



BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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OUR OBJECTIVES:

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CHECK YOUR LABEL! DOES IT HAVE A RED "X"?

IF A RED "X" APPEARS ON YOUR LABEL,
YOUR DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID

THIS, THEN, WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE
OF THE BUSHWACK BULLETIN
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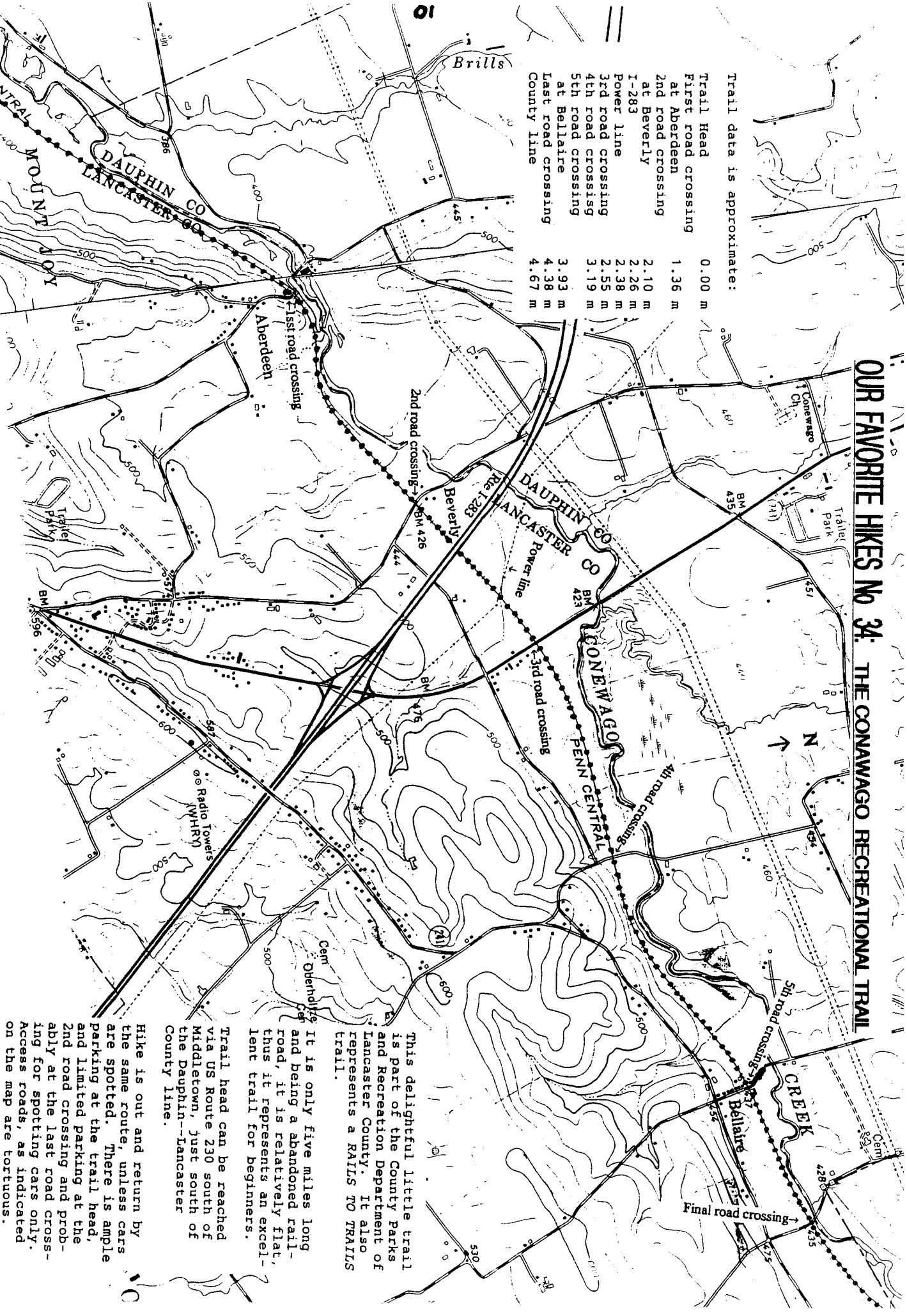
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| September 1
Sunday | 9:00 AM | A <u>AT - Big Flat to Caledonia</u>
D+/ Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169 | 11 miles
[80 miles hwy] |
| September 2
Monday (Labor Day) | 7:30 AM | A <u>AT - Snicker's Gap, VA to Downtown, Harper's Ferry, W.VA</u>
E+/ Bring lunch & water. Fast-paced (3mph) -STRENUOUS HIKE! Stops at Blackburn Trail Center and one of the new "Hilton" shelters. Water and snacks available along the route. Ice cream downtown at the end.
Leader: Tom Scully, 671-8241, | 19 miles
[200 miles hwy] |
| September 4
Wednesday | 9:00 AM | S <u>Caledonia State Park - Hike, Picnic, Hike</u>
P B/ Bring picnic lunch, ice tea provided. <i>Meet at Camp Hill Mall near Theaters.</i>
Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308 | 5 miles
[0 miles hwy] |
| September 5
Thursday | 6:00 PM | I <u>Greenbelt Ice Cream Hike</u>
B/Bring water. <i>Meet at Kline Village Shopping Center (Hbg) in front of McDonald's.</i>
Leader: Gail Guers, 232-0387 | 5 miles
[0 miles hwy] |

CORRECTION: On page 2, change
1st Annual Baby Boomers Challenge--Indian Steps
on September 28, from Sunday to SATURDAY.

OUR FAVORITE HIKES NO. 34: THE CONAWAGO RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Trail data is approximate:

Trail Head	0.00 m
First road crossing at Aberdeen	1.36 m
2nd road crossing at Beverly	2.10 m
1-283	2.26 m
Power line	2.38 m
3rd road crossing	2.55 m
4th road crossing	3.19 m
5th road crossing at Bellaire	3.93 m
Last road crossing	4.38 m
County line	4.67 m



This delightful little trail is part of the County Parks and Recreation Department of Lancaster County. It also represents a RAILS TO TRAILS trail.

It is only five miles long and being an abandoned railroad, it is relatively flat, thus it represents an excellent trail for beginners.

Trail head can be reached via US Route 230 south of Middletown, just south of the Dauphin-Lancaster County line.

Hike is out and return by the same route, unless cars are spotted. There is ample parking at the trail head, and limited parking at the 2nd road crossing and probably at the last road crossing for spotting cars only. Access roads, as indicated on the map are tortuous.

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- September 7 9:00 AM **Yellow Breeches Float Trip** 6 - 8 miles
Saturday
Bring lunch & water. We'll tube if it's warm; canoe if it's cool.
Call leaders for determination!
Leaders: Katie Jones, 249-6727 & Mark Mullen, 243-5661 [60 miles hwy]
- September 8 9:00 AM **AT - Pulpit Rock and Pinnacle Rock Circle Hike** 9 miles
Sunday
C+/Bring lunch & water. One long, tough climb - fantastic views!
Leaders: Will Webster, 671-5913 & Perry Moreau, 558-8515 [120 miles hwy]
- September 13 9:00 AM **Good Luck Hike - Messiah College** 5 miles
Friday
B/Bring water. ***Meet at Starry Field Parking Lot near the covered bridge at Messiah College.*** Lunch and/or ice cream at the college cafeteria.
Leaders: Melanie DeMartyn, 795-8209 & Mary Young, 731-9704 [0 miles hwy]
- September 14 9:00 AM **Camp Swatara To Rt. 183 - Another Famous Chicken Hike!** 10 miles
Saturday
D+/Bring lunch, water, sturdy boots, ***and money for chicken barbecue following the hike.*** Rocky trail. One significant, strenuous climb, includes ascent over large boulder field.
Leader: Jane Keeney, 838-9629 [75 miles hwy]
- September 15 9:00 AM **AT - Pete Wilhusen Memorial Hike** 7 miles
Sunday
C+/Bring lunch & water. Cove Mt. from Rt. 850.
Leader: Dick Martin, 975-5532 [30 miles hwy]
- September 19,20,21,22,23 **Maintenance With The Mid-Atlantic Trail Crew**
Thurs - Mon
Bring lunch, water, & work gloves. ***Meet at the junction of Routes 225 and 325 each day at 9:00 AM*** or go to shelter on own. We'll be working with the crew to finish the spring trail at the shelter. See article on page 7 for more information.
Leaders: (Thurs) Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308 (Fri) Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 (Sat) Perry Moreau, 558-8515 (Sun & Mon) Jeff Buehler, 657-8281
- September 20, 21, 22 **Bloomsburg Fair Camping Weekend**
Friday, Saturday
Sunday
Indian Head Campground near Bloomsburg. Hiking and a day at the Bloomsburg Fair. Call leader for more information.
Leader: Gail Guers, 232-0387
- September 27 -29 **Keystone Trail Association Annual Fall Meeting**
Friday - Sunday
Meeting will be held at Ski Sawmill. Contact Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 for more information regarding this weekend and/or membership.
- September 28 **King's Gap** ~6 miles
Saturday 1:00 PM Fisher Plaza
1:45 PM King's Gap - Pond Area parking lot. B+/ Bring snacks & water.
Leaders: Carole Martin, 561-2475 & Barbara Hewitt, 243-1936 [~60 miles hwy]
- September 28 8:30 AM **1st Annual Baby Boomers Challenge - Indian Steps** 10 miles
Sunday
D+/Bring lunch, water, and sturdy boots. Drive to trailhead through Amish farmland; hike through wooded areas, see brilliant vistas, Ancient Indian Rock Steps (steep descent) and long, strenuous, slow ascent. Optional dinner stop.
Leaders: Anna Pruett, 561-1968 & Bonnie Booth, 533-3566 [180 miles hwy]

- September 29 9:00 AM **Gettysburg - First Day of the Battle** 7 miles
C/ Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Rick Sis, 774-0196 & Don Anderson [100 miles hwy]
- October 5 8:00 AM **AT - Swatara Gap to Clark's Valley** 17 miles
↑ E+/Bring lunch & sufficient water. *Fast-Pace!*
Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675 [40 miles hwy]
- October 6 8:30 AM **Iron Horse Trail - Tuscarora State Forest** 10 miles
D/ Bring lunch & water.
Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 [120 miles hwy]
- October 8 6:15 P.M. **Board Meeting**
Tuesday 7:30 P.M. **Program Meeting For All Members and Guests**
Come, help plan your favorite hikes for the Dec. - Jan. - Feb. Quarter. Meet at the Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary St. New Cumberland, PA.
Program: Gail Murphy from Altoona will present a slide presentation on the SATC trip to Ireland.
- October 9 9:00 AM **Conewago Recreation Trail** 6 miles
Wednesday C/ Bring water. Lunch at local restaurant. *Meet at Hbg East Mall Lamppost #1.*
Leader: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447 & Ron Leik [30 miles hwy]
- October 11, 12, 13, 14 **Fall Foliage Weekend - World's End State Park**
Friday, Saturday Camping at World's End State Park - Sites 58-61 on the Upper Loop(\$10/night/site)
Sunday, Monday Hikes: Sat - Loyalsock Tr. - High Knob to Double Run Rd, 9.9 mi, C+, 2 climbs
Sun - Loyalsock Tr. - Miller Tr. to Brunnerdale Rd, 9 mi, C+, 1 climb
Mon - Loyalsock Tr. - Park Office to Iron Bridge, 9.4 mi, C+, 2 climbs
Dining: Breakfast and lunches on your own.
Fri night - Muncy Valley Inn (PA Rt. 42, just north of intersection with US 220).
Sat. night - Guiseppe's Pasta House (US 220, Dushore)
Sun. night - Dinner at Dan's in Forksville. Bring covered dish.
Call Dan Jackson, (717) 924-3931, for additional weekend information.
- October 12 8:00 AM **S State Parks Hike** 15 miles
Saturday E+/Bring lunch & water. *Fast-Pace (3mph)!* Hike over variable terrain. Meander through Michaux Forest from Pine Grove Furnace S.P. to King's Gap S.P.(General Store for snack after). Climb Pole Steeple and Hammond Rocks.
Leaders: Tom Scully, 671-8241 [75 miles hwy]
- October 19 - 20 **13th Annual Halloween Happening with the Harrisburg Bicycle Club**
Saturday, Sunday Event includes bike rides, hiking, great food, pumpkin carving, square dancing, and overnight accommodations at the Pine Grove St. Park Hostel. *Must make reservations by October 12.* Call John Lenahan, 737-7675; Jane Greber, 766-1913, or John Donoughe, 774-5073 for registration information.
- Sunday's hike **Sunset Rock's Circle Hike (B+)** ~5 miles
8:00 AM Meet at Fisher's Plaza
9:00 AM Meet at Pine Grove St. Park Hostel (Park at furnace parking lot)
Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675 [80 miles hwy]

October Sunday	20	1:00 PM	<u>Mt. Gretna Circle Hike</u> B+/Bring snacks & water. Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743	5-6 miles [50 miles hwy]
October Saturday	26	1:00 PM	S <u>Little Buffalo State Park</u> B+/Bring snacks & water. P Leaders: Barbara Hewitt, 243-1936 & Carole Martin, 561-2475	5 miles [60 miles hwy]
October Saturday	26	8:00 AM	A <u>AT - Eckville to Port Clinton</u> E+/Bring lunch & water. <i>Fast pace! (3 mph)</i> Passes the Pinnacle. Leader: Tom Scully, 671-8241	15.5 miles [125 miles hwy]
October Sunday	27	7:30 AM	<u>Link Trail Hike and State Game Lands #81</u> D+/Bring lunch & water. Moderate-fast pace. Breakfast at Path Valley Inn. Part I in a series that will eventually complete the Link Trail. Leader: C.Lorence, 234-1521;J.Stein, 533-3679;J.Greber,766-1913	10 miles [140 miles hwy]
REMEMBER: Set Your Clock Back!				
November Sunday	3	11:00 AM	<u>Northcentral Rails to Trails</u> C/Bring snacks & water. Let's check out the newly opened section of this scenic trail. Flat, easy walking - moderate-pace. Possible ice cream stop along hike. Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675	8 miles [90 miles hwy]
November Saturday	9	8:00 AM	A <u>AT in Maryland - Rt. 40 to Crampton Gap</u> D+/Bring lunch & water. <i>Fast pace</i> - but we will stop to explore the many historical sites along the way. Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675	12 miles [150 miles hwy]
November Sunday	10	9:00 AM	S <u>Conewago Lake (Pinchot State Park)</u> P D/Bring lunch, water & camera. Follow lake and forest trails, enjoy the fall colors and wildlife on this moderate paced hike. Leaders: Bonnie Booth, 533-3566 & Peggy Ann Gibson, 561-4645	10 miles [40 miles]
November Wednesday	13	9:00 AM	<u>Harrisburg Greenbelt Hike</u> B/Bring water. <i>Meet at Hbg. East Mall Lamppost #1.</i> Lunch at a local restaurant. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308	5 miles [0 miles hwy]
November Saturday	16	8:00 AM	<u>Clark's Valley Circle Hike</u> E+/Bring lunch & water. <i>Fast-paced!</i> Leaders: Gail Guers, 232-0387	14 miles [30 miles hwy]
November Sunday	17	10:00 AM 10:45 AM	<u>Pole Steeple Circle Hike</u> Meet at Fisher Plaza Meet at Pine Grove Furnace State Park - Furnace parking lot. B+/Bring lunch & water. Leader: Carole Martin, 561-2475 & Barbara Hewitt, 243-1936	4-5 miles [80 miles hwy]
November Sunday	24	8:00 AM	<u>Link Trail - Greenwood Furnace to Frew Rd(Sections #1-6)</u> D+/Bring lunch & water. Moderate-fast pace. This is Part II in a series which will eventually complete the Link Trail. Leaders: Jane Greber, 766-1913 and Jeff Buehler, 657-8281	10.4 miles [180 miles hwy]
December	7	7:00 PM	<u>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - West Shore Sr. Citizen Center</u> Mark your calendars!!! More information in next bulletin. See Page 6	

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 cost of gas.

NO PETS ALLOWED

CODES FOR THE HIKES ARE SHOWN BELOW

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- 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 - Fairly moderate - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles, with very little climbing.
- C+ - Strenuous - Hikes of 7 to 9 miles, with several significant climbs.
- D - More strenuous - Hikes of 10 to 12 miles, with very little climbing.
- D+ - Very 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 moderate or fast pace; or, Easy with nature study stops; or, Good footpath; or, Rocky and rough; etc.

The S.A.T.C. prefers that hikers refrain from the use of tobacco products during club activities.
Smokers are responsible for damage to the forests.
Pack out all waste materials.

DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN

ARTICLES Oct 18, 1996
HIKE SCHEDULE: Oct 25, 1996

The next issue of the BUSHWACK BULLETIN is scheduled to arrive about Nov 27, 1996. Should you fail to receive your copy by Dec 1, call Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447

NOTICE: ALL HIKE LEADERS

In order to expedite our Quarterly Planning Meeting, we are providing a form to be used in planning your hikes. A copy of it is provided below.

These forms will be available on most hikes, at our annual picnic in August, or may be obtained by contacting Jane Greber.

Once the form is completed, mail it to Jane Greber or bring it to the next quarterly program meeting, and either give it to the Program Chair, or clip it in the proper place on the program chart.

HIKE LEADER'S HIKE SCHEDULING FORM- FILL OUT AND MAIL TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OR BRING TO THE QUARTERLY MEETING

Date _____ Day of Week _____ Time _____

Leader _____ Phone (_____) _____

Meeting Place _____

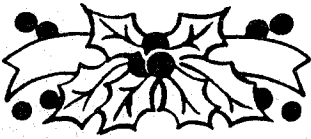
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Title of Hike _____

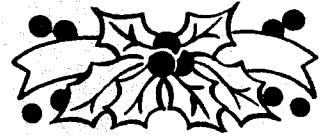
Description of Hike: How many climbs? _____; Terrain, *rugged, rough, moderate or gentle?* _____;

Pace? _____; Elevation change? _____ Food *lunch & water, water, restaurant stop, etc.* _____

Other pertinent information _____



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



WHERE: THE WEST SHORE SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER
122 Gerry St., New Cumberland, PA

WHEN: Saturday, December 7, 1996, at 7:00 P.M.

THE PARTY COMMITTEE for this year will be:

Jane Greber, 766-1913

Jeff Buehler, 657-8281

The Committee needs to know **WHO** is coming and **WHAT** you are bringing to the covered dish dinner.

Members are asked to bring along some of their favorite slides taken on this year's hikes and/or vacations. Please limit your presentation to 10-15 minutes, and identify your slides with your name. Be prepared to explain what the slide is about.



NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

NAME	ADDRESS	POST OFFICE & ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE
Anderson, Jayne & Neil			
Bergstrasser, Richard			
Boyer, James F			
Briner, Michael S & Anita J			
Cole, George S & Lorna Demp:			
Coulter, Tracey L			
Dorsey, Tina R			
Edgett, Judy P			
Fleming, Susan & Kevin J			
Forster, Mark			
Gooden, Barbara J			
Heath, Perry D			
Heuscher, Dina D			
Hickes, Nancy A			
Kesterson, Jennifer			
Little, Thomas J			
Lobel, Robert D			
McSherry, Robin			
Miller, Ann M			
Miller, Barbara			
Minich, Sherri L			
Murphy, Gail & John			
Norman, Dean			
Reichel, Jon & Lindi			
Reichelderfer, Louis & Cathj			
Schlosberg, David			
Sigouin, Mark			
Simons, Daniel			
Smith, Kay I			
Stewart, Michael D			
Stiller, Susan B			
Van Cleet, Marjorie			
Wall, Janet			
Wellington, Charles H			

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Saturday, June 22, the club sponsored a new hike leader orientation and picnic near Pine Grove Furnace State Park, using the hospitality of board member Jane Keeney and her parent's cabin. In addition to hiking and great food brought for the picnic, we had a successful hike leadership discussion and sign-up of potential new hike leaders. Some are already leading hikes for the current hike schedule. Thanks to everyone who participated and remember that we can always use more new hike leaders as well as new ideas for a varied hike schedule. **SO! GET INVOLVED!** I think our club represents the best in group hiking opportunities in this area.

On the trail maintenance side, we can also use a few more volunteers to help out with trail clearing, particularly in the summer months, when under-growth along the trails grows more rapidly.

Again, on trail maintenance, we'll host the Mid-Atlantic Crew this fall for another week of trail construction. See article on this page.

Our club observed **National Trails Day** on June 1, by installing a new trail-head bulletin board at the parking area, just off of PA Route 225 at the top of Peter's Mountain. These bulletin boards are placed by local clubs at a number of points along the Appalachian Trail to provide information for hikers and the general public about the trail, as well as about the local clubs and their activities.. Funds to purchase the bulletin boards were provided by a grant from the National Park Service to the Appalachian Trail Conference, which ordered them for the local clubs. Our special thanks to the club secretary, Katie Jones for coordinating the project.

Recently, V-P Jane Greber and your President attended a biennial meeting at Harpers Ferry WV, of the various club officers of all of the maintaining organizations from Maine to Georgia or their designees. This meeting is sponsored by the Appalachian Trail Conference to give the Presidents a chance to "meet" with the conference officials and the agency partners. The main theme at this year's biennial meeting was to outline the roles and the responsibilities of the conference, the individual maintaining clubs and the land owning agency partners: The National Park Service and the National Forest Service, etc.

Concerning club roles, it was brought to our attention the importance of the **Local Management Planning Guide** as a tool for club continuity in addressing the maintenance and management of our assigned sections of the A.T. Although we do have a basic trail management plan, developed by the club in 1982, a more comprehensive local management plan is needed to update and amend the earlier version and to bring it into current standards for such plans. Our vice-president, Jane Greber, will be heading up a committee to develop this new plan. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Jane.

I hope everyone had a good summer, and wish you all a colorful fall foliage season of hiking. **Happy hiking everyone!**

Jeff Buehler, President

NEW CLUB BRUSHCUTTER PURCHASED

This spring our club purchased a new gas powered brushcutter to help us in our trail maintenance responsibilities. The brushcutter was purchased with the help of a grant from our parent organization, the **Appalachian Trail Conference**, via their Grants-to-Clubs program, which in turn is underwritten by outdoor equipment and clothing retailer, **L. L. Bean**.

The Stihl brand, model FS160 brushcutter has already been used successfully on an A.T. maintenance trip and can be used on other hiking trails by properly trained club members. Safety equipment and a comfortable carrying harness were also bought.

For more information, contact Jeff Buehler, 657-8281.

FALL PROJECT WITH THE MID-ATLANTIC CREW

This fall our club will again host the Appalachian Trail Conference's Mid-Atlantic Crew for a week of trail work. This will mark the 5th consecutive year the "Crew" will have helped us on a trail project on our club's section of the A.T.

The dates for this fall's work are September 19-23m 1996. This Thursday through Monday schedule allows the crew to work with volunteers from the host trail club on weekends.

This year's project will be to continue the reconstruction work begun last year on the spring trail at our Peter's Mountain shelter. Last year we helped the crew in laying approximately 85 new rock steps on the side trail. The work again will involve the use of a cable, pulley and winch system to move large, heavy rocks into position for steps. There is also much digging and backfilling to do.

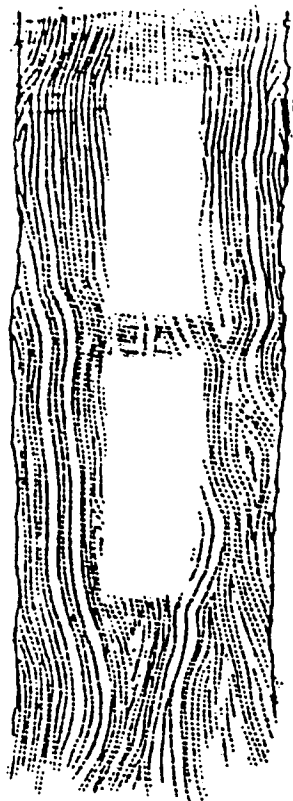
Please try to come out and work with the crew, if you can. Last year's work was quite impressive to see and it's always fun to be part of a group of dedicated volunteers doing a worthwhile project on the trail. Our club has consistently been one of the most represented in terms of numbers of volunteers showing up to work with the crew.

We will again reward both club and crew volunteers with a little picnic at the shelter on Sunday, Sep 22 at approximately 12:30 PM. The club will provide sandwiches and drinks. Members wishing to come out and join in the fellowship are asked to bring a covered dish or snacks appropriate for carrying into the shelter site.

For more information, contact: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281

TRAIL BLAZES

POISON IVY, POISON SUMAC



Each year the question arises over whether the sumacs are poisonous or not.

Because of the concerns involving trail work, I have been asked to write a short article on the subject.

As it so happens, both ivies and sumacs are members of the same family - Anacardiaceae or cashew family. So how do we tell them apart?

The old adage, "Three leaves--let it be!" does not hold true in all cases. There are too many species with three leaves. In fact there are even other members of the *Rhus* genera with three leaves that are not poisonous.

We must learn finer methods of identification. To begin with Gray divides the genus *Rhus* into three sub-genera:

Sumac - Three harmless sumacs

Lobadium - the fragrant sumac

Toxicodendron - Poison ivy, oak & sumac

So, what are the differences?

First there are the leaves. Count the leaflets. All of the harmless sumacs, except the fragrant sumac, have leaflets in excess of 11. Poison sumac has only 7-13 leaflets. Thus any tree or small shrub with 13 or less leaflets should be treated with caution.

What about the three leaf varieties? We have

three species with only three leaflets, but the polecat bush or fragrant sumac has very distinctive, smaller, coarser, less shiny leaflets, with very uniform sinuses.

Secondly, where are the flowers and fruits borne? All of the harmless sumacs bear their flowers and fruits at the tip of the stem. All of the others, including the fragrant sumac bear their flowers and fruits in the axils of the stem.

Thirdly, what are the colors of the fruits and do the fruits have any hairs? All of the harmless sumacs, including the fragrant sumac, have hairs on the fruits or drupes.

The hairs on the drupes give the fruits a red or reddish appearance. On the other hand, both poison ivy and poison sumac have white fruits, while poison oak has greenish fruits. All of fruits of the poisonous species are glabrous.

Poison oak is a more western species, although it does grow along the Gulf Coast and along the Atlantic seaboard as far north as NJ.

Lastly, what is the structure of the plant? All of the sumacs have multiple leaflets, except the fragrant sumac, and all are either trees or tree-like shrubs. Both poison ivy & poison oak are very variable vines. They may climb trees, poles or fences, they may trail on the ground, or they may form short, upright stems.

Both poison ivy and poison oak have three variable leaflets, which may be entire (no teeth) or they may bear a few teeth, or even shallow sinuses. All sumacs, except the fragrant sumac, have coarse teeth, but **poison sumac grows only in swamps and river bottoms**, while the other sumacs grow almost any where.

LATIN NAME	ENGLISH NAME	FORM	LEAFLETS	FLOWERS AND FRUITS	COLOR OF FRUIT	HAIRINESS
<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn sumac	Small tree	11-31	At terminus of stem	Red	Very hairy
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth sumac	Large shrub	11-31	At terminus of stem	Reddish	Short hairs
<i>Rhus copallina</i>	Winged sumac	Large shrub	11-23	At terminus of stem	Reddish	Minute hairs
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Fragrant sumac	Small shrub	3	In axils of stem	Reddish	Short hairs
<i>Rhus vernix</i>	Poison sumac	Small tree	7-13	In axils of stem	White	No hairs
<i>Rhus radicans</i>	Poison ivy	Vine *	3	In axils of stem	White	No hairs
<i>Rhus Toxicodendron</i>	Poison oak	Vine *	3	In axils of stem	Green	No hairs

* While these are listed as a vine, they can vary in form, sometimes appearing as a very small shrub. Also the leaves may vary somewhat, sometimes they are entire, or they may bear small to medium sized sinuses.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

It is with great pleasure that S.A.T.C. recognizes one of our most dedicated and long term volunteers: **Craig Dunn**.

Craig has been a member for many years and until recently was our club's Trailmaster, whose duties are to maintain and manage our club's assigned trails. Due to personal reasons and a general lack of free time for volunteer activities, he had requested to be relieved of this Trailmaster duties this past spring.

Craig has worked long and hard for our club, serving not only as Trailmaster since 1978, but also as multi-term board member, vice-president and president. In his different club capacities, he has worked on many club initiatives including the writing of our club's first Trail Management Plan. He has been, of course, involved in many of the trail projects on our section of the Appalachian Trail from the refurbishing of the old Peter's Mountain shelter to the building of the new Peter's Mountain shelter and privy.; he has organized volunteers and trained them in proper blazing and clearing the trail; he has kept and maintained the club's inventory of trail tools.

With the purchasing of trail lands to protect the route of the Appalachian Trail in the 1980's by the National Park Service including lands adjacent to our club's section of the trail, Craig was also involved in the club responsibility of monitoring these lands and in the initial identification and purchasing process.

Craig is well respected in the trail community, having served on many other trail organizations' committees and as board member in those organizations. He has been the Budget and Finance Committee Chair for the Keystone Trails Association for many years; served on the Pennsylvania Appalachian Trail Advisory Committee; been board member and corresponding secretary for our parent organization, the Appalachian Trail Conference; and officer and board member for the Cumberland Valley A.T. Management Association, to mention a few.

Craig was co-founder of Pro-Trail, a mix of trail and environmental groups, that formed a coalition to promote an off-road route for the Appalachian Trail through the Cumberland Valley. He is still Trailmaster for the Cumberland Valley A.T. Management Association and helped form that club as the newest A.T. maintaining club.

Another significant accomplishment to Craig's credit was his participation as one of the founders of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands (T.A.T.L.), a land conservation trust devoted to purchasing and protecting lands adjacent to the A.T. corridor in order to protect viewsheds and other resources along the trail. Craig's banking and financial background made him a natural for this project. To date, T.A.T.L. has protected more than 12,743 acres in 14 trail states, to supplement the National Park Service's on-going trail protection program.

The list of accomplishments to the trail community could go on and on. Craig Dunn's commitment to the Appalachian Trail and to hiking trails in general will undoubtedly keep that list growing for sometime into the future. Craig will continue to advise the S.A.T.C. board and its committees on trail related issues. His wealth of trail experience will benefit us for a long time to come.

Thank you, **Craig Dunn!**

Oh! Did we mention that Craig is an A.T. 2000-miler, too.

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IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP UPDATE

Now that we're home, it seems like a dream, but we really did it. I know each of us wants to return someday to these beautiful countries, mostly unspoiled by the fast track that has become way of life for most Americana.

We won't easily forget all the things we did--the wild beauty of the Aran Islands and the Cliffs of Mohr; set dancing with the locals in County Clare; seeing a play at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin; hiking on the West Highland Way in Scotland among the bluebells, (and at least a million sheep).

And most of all, we won't forget the friendliness and hospitality of the people, as evidenced by one of our member's distant relatives on the Dingle Peninsula inviting 15 of us to share tea in their small cottage with their eleven children. Perhaps we could all learn a lesson from these simple and beautiful people by extending the hand of friendship to strangers in our own country.

But for now, it's back to reality, with only our memories and of course, all those pictures.

Bonnie Booth

CARD OF THANKS

As many of you know, our father, Frank Buser, passed away in early July. Although he wasn't a member of SATC, he had led a few memorable hikes for us and was well-known. We would like to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and the very much appreciated donation to the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Foundation in his memory.

Jane and Randy Greber

1997 A.T.C. CALENDAR

Anyone purchasing the new 1997 A.T.C. calendar will notice that two of the pictures adorning it are the photographic work of two S.A.T.C. members: Tom Scully and Jeff Buehler.

The two prints are on the months of March and November. The calendar is unique because the images on it are taken by a combination of professional and amateur photographers and is the official calendar of the A.T.C.

Congratulations are in order to Tom and Jeff.