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OUR OBJECTIVES: . GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

CHECK YOUR LABEL! DOES IT HAVE A RED "✓?"
IF A RED "✓" APPEARS ON YOUR LABEL, YOUR DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID!

**THIS, THEN, WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE BUSHWACK BULLETIN
UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE PROMPTLY REMITTED.**

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| September 8
Wednesday | 5:30 PM | <u>Strenuous After Work Hike—Sunset Rocks</u>
C+ Fast pace with one steep climb. Bring snacks, water, and flashlight.
<i>Meet at furnace parking lot at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.</i>
Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913 | 6 miles

(0 hwy miles) |
| September 11
Saturday | 9:00 AM | <u>Trail Maintenance</u>
Possible work in conjunction with the ATC Rock Workshop tentatively scheduled to do rock work on Peters Mtn. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves if you have them.
Half day or full day option.
Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 | (30 hwy miles) |
| September 14
Tuesday | 9:00 AM | <u>Holly Preserve</u>
A Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Bring water. Restaurant stop.
<i>Meet at Camp Hill Shopping Mall near theaters.</i>
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743 | 4-5 miles

(40 hwy miles) |
| September 19
Sunday | 9:00 AM | <u>Appalachian Trail—Conodoquinet to Yellow Breeches</u>
C Easy to moderate terrain, moderate pace. Bring lunch and water.
Second in a series of hikes to cover the same part of the trail in different seasons.
Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169. | 9 miles

(60 hwy miles) |

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- September 19
Sunday
10:00 AM
- Mid State Trail- Southern Extension** 7 or 16 miles
C+ or **E+** The first group hike of another newly completed section in State Game Lands #97. Joint hike with other hiking clubs. This rocky Mid State Trail section, finished in June 1999, in State Game Lands #97 runs mostly on a narrow ridge between Everett, PA (100 yards from the PA Turnpike) and PA 326 (Garlic Trail in Buchanan State Forest near Blankley Road) overlooking two beautiful valleys with super views. Part of group may hike half only (approx. 7 miles). Moderate pace. Bring good hiking boots, plenty of water, and lunch. Total 16 mile hike takes 6-8 hours with car spotting. Optional dinner stop after hike. Optional camping in Buchanan State Forest Saturday night (meet at Blankley Picnic Area water pump at 4 PM or 7 PM).
Meet for hikes at parking area on east side of PA 326 at Blankley Road south of Rainsburg, PA.
 Leader: John W. Stein, 533-3679 (200 miles)
- September 24-26
Friday-Sunday
- Keystone Trails Association Annual Meeting and Fall Hiking Weekend**
 This year it is being held at Camp Kanasatake in Spruce Creek south of State College. Contact Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447, for more information.
- October 3
Sunday
1:00 PM
- Conoy Canal Trail/ Nissley Vineyards** 4 miles
A Hike along the Susquehanna River from Bainbridge to Conewago Falls where we can play among the rocks and search for Susquehanna potholes. Hike will be followed by optional tour and wine tasting at nearby Nissley Vineyards. Bring snacks and water.
 Leaders: Katie Jones, 249-6727 and Bill Gulvin (50 miles hwy)
- October 8-11
Friday-Monday
- Camping Weekend**
 Knoebels Grove Arts and Crafts Fair. Optional do-it-yourself hikes. Campsites are \$22.50 per night. Must register by September 25th. Call leader for details.
 Leader: Gail Guers, 232-0387 or if no answer, 737-7675
- October 9
Saturday
- Big Schloss- George Washington National Forest** 12 miles
D+ Big what? A moderately paced loop hike on the VA-WV border south of Winchester, VA. One long but gradual climb then ridge walking to the Schloss (German for castle) which is an impressive large rock outcropping. The spectacular 360-degree view of the fall foliage from the top down into two valleys is worth the drive to see. Terrain is generally good. Bring lunch and water. Joint hike with the West Virginia Chapter of PATC. Contact leader for more information.
 Leader: Rob Shaw, 697-4618 ext. 233 or rshaw@coltplumbing.com
- October 10
Sunday
9:00 AM
- Pinnacle and Pulpit Rock Overlooks Circle Hike on Appalachian Trail** 8.5 miles
C Moderate pace, moderate to gentle hike up. Some rock hopping and stone on trail coming down. Bring lunch and water to enjoy at vistas as adequate time will be taken, especially if the trees are in color. Optional dinner stop.
 Leaders: Sally Huff, 737-8705 and Roy Rekus, 657-3947 (105 hwy miles)
- October 12
Tuesday
6:15 PM
7:30 PM
- Board of Directors Meeting**
Program Meeting for All Members and Guests
 Come help plan your favorite hikes for the December-January-February quarter. Meet at the Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland.
Program: Dewayne Shaw will give a presentation on forest management for recreational, environmental, and commercial uses. He is active in the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Program under the Bureau of Forestry and is retired from the former Department of Environmental Resources.
- October 13
Wednesday
9:00 AM
- Conestoga Trail** 8.2 miles
C+ Moderate pace, moderate terrain. 4-5 climbs. Bring lunch and water.
Meet at Arby's at Camp Hill Shopping Mall or call leader.
 Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5261 (90 miles)

October 15-17 Friday-Sunday		<u>Monongahela Sampler Hiking Weekend</u> Sample three pretty areas of this popular forest. B to C+ hikes of 6-8 miles to include a large waterfall, virgin forest, many streams, and views. Camp near Seneca Rocks with great views also. Joint hikes with other hiking clubs. Driving is 430 miles round trip plus about 25 miles each day from camp plus shuttling. For meeting place and other details check www.epix.net/~pfleszar/monhike.htm Leader: Ed Evangelidi, 202-942-1771 (work) Local Coordinator: Peter Fleszar, 583-2093 (home), 237-2298 (work) or pfleszar@epix.net	
October 16 Saturday	9:00 AM	<u>Blue Mountain/ Northern Cumberland Valley</u> C+ Moderately paced balloon hike from the Scott Farm Trail Work Center to the top of Blue Mountain and back. One climb and one steep descent. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Rob Shaw, 697-4618 ext. 233 or rshaw@coltplumbing.com and Katie Jones, 249-6727	8.5 miles (40 hwy miles)
October 17 Sunday	9:00 AM	<u>Kings Gap</u> B+ Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Two climbs. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318	5 miles (60 hwy miles)
October 23 Saturday	9:00 AM	<u>Western End of Stony Mountain</u> D+ Hike to rock outcroppings with good views on a seldom-traveled trail. Fast pace, rough terrain. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Gail Guers, 232-0387	10 miles (30 hwy miles)
October 24 Sunday	9:00 AM	<u>Welcome Back, Lucille, Hike</u> C+ PA 850 to the Darlington Trail. One long climb. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Bonnie Booth, 533-3566 and Lucille Schlabach	7 miles (30 hwy miles)
October 27 Wednesday	5:30 PM	<u>After Work Semi Night Hike</u> C+ Moderately paced hike on the AT from PA 850 to the Scott Farm. Start in daylight, finish after dark. A good opportunity to try night hiking. Generally good terrain with one steep climb up and down Blue Mountain. Bring snacks, water, and a flashlight. <i>Meet at the Scott Farm Trail Work Center on Bernheisel Bridge Road.</i> Leader: Rob Shaw, 697-4618 ext. 233 or rshaw@coltplumbing.com	6.3 miles (0 hwy miles)
October 30 Saturday	8:00 AM	<u>Broad Mountain Snowmobile Trails</u> C+ Moderate pace with one 600' climb. Moderate terrain. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763	9 miles (80 hwy miles)
October 31 Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>State Game Lands #211</u> E+ Fast paced (3 m.p.h.) with several steep climbs and descents, and some bushwhacking (off-trail walking). Some rocky/boulder terrain. Bring lunch & water. <i>Meet in gravel pull-off at the creek at the intersection of Routes 325 and 225 north of Dauphin.</i> Leader: Tom Scully, work phone: 774-7534 home phone: 671-8241	13 miles (25 hwy miles)
November 2 Tuesday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	<u>Old and New AT Loop Hike Near Green Point</u> B+ Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Optional lunch stop. Meet for breakfast at Millers Restaurant. Meet for the hike at Millers Restaurant on the west side of PA 72 between US 22 and I-81 across from the State Police barracks. Leader: John W. Stein, 533-3679	5 miles (14 hwy miles)
November 6 Saturday	9:00 AM	<u>Horse Shoe Trail Maintenance</u> B+ Bring water and lunch, sturdy boots, and tools if possible. <i>Meet at the Shell gas station at the intersection of I-81 and PA 39.</i> Leader: John W. Stein, 533-3679	5 miles

November 7 Sunday	10:00 AM	<u>Northern Central Rail Trail</u> D Hike into the City of York on the newest section of this trail. Flat, easy walking at a moderate pace. Faster walkers, runners, and mountain bikers welcome. Bring lunch and water. Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675	10 miles (80 hwy miles)
November 11 Thursday	9:00 AM	<u>Stony Valley</u> A Hike to the Water Tank Trail and the side trails we never explored when we were in a hurry. Slow-moderate pace, gentle terrain. Bring water. Restaurant stop. <i>Meet at Summerdale Plaza behind McDonalds.</i> Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743	5 miles (10 hwy miles)
November 14 Sunday	9:00 AM	<u>Goldmine to Rausch Gap Loop</u> C+ Moderate pace, moderate terrain. One climb. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308	8 miles (80 hwy miles)
November 20 Saturday	3:30 PM	<u>Couch Road Night Hike</u> C+ Loop hike in Tuscarora State Forest. Moderate pace, one gentle but long climb. Bring water, snacks, flashlight, and extra batteries. Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675	8 miles (100 hwy miles)
November 21 Sunday	11:00 AM	<u>Gold Mine & Chinese Wall Area</u> E+ Fast paced (3 m.p.h.) with several steep climbs and descents, and some bushwhacking (off-trail walking). Bring lunch & water. <i>Meet in Appalachian Trail parking lot just west of the intersection of Routes 72 and 443 in Swatara Gap State Park.</i> Leader: Tom Scully, work phone: 774-7534 home phone: 671-8241	12 miles (25 hwy miles)
November 28 Sunday	9:00 AM	<u>Appalachian Trail— PA 225 to PA 325</u> D Hike SATC's section of the AT. Moderate pace, moderate terrain. 700' elevation loss. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281	9.6 miles (40 hwy miles)
November 28 Sunday	9:30 AM	<u>Over the Mountain and Through the Woods—Scott Farm to PA 850</u> B+ Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Two climbs, one of which is steep. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318	6 miles (50 hwy miles)
December 4 Saturday	7:00 PM	<u>Annual Holiday Party</u> XMAS Fast pace to buffet line, easy terrain. Bring appetite. See article on page 9	0.1 miles

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 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 9

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Thanks to . . .

★ Foundry Day booth workers and hike leaders Peter Fleszar, Bob Keyes, Randy Sears, Krista Cessna and Pat Harki;

★ Jeff Buehler, Jane Greber, Tom Scully, and all those who helped complete the AT relocation during National Trails Day work weekend;

★ Thyra Sperry and all of you who sent in petitions in our continuing effort to save 18 trails for hikers (Keep sending them - they're helping!);

★ Ron Leik, CPA, for performing a financial review of SATC's records;

★ Clarence Fredlund, for doing such a good job as Club Treasurer that Ron Leik found no problems with our records;

★ Will Webster, for his hard work in publicizing our hikes;

★ Peter Fleszar, who has taken on the title "Chair of the Committee on Communication Sites" and will be working to keep the AT tower-free;

★ All of our hike leaders, trail maintainers, committee members and other volunteers.

AT Relocation Now Open . . .

The relocation of the Appalachian Trail on Peter's Mountain near route 225 was completed during National Trails Day by busy and helpful club members. Some rock work remains to smooth the way. Be sure to hike this attractive section, easily accessible from the parking lot on Route 225.

SATC's Web Site . . .

Our club masthead now includes www.libertynet.org/susqatc Watch for further site improvements.

Hike Safety and Publicity . . .

Hike publicity is now such that those who find out about hikes through newspapers, magazines or the web will call hike leaders in advance to find out the time and/or meeting place for D, D+, E and E+ hikes. Hike leaders are encouraged to use this opportunity to ask qualifying questions of new hikers, such as:

Have you hiked this distance before?

How long ago?

Have you done similar climbs?

Do you have proper footwear?

Depending on answers received, hike leaders may encourage inexperienced hikers to begin with a shorter hike, mentioning specific hikes in the schedule that would be more appropriate and more enjoyable for the beginning hiker.

Another AT Relocation . . .

Club member Tom Scully has proposed another relocation of part of the Appalachian Trail maintained by SATC. This section is located where the AT and the Victoria Trail (also soon to be relocated) meet. The new section would replace the steep grade up which we carried the materials for the new shelter with a more gradual incline closer to the northern edge of the mountain. It would take the trail off most of the road at the top of the mountain and avoid a spot where parked vehicles and trash are frequently found. The new trail would have better views; a greater variety of flowers, ferns and trees; and would pass three rock outcrops with interesting features. The new relocation was approved by the SATC board at the July 6 meeting. ATC approval will now be sought.

Protecting the Trail . . .

Much work is being done to see that the AT is protected across Saddleback Mountain from encroachment by Saddleback Ski Area in Maine. The Trail across Saddleback represents the largest remaining unspoiled area and longest single unprotected section of the Appalachian Trail. It contains one of few alpine areas left on the East Coast of the United States. Writing your congressman, Senators, the Maine Congressional delegation or the governor of Maine may help. Written comments are being collected until August 31, 1999 by:

National Park Service
Appalachian Scenic Trail
Harpers Ferry Center
Harpers Ferry, WV 25415

Check out ATC's web site on this issue at <http://www.matc.org/saddleback.htm> for current updates. The results of an environmental assessment are available at <http://www.nps.gov/aptr/>

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Constitution and Bylaws Revision . . .

A voter-eligibility check by treasurer Clarence Fredlund is under way, but it looks as if both the revised constitution and bylaws have passed by large majorities, with more than enough ballots returned to make the vote count. Thanks to all of you who took the time to vote!

Trail Bear . . .

A black bear entered the Peter's Mountain Shelter on May fifth, but was frightened away by four thru-hikers before it got any food.

Trail Maintainers . . .

Know that your work on the AT is appreciated. Our Club mailbox gets several "thank you" messages each year from hikers who appreciate our hard work.

Sunday Hunting . . .

The petitions against Sunday hunting signed at our annual meeting at the Spring Keystone Trails Association meeting have received some positive feedback from area legislators. SATC members may be testifying at a hearing on this issue this summer.

Holiday Party . . .

All are invited to attend our Club's annual holiday party. See the article in this bulletin for more details. Hope to see you there!

ATC 2001 . . .

SATC will be the lead club for the next biennial Appalachian Trail Conference which will be held at Shippensburg University here in Pennsylvania during the summer of 2001. SATC member Thyra Sperry is conference chair and will be asking many of us to lead hikes, staff committees and be generally useful. Watch for updates on this important event.

Kathryn Jones
President

A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR PETITION ON TRAIL USAGE

John Stein has called our attention to the *Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association's* currently conducting forums on land use, under the title of "**Pennsylvania Land Use Forum, 1999**"

This is a quasi-official governmental body that helps formulate statewide programs on land use and other county and local rules and regulations.

Builders, developers, and large landowners regularly use such forums to develop and obtain favorable treatment at the county and/or municipal levels. We, as a group of trail clubs (the "we" includes the ATC and KTA and all members thereof) should be doing likewise.

It is not enough for us to seek to exclude other users from our organized trail system. This is a negative approach to our problems, and not intended to endear us with other recreational users. A more positive approach would be to work toward having more recreational lands set aside as trails for use of other recreational activities.

We, in the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club have had a long standing relationship with the horseback riders of the Horseshoe Trails Association, and the Northern Chapter, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club likewise has a good relationship with biking organizations. I remember several occasions when I was serving on PATC's Trail Committee (Yes, I served 29 years on that Committee, maintaining a section of trail in Michaux State Forest) that members of the South Mountain Motor Bike Association came through, policing their trails, which at one point crossed our own Appalachian Trail. Let's not jeopardize these relationships by taking a strictly negative stand.

Rather, I would suggest that some of our leaders contact: Mr. John Brosious, at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, 3001 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011-7296. Tel: 717-763-0930, or call 888-223-6837 to find out when and where the next forum will be held.

Editor

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THE TRAILMASTER'S REPORT

It is gratifying to report the outstanding work accomplished on our club's trail maintenance and trail construction trips held so far this year. It is also encouraging to see more faces out on our work trips, particularly some of our newer members. It is important that we perform quality work on our trails, but equally important that newer trail volunteers gain the knowledge of proper trail clearing and trail construction techniques that they can use for future use, whether in helping out with our club's work trips, as part of a trail crew or as individual maintainers of a trail. Training in trail skills is an on going process that, ultimately, benefits the Appalachian Trail and other hiking trails for years to come by providing experienced volunteers to build and maintain them.

Here is some of the trail work S.A.T.C. has done recently:

☆ In March, on a day that produced the heaviest snow fall of the season and that cut short our workday, 9 workers constructed new or rebuilt existing water bars on a steep section of the A.T. ½ mile south of the PA route 325 crossing in Clark's Valley. Most of the water bars were constructed of rock as it is preferable to wood because of its permanence.

☆ On May and June work trips we continued work on a new relocation of the A.T. adjacent to the PA route 225 parking area and heading north on Peter's Mountain.

Construction of this relocation started last fall by club member Tom Scully who is responsible for scouting and laying out this short but beautiful new piece of trail. The new route of the trail provides a highly scenic and pleasing environment in which to walk, far superior to the dirt road walk past a communications tower that it replaces. The new trail route goes through some dense mountain laurel thickets that were in full bloom in June during our National Trails Day weekend work trips, when we officially opened it as part to the A.T. Additionally, the new trail passes some neat rock outcrops and provides views to the south and west of the Susquehanna River Gap and the mountain ridges south of Peter's Mountain and also of the Clark's Valley area.

Groups of students from Messiah College and Dickinson College Outing Clubs, led by Jane Greber, helped Tom cut in the new trail last Autumn, while at the same time other S.A.T.C. members helped the A.T.C. Mid-Atlantic Crew finish an ongoing project at our Peter's Mountain Shelter's spring trail, an impressive project that was finally completed after being started in 1996.

Some facts and figures for our new trail relocation area as follows:

☆ 23 club members contributed 210 hours of labor during this past Spring's club work trips on the new relocation. Add this to last Autumn's work hours of 213 for a total of over 400 hours on trail construction alone.

☆ Over 2,000 feet of side hill trail built.

☆ 92 feet of rock cribbing built to shore up the steeper sections traversed by the side hill construction.

☆ Rock and boulder clearing (and breaking up of) on approximately 75 feet of trail that went through a rock slide area.

☆ 9 rock steps, one rock water bar, and one drainage ditch built.

☆ According to measurements done by Tom Scully, the new trail is 2,135 feet long, a net gain of 237 feet of A.T.

In addition to our trail construction work, we also did general trail clearing and blazing on our section of the A.T. and John Stein led work trips to relocate a section of the Horseshoe Trail that S.A.T.C. helps maintain for the Horseshoe Trail Club.

All of our volunteer trail workers have contributed a lot of hard work and dedication to our Club's trail projects and deserve the recognition and thanks. Thank you, fellow trail workers! A job well done!

P.S. All volunteers who work the full day during a club work trip will be treated to ice cream at 3B's, when open.

Jeff Buehler
SATC Trail Master

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

NAME	ADDRESS	POST OFFICE	PHONE
Dave Armstrong Stephen W. Arnott Julie-Marie Bacheit Angela M. Bartoli Irvylon Boltz		York PA 17403 Newville PA 17241 Boiling Springs PA 17007 Carlisle PA 17013-3743 Palmyra PA 17078	
Robert D. & Eileen M. Brennan Rachel A. Bryce Brian & Catherine L. Clack William & Pamala Cleckner Gary L. Conner		Mechanicsburg PA 17055 Lebanon PA 17046 Hummelstown PA 17036-8715 Camp Hill PA 17001-1256 New Cumberland PA 17070	
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Lynn Hostetler Nancy H. Imphong David S. Kerr Tami Kloes John Krueger		Stevens PA 17578 Carlisle PA 17013-9794 Carlisle PA 17013 Duncannon PA 17020 Harrisburg PA 17110-8200	
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Katherine J. Pierich Theodore Puschar, Jr Karen E. Ramm Craig J & Joan M.M. Schnudt Andrea Sederberg	644	Harrisburg PA 17112 Harrisburg PA 17112 Harrisburg PA 17106-164 Boiling Springs PA 17007 Harrisburg PA 17111-469	
C. Ann Sheehan Cheryl Simpson Kathy Sipe Lisa R. Sloane Jim Smith		Carlisle PA 17013-3851 Mechanicsburg PA 17055 Harrisburg PA 17112 Harrisburg PA 17111-113 Carlisle PA 17013	
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Linda Williams Dan L. Winand Larry S & Maggie L. Woosley		Harrisburg PA 17110-443 Harrisburg PA 17109 New Oxford PA 17350 York Haven PA 17370	

HOLIDAY PARTY



WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: The West Shore Senior Citizens' Center
122 Geary St., New Cumberland, PA.

BRING: Covered Dish to Share.



The Party Committee for this year will be:
Katie Jones, 249-6727 Barbara Harvey, 766-7868

The committee needs to know who is planning to come and what they intend to bring, or if you aren't sure what to bring, the committee can offer suggestions on what is needed.



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.



BOOK REVIEW

"WILDFLOWERS OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL"

by Leonard M. Adkins
Menasha Ridge Press. \$15.95

Hot, just off the press is a new book on "Wildflowers of the Appalachian Trail." It is published by the same publishing house that prints those superb Appalachian Trail Guides for the Conference and Keystone Trails.

Of all the wildflower books that I have seen, this one has the best photographs, making it easy to identify the flower by comparing it with the photograph. These photographs are the most true to life that I have ever found in any book or wildflower guide.

The book contains 220 colored pictures of some of the wild flowers, commonly found along the Appalachian Trail, listed under their common name, with the scientific name appended, but for those who don't know even the common name, the flowers are arranged by color, which is very helpful.

We heartily recommend it as a walking companion whether walking on the Appalachian Trail or just taking tramp in the woods.

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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.]
B+-	Moderate	- Hikes of 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 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.

SMOKING GUIDE LINES

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.

The BULLETIN BOARD



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIANS HIKE 400 MILES IN ONE DAY

On Saturday, May 1, 1999, the Mountain Club of Maryland sponsored its biannual AT - End-to-End Hike, a 40-mile hike on the AT across Maryland, from the PA-MD line at Pen Mar to Harpers Ferry, WV.

Hikers spent Friday night at the fire hall in Blue Ridge Summit before starting the hike at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Of the 132 people who started, 120 finished the hike including ten from the Harrisburg area. The first person finished at 1:15 p.m. and the last person finished at 9:34 p.m. The average finish time was 7:00 p.m.

All eight SATC members, who participated, finished the hike. Sean Gimbel was the first SATC'er to finish at 4:54 p.m. (16th overall finisher) followed by Tom Scully, Barb Strock (4th overall female finisher), Rob Shaw, John Lenahan, Gail Guers, Leo Boyer, and Tom Coogan.

NEWS FROM THE WILDERNESS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

On May 22, 1999, a group of your fellow SATC members began a two day Wilderness First Aid course sponsored by the ATC through Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities (SOLO) of Conway, NH. The course was taught at the Scott Farm and involved both lecture and hands-on training in crisis management, leadership skills, rescue organization, patient assessment, trauma management and control of environmental factors relative to wilderness emergencies.

SATC participants included Will Webster, Thyra Sperry, Dick Martin, Jeff Buehler and Jane and Randy Greber.

Come to the annual slide show at the SATC Holiday Party and watch as we practiced our skills during the hands-on portion of the course..

Randy Greber
Wilderness Emergency Committee

DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN

ARTICLES: Oct. 17, 1999
HIKE SCHEDULE: Oct. 25, 1999

Oct. 26, is the absolute deadline, beyond which no articles can be accepted. Once the Bulletin is set up, it is too much work to go back, make revisions and have to spend hours redoing the setup.

No inserts may be made without review and approval of the editor, and then there must be an insert for each copy mailed.

The next issue of the BUSHWACK BULLETIN is scheduled to arrive about Nov. 29, 1998. Should you fail to receive your copy by Nov. 30, call Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447.

ATTENTION!! All Members:

Even though our address panel shows that Postage has been paid, by permit indicia, copies of the Bushwack Bulletin cannot be mailed without postage. The postage paid indicia only applies when 200 pieces are mailed, accompanied with a proper payment voucher..

The SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, INC.

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