrol volunteers are also expected to become certified in a recognized basic first aid course. Some equipment and uniform items are provided upon completion of training. INFO: Kumait Jawdat 202/328-8137 or see our section in PATC's Web site: www.patc.net/volunteer/trailpatrol.

June

1 (Sunday)

DEADLINE - July Potomac Appalachian Headquarters, Vienna, VA

5:00 p.m. All items for the next issue of the newsletter due. Send Forecast events to PA-Forecast@patc.net and all other articles to PA@patc.net.

1 (Sunday)

SPECIAL EVENT - 25+ Year Members PATC Headquarters, Vienna, VA

The Club is having a party for our long-time members on Sunday, June 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at PATC Headquarters. This will be exclusively for those who joined the Club 25 years or more ago. We are planning a fun afternoon for folks to see old friends, tour the Club HQ, look and laugh over old photos and have refreshments. Hope to see you then. Shuttle service from the Vienna Metro stop will be available from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and from Headquarters at the end of the party. Look for a member with a PATC sign. INFO: Pat Fankhauser at 703/242-0693, Extension 17.

3 (Tuesday)

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

3 (Tuesday)

HIKE - Vigorous Hikers Shenandoah National Park, VA

Begin with the scenic ascent up Little Devil Stairs, then connect to the Sugarloaf Trail to inspect the Laurel in season, join the AT to the Tuscarora, the Elkwallow Trail, the AT then descend via the Piney Branch Trail and the Hull School Trail for 4000 feet and 17 miles. INFO: Chris Nolen (chrishiker@erols.com) 301/469-8931.

4 (Wednesday)

CLASS - Kid's Outdoor Adventure (REI) Bailey's Crossroads, VA

7:30 p.m. Join REI's outdoor adventurers and explore some great places to take kids camping and some sure-fire exciting outdoor adventures for kids of all ages. We'll explore great spots from the mountains to the ocean, how to get started, necessary and helpful gear, camp safety, fun food, cool wildlife, and the art of sleeping in a tent. Join us for some great fun and bring the kids. INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

4 (Wednesday)

HIKE - Easy Hikers Jug Bay, Patuxent River Park, MD

Approx. 5 mile hike. Meet at 10:15 in parking lot near Park office. Hike preceded by 1 1/2 hour river cruise on the "Otter" with Park naturalist. Capacity 20 passengers. Reserve early. Directions: Beltway (I-495), Exit 11, go southeast on Pennsylvania Avenue (MD Rt.4) 6.2 miles to cut-off for Crain Highway. Bear right 0.2 mile to Park, then shortly left 1.8 miles to MD Rt. 301, ease right 0.6 mile to Croom Road (MD. Rt. 382), turn left 2.1 miles to Croom Airport Road, left again 2.1 miles to Park entrance road, and left once more to parking lot just beyond Visitor's Center. Total mileage 15.6 miles from Beltway. Bring lunch and water. INFO/RSVP: Suzanne or John Kominski 703/751-3026.

4 (Wednesday)

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

5 (Thursday)

HIKE - In-Between Hike Glen Echo, MD

Glen Echo, Cabin John Creek and C&O Canal Towpath. Joint hike with Sierra Club, MWROP. A moderate/fast 9 miles. From beltway (I495) exit 41. Follow Clara Barton Parkway east where it will merge onto Cabin John Parkway. Go to Cabin John exit, left over bridge, right on MacArthur Boulevard and 1 mile to Glen Echo Park entrance. At end, ride Carousel and visit Clara Barton House. Start at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Bring water/lunch. No pets. INFO: Henri Comeau (henricomeau@aol.com) 703/451-7965.

7 (Saturday)

CLASS - Kids in Tents/Kids in bags (REI) Bailey's Crossroads, VA

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Successful family camping adventures depend on food kids like, fun things to do, and a cool, but familiar place to rest and sleep. Getting kids, especially young children, acquainted with tents and sleeping bags before you go is a great way to make the adventure and the outdoors more exciting and less scary. Special personal camp pillows and stuffed camp "friends" are also great for getting kids to sleep. Bring the kids and get acquainted with tents and sleeping bags, night sounds, and fun activities like a sleeping bag stuffing contest. INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

7 (Saturday)

HIKE - Seneca Creek Greenway (REI) Damascus, MD

Celebrate National Trails Day by doing 12-14-mile hike on new section of Montgomery county's most scenic stream-valley trail, with optional pause at turn-around spot to help volunteer crew clear another trail section. To carpool, meet at 9:00 a.m. at Garage Office sign in Shady Grove Metro station's parking garage. INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

7 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - National Trails Day Seneca Creek, Damascus, MD

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join REI, MNCPPC, and the Seneca Creek Greenway Trail Coalition for a trail construction project. We'll be pushing north from Huntmaster Rd. toward the link with Magruder Branch. Finishing this segment will open up a continuous 30-mile trail from Damascus, Md. to the Potomac River at Riley's Lock on the C&O Towpath. Volunteers need to bring water, lunch, and work gloves. Any tools would be welcome. The work will include clearing corridor, some tread work and waterbars, invasive plant removal and blazing. INFO/RSVP: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400 or respond to senecatrail.org Web site.

HELP US GET FORECAST EVENTS RIGHT!

Send in your correctly formatted event (Date, type of event, location [city/county and state], description [including a member contact, phone, and e-mail contact]), before 5:00 p.m. on the first of the month before the publication, to: PA-Forecast@patc.net



7 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - South Mountaineers Appalachian Trail, MD

The Trail House of Frederick, MD is sponsoring the South Mountaineer's National Trails Day event for the third consecutive year. Thanks to owners Clyde and Gerry Hicks for their support of PATC. Join us for work on the trail and a hearty meal and social event in the park afterwards. INFO: Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) 301/461-7048.



7 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP Rock Creek Park, Washington, DC

8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There can't be a better way to celebrate National Trails Day than coming to Rock Creek Park for some trail work. Meet at the Rock Creek Nature Center. INFO: Mark Anderson (dc.trails@verizon.net) 202/462-7718 or Ranger Ken Ferebee 202/895-6221.



7 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - Yankee Clippers Appalachian Trail, PA

Set a good example and join the Yankee Clippers trail crew for a National Trails Day weekend work trip. Meet at US 30 and PA 233 at the parking lot of Caledonia State Park. Departure 9:00 a.m. sharp. INFO: Pete Brown (peter.brown4@worldnet.att.net) 410/343-1140.



7 (Saturday)

SPECIAL EVENT - PATC National Trails Day - Dickey Ridge Visitor's Center Shenandoah National Park, VA

Trail Patrol is sponsoring an all-day event (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) in the Shenandoah National Park with workshops that showcase such PATC activities as hiking and hike leadership, backpacking, Leave No Trace, trail building and maintenance, mountain rescue, safety in the outdoors and many others. Designed for both beginners and experienced outdoorsmen and women, the event will also feature hikes for people with a wide variety of experience and interests, including natural history, cultural history, botany, hiking for children, hiking for beginners and long-distance hiking (see boxed announcement, page 1). INFO: Kumait Jawdat (Kumait@jawdat.com) 202/328-8137 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or weekends).

7 - 8 (Saturday - Sunday)

CLASS - OVERSEER WORKSHOP Shenandoah National Park, VA

Blue and White Crew & National Park Service. We will celebrate the Annual Spring Overseer Workshop. The workshop will be held at the Pinnacles Research Station. Participants may arrive on Friday evening to set up camp. The workshop starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and ends after lunch on Sunday. The registration fee is \$20 and covers dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. INFO: Kerry Snow (kerrysnow@comcast.net) 301/570-0596 or check the registration/info page at www.blueandwhitecrew.org.

10 (Tuesday)

HIKE - Vigorous Hikers Shenandoah National Park, VA

Another opportunity to view Laurel in Season, by ascending to Bear Church Rock, continuing to Cat Knob, returning on the Fork Mountain, Staunton River Trail with options up to 18 miles and 4300 feet of elevation gain. INFO: Chris Nolen (chrishiker@erols.com) 301/469-8931.

10 (Tuesday)

MEETING - PATC Council, 7:00 p.m.

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11 (Wednesday)

👤 **HIKE - Easy Hikers**
Great Falls Park, VA

5-miles hike in the park. Bring lunch, water and your Golden Age Passport or pay entrance fee. We will meet at 10:15 a.m. in the parking lot next to the visitors' center. Directions: take Georgetown Pike at exit 44 from the Capital Beltway towards Great Falls. Turn right at the 1st stoplight into the Park. INFO: Sigrid Crane (introibo@worldnet.att.net) 703/938-0954.

11 (Wednesday)

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

11 (Wednesday)

👤 **MEETING - West Virginia Chapter, 7:00 p.m.**

High Acre House, Harpers Ferry, WV

Judy Smoot (wvpatc@hotmail.com) 540/667-2036; or Dave Jordahl (dave.jordahl@askdep.com) 301/834-7729.

14 (Saturday)

👤 **CLASS - Water Filtration Demo (REI)**

Bailey's Crossroads, VA

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You never know what's in the water ... so you'd better remove it! Whether you're traveling overseas or just over the mountain, come in and discover what's necessary to avoid water-borne pathogens, try out various filters and enjoy a cool drink with REI's outdoor specialists. INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

14 (Saturday)

👤 **CLASS - Camp Cookery Clinic, Food Demo (REI)**
Bailey's Crossroads, VA

2:00 p.m. The weather can be lousy and the trail can be tough, but good hot food can save the day, and make a good outdoor adventure into a great one. REI's resident outdoor chef, Phil Caridi, will discuss and demonstrate preparation of some great recipes for base camp, backpacking, and light and fast packing. Phil will emphasize great taste, simple preparation, and quick clean-up. The clinic will be followed by a food tasting and recipe swap. So bring your appetites and your favorite recipes! INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

14 (Saturday)

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

Enjoy gardening? This is on a much grander scale. Enjoy the camaraderie of other volunteers in the woods, making a difference and getting away from the city. INFO: Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) 301/461-7048.

14 - 15 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **TRAIL WORK TRIP - Cadillac Crew**
Shockeys Knob, VA

Near Gainesboro west of Winchester. Join the Cadillac Crew as we work to reopen a trail from High Rocks in the Sleepy Creek WMA to the old Tuscarora Trail. Some work may still be needed to assist the construction of a shelter on Shockeys Knob. Community dinner on Saturday night. Overnight at Brill Cabin. INFO: Fran Keenan (outdoorsnow@cox.net) 703/938-3973 or Jon Rindt (jkrindt@shentel.net) 540/635-6351.

14 - 15 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **TRAIL WORK TRIP - Pass Mountain**
Shenandoah National Park, VA

Come join the overseers and District Manager as we take our annual whack at the persistent briars and weeds on the AT between Beahms Gap and Thornton Gap. A portion of this chronically overgrown section is in Wilderness. Overnight at Range

View Cabin for all who are interested. The DM will prepare a special treat for dinner. Bring gloves, water, loppers, weeders and appropriate weather gear. INFO: John McCreaj (mccreaj@aol.com) 610/352-9287.

17 (Tuesday)

👤 **HIKE - Vigorous Hikers**
Long Mountain, WV

16-mile out-and-back hike from Bucktail intersection of Long Mountain Trail to Rockcliff Lake (maybe a swim?) INFO: Cliff Noyes (cliff.noyes@juno.com) 703/451-5181.

18 (Wednesday)

👤 **CLASS - Trekking Solu Khumbu (REI)**
Bailey's Crossroads, VA

Everest Base Camp and Everyman's Summit: Kala Patar 7:30 p.m. Nepal is a country of amazing contrasts. Lowland jungles in the south rise to hills and fertile valleys around Kathmandu. From here the land rises to high, dry ranges and on to the snow capped peaks that include most of the top ten highest points on Earth. And while ascending Everest is obviously not for everyone, anyone in reasonable health can experience the adventure of a lifetime, trekking through Lukla, Namche and Thyang Boche in the shadow of Ama Dablam, and on to Everest Base Camp and an ascent of Kala Patar. Come along for an evening's trek with Dr. Glenn Goelhood, physician, world traveler and great story-teller, through the amazing land and cultures of Nepal. INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

18 (Wednesday)

👤 **HIKE - Easy Hikers**
Mason Neck, VA

Meet at 10:15 a.m. at Woodmarsh Trail. Hike about 4 easy miles in Mason Neck Wildlife Refuge and Mason Neck State Park. From beltway, take RT 611, Telegraph Road south. At 9.6 miles, stay in the middle lane marked by straight ahead arrow, to cross RT 1 and continue on RT 611, now called Colchester Road. After 1.8 miles, turn left on Gunston Road. Go 3.7 miles to right turn at sign for Mason Neck State Park. Go 0.6 mile to parking for Woodmarsh Trail on left. Bring lunch and binoculars if you wish; we may see eagles. Call if weather is doubtful. INFO: John and Suzanne Kominski 703/751-3026.

20 - 22 (Friday - Sunday)

👤 **BACKPACKING TRIP - Bushwhacking**
Spruce Knob, WV

Ever wondered what lay beyond the trail's end? Or how about the "abandoned trail" listing on an older map? Come find out as we bushwhack through spruce and laurel, trying to find our own hidden Shangri-La. Strenuous. This trip is located on the highest mountain in WV, near Cass, WV. INFO: Susan Bly (sbly@shepherd.edu) 304/258-3319 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

21 (Saturday)

👤 **CLASS - Backpacking: Light & Fast (REI)**
Bailey's Crossroads, VA

11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Appalachian Trail through-hiker, Joe Rhoten believes in "going light" in order to cover more ground with less effort, and enjoy more. The first thing he does when planning a hike is ask, "What can I live/hike without?" Join Joe for an exploration of "What do I really need to hike with?" Joe will cover stoves, hiking poles, boots, backpacks, clothing, sleeping bags. Joe will also discuss water and food preparation, first aid, trail hygiene, and where and how to camp and re-supply. INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

21 (Saturday)

👤 **HIKE - Appalachian Trail in northern Virginia**
Manassas Gap, VA

Fourth section of the northern Virginia series hikes. Ashby Gap to Manassas Gap, approximately 12 miles. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Manassas Gap to set up shuttles. INFO: Dave Jordahl (dave.jordahl@askdep.com) 301/834-7729.

21 (Saturday)

👤 **TRAIL WORK TRIP - Acme Treadway Crew**
Great Falls, VA

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Join the Potomac Heritage Trail folks and PATC's ACME Treadway crew for a day of trail rebuilding - waterbars/checkdams - at beautiful Mather Gorge just downstream from Great Falls. Possible dinner afterwards. Meet at Great Falls (Virginia side) Visitor Center parking lot with good shoes and water. INFO: Bruce Glendening (bglendening@yahoo.com) 202/267-8011.

21 (Saturday)

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

The tenth of 19 South Mountaineers work events this year. Join our volunteer crew, enjoy the peace of the woods and go home happy if tired. INFO: Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) 301/461-7048.

21 (Saturday)

👤 **TRAIL WORK TRIP - Yankee Clippers Trail**
Crew

Tuscarora Trail, PA

For meeting place and other details, call or e-mail Pete Brown (peter.brown4@worldnet.att.net) 410/343-1140.

21 - 22 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **CLASS - Trail Patrol Training**
Glass House, Fort Valley, VA

This weekend course teaches the fundamental skills for joining the team that patrols, monitors and helps hikers along PATC's 1,000 miles of trails. Training topics include land navigation, Leave No Trace, equipment and clothing, how to communicate with hikers (scenario-based training), radio skills and Trail Patrol duties. Pre-registration required. INFO: Dave Paxton (explorewilderness@yahoo.com) 304/344-0429 (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. evenings or weekends).

21-22 (Saturday - Sunday)

👤 **TRAIL WORK TRIP - North District Hoodlums**
North District, Shenandoah National Park, VA

Mediterranean - Buon giorno! Come and join the Hoodlums for a day of trail work and be rewarded afterwards with a sampling of the culinary delights of the Mediterranean region! The Hoodlums Trail Crew works on the AT in the North District of SNP, building rock steps and log waterbars, and engaging in similar other down-and-dirty treadwork chores by day, but after a good day's work, the crew settles down afterwards to enjoy the fruits of their labor in grand fashion via the theme meal and festivities at a facility within the park. No trail work experience is necessary and newcomers are always welcome. Come for the day, stay for the evening meal, camp out overnight in SNP - lots of options. What a way to spend a weekend! We meet at Piney River Ranger Station, MP 22 on Skyline Drive, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Please reserve by mid-week prior. INFO/RSVP: George Walters (gjwalters@starpower.net) 410/426-2724.

21 - 22 (Saturday - Sunday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - Shenandoah Bartenders Central District - Shenandoah National Park, VA
Learn how you can improve your tennis game training with a weed whip! Join us on Ridge Trail, and on the AT on Stonyman. Come prepared with the essentials, especially long pants. Plan on a dip in Broken Back Run. Overnighters will be tenting out, but Sunday breakfast will be at Skyland Lodge. INFO: Cathie Cummins 703/631-7421.

22 (Sunday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - Gambrill State Park. Gambrill State Park, Frederick County, MD
Continuation of ongoing trail maintenance and relocation projects from last year on the Black Locust trail. Also, correction labels need to be placed onto hiking trail maps. Free trail maps to those who participate in putting labels on the maps. Meet at the Nature Center at 11:00 a.m. INFO: Dave Jordahl (dave.jordahl@askdep.com) 301/834-7729.

24 (Tuesday)

HIKE - Vigorous Hikers Southern District - SNP, VA
Brown Mountain Overlook - Brown Mountain Trail, Big Run Portal Trail, Patterson Ridge Trail, AT, 13 mi. 3000 ft. with options for longer hike. INFO: Chris Nolen (chrishiker@erols.com) 301/469-8931.

24 (Tuesday)

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

25 (Wednesday)

CLASS - Stove Operation, Maintenance (REI) Bailey's Crossroads, VA
7:30 p.m. Cold food is just fine, unless ... it was meant to be hot; the weather is rainy and cold; you're tired and hungry from a long day's hike; you're the cook and your companions won't accept cold food. ... Nope. Cold food just won't do, so you need to operate and maintain your stove efficiently. Join REI's experienced stove mechanics for an evening of getting acquainted with stove design, operation and home and field maintenance. We'll cover liquid fuel and canister fuel models and their particular advantages, operation and ease of maintenance. INFO: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

25 (Wednesday)

HIKE - Easy Hikers Seneca Creek State Park, Gaithersburg, MD
About 5 varied miles over rolling terrain. No pets allowed. Bring drinking water. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot at 10:15 a.m. From the Beltway, exit to I-270 N. After about 7 mi. (at the exit for Rt. 370), move into the local lanes. Stay in the center of the 3 lanes. After the right-hand lane has disappeared and re-appeared, move into the right-hand lane. Take the next exit (for Rt. 124 West and Rt. 117 West); this is about 3 mi. after the move into the local lanes. Follow the signs for Rt. 117, which becomes Clopper Rd. (and is still Rt. 117). After 2.1 mi., turn left into the inconspicuous park entrance. After 0.1 mi., turn right toward the Visitor Center. In 0.1 mi., park at the end of the road. Since this is our last walk until September, we will lunch at Roy's Place in Gaithersburg after the hike. INFO: Sue King 703/356-6659.

28 (Saturday)

HIKE - K9 Trailblazers Ellicott City, MD
Daniels area of Patapsco Valley SP. We'll hike at a moderate pace through the woods and along the Patapsco River taking in the natural and historic sites along the way. The hike will be about 6 miles over mostly flat terrain with some moderate climbs at the

start. This is a joint hike with K9 Trailblazers, so well behaved dogs are welcome as long as you keep them leashed and scoop after them. Maps, chocolate, and dog biscuits provided at the trailhead. Bring snacks and water for you and your dog. Visit www.k9trailblazers.org for further details. INFO: Jeff Bolognese (jbolognese@k9trailblazers.org) 410/247-4434.

28 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - Rock Creek Park Washington, DC
8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Get in a trip before the Dog Days of summer hit. Meet at the Rock Creek Nature Center. Contact: Mark Anderson (dc.trails@verizon.net) 202/462-7718 or Ranger Ken Ferebee 202/895-6221.

28 - 29 (Saturday - Sunday)

CLASS - Land Navigation (REI) Bailey's Crossroads, VA
10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. This comprehensive two-day course teaches all skills necessary to use map and compass in an integrated land navigation system. The first day is spent in intensive classroom exercises concentrating on map reading and interpretation, position plotting, compass fundamentals, declination and azimuth. The second day is spent in Prince William Forest Park, primarily off-trail, engaging in practical navigation exercises of increasing complexity. The course fee is \$85 and includes workbook text, course materials, compass, map, grid reader, and lunch on Saturday. INFO/RSVP: Mark Nelson (mnelson@rei.com) 703/379-9400.

28 - 29 (Saturday - Sunday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - Cadillac Crew Schairer Trail Center, VA
Near Elkton. Get views at Schairer and we hope to make them better. Join the Crew for some clearing projects on the Firestone Tract to include clearing around the Eaton Hollow Cabin currently under renovation. Community dinner on Saturday night. Overnight at Schairer Cabin. INFO: Fran Keenan (outdoorsnow@cox.net) 703/938-3973 or Jon Rindt (jrindt@shentel.net) 540/635-6351.

July

1 (Tuesday)

DEADLINE - August Potomac Appalachian Headquarters, Vienna, VA
5:00 p.m. All items for the next issue of the newsletter due. Send Forecast events to PA-Forecast@patc.net and all other articles to PA@patc.net.

1 (Tuesday)

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

2 (Wednesday)

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

8 (Tuesday)

MEETING - PATC Council, 7:00 p.m.

9 (Wednesday)

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

12 (Saturday)

HIKE - Appalachian Trail Waynesboro, VA
Rocky Mountain/Chimney Rocks section. Caledonia State Park to Old Forge Picnic area. 10.7 miles-moderate hike, elevation 1100 ft. This section of the AT will go past the Rocky Mountain with views of the small town of South Mountain. At Chimney Rocks one will be able to look east and see the

Waynesboro Reservoir. We will descend the mountain and go past Tumbling Run shelters and end up at the picnic grounds at the Old Forge. Meet at 10:00 am at Caledonia State Park. INFO: Christopher Firm (bncfirme@innet.net) 717/794-2855.

12 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - South Mountaineers Appalachian Trail, MD
If you like it warm, come out for this event and bring plenty of water. Some of our best work is done with sweat on our brows, moving rocks or weeding. INFO: Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) 301/461-7048.

12 - 13 (Saturday - Sunday)

CLASS - Hike Leadership Training Prince William Forest Park, VA
See ad on page 14 for more details about this course. INFO: Ben Fernandez (www.trailpatrol.patc.net) 703/327-9788.

12 - 13 (Saturday-Sunday)

CLASS - Wilderness First Aid Alexandria, VA
A program of the Wilderness Safety Council, this eighteen-hour class includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification. The cost is \$140. Registration is limited to 25 people. More information and registration at: <http://wfa.net>. INFO: Christopher Tate 703/836-8905

12 - 13 (Saturday - Sunday)

SPECIAL EVENT - PATC'S Annual Barbeque Blackburn Trail Center, Round Hill, VA
Come join us for a day of hiking, arts and craft activities for the kids, relaxing on the porch, and the best BBQ, some say, outside of Texas! Besides bringing good people together to enjoy great food, hiking, and the wonderful views from Blackburn, this event seeks to find new members as well as to raise funds for the Club. See page 5 in this PA for more information or contact: Caren or Blaine Robinson (imshemish@aol.com) 703/560-1361 before 9:00 p.m.

12 - 13 (Saturday - Sunday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - Cadillac Crew Comus, MD
Join the crew as we work on the Northern Peaks Trail on Sugarloaf Mountain. Erosion control and tread repair are needed on this popular, heavily used trail. Community dinner on Saturday night. Overnight at Thompson's house near Leesburg. INFO: Trudy Thompson (going2home2@yahoo.com) 703/938-3973 or Jon Rindt (jrindt@shentel.net) 540/635-6351.

13 (Sunday)

HIKE - AT Rattlesnake Run Pen Mar Park, MD
Old Forge Picnic area to Pen Mar Park-7.2 miles-moderate hike, elevation 700 ft. We will hike past the Deer Lick Shelters on our way to Pen Mar Park. Since it is a Sunday, as we cross Falls Creek we should be able to hear the band playing at the park. We will have views to the west from this park to be seen by all. Meet at 10:00 am at Pen Mar Park. INFO: Christopher Firm (bncfirme@innet.net) 717/794-2855.

19 (Saturday)

TRAIL WORK TRIP - Rock Creek Park Washington, DC
8:15 a.m. to noon. This is the only July work trip in Rock Creek Park. We take all comers. Meet at the Rock Creek Nature Center. INFO: Mark Anderson (dc.trails@verizon.net) 202/462-7718 or Ranger Ken Ferebee at 202/895-6221.

FORECAST

29 (Tuesday)

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

28, August 2 - 3 (Monday, Saturday - Sunday)
CLASS - Leave No Trace

PATC Headquarters and SNP, VA

Leave No Trace Trainers Course will be held in a two-part series. The classroom instruction (introduction and planning) will be held Monday evening 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. The field experience will be a backpacking trip in the SNP. Instructors are LNT Masters from Trail Patrol. Goals: enhance LNT skills and ethics, and teach others the principles and practices of LNT. Pre-registration is required, space is limited, Fee: \$20, INFO: Anniell Miller (amill1@yahoo.com) 703/250-8113. □

PATC Trail Patrol

Presents

Leave No Trace Trainers Course

July 28 (classroom) and
August 2-3 (backpacking)

This course is designed for those who want to learn more about Leave No Trace (LNT) and want to help others better understand their impact on the backcountry. You will have opportunities in the indoor and outdoor classroom to learn more about LNT skills and ethics, to practice your LNT skills, and to gain confidence in helping others understand LNT.

After completing the course you will be certified as an LNT trainer. It is our hope that you will be willing to give LNT presentations to community groups if your schedule permits.

Indoor classroom instruction:

Monday, July 28, 2003
7:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

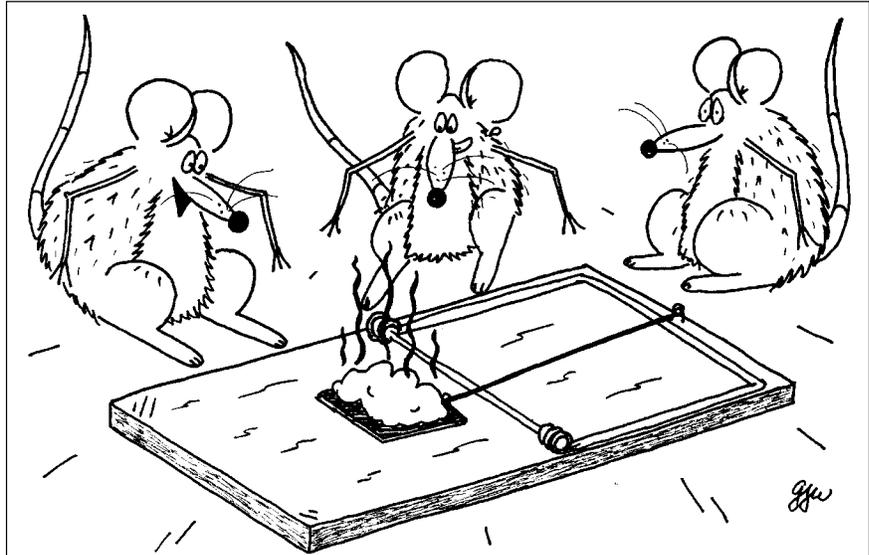
Outdoor Instruction:

(low-mileage backpacking weekend):
Sat. - Sun. Aug. 2-3, 2003
Shenandoah National Park

Fee: \$20 (non-refundable)

For more information or to register (required), please e-mail Anniell Miller at amill1@yahoo.com or call 703/250-8113 (before 11:00 p.m.)

Tails from the Woods by George Walters



"Oooo!... FRESH PEANUT BUTTER!!... CARL, YOU CAN HAVE FIRST DIBS!... ME N' ERNIE WILL GO SECOND!"

PATC Trail Patrol Presents Hike Leadership Training

July 12 and 13, 2003

The Trail Patrol is hosting a Hike Leadership Training course on July 12 and 13 at Prince William Forest Park. The two-day course uses classroom and hands-on instruction to teach participants the essential skills for leading safe, enjoyable hikes with minimal environmental impact.

The topics to be covered include: Medical Emergencies, Planning, Personal Equipment, Leave No Trace, Leadership Skills, Standard Procedures, Emergency Procedures, and Navigation and Map Reading.

For more information, contact Ben Fernandez at 703/327-9788 or go to our Web site: www.trailpatrol.patc.net

Thanks, Trail House

For the third consecutive year, The Trail House of Frederick, Md., is sponsoring the South Mountaineers' National Trails Day event on June 7. This year's event will be at Washington Monument State Park in Boonsboro, Md., beginning at 9:00 a.m.; come one, come all. The day will involve trail work with a social hour and a full catered meal afterwards. If interested, bring plenty of water, hiking boots, and gloves.

The Trail House, located at 17 S. Market St. in Frederick, Md., is western Maryland's premier outfitter. The Trail House can also be found online at www.trailhouse.com. A long-standing partner with PATC on and off the trails, The Trail House offers PATC Overseers a 15 percent discount on their order upon presentation of the Overseer card.

The South Mountaineers are grateful for the continued support from the Trail House and hope to extend this special relationship for many years to come. □

—Rick Cantor

2003 Maryland Governor's Volunteer
and Service award winner

(Thank you Tammy and Dan for the nomination!)

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NOTICES

NEW NOTICES

HELP WANTED: Help is needed for a new project at the Blackburn Trail Center. Work includes electrical, plumbing, drywall and painting. Volunteers may stay at the Center while working on this project and work may be done on weekends or during the week. We would like to get this project finished as soon as possible. For info call Chris Brunton at 703/560-8070 or e-mail at trailbossbtc@msn.com

FOUND: at the Glass House on April 21, a backpacking item (too generic to describe further). Contact Dan at 703/742-7993 or ZootSuit@comcast.net to identify and claim.

FOUND: Watch found along a trail (not sure which) in Madison County, Va. The watch brand is Uptick and is silver tone. If you lost this, please call 301/229-2751.

HELP WANTED

CALLING ALL LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS AND TAX ATTORNEYS. Want to give something of value to the Club, but don't want to swing a Pulaski? Virginia has enacted a new law that permits donors of conservation easements to sell the tax credit and reap a substantial cash infusion. PATC owns property in Virginia that would be eligible for such a rebate. The Club needs you to help write the proposals that would help the Club save thousands of dollars. Contact: Phil Paschall (bettycox@erols.com), or phone 540/882-3027. But hurry – before the State changes its mind.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Hike to LeConte Lodge in Smoky Mountains. Two nights at the lodge for up to two persons: Sun. June 15 and Tues. June 17 (we normally stay at LeConte trail shelter on the Monday). I can provide a ride down and back from the Washington, DC area. The cost for the Lodge is \$82.75 per person per night (total of \$165.50 for one person, includes breakfast and dinner), the trail shelter is free. INFO: Michael Barrett (michaelbarrett@pkfamily.com) 301/474-1814.

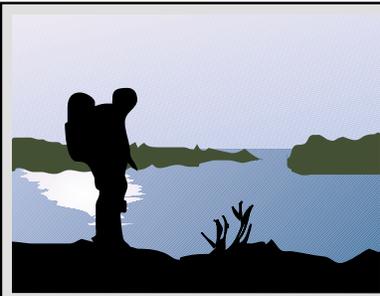
LOST AND FOUND

FOUND – CAMERA – Oct. 17, 2002, at Myron Glaser cabin, disposable camera with family pictures (including dog). Contact Stephanie at 301/270-5713 or georgeandsteph@erols.com.

FOUND – MOTOROLA TALKABOUT T6220 on Pond Run Section, Tuscarora Trail. Contact Glenn at 703/448-0140 or gpalatini@erols.com.

HIKING EXCURSIONS

TERRAPIN STATION HOSTEL IS OPEN May 1-Sept 1, 2003. Located at 304 Chester Gap Road, Chester VA, Near AT going north, just before exiting SNP. Showers, laundry, morning shuttle to Front Royal. Call Mike Evans (gratefulgg@hotmail.com) 540/631-0777 or 540/539-0505 for more information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PA HELP WANTED: A volunteer is needed to attend monthly Council meetings and report via e-mail on the meeting. Please contact Linda at PA@patc.net.

EVENING DESK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work the Sales or Information desks once or twice a month 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will train you. Call Sales and Information Coordinator Annetta DePompa at 410/535-5171.

ALSO NEEDED:

NEED TO HIRE – PLUMBER. Need help at a PATC Cabin over a work weekend this summer. No pay, use your own tools, supply your own transportation, and bring money for your meals. If you finish the job on Saturday you will be allowed to use the commode and shower on Sunday. Contact Thomas C. Jorgensen (hairheart@aol.com) 540/456-4760.

DESPERATE - NEED A COOK for weekend work trips. We slackers will eat anything. Your duties are to buy food (we'll reimburse you), cook, take pictures at the site, clean up after meals. Sat. evening, Sun. morning, Sun. lunch. If you can take this job for one weekend, it would be a big help. It pays as all other volunteers on a worktrip, but I don't tongue-lash the cook the way I do laborers. Contact Thomas C. Jorgensen at hairheart@aol.com or call 540/456-4760.

PROJECT LEADERS / CONSTRUCTION Foremen, for info call Charlie Graf at: 410/757-6053 or e-mail cagraf@aol.com.

MEDICAL CHAIR VACANCY: If interested please contact Mickey McDermott at patcvolunteer@patc.net.

NOT INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS?

It takes a lot more than trail workers to keep the Club going! INFO: Wilson Riley, Wriley@patc.net or 703/242-0693, ext.11.

SALES OFFICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS please contact the Sales Coordinator, Maureen Estes, by either calling headquarters at 703/242-0693, ext. 19, or by e-mail at mestes@patc.net.

NEEDED: PEOPLE to help plan and conduct our Club events. If you are willing, please contact Susan Nelson, Supervisor of Membership (snelson@patc.net) 703/243-7867, or Pat Fankhauser at Club headquarters - 703/242-0693, Ext. 17, pfankhauser@patc.net.

DONATIONS WANTED

LAPTOP AND COMPUTER PROJECTOR NEEDED: PATC HQ needs a laptop computer and computer projector for presentations at conferences, meetings, and community gatherings. Projection at 1024 X 768 desired. If you work for a corporation which might make such a donation, contact Wilson Riley (wriley@patc.net).

CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES

DO YOU WANT TO BE A LANDOWNER along the AT? And have a home in the woods! Are you in a position to become a Conservation Buyer through the Appalachian Trail Conference Land Trust? Our program matches conservation buyers – people like you – with people who are selling land along the AT. You locate your home or cabin out of sight from the Trail. All we ask is that you donate a conservation easement on the rest of the property. A conservation easement “runs with the land;” that is, no present or future owner can develop it! AND, because an easement is an irrevocable gift of a property right, you get a nice income tax deduction equal to the value of the easement. Contact Bob Williams, Director of Land Trust Programs, at bwilliams@appalachiantrail.org, or at 304/535-6331, or write to P.O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

TRAIL OVERSEER OPPORTUNITIES

PATC OVERSEERS GET DISCOUNTS from the following merchants who support our volunteer programs: Blue Ridge Mountain Sports (Charlottesville, Tidewater) – 20%, Hudson Trail Outfitters (Metro DC) – 15%, The Trail House (Frederick, Md.) – 15%, Casual Adventures (Arlington, Va.) – 10%, Campmor (mail order via PATC HQ) – 10%, and Weasel Creek Outfitters in Front Royal – 10%. Check the back page of the PA for the latest trail, cabin, and shelter Overseer opportunities. 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.

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, at the discretion of the editor, unless we are otherwise advised. □

Trailhead

Snow hung around until well into March, so April became the month to clear winter blowdowns and debris. After being stuck inside while the ground was covered for over a month, trail maintainers welcomed the chance to escape their winter confines and check their trails to see what all those reported blowdowns were about. That being taken care of, they have to change gears and tools to attack the weeds that will certainly arrive in June, although weeds have gotten a slow start this year.

Blue and White Cleanup

April found the Blue and White Crew wrapping up business on the SNP Central District AT. Postponed from March, the crew finished the annual “sweep” of the trail, clearing over-winter blowdowns and deadfall. What started as a chilly, rainy morning turned into a beautiful day on the Blue Ridge. The crew split into six small groups, attacking small sections of the AT, as well as Sam’s Ridge Trail, the Cedar Run Trail and the Pocasin Hollow Trail. B&W Crosscut Special Ops were in charge of Sam’s Ridge and Cedar Run (both Wilderness Trails, where chainsaws are not allowed to drown out the roar of the Harleys on Skyline Drive). The crew retired to the Mutton Top Cabin for refurbishment and merry-making.

On Sunday, a small contingent of B&W trailbuilders joined mapmaker-extraordinaire Dave Pierce on the rapidly lengthening Entry Run Trail to measure the path for the upcoming edition of Map 10. The trail is moving in both directions from the Rosser Lamb Cabin, downhill toward John’s Rest and uphill toward the Pocasin Fire Road. Kudos to the Cadillac Crew for the beautifully built new tread and steps on the high ridge near the Lamb cemetery. Upcoming B&W events: Annual Overseer Workshop in June, Trail Crew Olympics in July, Chili-Fest ’03 in September, October Battle of the Scots and Poles (McLeods and Pulaskis), November Nude Rock-Grapppling Contest, and Gala Christmas-in-December Fest.

Crosscut Saws Singin’ in the Rain

PATC held a crosscut saw techniques course at Blackburn Trail Center the weekend of April 26, and true to the season, the showers fell. However, that didn’t stop the 10 stout souls (including one kilt-wearing thru-hiker)

The Blue and White Crew prepares to pull a large rootball off the trail.



Photo by Kerry Snow



Photo by Jon Ricard

Ed Brimberg’s typical springtime form on Massanutten Trail.

from braving the misty mountain. PATC District Manager Dan Dueweke provided the instruction on saw safety, binds, bucking, and maintenance, and he was determined to lecture as long as the rain was falling. However, he finally ran out of talk and proceeded to walk – out into the damp woods where every apprentice sawyer had a chance to practice what had been learned in class. Having bucked, underbucked, and notched both softwoods and hardwoods, the crew returned to Blackburn for a lasagna feast and a lively political discussion.

Sunday dawned crisp and clear, and the remaining crew hit the AT south of Snickers Gap in search of several reported blowdowns. It wasn’t long before some were found and readily dispatched. One sawyer – Karl Wilkerson – got a taste of how quick a newly sharpened crosscut saw could slice through an oak tree and was heard to exclaim, “Wow, I couldn’t have cut that tree any faster with a chainsaw.” And a sawyer was born.

Potomac Heritage Gains New Bridgehead

Work started by the Student Conservation Association (SCA) and finished by the Park Service ends with a new, short bridge along the Potomac Heritage Trail, taking trail users a bit further away from the George Washington Parkway.

On several gorgeous April spring days, two SCA crews helped cut kudzu, place stones in muddy areas, and construct the new bridge just below Chain Bridge. The new wooden bridge crosses a short gully and allows hikers to continue below the Potomac Palisades ridge, away from the fast-paced cars of the GW Parkway. Park Service personnel finished the bridge with materials left at the site, showing a cooperative attitude PATC is trying to encourage. Solid spring maintenance is now the order of the day.

The Streams Do Run

Judi Langenhorst (Overseer), Wayne Limberg, George Ivey, and Marilyn and Dick Dugan cleared Thornton River Trail down to

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Trailhead, from page 18

Hull School Trail on April 12. The cross-cutting was exercise enough but couldn't compare with the four stream crossings. It was quite an adventure! Streams were running real high, making the normal crossings impossible. Most of the crosscutters got pretty wet. The most fun was on the third crossing, where the team slowly inched its way across, sitting on a 15-inch log, while carrying crosscuts, packs, etc. The knots on that log are particularly memorable! Reports from a number of Overseers of blue-blazed trails indicate stream levels higher than they can remem-

ber ever seeing and some significant erosion where trail and stream have become one. (See page 7 for photos of this work-trip, and page 4 for photos of SNP waterfalls affected by the recent rains.)

Back on the Trails

After missing two work trips due to weather, the Cadillac Crew was finally back doing trail work in April. Using Blackburn Trail Center as a base of operations, the crew added a number of erosion-control devices on Phil Abruzzese's section of the AT north

See Trailhead, page 8



Trudy Thompson, Bill Ford, and Katherine Rindt digging tread on new trail at Tulip Tree Cabin.

In Memoriam

Carl Bock - PATC Member 1998-2003

My father-in-law, Carl Bock, passed away Mon April 26, 2003, while hiking in Greenbrier State Park in Maryland. Carl will be greatly missed by many. He was an avid outdoorsman, active in conservation, trails, and cabin preservation and restoration. He was a master carpenter and an acknowledged expert in his field of geology and tunnel engineering. Carl was very active and well-known in PATC's cabins restoration and shelter renovation and maintenance programs. Carl will be fondly and gratefully remembered by all those whose lives he touched. Carl was a joy to hike with. His ability to translate his knowledge of local history and geological formations into a story that could captivate and entertain was legend. I respected him and will miss him. Please make any remembrances to PATC or the Washington Area Woodworkers Guild.

—Chuck Webster

I knew Carl personally. He accompanied our expedition to Costa Rica three years ago, and I believe he had more fun than anyone else. He was a joy to be with – exuberant and gregarious and well liked by all. He participated in so many cabin and shelter work trips that no one knows how much he really contributed to the Club. Now he joins the ranks of volunteers who built PATC but have passed on. He will be missed. □

—Tom Johnson, PATC President

Margaret Lincicome - PATC Member 1947-2003

Margaret died on April 19. Peg hiked a lot and loved the AT. She was trail overseer jointly with Marie Schapp for a number of years. They oversaw 7.6 miles from Rockfish Gap to Jarman's Gap. Peg was a doctor of parasitology who was well-known nationally and internationally. □

—Carol Niedzialek

Volunteers – Appointed in April

Shelter Overseers

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| Clay Birkett | Rod Hollow Shelter |
| Alvin Black | Co-Overseer-Antietam Shelter |
| Ron Kutz | Co-Overseer-Wheel Shelter |

Trail Overseers

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| John Madison | Brown Rocky Mt Run Trail - Big Run Portal Trail to Rocky Mt.-Brown Mt. Trail |
| Devin Creamer | Furnace Mountain - Furnace Mountain Summit Trail to Trayfoot Mountain Trail |
| Cynthia & Mike Field | Crescent Rock Trail |
| Matthew Hora | Meneka Peak |
| George Jones | Massanutten Mt. South Trail-TV Tower Rd. (FR 375) to Pitt Spring |
| Mike Sowder | Entry Run Trail |
| Dick Peacock | Rockytop Trail – Co-Overseer [upper] |
| John Hlavac | Catlett Mt Trail – Co-Overseer |
| Garrett Farwell | Catlett Mt Trail – Co-Overseer, Brown Rocky Mt Run Trail - Big Run Portal Trail to Rocky Mt.-Brown Mt. Tr. |

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Trail, Shelter and Corridor Overseers / Monitors Wanted

Co-District Manager for DC Metro – MAP D
Rock Creek, Glover Archbold, Battery Kemble, Dumbarton
Oaks, Melvin Hazen & Soapstone Valley Parks

**Trail Overseer Openings. Contact the District Manager
for the section that interests you.**

HARPERS FERRY / ASHBY GAP AT & BB – MAP 7 & 8

Call Chris Brunton, 703/560-8070
E-mail: trailbossbtc@msn.com

Loudoun Heights Blue Trail [lower]

Loudoun Heights Orange Trail to Rte. 340 (2.6 miles)

SNP NORTH DISTRICT APPALACHIAN TRAIL – MAP 9

Call John McCrea, 610/352-9287
E-mail: mcreajf@aol.com

CO-OVERSEERS NEEDED ON AT SECTIONS

SNP NORTH DISTRICT BLUE-BLAZED – MAP 9

Call Dick Dugan, 703/836-0391
E-mail: rdugan@bellatlantic.net

Elkwallow Trail

Mathews Arm Campground to Elkwallow Wayside (2 miles)

Thornton River Trail – Co-Overseer

Skyline Dr. to Hull School Tr. (2.9 miles)

SNP CENTRAL BLUE-BLAZED [NORTH END] – MAP 10

Call Dan Dueueke, 703/266-3248
E-mail: danjan@fcc.net

WILDERNESS OVERSEERS NEEDED- ADVENTURE GUARANTEED.

SNP SOUTH BLUE-BLAZED – MAP 11

Call Pete Gatje, 434/361-1309
E-mail: pjgatje@aol.com

Big Run Loop South Trail

Portal Trail to AT (2 miles)

TUSCARORA SOUTH – MAP F, G, 9

Call Rick Rhoades, 540/477-3247
E-mail: Rrhoades@shentel.net

Tuscarora Trail

Rock marker to Massanutten Trail (1.5 miles)

Tuscarora Trail

Fetzer Gap to Maurertown (5.7 miles)

Tuscarora Trail

Shawl Gap to Sherman Gap (2.5 miles)

MASSANUTTEN NORTH – MAP G

Call Ed Brimberg, 703/430-6481
E-mail: brimberg@cox.net

Massanutten Trail

Kennedy Peak Trail to Camp Roosevelt (3.3 miles)

Massanutten Connector Trail

Massanutten Trail to US 211 (1.8 miles)

MASSANUTTEN SOUTH – MAP H

Call Don White, 804/795-2914
E-mail: whitedh@attbi.com

Massanutten Mt. South Trail

Pitt Spring to Morgan Run Trail (3.3 miles)

GREAT NORTH MOUNTAIN – MAP F

Call Hop Long, 301/942-6177
E-mail: theFSLongs@erols.com

Gerhard Shelter Trail

Tuscarora Trail to Vances Cove (1.5 miles)



Photo by Kerry Snow

*Adventure awaits! Not all Overseers are rewarded with
blowdowns like this, but hey – you'll never win if you don't play.
Above, Blue and White Crew members prepare to remove a
large blowdown from the Entry Run Trail.*



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