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OUR OBJECTIVES: GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

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SEE PAGE 5 FOR GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION

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| September 2 | B+ | Labor Day in the Rockies |
| Monday | 5-7 miles | Meet at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park Colorado for a short hike near Bear Lake. Email Bonnie Booth at Bonnie_Booth@msn.com or send note to her at Estes Park Center, Bonnie Booth-Staff, P.O. Box 20700, Estes Park, CO 80511-2700. Check for air travel bargains. Co-leader: Shirley McLaren (Yes, this is a real hike!) |
| 9:00 AM | 3000 hwy miles | |
| September 4 | B | After Work Hike, Darlington AT (Millers Gap Road to Sherwood Road) |
| Wednesday | 5 miles | Rocky hike with 2 to 2.5 mph pace and one steady descent. Bring water and snacks, and a flashlight. The hike may finish after dark. Meet at Sherwood Road only. |
| 4:30 PM | 0 hwy miles | Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357, KMBalaban@BalabanLLC.com |
| September 7 | C+ | Sunet Rocks Loop Hike |
| Saturday | 8 miles | One strenuous climb. Trail traverses very large boulders for considerable distance. Bring lunch and water. Alternate Meeting Place: Pine Grove Furnace parking lot at 10:30 am. |
| 9:30 AM | 75 hwy miles | Leaders: Will and Jane Webster , 526-2127 |
| September 8 | E+ | Rte 325 to Swatara Gap |
| Sunday | 18 miles | Fast paced hike through St Anthony's Wilderness past the ruins of two old villages. Includes recent trail relocation. Bring lunch and sufficient water. |
| 8:00 AM | 40 hwy miles | Leader: John Lenahan, 737-7675 |

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 Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763
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 Leader: Sylvia Miller, 533-5422
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 4:30 PM 0 hwy miles descent. Bring water, snacks and a flashlight. Meet where the AT exits Cove Mountain.
 Leader Mark Press, 367-2763
- September 27-29** KTA TRAIL **KTA Trail Care at Cowanesque Lake**
CARE Camp at Tompkins Campground at Cowanesque Lake. Call Tom Folkers at 570-835-
 Friday, 0113 or email at Tom.Folkers@nab02.usace.army.mil by Aug 30 to reserve a camping
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 Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281
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 Tuesday MEETING Members are welcome to attend. Location: East Shore Library, meeting room B, near the
 6:30 PM Colonial Park Mall, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg
 Contact: Katie Barker, 249-6727

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| <u>October 4,5,6</u> Friday, Saturday, Sunday | KTA FALL MEETING | <u>Keystone Trails Association Fall Meeting and Hiking Weekend</u> Join hikers from all over PA for a weekend at Camp Swatara near Bethel, PA. Stay overnight, indoors or out, or just come for the hikes on Saturday and Sunday and the general meeting and educational program on Saturday night. For more information and a registration packet, contact Katie Barker at 249-6727. |
| <u>October 8</u> Tuesday 7:00 PM | MEMBERS AND GUESTS MEETING | <u>Fall Meeting for All Members and Guests</u> Following a special reception including refreshments for new, prospective and current members, hike scheduling for the December-January-February quarter will take place. The evening program will feature a speaker from the Wildwood Nature Center on raptors and saw whet owls. (We will be in the middle of the fall migration season.) Location: West Shore Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland |
| <u>October 12</u> Saturday 9:00 AM | N/A >.5 mile 45 hwy miles | <u>AT Relocation Construction</u> We will continue construction of a short relocation of the AT just south of the Clarks Valley Road crossing. Work will consist of rock work, sidehill digging and clearing route. Wear long pants and work gloves. Bring lunch and water. Alternate Meeting Place: Parking area at intersection of Rts 225 and 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 |
| <u>October 13</u> Sunday 1:00 PM | B 5 miles 50 hwy miles | <u>Longs Gap Hike</u> A short, simple balloon hike on North Mountain to view the Cumberland Valley . Bring camera and binoculars for hawk watching. Bring water and snacks. Alternate Meeting Place: Bank of Landisburg, Landisburg PA at 1:45 pm Leader: Larry Walters, 789-4897 |
| <u>October 13</u> Sunday 7:30 AM | E+ 17.1 miles 80 hwy miles | <u>Sheaffer Valley</u> Sheaffer Valley is located in the Tuscarora State Forest and is formed by Blue and Bower Mountains. This will be a moderate to fast paced hike with about 2000 feet total elevation gain. The trail is rocky and poorly maintained in a few places. You should bring sandals or old sneakers for use in crossing streams. The hike includes views of Sheaffer Valley and Cumberland Valley as well as the town of Blain PA. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763 |
| <u>October 15</u> Tuesday 9:00 AM | B+ 4 miles 20 hwy miles | <u>Blue Mountain Circle Hike</u> Not too slow paced hike, with one climb. Bring water and snacks. Lunch at local restaurant. Meet at the Camp Hill Theater Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318 |
| <u>October 17</u> Thursday 9:00 AM | B 6 miles 0 hwy miles | <u>Greenbelt in the Fall</u> Walk to Shipoke and return. Bring water. Lunch at local restaurant. <u>Meet at Greenbelt parking lot on Rte 441, behind East Mall.</u> Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308 |
| <u>October 19</u> Saturday 8:00 AM | E+ 18 miles 125 hwy miles | <u>Catoctin Mountains of Maryland</u> Very fast paced (3 mph) hike. Several climbs, totaling 2500+ vertical feet. Bring lunch, energy snacks and water. Leader: Tom Scully, work phone 774-7534, home 671-8241, scully@rjfisher.org |
| <u>October 20</u> Sunday 9:30 AM | D 11 miles 60 hwy miles | <u>Appalachian Trail, Yellow Breeches to Conodoguinet.</u> Moderate pace, easy to moderate terrain. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169 |
| <u>October 26</u> Saturday 8:00 AM | D+ 11.5 miles 120 hwy miles | <u>AT, Hawk Mountain Road to PA Rte 309</u> 2.5 mph pace. Rocky hike with 1100 foot climb at the beginning, then mostly ridge. Several excellent vistas. Bring lunch and water Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357, KMBalaban@BalabanLLC.com |

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GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, all hikes on WEEKENDS and HOLIDAYS 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.

2. TRANSPORTATION

If you ride with someone, you should give the driver **5 cents** times the hwy (highway) mileage shown in the hike schedule to help defray the cost of transportation. (Bring the correct amount).

3. REGISTER WITH HIKE LEADER FOR "D" AND "E" HIKES

For safety reasons, please register with the hike leader before showing up for D or E hikes unless the leader has hiked with you previously and knows your abilities.

4. NO PETS ALLOWED

5. PACK IN, PACK OUT (LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND)

6. 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.

CODES FOR THE HIKES

| Code | Short Description | Miles | Climbs |
|------|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| A | Easy [Excellent for Beginners] | Up to 6 | Very little |
| B | Fairly Easy [Good for Beginners] | Up to 6 | Some Easy |
| B+ | Moderate | Up to 6 | More Difficult |
| C | Fairly Moderate | 7 to 9 | Very little |
| C+ | Strenuous | 7 to 9 | Several Significant |
| D | More Strenuous | 10 to 12 | Very Little |
| D+ | Very Strenuous | 10 to 12 | Several Significant |
| E | Difficult | Over 12 | Very little |
| E+ | Very Difficult | Over 12 | Very Rugged |

In addition to assigning a code, 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.

HELP WANTED

SATC needs volunteers for these positions. If you're able to help or have questions about these jobs, please contact Katie Barker at 249-6727 or at barkerk@dickinson.edu.

Bushwack Bulletin Editor

Current editor Fred Cox has asked us to find a replacement. The editor compiles and edits the Bushwack Bulletin. Must be able to send and receive e-mail attachments. Microsoft Word and Publisher software helpful.

Refreshments Coordinator

Provides snacks at the quarterly program meetings. This person either coordinates food donations from Club members or purchases snacks and gets reimbursed from Club funds. No computer necessary!

Awards Coordinator

Administers the new "hours of service" program described in "From the President" on page 8. The awards coordinator would work with the board to develop award criteria, record hours of service for club members and order the awards from the Appalachian Trail Park Office. This person may also coordinate other SATC awards. E-mail would be helpful but not required.

Future KEYSTONE TRAIL ASSOCIATION (KTA) meetings:

Oct. 4,5,6, 2002 Fall Meeting; Camp Swatara, Bethel, PA
April 4,5,6, 2003 Spring Meeting; Yesterday's Hotel, Renovo, PA

For more information contact : Katie Barker 717-249-6727, barkerk@dickinson.edu. or
John Stein 717 533-3679, johnwstein@cs.com

NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN

DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION TO EDITOR : NOVEMBER 1, 2002

Editor: Fred Cox, 610 Gale Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 Tel. No.: 717-731-9348

Email: jfc1000@aol.com

ASSEMBLY FOR MAILING: 7:00 PM, November 19 at Fredricksen Library, 100 N 19th St., Camp Hill
Distribution Committee Chair: Susanne Donmoyer 545-5308

From the President

National Trails Day a Success. . .

Around 40 people attended the dedication of the newly relocated Victoria Trail on Saturday, June 1st in celebration of National Trails Day. Jerry Sanderson from DCNR attended and, on behalf of DCNR, presented SATC member Tom Scully with an attractive plaque to thank him for all the work he has done as an individual for the new Ibberson Conservation Area which connects to the AT via the Victoria Trail. Jerry also presented SATC with a plaque which reads, "Awarded to the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club for their outstanding contributions to the Ibberson and Boyd Conservation Areas." Many thanks to SATC Trailmaster Jeff Buehler, Tom Scully and all the members who helped to build this new trail, and thanks to our partner agencies who helped make this possible.

New Computer Produces Reports. . . .

SATC's new laptop computer produced its first treasurer's report for the July 8th board meeting. The attractive graphics and detailed reporting were appreciated by the board.

KTA Meetings are Really Hiking Weekends for Most of You. . .

Three SATC members have seats on KTA's board of directors and will be spending a fall Saturday, indoors, learning about and voting on issues that affect trails statewide. All other attendees get to enjoy their choice of wonderful hikes and the autumn colors near Bethel, PA. Consider enjoying all or part of this weekend, October 4, 5 and 6, 2002 at Camp Swatara near Bethel, PA. Contact me for a registration packet: 249-6727 or barkerk@dickinson.edu.

Thanks, Sylvia!

SATC director Sylvia Miller is now Susanne Donmoyer's assistant with regards to bulletin assembly and mailing.

Notice Your Free Map. . .

Carefully remove the staple from your Bushwack Bulletin and you will have your very own copy of the newest map of the Darlington Trail, showing the recent relocation onto State Game lands. Thanks to the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, numerous generous donors, the Pennsylvania State Game Commission and dedicated volunteers from SATC, the Darlington Trail is now protected from development and is no longer a rutted ATV/jeep road.

White Tail Trail Extension. . .

SATC's board voted at its July meeting to support the extension of one of the trails in the new Ibberson Conservation area. The new route will cross the AT on Peters Mountain and join with the newly relocated Victoria Trail, providing the opportunity for some nice circle hikes in the area.

Remembering Earl Shaffer. . .

SATC's board also supports the construction of a plaque or monument in remembrance of Earl Shaffer, famous through-hiker and founding member of SATC. We'll seek to coordinate with other individuals and organizations wishing to honor Earl.

Biennial Conferences. . .

Save your vacation days! The 2003 biennial AT conference will be July 25th to August 1st at the Waterville Valley Ski Area near Mt. Tecumseh, New Hampshire. The 2005 conference is likely to be held at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN sometime around the 4th of July. The 2007 conference will be sponsored by the New York - New Jersey Trail Conference; location and date are yet to be determined. The conferences feature workshops, exhibits, hiking, food, lodging or camping, and entertainment.

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President's Message (Continued)

New Awards Program . . .

The Appalachian Trail Park Office has expanded their awards program. The "years of service" program will continue, with gold awards given to those with 50 years of service benefiting the Appalachian Trail and silver awards for 25 years of service. A new "hours of service" program awards trail volunteers an AT for 8-99 hours of service, as determined by the individual club, a patch for 100-499 hours, a khaki AT cap for 500 to 1000 hours and an attractive black fleece vest for over 1000 hours. Any service that benefits the trail counts toward the hours whether it's at home, on the trail, at a meeting or on the road to such an activity. Hours are self-reported and lifetime-retroactive!

This program needs a coordinator - see the ad on page 6 if you can help.

New Webmaster

Pete Fleszar has volunteered to take over the webmaster position from Dick Martin who felt it was time for some new blood. Many thanks, Pete, for volunteering and many thanks to Dick for having designed and maintained our site for so long. Dick, ya done good! It is volunteers like these that make this club such a pleasure to serve.

New Editor needed . . .

Fred Cox will be stepping down as editor, too, due to some health concerns. Help is needed for this important job. Thanks so much, Fred, for your able assistance!

Darlington East . . .

SATC's "trail lands preservation fund" has been put to use again. We contributed \$1360.00 toward the purchase of 79.6 acres of woodland on the east shore of Blue Mountain. This sum is one percent of the purchase price. Coordinated by the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, this purchase will allow the re-birth of part of the abandoned east shore section of the Darlington Trail. The tract of land is between the Boyd Conservation Area and Lower Paxton Township's Hocker Park and will become part of the Boyd "Big Tree" Conservation Area, administered by DCNR.

SATC Vice President Barbara Harvey presented a check on behalf of SATC at a ceremony held at Hocker Park on August 1st.

Funds for this project are still needed. Contributions can be sent to the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, P.O. Box 587, Harrisburg PA 17108-0587 and made payable to CPC Blue Mountain East Project.

Mortgage burning . . .

Another CPC sponsored ceremony on August 2nd marked the success of fundraising for the Millers' Gap II project that will protect the Appalachian Trail near Rt. 850 and Millers Gap Road. Thanks to all our SATC members who supported these projects either financially or by helping at the 2001 Trail Conference. Our share of the conference profits has made our contributions possible.

Chainsaw Certification . . .

Those who use chainsaws for trail maintenance will be required (not just strongly suggested!) to be chainsaw certified beginning next March. First aid training is also required for chain saw use.

Christmas is Coming . . .

See the article on page 9 for information on our Holiday Party - always a favorite!

Your President,
Katie Barker

CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: **Saturday, December 7, 2002 at 7:00 PM**

Where: **The West Shore Senior Citizens' Center
122 Geary Street, New Cumberland, PA**

Bring: **A Generous Covered Dish to Share
(Hikers are big eaters)**

Program: **Caroling, slide show, games**

Committee: **Barbara Harvey (766-7868)
Katie Barker (249-6727) and
Anna Pruett (561-1968)**

The committee needs to know who is planning to come and what they intend to bring, or if you are not sure what to bring, the committee can offer suggestions on what is needed. Members are asked to bring favorite slides taken on this year's hikes or vacation trips. Please limit your presentation to about 5 minutes and identify your slides with your name.

Wilderness First Aid

September 28-29 An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted in Harrisburg, PA. The course includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification. The cost is \$140. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information phone (703) 836-8905 or visit <http://wfa.net>.

New Jersey Crackdown on ATVs

ATV riders have been the scourge of Pennsylvania, with trespass on private land, State Parks, State Forests, State Game lands and pipeline rights-of-way. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has begun strictly enforcing regulations prohibiting off-road vehicle use on public lands. From January to June of this year, more than 950 summonses, resulting in fines of up to \$1,000 per violation, were issued on lands administered by the DEP. A total of 47 vehicles were impounded over the same time period.

The illegal use of off-road vehicles on both public and private lands in New Jersey has grown dramatically over the past five years, causing extensive environmental damage. These negative impacts include pollution, soil erosion, damage and destruction of sensitive natural resources such as forest, streams and wetlands, and the harm and destruction of plant and animal species and their habitats. In many cases, these resources are destroyed and can not be restored. The safety of department personnel has also been at risk.

Conservation officers and park rangers have been threatened and, in some cases injured, by off-road vehicle users while responding to illegal off-road vehicle activities. To address conflicts and growing concerns, the department is currently developing a comprehensive policy for ORV use on all lands that are owned, managed, maintained or under DEP jurisdiction.

So New Jersey DEP has learned from Pennsylvania's mistakes. **When you are hunting, hiking, biking on public land, please report any signs of ATV trespass to the appropriate land manager. We can be the eyes and ears for our State Forest and State Park managers.**

Dick Martin, Conservation Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members

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| Charles & Elizabeth Appleby III | New Bloomfield, PA 17068-9604 | |
| Garnet Daus | Camp Hill, PA 17011-1250 | |
| Melissa C. Day & Scott M. Lilly | Harrisburg, PA 17109-4936 | |
| Joette P. Derricks | Lewisberry, PA 17339-9213 | |
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| Denise O'Donnell | Enola, PA 17025-2703 | |
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| Abbey J. Porter | Lewisberry, PA 17339-9624 | |
| Dan & Marie Schubert | New Cumberland, PA 17070-1925 | |
| Patrick & Patty Seeley | Landisville, PA 17538-1623 | |
| Robert A. Williams | Harrisburg, PA 17102-2019 | |
| Tracie & John Yergo | Harrisburg, PA 17112-3836 | |

DANIEL B. PEFFLEY

Dan fell into his final sleep at the Frey Nursing Home in Middletown, on May 6, 2002.

Dan and Miriam joined with us in our campaign to Save Stony Creek Valley, even though Dan was a member of the Operating Engineers.

Dan and Miriam were highly religious and they lived their religion, helping others wherever they could. But they also loved the outdoors, so they built their home in the woods near Hummelstown, and dedicated the ground to keeping it as natural as possible.

We are going to miss Dan, and our sympathies are with Miriam and their two sons.

Ralph H. Kinter

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