

BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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OUR OBJECTIVES:

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, all hikes leave from FISHER PLAZA, [entrance to the State Library] behind the State Capitol Building. Should Fisher Plaza be closed, the alternate meeting site will be the parking island in front of the former Greyhound Bus Terminal, on 7th St. Five additional minutes will be allowed at the alternate site.

If you ride with someone, you should give the driver 4¢ times the highway mileage shown, to help defray the price of gas.

WE LEAVE PROMPTLY, AT THE TIME SHOWN

NO PETS ALLOWED

CODES FOR THE HIKES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 7

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| December | 2 | 9:00 A.M. | <u>CLARKS VALLEY POWER LINE HIKE</u>
C+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leaders: Gail Guers, 232-0387 & Suzanne Stambaugh, 564-2335
[50 miles hwy] | 9.0 miles |
| December
Saturday | 8 | 7:00 P.M. | <u>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>
Plan to come and bring your favorite food.
West Shore Senior Citizens Center
122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland, PA.
Committee: Mary Morrisette, 774-6715; Gail Guers, 232-0387;
and Anna Kinter, 545-4089
See article on page 3. | |
| December | 9 | 9:00 A.M. | ↑ <u>APPALACHIAN TRAIL, CALEDONIA TO ANTIETAM ROAD</u>
D+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leaders: Scott Hoffman, 295-7546 & Gail Guers, 232-0387
[140 miles hwy] | 10.0 miles |
| December
Wednesday | 12 | 9:30 A.M. | <u>IMPROMPTU HIKE IN THE HARRISBURG AREA</u>
A / Eat lunch at a local restaurant.
Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland, PA.
Leaders: Louise Sis, 774-0196 & Ron Leik, 774-5212.
[0 miles hwy] | 4.0 miles |
| December | 16 | 11:00 A.M. | <u>BLUE MOUNTAIN RAMBLE</u>
C+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Craig Dunn, 697-1848.
[35 miles hwy] | 8.0 miles |

December 22 Saturday	4:00 P.M.	<u>LITITZ CHRISTMAS HIKE</u> B / Enjoy the sights, sounds & tastes of the Christmas season in Lititz. See how many Christmas Stars you can count. Leaders: Bob Keck, 534-1525; & Jean Shenk, 898-7325.	6.0 miles [75 miles hwy]
December 23	1:00 P.M.	<u>CHRISTMAS MYSTERY HIKE</u> Meet and help decide where the hike will be. Leader: Suzanne Stambaugh, 564-2335.	5? miles [? miles hwy]
December 30	1:00 P.M.	<u>FRANKLINTOWN CIRCLE HIKE</u> B / Bring water. Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743	6.0 miles [40 miles hwy]
January 1 Tuesday	12:00 Noon	<u>ANNUAL NEW YEARS DAY HIKE</u> C / Bring snacks & water. Leader: Jim Oxley, 238-9014	8.0 miles [10 miles hwy]
January 6	9:00 A.M.	<u>CAMP MACKE / HORSESHOE TRAIL</u> C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leaders: Scott Hoffman, 298-7546; & Gail Guers, 232-0387.	9.0 miles [75 miles hwy]
January 8 Tuesday	6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	<u>BOARD MEETING</u> <u>PROGRAM MEETING</u> for the entire membership. Come, help plan a hike for EVERY WEEKEND in the next schedule. Meet at the West Shore Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA. A special program will be provided for your enjoyment at the close of the session.	
January 9 Wednesday	9:00 A.M.	<u>GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD HIKE</u> B+ / Hike part of the second day of the battle with a costumed local historian. Lunch at the historic Dobbin House. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Meet at the Camp Hill Shopping Center, near the theater. Leaders: Louise Sis, 774-0196; & Frank McKniff, 921-8593.	5.0 miles [80 miles hwy]
January 13	10:00 A.M.	<u>EAGLES NEST CIRCLE HIKE</u> C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leaders: Jeff Buehler & Phil Day, 657-8281.	7.0 miles [85 miles hwy]
January 20	9:00 A.M.	<u>TRIPLE HEADER; DO ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE</u> <u>DARLINGTON TRAIL CIRCLE HIKE</u> B+ / Bring water. Leaders: Jim Oxley, 238-9014 & Bob Keyes, 763-7743	5.0 miles [20 miles hwy]
	12:00 Noon	<u>DINNER AT THE SUMMERDALE FIRE COMPANY</u> This is a monthly affair, put on by the Fire Company. Approximate Cost \$5.75, at the door.	
	1:30 P.M. 1:45 P.M.	<u>FORT HUNTER CIRCLE HIKE</u> Meet at Fisher Plaza Meet at Fort Hunter, East Parking Lot (Lower Parking Lot) B+ / Bring water. Leaders: Bob Keyes, 763-7743, & Jim Oxley, 238-9014.	5.0 miles [15 miles hwy]
		Work up an appetite. Eat. Then walk off the meal. Join us for both hikes, or one hike and/or the dinner.	

January	27	11:00 A.M.	S <u>KINGS GAP HIKE</u> P C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Craig Dunn, 697-1848.	7.0 miles [60 miles hwy]
February	3	10:30 A.M.	<u>CITY PARKS HIKE</u> C / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Jim Oxley, 238-9014.	7.0 miles [0 miles hwy]
February	10	8:30 A.M.	<u>PORT CLINTON CIRCLE HIKE</u> D+ / Bring lunch & water. This is a joint hike with the Lancaster Hiking Club. Leaders: Jean Shenk, 898-7325 & Bob Keck, 534-1525	10.0 miles [130 miles hwy]
February Wednesday	13	9:30 A.M.	<u>IMPROMPTU HIKE CLOSE TO HARRISBURG</u> A / Lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland, PA. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196.	4.0 miles [? miles hwy]
February	17	9:00 A.M.	<u>CLARKS VALLEY CIRCLE HIKE</u> D+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743.	10.0 miles [60 miles hwy]
February	24	1:00 P.M.	<u>WRONG WAY HIKE ON THE HORSESHOE TRAIL</u> A / Bring water & snacks. Come out and learn why this is called the "The Wrong Way Hike." Leader: Ralph Kinter, 545-4089.	5.0 miles [35 miles hwy]
March	3	9:00 A.M.	<u>MASON-DIXON TRAIL / OTTER CREEK TO GREEN BRANCH</u> D / Bring lunch & water. Leaders: Jeff Buehler & Phil Day, 657-8281	10.0 miles [40 miles hwy]

MILEAGE PAYMENTS INCREASED TO 4¢

In recognition of the increased cost of operating automobiles as a result of the recent rises in the price of gasoline, the board of directors has voted to increase the contribution which passengers should give to the drivers on hikes to four cents (4¢) per mile. This increase will be effective with the current hike schedule. Please be guided, accordingly.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

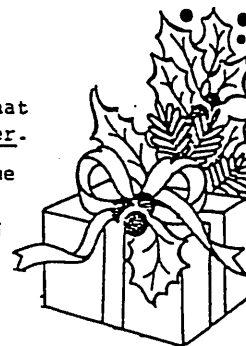


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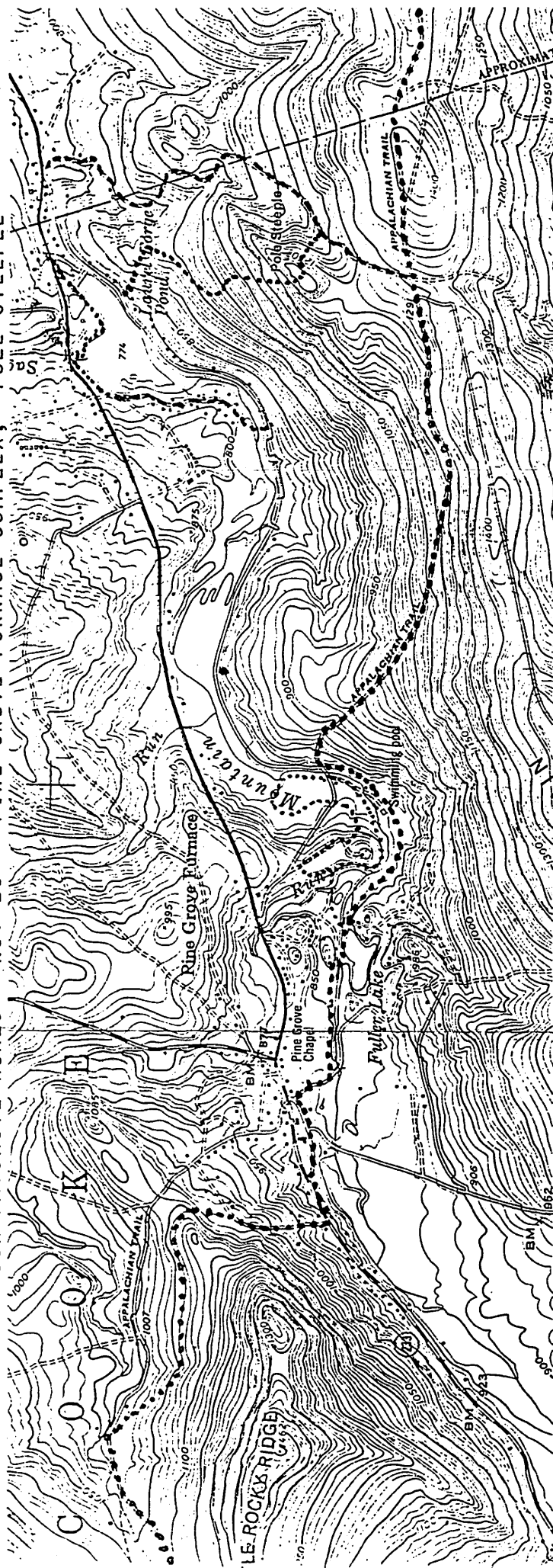
The Party Committee for this year will be:
Mary Morrisette - 774-6745, Gail Guers -
232-0387 and Anna Kinter - 545-4089.

The Committee needs to know: Who is coming; and What they intend to contribute to the covered dish dinner.

Also, the Committee feels that Christmas is the time of gayety and giving. So they plan a program of caroling and slides. Each member is asked to bring their favorite 35 mm slides, taken on this past year's hikes and vacations. After the dinner we will sing some carols and show some slides--with the owner explaining what they are all about. Please identify your slides with your name and give to Jim Oxley, the night of the Party.



OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No. 16 — PINE GROVE FURNACE COMPLEX, POLE STEEPLE



EXPLANATION FOR THE USE OF BASE MAP

We have purposely used as our base map, one that shows Pine Grove Furnace as it was at the end of World War II.

At that time, there was a bridge over Mountain Creek, where the Appalachian Trail came off of Piney Mtn. The Trail crossed on that bridge and followed the road, through the Girl Scout Camp, to the Highway.

The Girl Scouts had the bridge removed to assure more privacy in the camp. At that time, the Appalachian Trail was rerouted along the abandoned railroad bed, pass the furnace stack, and thence to the highway.

The years have passed and the Cumberland County Recreation Board has converted the abandoned railroad bed to a biking trail.

That section of the abandoned railroad bed, between the juncture with the Appalachian Trail and the Furnace Stack, is very active, indeed, with hikers and bikers.

The Appalachian Trail was never intended as a biking trail. While a few bikes may be acceptable, this area is too crowded, particularly, with bikes without horns or bells.

Therefore, we suggest a restoration of a footbridge, where the Appalachian Trail comes off of Piney Mountain, with the trail rerouted over existing foot paths on the north side of Mountain Cr.

THE POLE STEEPLE HIKES

This short, lovely hike provides two choices--one of about 2.5 miles, the other about 4.25 miles. In either case, park at Pole Steeple Parking area, along the side of Laurel Lake.

TRAIL DATA

LV	Parking Area	0.00	0.00	m.
Ar	Charcoal Hearth	0.19	0.19	m.
	Trail bears left.			
Ar.	Base of cliff	0.43	0.52	m.
	Begin climb.			
Ar.	Summit of Pole Steeple	0.19	0.71	m.
Ar.	Wood road	0.10	0.81	m.
	Bear right to Jct with the Appalachian Trail	0.19	1.00	m.
Ar.	Railroad bed, bear right	1.52	2.52	m.
Ar.	Parking area	1.62	4.14	m.
or	Bear left on wood rd.		0.81	m.
Ar.	at first cabin on left	0.81	1.62	m.
Ar.	Jct with railroad bed	0.33	1.95	m.
Ar.	at Parking Area	0.43	2.38	m.
or.	Follow hwy to parking thru picnic area then wood road to RR left to Parking Area	0.21	2.16	m.
		0.41	2.57	m.
		0.48	3.05	m.
		0.90	3.95	m.

COUNCIL COMMENDS
CRAIG DUNN & CAROL WITZEMAN

At the October 9 meeting of the club board of directors, the Board passed a resolution commending Craig Dunn and Carol Witzeman, SATC members who were leaders in the effort to relocate the Appalachian Trail in the Cumberland Valley.

Craig Dunn is supervisor of construction for the new section of the trail. He has organized and directed construction, giving countless hours of time and much energy to this effort over several years.

Carol Witzeman is chairperson of the Cumberland Valley Management Committee. She has worked tirelessly from the early stages of the effort to take the AT off the increasingly dangerous road crossing of the Cumberland Valley.

Craig and Carol are both past presidents of the SATC. They were both commended by the Appalachian Trail Conference during the opening ceremonies of the relocated trail on September 22.

WAS YOUR BUSHWACK BULLETIN LATE?

We try to get your BUSHWACK BULLETIN out on schedule, but the schedule is very tight. Anytime the Bulletin is late, the probable cause is that someone has failed to meet the Editor's deadline. Every day that items are late to the Editor means a day later that you will receive same.

HOW DO YOU LEAD A HIKE?

"How do you lead a hike?" This is a question that seems to bother people. The answer is, surprisingly, "Easy!" It's not as hard as it seems.

Choose a hike. Any hike you enjoy and want to share with your friends. Scout the hike. This is basically just doing the hike ahead of time. It refreshes your memory and lets you know of any changes or problems in the planned hike.

Now, all you have to do is choose a hike, get a friend to be your co-leader, and put it on the schedule.

Some suggestions for hikes: Gifford Pinchot State Park, Little Buffalo State Park, State Game Lands, or any place you want.

If you still have doubts, ask any officer or member of the club. They will have plenty of suggestions and will offer encouragement. Who knows, they might even help you to lead the hike.

Further, if the hike schedule doesn't have the kinds of hikes or the starting times you like, (1:00 P.M. on Sunday, for example) do something about it. LEAD A HIKE!

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN

The deadline for the Feb-Apr 1991 BUSHWACK BULLETIN is set for January 18, 1991.

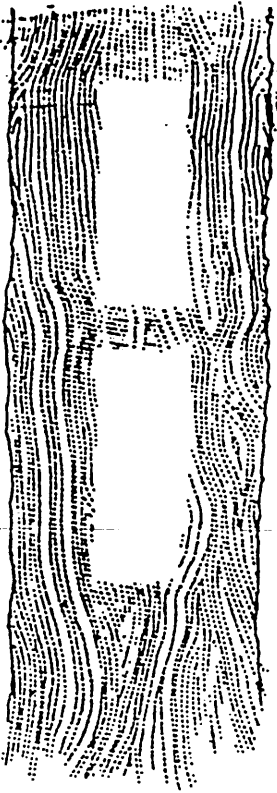
NEW MEMBERS

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Howard G. Ammons, Jr
Rodney & Deborah Bond
Douglas & Sharon Bushman
Nancy & Joe Dehner
Nancy M DeLiberato
Gina Fiaschetti
Helen & John Fillon
David & Debra Goodnight
Eva Grieger
Carl & Alma Hinkle
Dudley & JoAnne Gordon
David B Kent & Family
Renato A. Marisa
Richard A. Martin
Stanley Miller
Shelvy J. Moorhead
Blaine L. Paulus, Jr.
Paul W. Rider
Peter & Linda Shea
Phurba & Donna Sherpa
Linda M. Stack
Fred Wayne Zeigler

TRAIL BLAZES No. 26

"SAVE STONY CREEK VALLEY" - PART 2



As a result of Ralph Kinter's report in favor of supporting the Coalition to Save Stony Creek Valley, the Club voted to join the Coalition, and President Pat Heim, appointed Ralph to represent the Club on the Coalition. (At this time each delegate represented a single club within the Coalition.)

PP&L had issued a flier which explained how the Valley would be used for recreation after the two dams had been constructed. This was also reflected in the Environmental Impact Statement that Ichthyological Associates had prepared.

This flier became the first target for the Coalition to attack. It was the stand of the Coalition that the lakes could not be used for recreational purposes, since early in the day the lower lake would be nothing but a mud flat; while later in the day, as the turbines began to generate power, the water would rise so rapidly as to make the lake dangerous. Meanwhile, the upper lake would be filled, and as the water flowed through the turbines, undertow would render the upper lake unsafe as the water flowed through the outlet to operate the turbines.

In this, the Coalition was able to get the PUC to listen, and eventually, the PUC made PP&L withdraw this flier. It was the first victory for the Coalition, small as it was.

With the opposition beginning to mount, PP&L decided they would need a better, a more complete Environmental Impact Statement, and they engaged Dr. Robert Denincourt, a biologist with the York Junior College, to make a study of Valley. And, it is to the credit of both Dr. Denincourt and PP&L that Dr. Denincourt did an excellent job on his Impact study--much better than that of Ichthyological Associates.

The Coalition began to realize that they would have to be prepared to counter the study being prepared by Dr. Denincourt. Therefore, the Coalition began to divide up in small teams to study various phrases of Stony Valley. Your representative and his wife, Anna who was representing the Ridgeview Garden Club, was assigned to study recreational uses in Stony Valley. And, in this respect, spend many hours in the Valley, interviewing the various people who were using Stony Valley for various recreational purposes.

Other teams were assigned as well. Eugene Wingert of Cumberland Valley High School, had his science students studying both the flora and the salamanders in the Valley. On the other hand, Dr. Fred Howard, also, from Cumberland Valley High School, headed a team studying the aquatic life in Stony Creek, itself.

In the course of the surveys, the teams would from time to time encounter Dr. Denincourt and his team. His daughter, for example, would assist in surveying the recreational uses in the Valley. And, Dr. Denincourt, when he encountered your representative, would always indicate that his survey of recreational uses would show better than that of your representative.

But, it did not turn out this way. For most of the users were sympathetic with the Coalition, and therefore, were much more cooperative with the Coalition representatives than they were with Dr. Denincourt. And, we found a vast variety of recreational uses--from artists, photographers, fishermen, hikers, horseback riders, and even dog-sled enthusiasts, and from talking with Denincourts daughter, we found our list about twice what his was.

Hike Grading Table

SMOKING GUIDELINES

- A - Easy - Hikes up to 6 miles, with very little hill climbing. [Excellent for beginners]
- B - Fairly easy - Hikes up to 6 miles, with some climbing.
- B+ - Moderate - Hikes up to 6 miles, with more difficult climbs.
- C - Moderate - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles, with very little climbing.
- C+ - Moderate - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles, with several significant climbs.
- D - Strenuous - Hikes of 10 to 12 miles, with very little climbing.
- D+ - Strenuous - Hikes of 10 to 12 miles, with several significant climbs.
- E - Difficult - Hikes of over 12 miles.
- E+ - Very Difficult - Hikes of over 12 miles on very rugged terrain.

- Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other materials should not be allowed while hiking.
- On breaks, smokers should go to the rear or to the front of the group, if they wish to smoke.
- Consistent with established wilderness practices, smokers will be responsible for packing out their waste materials--cigarette butts, package wrappers and the like-- and for avoiding the dropping of lit cigarettes and/or hot ashes on the ground.
- The Bureau of Forestry will hold individuals, who are responsible for fires, financially liable for fire suppression costs. They are also subject to fine, imprisonment, or both and may be held financially responsible for damage to the forest.

In addition, the leader(s) should describe the pace and footing, where this is essential; such as: Easy with a moderate or fast pace; or, Easy with nature study stops; or, Good footpath; or, Rocky and rough; etc.

For background on these Smoking Guidelines, we refer you to the Sep--Nov 1986 BUSHWACK BULLETIN.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL

Date _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

This is a new membership;
One sponsor is required.

This is my renewal
of membership

Please send me the following:

- Club Patch \$1.50
- Pennsylvania Trails \$4.50
- PA Appalachian Trail Guide \$4.50
- Set of PA Appalachian Trail Maps \$4.50

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year for individuals; \$7.50 for joint memberships at the same address. Dues must accompany the application.

All prices include postage and handling.

I would, also, like to contribute \$ _____ to the CUMBERLAND VALLEY APPALACHIAN TRAIL PROJECT. I understand donations to the Appalachian Trail, made through this club, are fully deductible for income tax purposes.

Make all checks payable to:

THE SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, or simply S.A.T.C.

Name [in full] _____

Home Address _____

Post Office _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone(s) _____

Occupation _____

Signature of Sponsor Robert V. Keys [Required of new members only.]

Applications and check should be sent to:

Clarence V. Fredlund, Treasurer
7901 Chambers Hill Rd
Harrisburg, PA 17111-5409

Dues to the Club are considered as services rendered, and are not deductible for tax purposes.

TREASURER'S USE

EDITOR'S USE

- Membership card sent.
- Orders filled.
- Card file updated.
- Bulletin sent new member.
- Yearbook sent new member.
- Mailing list updated.
- Finder file updated.
- New member published.

Dues paid to April _____

Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club, Inc.

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