



# 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 East Gate Office Center on 7th St. opposite the Herr St. underpass  
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 ON PAGE 3**

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| December 2<br>Tuesday   | 9:00 AM | <b><u>Shank Park Nature Hike</u></b><br>A/Moderate pace. Meet at Bull Frog Valley Park off Bull Frog Valley Rd.<br>behind Hershey Medical Center.<br>Leader: John Stein, 533-3679   | 4 miles<br>[0 miles hwy]   |
| December 3<br>Wednesday | 9:00 AM | <b><u>Mason-Dixon Trail</u></b><br>A/Mt. Zion Rd to Pinchot State Park. Some road walking & State Game<br>Lands #242. Lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at McDonald's/Dillsburg<br>shopping area, Rt. 15, second traffic light after PA Turnpike.<br>Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 | 6.2 miles<br>[7 miles hwy] |
| December 6<br>Saturday  | 7:00 PM | <b><u>ANNUAL SATC HOLIDAY PARTY</u></b> at West Shore Sr. Citizen Center<br>Potluck dinner, slides and more. See article on page 4  |                            |
| December 7<br>Sunday    | 1:00 PM | <b><u>Candy Lane</u></b><br>A/Christmas lights at Hershey Park. Will stop for hot chocolate or cider  | 5-6 miles                  |

# ONE PHONE CALL TO SIMPLIFY STATE PARK RESERVATIONS

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has announced a new program to simplify reservation at the various State Parks with following announcement:

The biggest change in several decades to Pennsylvania's State Parks is just around the corner. Beginning in January, one phone call will get customers access to reservations and information on any one of Pennsylvania's 116 state parks.

Targeted for a Jan 31, 1998 opening, the new system will feature a toll-free number, 1-888-PA-PARKS answered by operators who can take statewide reservations on certain state park amenities, such as campsites, cabins, pavilions, and group tenting areas. The call center, which will be in Harrisburg, also will provide information about the entire state park system.

"To provide top-quality service to our state park visitors, we needed to modernize our antiquated way of taking reservations and providing information. Because this new system is being designed specifically for Pennsylvania, we will soon have a system to meet our needs and satisfy our customers. The end result should be improved customer services and increased tourism in our state parks," said John C. Oliver, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

Oliver cautions callers that they may experience busy signals the first few weeks after 1-888-PA-PARKS opens due to caller demand. To help alleviate the burden on the system at the onset, DCNR will only be accepting reservations for state park cabins during the first week. Beginning Feb 7, all reservations will be accepted up to 11 months in advance.

The new system is part of the Ridge Administration's PRIME efforts to improve government and make it more accessible, efficient and cost-effective. The nationwide toll-free number for centralized reservations is also anticipated to increase awareness and visits to Pennsylvania's magnificent state park system.

The new system will allow customers from anywhere in the United States to call one number to make reservations up to 11 months in advance for cabins, camp sites, group tenting areas and pavilions. For example, to make a cabin reservation for July 1, 1999, a customer may call anytime after August 1, 1998

Customers may make multiple reservations with one call, and for the first time, may use VISA or Master Card for payment.

For those who aren't familiar with our state park system, or simply need more information before they visit, operators will have on hand database of information about the parks and their amenities. They'll be able to provide maps on individual parks, literature on camping and other accommodations, brochures on volunteering, trail guides for cross country skiing and other sports, and other information and literature.

Under the current system, customers must call individual parks to make a reservation. The parks are not linked into any database that tells the availability of other sites throughout the state park system.

The new system will eliminate the February call-in period for cabins; reduce double bookings; provide uniformity in procedures; and track caller information for future mailings and reports. Operators will serve as "travel agents" by providing options at other parks when a caller's first choice already is taken.

"They'll have a database at their fingertips to be able to provide the utmost in service to our customers," said Oliver.

Campsites throughout the state park system will be 100% reservable. Those wanting the comfort of a guaranteed site when they arrive may choose to make a reservation. Those wanting last minute flexibility still have the option of showing up at a park without a reservation.

The reservation system is being designed specifically for Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Industries for the Blind and Handicapped (PIBH) has been selected as the contractor, and has subcontracted with several consultants and companies to help design and implement the system.

One of its member organizations, AbiliTech, will operate the call center and provide technical support to DCNR park staff. Bell Atlantic Professional Service is advising AbiliTech on call center management and operations. Unisys Corp. has been selected as the software system integrator with the overall responsibility for determining how the system is designed. Suncoast Scientific is developing software in conjunction with Unisys.

More information on Pennsylvania's state parks is available on DCNR's web site at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us>. To get the latest update on the new reservation system, call toll-free 1-888-PA-PARKS (1-888-727-2557) for a recorded message.

## SIDEBAR POSSIBILITIES

### **1-888-PA-PARKS at a glance:**

- Target date for opening-Jan 31, 1998 for cabin reservations only. All other reservations accepted beginning Feb 7,
- Reservations and information on any of Pa's 166 state parks.
- Call up to 11 months in advance.
- Book reservations for cabins, campsites, group tenting areas, yurts, whitewater rafting, walled tents.
- Free publications available. Ask for a PA Recreation Guide.
- VISA and MasterCard accepted.
- Make multiple reservations with one call.
- Call anytime Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m..
- TDD number: 1-888-537-7294.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

**SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, INC.**

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**BUSHWACK BULLETIN**

<b>EDITOR</b>	Ralph H Kinter
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December 28 Sunday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Darlington Trail</u></b> D/Sterrets Gap to Tower Road. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Jeff Buehler and Phil Day, 657-8281	10 miles [40 miles hwy]
January 1 Thursday	10:00 AM	<b><u>New Years Day Hike</u></b> B/Meet at Pavilion at upper end of Wildwood lake at Industrial Road. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447	6 miles [0 miles hwy]
January 4 Sunday	1:00 PM	<b><u>Stoney Creek Hike</u></b> A/Flat terrain, in and out hike. Good for beginners. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Carole Martin, 561-2475	5 miles [30 miles hwy]
January 6 Tuesday	6:15 PM 7:30 PM	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b> <b><u>Program Meeting for All Members and Guests</u></b> Come, help plan your favorite hikes for the March-April-May quarter. Meet at the Senior Citizen's Center, 122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA <b>Program:</b> "Backpacking the Appalachian Trail in the Smokies" Slides and commentary by club member Randy Greber	
January 7 Wednesday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Mason-Dixon Trail</u></b> A/Pinchot State Park to Boat Launch Area #3. Easy terrain. Lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at McDonald's/Dillsburg shopping area, Rt. 15, second traffic light after PA Turnpike. Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261	5 miles [18 miles hwy]
January 8 Thursday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Stoney Valley Circle Hike</u></b> A/Moderate pace. Cable bridge or ice creek crossing. Lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at light post #1, Harrisburg East Mall. Leader: John Stein, 533-3679	5 miles [30 miles hwy]
January 11 Sunday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Search and Find Hike</u></b> C/Moderate pace. Tracking. One part of the group will try to find the other subgroup. Bring lunch and water. Leader: John Stein, 533-3679	8 miles [40 miles hwy]
January 18 Sunday	1:00 PM	<b><u>Franklinton Hike</u></b> B/Hike on Game Lands, rolling countryside, slow to moderate pace. Bring water and snacks. Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743	5-7 miles [40 miles hwy]
January 23 Friday	8:00 AM	<b><u>Ricketts Glen</u></b> B+/Spectacular waterfalls. Trail may be wet or icy. Sturdy shoes a must. Bring trail snack and water. Late lunch at a local restaurant. Meet at the upper (right side) parking lot at McDonald's, Summerdale Plaza.	4.5 miles

January 31 Saturday	8:30 AM	<b><u>Center Point Knob Area</u></b> D+/Bring lunch and water. Loop hike from White Rocks to Rocky Ridge. Moderate-fast pace. Many steep ups and downs. Leader: Tom Scully, 671-8241	11 miles  [50 miles hwy]
February 1 Sunday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Appalachian Trail -- Scott Farm to Boiling Springs</u></b> D/Hike through the Cumberland Valley. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Will Webster, 671-5913	10.6 miles  [50 miles hwy]
February 7 Saturday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Conestoga Trail, Second in a Series</u></b> C/Hackman Rd. to Rt. 772. Moderate pace. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261	7.4 miles  [40 miles hwy]
February 8 Sunday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Raush Gap Circle Hike</u></b> C/Bring lunch and water. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196	10 miles  [80 miles hwy]
February 15 Sunday	1:00 PM	<b><u>Hotel Hershey Ridge Hike</u></b> A/Bring snacks and water. Leader: Carole Martin, 561-2475	4 miles  [25 miles hwy]
February 22 Sunday	10:00 AM	<b><u>Holly Preserve</u></b> B+/One climb. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 and Tom Coogan	6 miles  [50 miles hwy]
February 28 Saturday	8:30 AM	<b><u>State Game Lands #211</u></b> E+/Bring lunch and water. Loop hike from the AT parking lot. Moderate-fast pace. Two long, steep climbs. Leader: Tom Scully, 671-8241	14 miles  [50 miles hwy]
March 1 Sunday	9:00 AM	<b><u>Middle Creek Wildlife Area</u></b> C+/Tundra Swans and Snow Geese in abundance. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281	7 miles  [120 miles hwy]
March 28 Saturday		<b><u>SATC Annual Banquet</u></b> This annual event will be held at Elizabethtown College. Details will be in the next bulletin.	

## CODES FOR THE HIKES

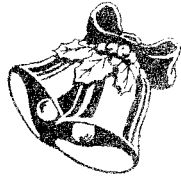
A - Easy

- Hikes of up to six miles with very little hill climbing [Excellent for beginners.]

B - Fairly Easy

- Hikes of up to six miles with some climbing. [Good for beginners.]

In addition the leaders should describe the pace and footing, where this is essential, such as: "Easy with moderate or fast pace;" or "Easy with nature stops;" or "Good footpath;" or "Rocky and rough;" etc.



# ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1997, at 7:00 PM

The Party Committee for this year will be:  
Katie Jones, 249-6727 and Jane Greber, 766-1913

**The Committee needs to know who is coming and what they are bringing to the covered dish supper.**

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

## NEW MEMBERS

OCT 1997

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

NAME	ADDRESS	POST OFFICE	PHONE
Lou & Mary Lou Bercheni Kathy Berner Kenneth R Boyer Lee Casher John Francis Daugherty			
Jeffrey R Davis John L & John L Densham Jr Diana Durbec Jon Flatley Philip & Carol Green			
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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## TRAIL VOLUNTEERS

Randy and I just returned from a week-long Autumn backpack trip on the Appalachian Trail through the Great Smokies National Park. It was a 70 mile hike of contrasts. At 2,000 feet we hiked in September; at 4,000 feet in October; and at 6,000 feet in November. As the altitudes changed the kinds of vegetation also changed greatly. However, one thing remained constant throughout our hike--the care that many volunteers give to the Trail.

This fact was evident in the marvelous old stonework seen along some of the drop-offs, the newly constructed waterbars, the determination of one volunteer to keep "her" shelter litter-free, as well as many more examples, too numerous to mention. **HATS OFF to the many volunteers who made our trip possible and pleasant--HATS OFF to all the S.A.T.C. volunteers who help make our section of the Appalachian Trail just as enjoyable for others!**

## MAINE

The Appalachian Trail Conference in Maine (Aug 1997) was another example of volunteerism at its best. Approximately 1,400 people registered--that's a lot of people to feed, house, and make reasonably happy for a week. The Maine Appalachian Trail Club did a grand job in that effort, and the trails that we were on were in excellent shape.

## LINK TRAIL & 1,000 STEPS

The 1,000 steps are an historical landmark on the Link Trail. They were used by the Harbison-Walker workers as they made their daily trek up and down Jack's Mountain in Huntingdon County to quarry silica for the production of bricks.

The property was in danger of being lost to the

Lesser contributions to the effort are also being accepted.

At the October meeting, the S.A.T.C. Board of Directors voted to purchase a step for \$100, thus contributing to a very worthy cause in the hiking community. We will receive a certificate of ownership for our step.

## VICTORIA TRAIL

Tom Scully has scouted and mapped out a much needed replacement for the old Victoria side-trail. The plans have been sent to the Pennsylvania Game Commission for approval.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the Christmas Party, and to help clean up afterwards.

## LOCAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

We are on the home stretch in finishing this document for S.A.T.C. and A.T.C. The LMP stipulates how a maintaining club will protect its section of the Appalachian Trail.

A draft copy was completed in September and distributed to interested club members for review. On October 21, thirteen club members met at Scott's Farm with A.T.C. representatives and made final comments. Using these comments, a final copy will be made and sent to A.T.C. for approval.

I would like to thank all of the club members who participated in this challenging endeavor. Your efforts are much appreciated, whether you participated as a committee member and/or by reviewing the LMP and making comments. Close to 400 club hours have gone into this project to date, with several

## EDITORIAL PAGE

### PAYING OUR WAY AS HIKERS

We have just received word from Jeff Bowers and Deb Myers that the US Forest Service is requiring a parking permit to park at trail heads in the National Forests in Oregon and Washington. The fee is \$3.00 a day, or an annual sticker for \$25, with 50% off if you have a Golden Eagle Pass.

We have long advocated such a parking permit here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to help fund improvements to our State Parks and our trail systems in State Forests and State Game lands. After all, the hunters are taxed to help provide the purchase of game lands, which we use. But then their tax is used solely for their benefit.

Therefore, such taxes and fees should then be dedicated for just that purpose. In the case of the National Forest, Jeff tells us that 80% goes toward improving trails and trail heads. What about the other 20%? Is it being used to build roads for logging purposes?

From where we stand, we do not feel that hikers, backpackers, and hunters should be taxed for enjoying the outdoors, just to subsidize industry.

And, while we endorse taxing a special group in order to provide facilities and properties being used by that group, we do not support the taxing of others to benefit any special group--such as a tax on cameras and film and related items simply to support wild life, for example. Not all camera users, by far, are interested in wild life.

**Each specialized group should be prepared to help finance their own special interests, whether by donations or by special tax dedicated for that purpose, as was done for the hunters.**

Ralph H Kinter, your editor.

### **IF THIS ISSUE WAS RECEIVED LATE:**

The cause was due to failure to meet our deadlines, especially the deadline on articles. Some of which were received after the hike schedule deadline. As a result, delivery up to Dec 4, should not be regarded as late.

## BACKWARD GLANCES

### 1997 UTAH / MONTANA WILDERNESS TRIP

Our group met in Salt Lake City and headed east for the Wasatch Mountains and the High Uintas Wilderness. Here, we camped at 8,000 feet and day hiked in the remote and beautiful mountain areas of Utah, at altitudes between 10,000 and 11,000 feet.

But it wasn't the altitudes that nearly did us in. It was the mosquitos. While not too bad at the campsite, they could be ferocious on the trails if the wind died down. One evening, while on our backpack trip, we had to dress from head to toe as we sat around the campsite trying to eat supper, while wearing mosquito netting headgear.

On one occasion,, Jim Oxley, in a vain effort, braved it out. The fish were biting like mad, but not on Jim's hook. What was biting for Jim were the mosquitos.....all over his hands as he held the rod. Needless to say, after a heroic effort, he gave up.

Then it was on to the Flathead National Forest and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area in Montana. To get to the campsites, we had to caravan along a dirt road, following the Hungry Horse Reservoir for more than fifty miles. The campsite was delightful, with running water and pit toilets that did not smell at all. Perry Mason had the stamina to swim in the crystal clear but icy-cold river that flowed nearby the campground.

As usual, Louise Sis grabbed the fishing rod and went off to fish. But, it wasn't until Stan Rudisill finally persuaded a fish to bite, that there was a fish story to tell. However, it was cooked and eaten by the time the rest of us got back to camp, so we're still not sure if it was even legal.

Thanks to all, including John Stein, Barbara Rosenstrauch, and Leo Boyer for making it another great trip. Next summer, we plan to return to the Bob Marshall Wilderness during the last two weeks of July, and also explore the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho for some more remote wilderness adventures of backpacking and day hiking.

One planning session will be held in March--Watch for the announcement.

Jon Kohn  
612-7905



# TRAIL WORK REPORT

## MID-ATLANTIC CREW

I am pleased to report the outstanding job done this fall on our Peters Mountain Shelter's spring trail. The Appalachian Trail Conference Mid-Atlantic Crew, along with club volunteers, constructed 56 rock steps and dug 400 feet of new sidehill trail construction on the spur trail. This year's work concentrated on the steep upper section of the trail and includes a short reroute directly to the new shelter.

The nine member Mid-Atlantic Crew showed us their expertise again in moving and placement of large rocks for the steps, using winch techniques and simple levers. Large, heavy rocks provide the much needed stability on a steep slope. The quality of the trail work is quite evident and should provide hikers with safe passage to the spring for many years to come in addition to controlling erosion.

Sixteen club volunteers participated in the work project, contributing 120 hours of their time towards construction and also in providing a much appreciated picnic lunch at the shelter for everyone. The work can sometimes be tough but the accomplishment of a well done job on these steps will be admired by present and future S.A.T.C.'ers alike. Hopefully, the entire project will wrap up next year with a third and final week of trail crew work on this trail.

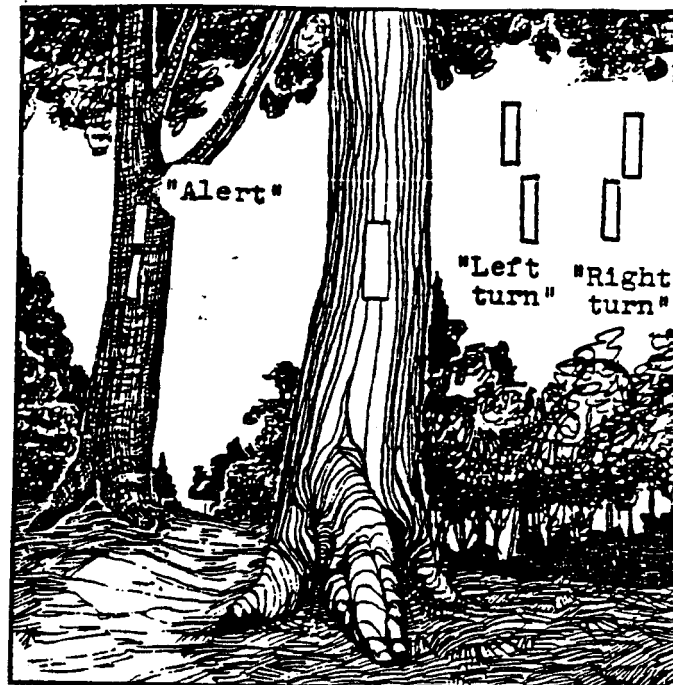
## TRAIL MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT

I have been delinquent in contacting potential trail maintainers for adopting sections of trail that our club officially maintains. Anyone interested in maintaining a short section of trail can get in touch with me to discuss it. Trail maintainers will receive a copy of the Appalachian Trail maintenance standards, along with club policies. Scheduled club work trips on trails will continue with the individual trail maintainers augmenting them.

The S.A.T.C. Board chose to use the standard

"Maintainers responsible for trail blazing will be instructed about proper blazing style, including not to over-blaze. No paint directional arrows, worded messages, or other symbols will be allowed. Old blazes no longer maintained, or excessive blazes will be scraped off and/or discretely painted over in a natural tone. Trail blazes will not be painted on rocks if trees are suitable for blazing."

It is a good idea for volunteers, club member or not, to contact the responsible organization for a particular trail before going out in the field to do paint blazing. Some volunteer are not aware of the trail marking standards that trail clubs conform to. On the Appalachian Trail, guidelines established by the Appalachian Trail Conference are used for trail marking and serve also as a good model for use on other blazed hiking trails. Trail clubs will usually have paint and other supplies needed for the volunteer.



Last spring, an official from the camp contacted me to inform our club that they do not want the trail blazed into that particular section of the camp. Unfortunately, I had to tell him that S.A.T.C. was not responsible for the trail nor did I know who did the blazing. That portion of the trail cleared and blazed outside of the camp was also on privately owned lands.

In nearby State Game Lands #211 there are many blazed trails that make for excellent hiking in the area--many of which our club hikes have used in the past. Some of these trails have been constructed and blazed by individuals who have put in a lot of time and effort to produce some fine hiking opportunities for everyone, but unfortunately without proper authorization. In meetings with the PA Game Commission officials last year, when a new A.T. map showing many of these trails was unveiled to them, there was a lot of concern about unauthorized building and blazing of such trails. [The South-east Region of the PGC has experienced a large increase in unauthorized trail blazing by different user groups in recent years.] Here again S.A.T.C. could not claim responsibility.

I point out these two examples to show that in addition to proper trail blazing standards, we must also obtain permission to blaze trails, whether on private or public lands. When considering a possible new trail, it is best to have a dedicated organization or club, like S.A.T.C. to plan, obtain approval, construct and commit to maintaining

the trail. S.A.T.C. welcomes interested individuals to help in club sponsored trail building and planning processes.

### **TRAIL WORK REPORTING**

As many of you know our club is one of 32 A.T. maintaining clubs that provide stewardship for the entire trail from Maine to Georgia. The trail clubs are sub-delegated this responsibility by the Appalachian Trail Conference, which in turn has been delegated management responsibility by the National Park Service in a formal agreement. Each fiscal year the Appalachian Trail Conference must provide the N.P.S. with reports documenting the total number of volunteers and volunteer hours spent on trail maintenance and management.

All work hours for field work, i.e. maintenance and monitoring activities on the A.T. as well as travel time to and from work sites is reportable. In addition, meeting time spent for A.T. related planning sessions may be tallied into our club's total.

For the fiscal year, Oct 1, 1996 through Sep 30, 1997, S.A.T.C. contributed 764.5 hours from 33 volunteers on A.T. related work.

Jeff Buehler  
Trailmaster  
657-8281

### **TRAIL WORK STATISTICS**

The National Park Service has just released statistics that indicate that our club furnished 797 hours by 47 members on our 9.3 miles of trail.

This means that our trail workers worked an average of 16 hours, 55 minutes on trail work. In this our club ranked 30th out of 32 maintaining clubs. The average was 30 hrs 50 mins.

However, when we apply these figures against the miles of trail we maintain, our club was 3rd, with 5.05 workers per mile. The average was 2.07 workers per mile.

# *the* **BULLETIN BOARD**

## **APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPRINGER MOUNTAIN NORTH**

At age 60, we will start at Springer Mtn., GA about March 9, 1998, and backpack for two or three weeks.

Join me for day hike sections or for backpack sections. Bring Spam! Interested?

Contact John Stein (Spam-man) 717-533-3679  
or write: John Stein, PO Box 9 Hershey PA 17033-0009

## **WESTERN MOUNTAINS TRIP**

We are planning a trip to hike and/or backpack in the mountains of the west in September 1998.

If interested contact John Stein, PO Box 9, Hershey PA 17033-0009 or call John at 717-533-3679

## **DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN**

ARTICLES Jan 9, 1998

HIKE SCHEDULE: Jan 16, 1998

Jan 16 is the absolute deadline, beyond which no articles can be accepted. Once the Bulletin is set up, it is too much work to

## **HIKING / CAMPING MONTANA / IDAHO**

Next summer, we plan to return to the Bob Marshall Wilderness during the last two weeks of July for a week, and then explore the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho the following week. Think about joining us pleasant vacation in remote areas for a wilderness adventure.

A planning session will be held sometime in March, Watch for it in our next Bushwack Bulletin.

Jon Kohn  
612-7905

## **ALASKA**

Our friends in the Lancaster Hiking Club have invited our members to join them on a Hiking Cruise to Alaska, May 30--Jun 13.

There will daily stops for hikes of from 2 to 10 miles