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OUR OBJECTIVES:

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE APRIL 1

HAVE YOUR DUES BEEN PAID? CHECK YOUR LABEL!

If the digits XXXXX XXXXXX 10400 or
XXXXX XXXXXX 20400 appear above your name, your dues are payable now!

March 3

Friday
7:30 AM

325 mi hwy

Eureka! Sale

Carpool/caravan to the huge annual sale at the Eureka! Camping Center in Binghamton, NY, <http://www.eurekacampingctr.com>. Lunch stop.
Meet at the Shell station on PA 39 at I-81, exit 27.

Leader: Peter Fleszar, 237-2298 (work), 583-2093 (home), or pfleszar@epix.net



March 4

Saturday
9:00 AM

varied mileage
35 hwy miles

AT Maintenance

Help maintain SATC's section of the AT. Winter blowdown removal, trash pick-up, fire ring removal, etc. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves if you have them.
Morning or full day option.

Alternate meeting place: parking area at PA 225 and 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30 AM.

Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 and Will Webster, 838-9629



March 5

Sunday
9:00 AM

B+
6.5 miles
75 hwy miles

Kings Gap Loop Hike



Moderate pace with a couple of climbs. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Sam Barker, 761-8177

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- March 11**
Saturday
8:00 AM
- D+**
11 miles
80 hwy miles
- Part I—Colonel Denning State Park**
Moderate pace, gentle to moderate terrain. Bring snacks and water. Fast paced (3 mph) loop hike on the Woodburn, Warner, and Tuscarora Trails. Moderate to rugged terrain. Two significant climbs and one gentle but long climb. Some marshy areas. Two stream crossings. Bring lunch and water. Lunch at Flat Rock.
- 1:30 PM
- B+**
6 miles
0 hwy miles
- Part II—Colonel Denning State Park to Henry's Valley**
Moderately paced (2 mph) up and back hike on the Tuscarora Trail and a side trail to Henry's Valley to visit the ghost town of Pandemonium (circa 1780-1887) where we will see the tannery foundation ruins, school house ruins, and the preserved Pioneer Cemetery (two Civil War veterans are buried there). Two uphill and some road walking. Bring snacks and water. *Meet at the Tuscarora Trail parking lot on PA 233 on the south side of Colonel Denning State Park.*
Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357 or kmbalaban@balabanlucas.com
- March 11**
Saturday
9:00 AM
- E**
12 miles
25 hwy miles
- Colebrook—Route 72 Loop**
Fast pace, moderate terrain. One climb. Bring water. Restaurant stop. *Meet at Derrytown Mall on PA 743 south of US 322 in Hershey.*
Leader: John W. Stein, 533-3679 or 102544.627@compuserve.com
- March 12**
Sunday
10:00 AM
- E+**
15.8 miles
0 hwy miles
- Tuscarora Trail**
Moderate pace with one 1100' climb. First 4 miles of trail cross Path Valley on roads. Bring lunch and water. *Meet at Cowans Gap State Park at the parking lot at the north end of the lake.*
Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763
- March 18**
Saturday
11:00 AM
- B+**
4 miles
10 hwy miles
- PA Statue of Liberty Hike**
Hike to the top of Second Mountain and enjoy a magnificent view of the Dauphin Narrows. Bring water, jacket, binoculars, and boots. Some rocks and a fairly steep climb.
Leader: Anna Pruet, 561-1968 and Mark Mullen, 243-5661
- March 18**
Saturday
5:30 PM
- Annual SATC Banquet and Election of Officers and Directors**
For more information, see article on page 9
- March 25**
Saturday
9:00 AM
- D+**
11 miles
110 hwy miles
- Iron Horse Trail at Big Spring State Park**
Moderate pace. No major hills but rugged terrain and primitive trail. All streams are bridged. Wear sturdy boots. Bring lunch and water.
Leaders: Sam and Barb Harvey, 766-7868
- March 26**
Sunday
12:30 PM
- C**
8 miles
30 hwy miles
- Pinchot Lake**
Hike around the lake. Flat terrain. Bring snacks and water.
Leader: Janice Slaybaugh, 774-7686



- March 28** **A** **SGL 246 Loop**
 Tuesday 5 miles Slow pace, gentle terrain. One climb. Bring water. Restaurant stop.
 9:00 AM 8 hwy miles *Meet at Bullfrog Park behind Hershey Medical Center.*
 Leader: John W. Stein, 533-3679 or 102544.627@compuserve.com
- March 28**  **Board of Directors Meeting**
 Tuesday Members are welcome to attend. **Note new location:** East Shore Area Library,
 7:00 PM Meeting Room A, 4501 Ethel Street behind the Colonial Park Mall.
- March 31-April 2** **Keystone Trails Association Spring Council Meeting & Hiking Weekend**
 Friday-Sunday The location this year is the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro, PA.
 Contact Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447, for more information.
- April 1** **B+** **Cumberland Valley Vista**
 Saturday 6 miles Hike from the Scott Farm to Millers Gap passing the view on the AT of the
 10:00 AM 40 hwy miles Cumberland Valley. Slow to moderate pace. One steep climb. Bring lunch and water.
 Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
- April 1** **E+** **Port Clinton to PA 501**
 Saturday 23 miles This "1%" hike begins with a steep climb and includes several miles of rocky foot bed as
 7:30 AM 150 hwy miles well as overlooks north and south. We will try for a fast 3 mph pace. This would be good
 training for the marathon hikes later in the season. Bring lunch and sufficient water.
 Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675
- April 2** **C+** **Return to Meadow Grounds Lake**
 Sunday 8 miles Enjoy a day in this lesser-known area west of McConnellsburg. Travel through peaceful
 8:30 AM 120 hwy miles farmlands to a hike in a variety of terrain—open meadows, streams, waterfalls, and lake.
 Some rugged clambering and stream crossings over logs. Good boots necessary.
 Bring lunch and water.
 Leaders: Anna Pruet, 561-1968 and Mark Mullen, 243-5661
- April 7** **B+** **Rocky Knob Trail**
 Friday 5 miles Loop hike in Michaux State Forest, www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/forests/michaux.htm.
 9:00 AM 20 hwy miles Two climbs and descents, one of which is especially rocky. Bring snacks and water.
 This is a joint hike with another hiking club.
Meet at the furnace stack parking lot at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.
 Leader: Peter Fleszar, 237-2298 (work), 583-2093 (home), or pfleszar@epix.net
- April 8**  **AT Maintenance**
 Saturday varied mileage Our tentative plans are to split into two groups with one group building rock waterbars
 9:00 AM 35 hwy miles on a section of the AT just south of the PA 325 crossing and the other group performing
 maintenance chores at the Peters Mountain Shelter. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves
 if you have them. Tools are supplied. Morning or full day option.
Alternate meeting place: parking area at PA 225 and 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30 AM.
 Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 and Jane Greber
- April 9** **B+ or D+** **Installation of Officers and Directors**
 Sunday 4 or 9 miles One steep climb and descent to and from Hawk Rock, the founding place of SATC.
 1:00 PM 30 hwy miles One group will continue on an optional 9-mile loop hike. Bring snacks and water.
 Leader: Katie Jones, 249-6727 and Barb Harvey, 766-7868

April 11

Tuesday

7:00 PM *Note new time*



Spring Meeting for All Members and Guests

The evening will begin with a special reception for new, prospective, and current members including refreshments, a display of hiking equipment, and informal hike scheduling for the June-July-August quarter.

Program: Tim Grenoble, a Wildlife Conservation Officer for Cumberland County, will explain the operation of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and how it relates to the hiking community.

Location: West Shore Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland.

April 15

Saturday

10:00 AM

D

11 miles

60 hwy miles

Appalachian Trail—Conodoguinet to Yellow Breeches

Moderate pace, easy to moderate terrain. Bring lunch and water.

Fourth in a series of hikes to cover the same part of the trail in different seasons.

Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169.

April 16

Sunday

9:00 AM

B+

6 miles

75 hwy miles

Pine Grove Furnace State Park to Pole Steeple

Balloon hike to the great view at Pole Steeple. Moderate pace, moderate terrain with one rock scramble. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Pat Harhi, 697-0648

April 25

Tuesday

9:00 AM

B+

5-6 miles

50 hwy miles

Exploration of Holly Preserve

Undulating terrain. Bring water. Lunch stop.

Meet at Camp Hill Shopping Mall near theaters.

Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743



April 29

Saturday

8:00

D

10 miles

80 hwy miles

Haldeman State Forest Loop Hike

Moderate pace, moderate terrain. No significant climbs. Joint hike with the Lebanon Hiking Club. Bring lunch and water.

Leaders: Henry Knauber, 453-7806 and Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308

April 30

Sunday

11:00 AM

D+

10 miles

20 hwy miles

Darlington Trail—Rockville to Piketown

Overlooks of the Rockville Bridge, the city, and both shores of the river. One mile or so is overgrown, rocky, and unblazed. This is the historical route of the AT.

Moderate pace. Bring lunch, water, and binoculars if you have them.

Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675

May 3

Wednesday

5:30 PM

D+

10 miles

0 hwy miles

After Work Stress Release Hike

Balloon hike over Blue Mountain. Fast pace (3 mph). Bring water and energy snacks.

Meet at the Scott Farm Trail Work Center on Bernheisel Bridge Road.

Leader: Tom Scully, 774-7534 (work) or 671-8241 (home)

May 6

Saturday

7:30 AM

E+

19 miles

200 hwy miles

Tuscarora—Mid State Link Trail

Hike from Martin Gap to Alan Seeger Natural Area.

Fast pace (3 mph) with several climbs. Some rocky terrain. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Tom Scully, 774-7534 (work) or 671-8241 (home)

May 7

Sunday

9:00 AM

C+

7 miles

40 hwy miles

Cold Springs Balloon Hike

Moderate terrain. Two good climbs. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308

- May 10**
Wednesday
5:30 PM
- C+**
7 miles
0 hwy miles
- After Work Strenuous Hike—Peters Mountain**
Moderate to fast pace. One strenuous ascent and descent.
Bring snacks, water, and flashlight.
Meet at the base of Peters Mountain at Clarks Ferry Bridge.
Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913
- May 13**
Saturday
8:30 AM
- B**
7 miles
160 hwy miles
- Cliff and Bear Rocks**
Hike through one of the most scenic sections of the AT in Pennsylvania featuring a knife-edge walk along The Cliffs and panoramic views from Bear Rocks.
Bring lunch and water. Optional dinner stop in Jim Thorpe.
Leaders: Anna Pruett, 561-1968 and Bonnie Booth, 533-3566
- May 14**
Sunday
8:00 AM
- D+**
10 miles
35 hwy miles
- Appalachian Trail—PA 850 to Duncannon**
One significant climb and descent. Bring lunch and water.
8:30 AM meeting point is the base of Hawk Rock in Duncannon.
Leaders: Peter Fleszar, 583-2093 and Krista Cessna, 671-1421
- May 16**
Tuesday
9:00 AM
- A**
4-5 miles
25 hwy miles
- Spring on the Conodoguinet**
Easy walking. Bring snacks and water.
Meet behind McDonald's in Summerdale.
Leader: Bob Keyes, 763-7743
- May 17**
Wednesday
5:45 PM
- B+**
5.7 miles
0 hwy miles
- After Work Hike—Center Point Knob**
Moderately paced hike on the AT from Whiskey Spring to the Yellow Breeches Creek passing Center Point Knob along the way. Two moderate climbs and a long, flat finish.
Bring snacks and water. *Meet at the furnace parking lot in Boiling Springs.*
Leaders: Rob Shaw, 697-4618 ext. 233 or rshaw@coltplumbing.com and Katie Jones, 249-6727
- May 20**
Saturday
8:00 AM
- E+**
16 miles
30 hwy miles
- Swatara Area**
Fast pace, rugged terrain. Two climbs. Bring lunch and water.
Meet at Lickdale Campground Store 500' east of the traffic light in Lickdale on the left.
Leader: John W. Stein, 533-3679 or 102544.627@compuserve.com
- May 20**
Saturday
6:30 PM
- C+**
9 miles
30 hwy miles
- Full Moon Anniversary Hike—Stony Mountain Fire Tower**
Bring a flashlight, water, and hors d'oeuvres to share. Plan to stay awhile and watch the moon rise over the fire tower. One very long, very strenuous climb. Moderate-fast pace.
Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913
- May 21**
Sunday
9:00 AM
- C+**
6-7 miles
40 hwy miles
- Rocky Ridge Loop Hike**
Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
- May 23**
Tuesday
6:00 PM
- A**
2 miles
0 hwy miles
- New Cumberland Ice Cream Hike**
Everyone welcome- children, strollers, grandparents, etc. Sneakers okay.
Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Road, New Cumberland.
Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196



May 27-29
Saturday-
Monday

E+
36+ miles

Backpack in Central Virginia

From Crabtree Falls to Rockfish Gap. Fast pace, tough terrain. Call leader for details and to pre-register. Limited to eight people.

Leader: Tom Scully, 774-7534 (work) or 671-8241 (home)



June 3
Saturday
9:00 AM

varied mileage
35 hwy miles

Nationals Trails Day Maintenance Trip

General trail clearing, trash pick-up, fire ring removal, etc. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves if you have them. Morning or full day option.

Alternate meeting place: parking area at PA 225 and 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30 AM.

Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 and Jane Greber



June 10
Saturday

Hike Leader Training

Orientation/Training/Picnic for new and experienced hike leaders at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. For more information, see article on page 11

June 30-July 4
Friday-Tuesday

Finger Lakes Trails Weekend

A series of B to E+ day hikes highlighting the scenic delights of central New York state, 4 hours north of Harrisburg. Hikes use the North Country National Scenic Trail and other trails. Some hikes have shorter options. Other activities include interesting dining, country dancing, a cookout and fireworks. Some trailheads and activities require admission fees. Meals are on your own or in restaurants: the cookout may be \$8-10 per person to cover food and pavilion rental. Camp at a unique campground or stay in nearby motels in Cortland, NY. THE CAMPGROUND FILLS UP EARLY: RESERVATIONS NEEDED NOW. CONTACT LEADER FOR DETAILS. The CG is one mile from McDonald's, Denny's, other restaurants, and a large grocery store. Let leader know when you can come and leave. See <http://www.epix.net/~pfleszar/flthike.htm> for details, local links, directions, and continuous updates, or call leader.

Leader: Peter Fleszar, 237-2298 (work), 583-2093 (home), or pfleszar@epix.net.

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 8

ATTENTION!! All Members: Even though our address panel shows that Postage has been paid, 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. Therefore you must place a stamp on any Bushwack Bulletins mailed individually.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Thanks to . . .

Outgoing directors Jane Webster and Bonnie Booth for their years of service as board members. Your work and dedication to the club has been much appreciated.

New Members . . .

S.A.T.C. board members are hoping to improve recruitment and retention of new members. We now have about a 20% turnover of members each year - not bad, but we hope to do better. To this end, the first part of our next program meeting will be a social from 7:00 -7:30 p.m. - a time when existing members can welcome new and potential members, and perhaps some informal hike scheduling can take place. Cookies and punch, or the like (**yes, food!**) will be served.

Please come . . .

Banquet March 18th . . .

At Elizabethtown College, where the food is good and the price is right. Elections, an entertaining program and food! Details elsewhere in this bulletin.

Board meetings . . .

S.A.T.C. board meetings will no longer be held on the same day as the program meeting. There just hasn't been enough time to finish our business. The next board meeting will be held March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the East Shore Library in room A. All are welcome. Program / Hike schedule meetings will continue to be held every three months on the second Tuesday.

Sign-in Sheets . . .

Club secretary Dick Martin has been disappointed with the low rate of return of the club sign-in sheets. The signed waiver is (for now at least) the Club's only protection in case of a lawsuit. In order to improve the return rate, Dick and Rob Shaw will be mailing to each hike leader a copy of the sign-in sheet, a copy of the hike leader safety guidelines, and

an addressed, stamped return envelope. Dick has promised to call and bug hike leaders who don't return the sign-in sheet **promptly!**

Millers Gap / Darlington Trail . . .

The Central Pennsylvania Conservancy has raised about \$20,000, as of this writing, to protect this important piece of property from development. Many thanks to those club members who have already contributed. \$223,900 is still needed. Contributions can be sent to the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, P O Box 587, Harrisburg PA 17108-0587.

Honor Ed Garvey . . .

This past September, the Appalachian Trail lost a great friend when Ed Garvey, one of its earliest through-hikers, passed away. His book, "Appalachian Hiker - Adventure of a Lifetime," inspired literally thousands to put on their backpacks and to step into an AT adventure. Ed was an active trail volunteer, served as president of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and testified before Congress on behalf of legislation to protect the AT and the Pacific Crest Trail. President Jimmy Carter gave him a special award for his tireless efforts for protection. The Wilderness Society recognized him among its first American Land heroes.

The Appalachian Trail Conference Board of Managers voted in November to establish a memorial fund in Ed's memory. It is hoped that enough funds will be contributed so that an appropriate tract of land can be purchased and conserved in his name. If Ed or his book has touched your life, you may wish to make a donation to "The Edward B. Garvey Memorial Fund." Contributions may be mailed to the Appalachian Trail Conference, P O Box 807, Harpers Ferry WV 25425-0807.

Happy Hiking

Katie Jones
President

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS is held at the Annual Dinner Meeting. The Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 1999, this year. See announcement in this issue of the BUSHWACK BULLETIN.

The BY-LAWS of the Club provide for the election as follows:

BY-LAW I - ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 NOMINATIONS:

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which shall be chaired by a non-officer member of the Board of Directors, not later than sixty (60) days before the next succeeding Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall notify all Club Members at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting of the nominated persons. The Nominating Committee is limited to one nomination for each office and non-officer director-ship. Additional nominations, which are reserved to the membership at large, may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee, until one week prior to the Annual Meeting. No nominations are to be made nor accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NON-OFFICER DIRECTORS:

Election shall be at the Annual Meeting. If there are more than one nominee for any office or non-officer directorship, the elections shall be by secret ballot and by plurality vote.

Section 3 TERM OF OFFICE:

Officers shall be elected annually, but the President and Vice President shall in no event serve more than two consecutive terms in their respective offices. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve successive one year terms without limitation. Non-officer members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve a two year term, but they shall in no event serve more than two consecutive elected terms.

In accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, the Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, submits the following slate of officers for your consideration for the coming year:

President:	Kathryn H. Jones
Vice President:	Barbara Harvey
Secretary:	Richard A. Martin
Treasurer:	Clarence V. Fredlund

Board Members:	John W. Stein
(For 2 Year Term)	Peter Fleszar
	Kris Kyler
(For 1 Year Term)	Tom Scully

In accord with the by-laws, any member desiring to submit additional nominations, may do so by submitting the nomination in writing to any member of the Nominating Committee, so as to reach the member of the Committee by Saturday, March 13, 1999.

Jane Greber, Chair
124 Brindle Road
Mechanicsburg PA 17055-9780

John W. Stein
P O Box 9
Hershey PA 17033-0009

Robert C. Shaw IV
50 W. Lauer Lane
Camp Hill PA 17011-1318

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.

ANNUAL BANQUET & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

WHEN: Saturday, March 18, 2000
WHERE: Elizabethtown College,
SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 PM
DINNER: 6:00 PM
DEADLINE: Reservations should be made, no later than March 11, 1999
PROGRAM: Jerry Hassinger, biologist with the State Game Commission will give program on Hidden Treasures of Penns Woods, which will show us the Value of Wildlife.

Send your reservations with a check for \$12.00 per person to:

Clarence R. Fredlund
7901 Chambers Hill Rd
Harrisburg PA 17111-5409

RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

The Banquet will be held again at Elizabethtown College, with REHABITAT putting on a slide program and possibly live raptors. Details above.

Please reserve _____ Dinners @ \$12.00 each. \$_____ is enclosed

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Post Office _____ Zip Code _____

Mail to Clarence Fredlund
7901 Chambers Hill Rd
Harrisburg PA 17111-5409

**By Deadline of March 11, 1999
with payment.**

PA 2001 - Moving Right Along

The dates for the ATC conference in 2001 are July 13 -- 20 at Shippensburg University.

The first committee to meet is Workshops, chaired by Bill McCaughy of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) at Bethlehem. They are working on plans for over 45 different workshops. Registration is chaired by Bill Steinmetz also of AMC.

Chairing the Hiking Committee is our own Katie Jones and SATC members. Working on Entertainment is SATC's Bill Mayer and Jean Schopf.

Housing Chair is Barb & Al Wiemann from the Allentown Hiking Club, While setting up the camping (on campus) is Janice Slaybaugh, of the Cumberland Valley AT Management Association.

The York Hiking Club, Ron Gray and John Seville are creating Signs so we don't get lost on campus. Batona Hiking Club and Sara Dean will be chairing the Hospitality Committee.

We all have our work cut out for us. Open committees still to be filled are Financial; Food; Excursions; Youth Activities; Campus Arrangements; Audio Visual; Exhibits; Sales/Souvenirs; Publicity; Publications and Transportation. We need your help and leadership. Please call Thyra if you would like to chair a committee. Come out and join the fun

Thyra Sperry, 717-258-5261
or e-mail <hikethyra@aol.com>

HIKING ONLY AT THE FARM SHOW

Hikers from SATC and CVATMA promoted hiking to folks that traveled far and wide to visit the annual Farm Show. Club hikers answered many questions from Farm Show visitors during the six day show about Pennsylvania hiking trails. Thousands of Farm Show Visitors discovered that the Keystone Trails Association promotes hiking, hiking trails and trail maintenance across the state and provides maps and guides. Hiking volunteers put in more than 36,000 hours per year to keep the trails open for foot use.

Local hikers, Sylvia Miller, Anna Pruett, Jeff Buehler, Phil Day, Bonnie Booth, Clarence Fredlund, Sally Huff, Roy Rekus, Mary and Phil Walsh, Mary Young, Janice Slaybaugh, John Lenihan, Bob Keyes, Loretta Cairo, Dick Barrick, Rick and Louise Sis, Jean Schopf, Ray Swingholm, Pat Harhi, John Stein, Sam Harvey, Bruce Dunlavy, Walt Natishyn, Susanne and Carl Donmoyer, Frank Bohn, Krista Cessna, Pete Fleszar, Erica and Carl Lorence, and Thyra Sperry spoke with people interested in hiking. There were also some local people interested in finding out about our local hiking clubs.

Many thanks for the time spent promoting "hiking." And a great big hug for Carl Lorence, who made it all possible

Thyra Sperry
KTA, SATC, CVATMA, and Vice Chair ATC

The BULLETIN BOARD

ATTENTION PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE HIKE LEADERS

WHAT: Appreciation Picnic, Training, and Orientation.

WHEN: Saturday, June 10, 2000

WHERE: Pine Grove Furnace State Park (Jane Webster's Cabin.)

We are planning a picnic to show S.A.T.C.'s appreciation for the efforts of our experienced hike leaders and to encourage new hike leaders.

Please join us, if you have led hikes or would like to lead hikes in the future. If you are new, we can also pair you with an experienced hike leader.

This event is also important to attend, **if you plan to lead a hike at the 2001 Appalachian Trail Conference in Shippensburg.** Some tentative plans will be made for this.

If you plan to attend, please call one of the following:

Jane or Will Webster, 838-9629

Bonnie Booth, 533-3566

Jane Greber, 766-1913

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 a.m. Meet at Fisher Plaza to carpool from Harrisburg.
- 11:00 a.m. Meet at Pine Grove State Park at the Furnace Parking Lot for a short hike.
- 2:30 p.m. Return to the cabin.
- 2:45 p.m. Planned and open discussions about leading hikes.
- 5:30 p.m. Cookout and informal discussion.

Club will provide meat, rolls, charcoal and paper products. **Everyone bring a dish to share!** Refrigerator is available at the cabin.

BRING: Lunch & water for the hike;
Dish to share;
Lawn chairs;
Hiking books, maps, etc for research.

HIKING TRAIL ALERT

Forest Districts across the Commonwealth in the Bureau of Forestry are reviewing their forest management plans. Some of the decisions they will be making relate to land use and "hiking Trails." We urge all hikers to connect and contact their local forest districts to keep abreast of impending changes and be ready to testify at any opportunity you may have. State Parks are also reviewing their future plans and these plans will also have an impact on hiking trails crossing state parks.

I have names and addresses of the key people we must stay in contact with to

preserve footpaths. The State Game Commission is reviewing all of their rules and regulations and will be scheduling public hearings for input from land users.

Additionally, we as hikers must mend our political fences. In the past not one member of the legislature spoke out on our behalf, but at least ten spoke out for the trail bikes.

As hikers, our voices must be heard, we cannot remain silent and hope for the best.

Hikers - SPEAK OUT!

Thyra Sperry, KTA, SATC, CVATMA, ATC.
<hikethyra@aol.com> 717-258-5261

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

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