

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

- November 24 9:30 A.M. **A** APPALACHIAN TRAIL - WHISKEY SPRINGS TO BOILING SPRINGS 6.0 miles
C+ / Bring lunch & water. [80 miles hwy]
Leaders: Jeff Buehler & Phil Day, 657-8281
- December 1 10:00 A.M. **S** LITTLE BUFFALO STATE PARK 6.0 miles
P B+ / Bring lunch & water. [60 miles hwy]
Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318.
- December 4 9:00 A.M. FRANKLINTOWN CIRCLE HIKE 5.0 miles
Wednesday B / Meet at Camp Hill Shopping Center, by the Theatres.
Optional lunch stop.
Leaders: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 and
Carol Witzeman, 763-9276. [15 miles hwy]
- December 7 7:30 P.M. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday Plan to come and bring your favorite food.
West Shore Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St, New Cumberland
Call: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261, if you plan to come and tell her
about your favorite dish.
- December 8 9:00 A.M. CLARKS VALLEY POWER LINE 10.0 miles
D+ / Bring lunch & water.
Leaders: Susanne Stambaugh, 564-2335 and David Wittmoyer.
[40 miles hwy]

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| December 15 | 9:00 A.M. | <p>▲ <u>DEVIL'S RACE COURSE FROM THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL</u> 8.5 miles C+ / Appalachian Trail from Rt 325 to the Horseshoe Trail, with a side trip to the Devil's Race Course Boulder Field, (a PA geological wonder site.) Bring lunch & water. Leader: Dick Martin, 975-5532. [50 miles hwy]</p> |
| December 18 Wednesday | 9:30 A.M. | <p><u>MIDWEEK HIKE</u> 4--5 miles B / Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland, PA. Lunch at a local restaurant. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196. [30 miles hwy]</p> |
| December 22 | 1:00 P.M. | <p><u>DEALER'S CHOICE HIKE</u> You choose your own hike and your own hike leader. Don't miss this Christmas Season hike.</p> |
| December 29 | 8:30 A.M. | <p><u>OLD DARLINGTON TRAIL</u> 12 miles D+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281. [30 miles hwy]</p> |
| January 1 Wednesday New Years Day | 10:00 A.M. | <p><u>WILDWOOD / STATE HOSPITAL HIKE</u> 4 or 7 miles B or C (your choice) / Bring lunch & water. Leaders: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 and Carol Witzeman, 763-9276 [0 miles hwy]</p> |
| January 5 | 1:00 P.M. | <p><u>NEW CUMBERLAND HILL CLIMB</u> 5.0 miles B+ / Bring water and snacks. Leader: Janice Slaybaugh, 774-7686 [6 miles hwy]</p> |
| January 12 | 10:00 A.M. | <p>┆ <u>TUSCARORA TRAIL / STERRITT'S GAP</u> 8.0 miles ┆ C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 [40 miles hwy]</p> |
| January 14 Tuesday | 6:15 P.M. 7:30 P.M. | <p><u>BOARD MEETING</u> <u>PROGRAM MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC</u> Meet at the Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumber- land, PA. Come and help plan your favorite hikes for the Mar- Apr-May Quarter. The program will be announced.</p> |
| January 15 Wednesday | 9:30 A.M. | <p><u>MIDWEEK HIKE</u> 4--5 miles B / Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland, PA. Lunch at a local restaurant. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196. [30 miles hwy]</p> |
| January 19 | 1:00 P.M. | <p><u>FRANKLINTOWN HIKE</u> 7.0 miles C+ / Bring water & snacks Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 [40 miles hwy]</p> |
| January 26 | 1:00 P.M. | <p><u>WILDWOOD LAKE</u> 3.5 miles A / Bring water & snacks. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318. [0 miles hwy]</p> |
| February 2 | 10:00 A.M. | <p>§ <u>KINGS GAP CIRCLE HIKE</u> 7.0 miles P C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 [60 miles hwy]</p> |
| February 9 | 9:00 A.M. | <p>§ <u>KINGS GAP TO PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE PARK</u> 8.0 miles P C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Mary Young, 731-9704. [80 miles hwy]</p> |

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| February 12 Wednesday | 9:30 A.M. | <u>MIDWEEK HIKE</u> B / Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland, PA. Lunch at a local restaurant. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196. | 4-5 miles [30 miles hwy] |
| February 16 | 9:00 A.M. | <u>BIG FLAT TO PINE GROVE FURNACE</u> C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Dan Jackson, 234-2917 | 8.3 miles [100 miles hwy] |
| February 23 | 9:00 A.M. | <u>CALEDONIA IN WINTER</u> C+ / Bring lunch & water. Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 | 8.0 miles [140 miles hwy] |
| March 1 | 8:30 A.M. | <u>BLUE MARSH LAKE</u> D / Beautiful trail with rolling hills. Bring lunch & water. Optional: Dinner stop. Leaders: Jane Greber, 766-1913 and Louise Sis, 774-0196. | 12.6 miles [140 miles hwy] |

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

One beautiful Sunday afternoon, recently, I led a fairly easy hike near Mount Gretna. As we strolled through the woods, someone commented that we should have more short, easy hikes. I agreed. Then, I suggested that they should lead a hike.

Back came the reply, "But, I don't know how."

To this, I suggested, "It's easy. I'll be glad to help you."

"Well, I just don't think I could lead a hike," was the response.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I am again suggesting, if the hike schedule doesn't have enough hikes that you enjoy, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. LEAD A HIKE!

There are fourteen Sunday and four mid-week hikes listed on the current schedule, which includes both long and short hikes. This represents an effort by a few members of the club to see that we have a broader choice in hikes.

We could have a long and a short hike on every Sunday, if the members were willing to lead them. If anyone wants to help in planning and leading a hike, the officers and directors of the club will be happy to

help and make suggestions. It really is quite easy.

RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

At the October Meeting, the Board changed the way in which we memorialize deceased members. The Board decided to make a single memorial contribution to the Land Acquisition Fund of the Appalachian Trail Conference, in January of each year, to honor those members who passed away during the previous year.

The new procedure allows the club to honor our deceased members and to budget a significant contribution to the Appalachian Trail Conference. Previously, the club sent a contribution each time a member died.

Individuals, who would like to memorialize deceased friends or members, may send a contribution, in the name of the deceased, to the Appalachian Trail Conference, P. O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807.

Bob Keyes

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK TRIP

A vacation trip to Glacier National Park in MT is being planned for Sep 16-19, 1992, [date negotiable] or longer. If interested, call John W Stein, 717-533-3679.

OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No. 19 — THE ZARTMAN LOGGING RAILROAD - PART 2

In Part 1, we took you as far as Victoria Furnace. This part starts at Victoria Furnace, following a route that is East-northeast, slashing down until it reaches the Aqueduct of the Harrisburg Water System.

Actually, the aqueduct was built on the railroad grade, so that we no longer can follow the RR grade, but must follow the aqueduct.

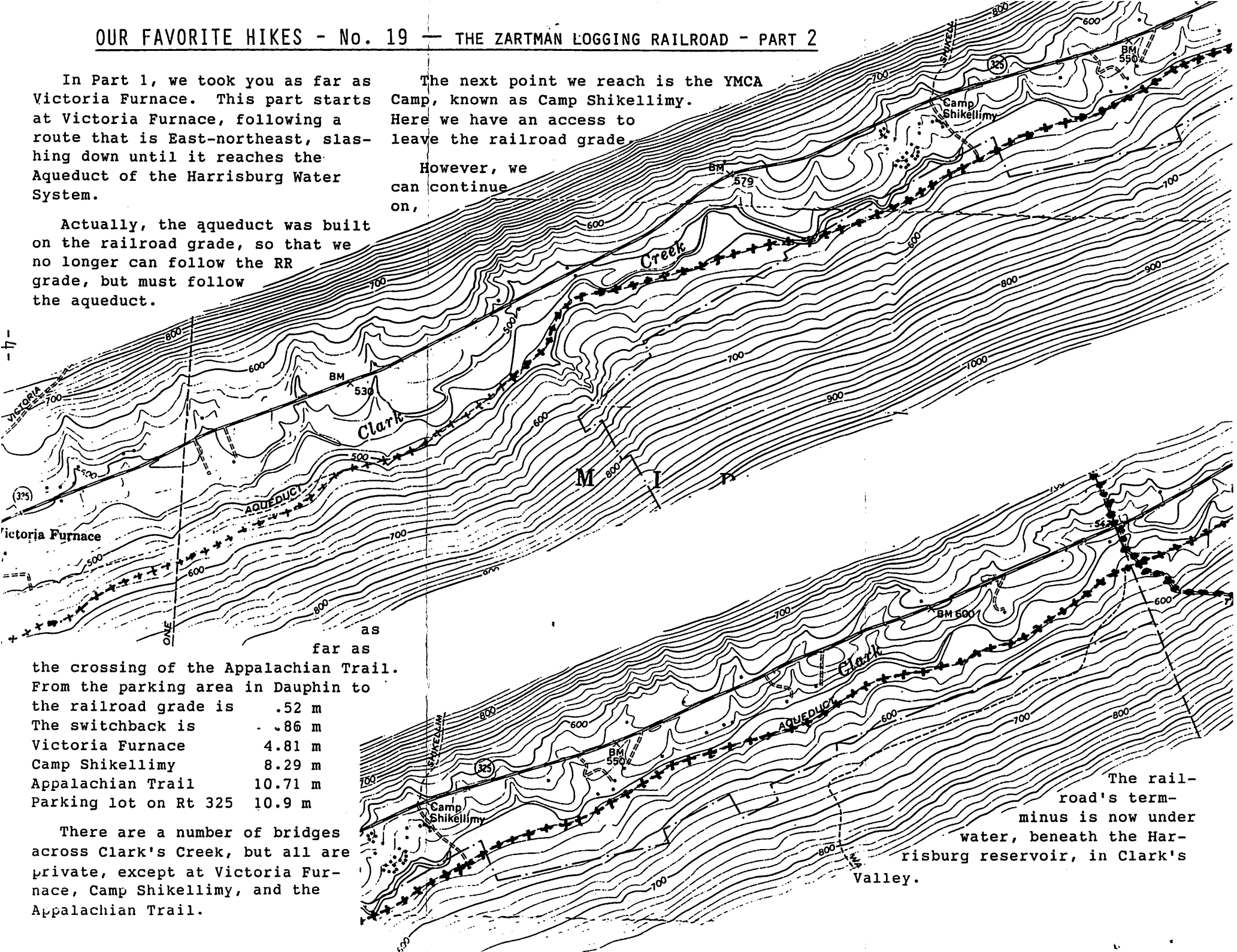
The next point we reach is the YMCA Camp, known as Camp Shikellimy. Here we have an access to leave the railroad grade.

However, we can continue on,

as far as the crossing of the Appalachian Trail. From the parking area in Dauphin to the railroad grade is .52 m
 The switchback is .86 m
 Victoria Furnace 4.81 m
 Camp Shikellimy 8.29 m
 Appalachian Trail 10.71 m
 Parking lot on Rt 325 10.9 m

There are a number of bridges across Clark's Creek, but all are private, except at Victoria Furnace, Camp Shikellimy, and the Appalachian Trail.

The railroad's terminus is now under water, beneath the Harrisburg reservoir, in Clark's Valley.



WARREN H. RAAB

WARREN Raab, in addition to being a member of S.A.T.C., and a long time member of the ATC, KTA, MCM and the York Hiking Club, as well as a charter member of the newly formed Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Management Association [CVATMA], died of cancer on August 21, 1991. Warren was this club's eyes and ears on what went on at Governor Pinchot State Park; was respected by many in the trail community; and will be missed by all who knew him.

Because of Warren's interest in the Cumberland Valley, Mrs. Raab has established a memorial fund in his name, to benefit the CVATMA. Contributions may be made payable to CVATMA, and sent to Janice Slaybaugh, Treas., 1404 Simpson Ferry Rd., New Cumberland, PA 17070.

RUTH ALTHEA BOLLA

Ruth Bolla, a charter member, and second President of our club, died on June 23, 1991, at the age of 86 years, 10 months, 28 days.

Ruth had long been active with this club, as well as helping organize KTA, where she served as Awards Chair for many years. Many of our older members have fond memories of the New Years Eve Square Dances, and the weekends which she planned during the early years of our club. She will be sorely missed by those of us who knew her well.

RHK

NEW MEMBERS

Please, help us extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Wayne T. Blanchard
Ronald B. Clippinger
Calvin E. Deiterich, III
Lois R. Essig
Gladys Jane B. Fields

Kathryn H. Jones
Sharon Marie McTavish
Randall R. Orris
Jeffrey S. Pinsler
Kathleen Piunti

Vincent J. Rossi
Terry Samec
Corinne Schaffner
Lee Schreckengaust
Jeffrey A. & Amy Jo Smith

Karen Steggles
Anthony J. Suruda
E. Bruce & Connie A. Tichenor
Robert L. Wardecker
Lew Williams

Antoinette G. Zysk



COVERED DISH AFFAIR

Please call Thyra Sperry, 258-5261, and let her know what you are bringing or to find out what you can bring

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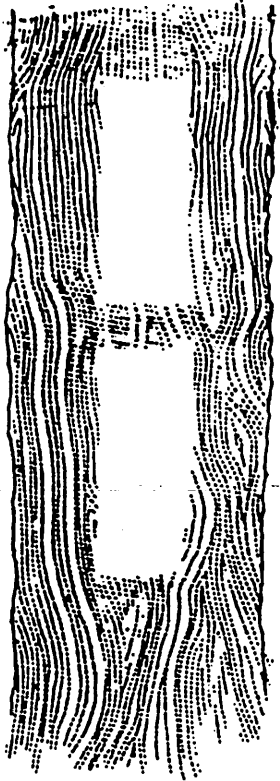
The BUSHWACK BULLETIN is due out on the first of March, June, September and December.

If your copy fails to arrive by the Saturday, following the first of the month, first check to see that we have your correct address on the last newsletter in your possession. Then call Clarence Fredlund, 564-117, and tell him what your problem is. Clarence will place another copy in the mail for you, and will initiate procedures to see that your name and address is correctly in our records.

TRAIL BLAZES

No. 30

"SAVE STONY CREEK VALLEY" - PART 6



We had completed our wild river studies in Stony Creek. Now we had to make a hard decision. From the very start we had the full support of Representative Steven Reed, representing the City of Harrisburg. Steve's support for Stony Valley was phenomenal, and now he wanted to sponsor the bill on our Wild River Status. But Steve had fallen out of favor with his own party, and was soon to resign to run for County Commissioner.

Therefore, it was in our own best interests to seek sponsors who would be more effective. We turned to Rudolph Dinninni, Joe Manmiller and Jeffrey Piccola in the House; our old friend George Gekas and David Brightbill in the Senate.

Public hearings were announced, and, for the first time, our study was made public. The opposition was taken by complete surprise. A feeble effort was made to challenge our study, but they chose to challenge the credentials of Dr. Fred Howard, our aquatic specialist.

As it turned out, Dr. Howard was better trained and better qualified than Dr. Denencourt, who had done a masterful job of studying Stony Valley for PP&L. The result was that the PP&L representative sat down red-faced, and it was all over.

Stony Creek Valley breezed through both Houses, without a dissenting vote, and was soon signed into law by Governor Shapp. Shortly thereafter, PP&L announced that they would abide by the decision of the Legislature and honor the Wild River Status.

At this point, Bill Beck, our Chairperson, changed jobs, left the area, and Ernie Hilton assumed the Chairmanship.

Bill Beck had worked in the Governor's Office, and the Game Commission did not like our opposition to the trade of game lands with PP&L. Therefore, efforts were made to try to force Bill Beck to give up the Stony Valley Coalition Chair. But Governor Shapp ruled that what Bill did on his own time was no concern of the Governor, and certainly no concern of the Game Commission.

Your representative, also, had a run-in with Glen Bower, of the Game Commission. It seems that most of these land swaps are secretly and without fanfare. Your representative felt that this left too much room for hanky-panky, and said so openly. Glen Bower thought we were referring to Stony Valley, which we were not, since PP&L kept that land swap out in the open.

We were referring to the Game Lands in Lower Paxton Township, on Blue Mountain, through which our Darlington Trail East used to run. These lands were swapped so secretly that even the Township was unaware of the swap some three years after it had occurred. Then, at a Township Meeting, where the Township unveiled plans to utilize the Game Lands in connection with Hocker Park, your representative advised them of the swap.

The hanky-panky that resulted was that the new owner did not record the deed, and as a result the lands were not assessed nor taxed. And, the owner got out of paying his fair share of tax for some few years, until someone wised up and blew the whistle.

And, we never have been able to find out what the Game Commission got in exchange for these potentially valuable lands.

- A - Easy - Hikes up to six miles, with very little hill climbing. [Excellent for beginners.]
- B - Fairly easy - Hikes up to six miles, with some climbing. [Good for beginners.]
- B+ - Moderate - Hikes up to six 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.

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.

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

~~DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT~~
BUSHWACK BULLETIN IS JANUARY 24, 1992

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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.....\$2.00
- Pennsylvania Trails.....\$5.00
- PA Appalachian Trail Guide.....\$5.00
- Set of PA Appalachian Trail Maps..\$5.00

All prices include postage and handling.

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

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 _____

Please show
Zip plus 4

Signature of sponsor _____ [Required of new members only]

Applications and check should be sent to: CLARENCE V FREDLUND, TREASURER
7901 CHAMBERS HILL RD
HARRISBURG PA 17111-5409

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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 _____

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