



BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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OUR OBJECTIVES: GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

IMPORTANT DUES NOTICE

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE. PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE ON THE ADDRESS LABEL.

You are encouraged to pay dues for more than one year to reduce the paperwork for yourself and the Club.

To pay your dues, please complete the form on the last page of this BUSHWACK BULLETIN.

Please sign the form and print clearly your name(s) and other information requested.

Send your annual membership dues with your reservation for the SATC 50-year celebratory banquet and save an extra check, stamp and envelope!

SEE END OF SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION and CODES FOR HIKES

March 6

Saturday
9:00 AM

20 hwy miles

AT Maintenance/Construction

Work will continue on relocation south of PA 325. Clearing, sidehill digging and rock work. Full or half-day option. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Call leader for more information.

Only meeting place: intersection of Rts 225 & 325 East, north of Dauphin.

Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com

March 6

Saturday
6:00 PM

C
7 miles

Full Moon Hike

Bring flashlights for this hike from Sterett's Gap to the Scott Farm.

Meet only at the Scott Farm at 6:00 PM.

Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357

March 7

Sunday
1:30 PM

A
3 miles
20 hwy miles

Bullfrog – Shank's Park Loop

Easy walking, sneakers are fine. Moderate pace. Bring snacks and water.

Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308

March 13-27

A thru E+

Springer Mountain and Northwards

Begin at Springer Mountain in Georgia and hike northwards on the Appalachian Trail for two weeks. Stay at a couple of cabins and day-hike. The plan is to end up around Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Room for a couple more people.

Contact leader Rod Manweiler for information, 776-3172, manweiler@pa.net

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<u>March 14</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	C+ 7.5 miles 20 hwy miles	<u>Peters Mountain - Clarks Ferry to Rt 225 on AT</u> Moderate pace, steady climb over rocky terrain. Great view of river. Bring lunch and water. Alternate meeting place: Clarks Ferry bridge at 9:30 AM. Leader: Sharon Brumbaugh, 770-0705
<u>March 20</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>AT Maintenance/Construction</u> Work will continue on relocation south of PA 325. Clearing, sidehill digging and rock work. Full or half-day option. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves. Call leader for more information. Only meeting place: Intersection of Rts 225 & 325 East, north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>March 21</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	C+ 7 miles 80 hwy miles	<u>Pole Steeple Loop Hike</u> Moderate pace. Some hiking on the AT then a strenuous climb to a great view. Hands-on descent over a steep and rocky path. Bring snacks and water. Alternate meeting place: Pine Grove Furnace stack parking lot at 9:45 AM. Leader: Sam Barker, 249-6727
<u>March 24</u> Wednesday 9:00 AM	B+ 6 miles	<u>King's Gap Environmental Center, Buck Ridge Trail</u> Moderate pace with several uphill climbs. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the AT Mid-Atlantic Regional Office in Boiling Springs across from the Post Office on Rt 174 at 9:00 AM or at the trailhead at 9:30 AM. Leaders: Thyra Sperry and Dick Martin, 258-5261
<u>March 27</u> Saturday		<u>SATC Annual Banquet and 50th Anniversary Celebration!</u> See article on page 10.
<u>March 28</u> Sunday	B+ or D+ 3-4 or 9 miles 30 hwy miles	<u>Installation of Officers and Directors: Hawk Rock</u> Meet the new SATC Board members and climb the AT to a beautiful view at Hawk Rock where our Club was founded 50 years ago. Then return by the same route or continue on for a 9-mile hike. Bring snacks and water. Leaders: Katie Barker, 249-6727 and Barb Harvey, 766-7868
<u>March 31</u> Wednesday 9:00 AM	B 5 mile 20 hwy miles	<u>Five Mile Pine Grove Loop</u> Meet at the Shell Service Station at Rt. 39 and I-81. Bring water, optional lunch at a local restaurant. Leader: John Stein, 533-3679, steinhike@cs.com
<u>April 2,3,4</u> Fri, Sat, Sun		<u>Keystone Trails Association Spring Meeting and Hiking Weekend</u> Stay at the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro, PA. Share meals, a variety of hikes and a Saturday evening program with hikers from all over Pennsylvania. Contact Katie Barker at 249-6727 or see KTA's website where registration information will be posted: http://www.kta-hike.org
<u>April 3</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>AT Maintenance/Construction</u> Work will continue on relocation south of PA 325. Clearing, sidehill digging and rock work. Full or half-day option. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Call leader for more information. Only meeting place: intersection of Rts 225 & 325 East, north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>April 3</u> Saturday	E+ 16 miles	<u>Catoctin Trail</u> Strenuous and fast-paced hike. Must call hike leader before April 2 to pre-register. Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357
<u>April 7</u> Wednesday 6:30 PM	BOARD MEETING	<u>Board of Directors Meeting</u> Members are welcome to attend. Location: East Shore Library, meeting room A, near the Colonial Park Mall, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg. Contact: Katie Barker, 249-6727

<u>April 10</u> Saturday 8:30 AM	C 8 miles 60 hwy miles	<u>Otter Creek Loop Hike</u> Pristine and wild, this creek is near Airville, PA, and flows into the Susquehanna River. Some of the miles will be on the Mason-Dixon Trail. Hiking boots advised. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196
<u>April 13</u> Tuesday 7:00 PM	MEMBERS AND GUESTS MEETING	<u>Spring Meeting for All Members and Guests</u> Following refreshments for new, prospective and current members, hike scheduling for the June, July, August quarter will take place. The evening program will feature a presentation by Jim Logan and son on the history of Cold Spring. See April 18 th entry and page 10 for more information. Location: West Shore Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland
<u>April 17</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>AT Maintenance/Construction</u> Work will continue on relocation south of PA 325. Clearing, sidehill digging and rock work. Full or half-day option. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves. Call leader for more information. Only meeting place: Intersection of Rts 225 & 325 East, north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>April 18</u> Sunday 11:30 AM	B+ 6 miles 50 hwy miles	<u>Cold Spring and Rausch Gap Historical Hike</u> This hike with local historians JM and JC Logan will start at the site of the historic Cold Spring hotel, where they will reveal the layers of history presented at the quarterly program meeting on April 13. We will hike to the site of Rausch Gap village, where vestiges of mining in the 1800's can still be seen. There will be several stream crossings and the trail may be wet and muddy in places. Hikers should wear sturdy hiking boots and bring snacks and water. The road to the parking lot at Cold Spring requires high clearance vehicles. If you have a truck or SUV and are willing to transport people down the mountain to the parking lot, please call the leaders in advance. Alternate meeting place: parking lot at intersection of Cold Spring Road and Hotel Road on top of Second Mountain at 12:30 PM. Leaders: Jane and Will Webster, 526-2127.
<u>April 22</u> Thursday 10:00 AM	B 4 miles 10 hwy miles	<u>From the Top — Surprise Hike</u> Moderate pace, mostly level, some down hill. Wear boots and bring water. Optional lunch stop. Only meeting place: Boyd Big Tree Area. Leader: Barbara Van Horn, 834-6458, barbvh@mailstation.com
<u>April 24</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	A 3 miles 14 hwy miles	<u>Governor Stables Llama Hike with Lunch Supplied</u> Easy terrain, picnic lunch will be supplied for \$2.75 and will be packed by two llamas, "Lewis and Clark." Must call for participation. Camera opportunity at large rock formations and caves. Only meeting place: Olmstead Plaza Shopping Center next to M&T Bank at 9:00 AM or Governor Stables Park, on Governor Stable Road, off turnpike road near Falmouth at 9:30 AM — can ask at village store. Leader: John Zerphey, 939-9082
<u>April 25</u> Sunday 1:00 PM	B+ 6 miles 50 hwy miles	<u>Rt 850 to Scott Farm</u> Hike on the AT from Rt 850 to Bernheisel Bridge Road (Scott Farm). Two moderate climbs and one steep descent. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<u>May 1</u> Saturday 8:30 AM	D+ 9 miles 80 hwy miles	<u>Colonel Denning State Park Loop Hike</u> Hike portions of Old Doubling Gap Road, North Slope Road, Cider Trail, Warner Trail, Tuscarora Trail, and Flat Rock Trail. Will route depending on stream conditions. Two climbs, some rocky terrain. Moderate pace. Bring water and lunch. Alternate meeting place: Bath House parking lot at Colonel Denning State Park at 9:15 AM Leaders: Barb and Sam Harvey, 766-7868

<u>May 2</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	30-40 hwy miles	<u>Darlington Trail Work Trip</u> Work projects as needed. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves. Contact leader for information. Meet at Fisher Plaza. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>May 6</u> Thursday 5:15 PM	B+ 4-6 miles 0 hwy miles	<u>After Work Hike</u> Meet only at the Clarks Ferry bridge parking area at 5:15 PM Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357
<u>May 8</u> Saturday 8:00 AM	C+ 7 miles 150 hwy miles	<u>Rickett's Glen, a Registered National Natural Landmark</u> Over 20 named waterfalls, highest 94 feet. Sneakers OK, but trail may be muddy after rain. Optional dinner stop. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Bonnie Booth and Louise Sis, 774-0196
<u>May 9</u> Sunday 1:30 PM	B 6 miles 40 hwy miles	<u>Conewago In and Out</u> A rails-to-trails path with easy walking. Sneakers are fine. Moderate pace. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>May 15</u> Saturday 8:00 AM	C 8 miles 20 hwy miles	<u>Yellow Springs Loop Hike</u> Hike to Yellow Springs Village and learn about the history of the area. Bring lunch and water. Meet only at the parking lot at Rts 225 and 325. Leader: Rod Manweiler, 776-3172
<u>May 16</u> Sunday 8:30 AM	B+ 5 miles 70 hwy miles	<u>Kelly's Run and the Pinnacle</u> Demanding hike over rugged terrain. Wear sturdy boots. If the weather is not good, the hike up to the Pinnacle will be eliminated. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Bonnie Booth, 838-3085, hiker508@paonline.com and Kris Kyler, 566-4780
<u>May 18</u> Tuesday 6:00 PM	A 3 miles 0 hwy miles	<u>New Cumberland Ice Cream Hike</u> Good event for families with children. Bring water. Within the Borough of New Cumberland on sidewalks. Meet only at 1481 Simpson Ferry Road. Leaders: Rick and Louise Sis, 774-0196
<u>May 20</u> Thursday 10:00 AM	B 4 miles 0 hwy miles	<u>Explore Duncannon AT and More</u> Moderate pace, some climbs and descents. Sneakers OK. Lunch at local restaurant. Meet only at parking lot near tower at Old Sled Works. Leader: Barbara VanHorn, 834-6458, barbvh@mailstation.com
<u>May 22</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	B 5 miles 40 hwy miles	<u>Ray Swingholm Swatara Falls Area Hike</u> Meet at Lickdale Campground Store near Rt 72 and I-81. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: John Stein, 533-3679, steinhike@cs.com and Ray Swingholm
<u>May 22</u> Saturday	E+ 16.6 miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Hike - Susquehanna River to Clarks Valley Pa (Rte 325)</u> Join the North Chapter of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club for excellent views of the Susquehanna River and the valley below as we hike north on the AT. We will be stopping at the Peters Mountain Shelter and crossing Rt 225 on the newly constructed footbridge. So come on out on this hike. For more details call Christopher Firme, 794-2855 after 6:00 PM or e-mail at bncfirme@innernet.net .
<u>May 23</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	C 7 miles 70 hwy miles	<u>Goldmine Loop</u> A Club favorite – hike from Goldmine Road to Rausch Gap and return. May be rough and/or wet in spots. Hiking boots recommended. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>May 25</u> Tuesday 7:00 PM	BUSHWACK BULLETIN MAILING	<u>Many Volunteers Needed to Assemble Bushwack Bulletin for Mailing</u> If you can help or have questions, please contact Susanne Donmoyer at 545-5308. Advance notice would be appreciated. The assembly will be done at the Cleve J. Fredricksen Library, 100 N. 19 th Street, Camp Hill.

June 2- 6
June 9 – 13
June 16 – 20

Keystone Trail Maintenance

See article on page 12, single and multiple day options are available.

June 5

Saturday
9:00 AM

20 hwy miles

National Trails Day AT Maintenance

Celebrate National Trails Day! We will work on SATC's section of the AT on Peter's Mountain. General trail clearing, trash pickup, fire ring removal. Possible work on AT relocation if enough volunteers show up. Full or half-day option. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves. Meet only at intersection of Rts 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin.

Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com

June 5

Saturday
6:30 PM

D+

10 miles

30 hwy miles

Full Moon Anniversary Hike

Bring a flashlight, water and hors d'oeuvres to share. We will stay a while and watch the moon rise over the fire tower. One very long, very rocky and strenuous climb. Moderate to fast pace. Hiking boots a must for this one.

Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913

Some SATC hiking statistics from 2003

78 hikes offered in the Bushwack Bulletin

25 different people volunteered as hike leaders

Jeff Buehler led **8** scheduled work trips this past year

John Zerphy had the most number of participants (**37**) on his famous Llama Hike

Karen Balaban led the longest hike this year (**20** miles)

9 Hikes led by Rick & Louise Sis (the leader in hike leaders)

7 Hikes led by Susanne Donmoyer

6 Hikes led by John Stein

6 hikes led by Karen Balaban



Jeff attending to a new obstacle on the trail caused by Hurricane Isabel



View of Cumberland Valley from lunch stop on AT (December program hike 2003)

There were:

34 hikes of 5 miles or less,

29 hikes of more than 5 but less than 10 miles

15 hikes of 10 miles or longer.

GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION

1. MEETING LOCATION

Unless otherwise noted in the hike schedule, 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 is the parking island in front of the East Gate Office Center on 7th Street, opposite the Herr Street underpass. Five additional minutes will be allowed for arrival at the alternate site.

2. TRANSPORTATION

If you ride with someone, you should give the driver **5 cents** times the highway mileage shown in the hike schedule to help defray the costs of transportation.

3. REGISTRATION

All hikers are asked to register with the hike leader at Fisher Plaza or at the trailhead before starting any scheduled hike. For safety reasons with **D and E grade** hikes, please register with the hike leader before arriving at the meeting location 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 GUIDELINES

SATC prefers that hikers refrain from the use of tobacco products during Club activities. Smokers are individually responsible for damage to the forests.

CODES FOR THE HIKE

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, hike leaders should describe the pace and footing where this is essential. For example: "Easy with moderate to fast pace" or "Easy with nature stops" or "Good footpath" or "Rocky and rough".

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SATC members,

New board member

Please welcome Richard Green to the SATC board of directors. Richard has agreed to fill out the rest of Bob Keyes' term following Bob's recent resignation.

Holiday Party Highlights:

Seventy-two Club members and guests played "people bingo," greeted old and new friends, composed a silly story and viewed some beautiful slides. Clarence Fredlund and Stan Rudisell's grandson tied for first place on musical chairs. Dick and Thyra supplied the turkey, Bob Keyes the Death-by-Chocolate ice cream and the Walshes brought shrimp. All the food was so good that Santa Claus even showed up! (Or did Sylvia Miller have something to do with that?) Can we persuade Sandy Kittle to coordinate the event again next year? I hope so, and I hope that you'll be there too.

National Trails Day

Come celebrate National Trails Day with SATC by helping to maintain the Appalachian Trail. The American Hiking Society coordinates and publicizes events like this one around the country on the first Saturday in June of each year. Check out the June 5th entry in the hike schedule for the details. This should be a fun way to give back to the trail.

Other Improvements at Route 225 AT Crossing

The parking lot and driveway at the north end of the new Appalachian Trail bridge have been repaired, with many thanks to Karen Lutz at the Mid-Atlantic AT office for obtaining the funding. The repairs had been needed for a long time. SATC's Tom Scully will plant the areas on both ends of the bridge, which have been disturbed by the construction work or covered with invasive species, with seedlings this spring.

New Directory

Many thanks to Fred Cox, Rob Shaw and Susanne Donmoyer for putting together the SATC directory. They did a great job!

Banquet

I hope that we'll have an especially good turnout for the SATC banquet this year as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club. We'll have a DJ and dancing, a display on Club history, election of officers and a tribute to past leaders of the Club. See the article on page 10 for details.

KTA and Endangered Trails

Committee members of the Keystone Trails Association met in January to discuss the work made on the proposals developed by the Endangered Trails Committee. The two main issues look to be the hiring of an executive director who will raise money and attempt to influence legislation in favor of hiking trails and new by-laws that will change KTA's government structure so that the executive director can be more easily supervised while allowing KTA's current work to flourish.

Boundary Blazes

The boundaries of National Park Service Appalachian Trail lands are being inspected and marked with yellow blotches this year by SATC member Tom Scully.

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Thanks from Me to You

At the annual banquet in March, a new SATC president will be elected, so this is the last time that I'll write "From the President."

Seven years ago, Thyra Sperry, after asking me more than once, persuaded me to take the job of vice president. I agreed because I knew that I'd have good people to work with on the Board and as other volunteers. My prediction was true. SATC volunteers are great! Every time a volunteer was needed, at least one person stepped forward. We have a great Club with great volunteers who give so much time and energy. During my time with the Club and serving on the board, I've hiked and maintained so many good trails and made so many good friends. Were it not for this Club, I might never have gotten to know my wonderful husband, Sam, or given birth to our beautiful daughter, Kelly. Thanks so much to all of you and all the best to Barb Harvey, president nominee. I know she'll do a great job!

Your president,

Katie Barker

CLUB NOTICES

Above the Tree Line

David Whitmoyer

January 10, 1952 – November 19, 2003

We are sad to announce the death of SATC life member David Whitmoyer. David joined the Club eleven years ago and especially enjoyed long-distance hikes. He will be fondly remembered by many of us. A donation will be made in his name to the memorial fund of the Appalachian Trail Conference.

Route 225 Pedestrian Bridge Now Open

On November 8th, 2003 the Appalachian Trail pedestrian bridge across Pennsylvania Route 225 was successfully dedicated. About 100 members of the hiking community and local area attended and the event was featured on local news. The cutting of a decorated vine with loppers marked the official opening, followed by all 100 attendees swarming across the bridge. In planning the event, Barb Harvey, Thyra Sperry and Katie Barker enjoyed getting to know some members of the York Hiking Club who maintain the AT on the other side of the bridge. Many thanks to the SATC members who helped to plan and carry out the event:

Susan Atkinson

Susanne Donmoyer

Carl Lorence

Jane Webster

Sam Barker

Barb Harvey

Anna Pruett

Will Webster

Jeff Buehler

Sam Harvey

Thyra Sperry

Lee Casher

Bob Keyes

Linda Suarez

And of course thanks to Karen Lutz from the Mid-Atlantic Appalachian Trail office for keeping her sense of humor while dealing with the enormous amount of paperwork and many delays that preceded the successful construction of the bridge. The final cost of the bridge was \$262,614 with most of the money coming from a TEA-21 Transportation Enhancement grant. Hikers now have a safe way to cross a dangerous highway and a beautiful view from the bridge as well.

Trailmaster's Report



Volunteer Hours for 2003

The following is a breakdown of the number of volunteers and volunteer hours spent working on trails that our Club helps to build and maintain for the past year. These hours have been tallied from Club work trip reports and individual volunteers who have reported their hours. Travel time is estimated. Volunteer hours are reported to the Keystone Trails Association, which compiles hours from organizations and individuals on a statewide basis and forwards that total to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

<u>Name of Trail</u>	<u>Trail Miles</u>	<u>#Volunteers</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>	<u>Hours Travel</u>
Appalachian Trail (PA RT 225 to 325)	9.6	16	319.0	74.5
Victoria Trail	2.4	2	10.0	3.0
Whitetail Trail (Ibberson Cons. Area)	1.2	5	226.0	62.0
Darlington Trail (AT to Tower Road)	7.5	8	180.5	37.5

In addition to these hours worked "in the field" on our trails, volunteers also contributed 418 hours participating in various trail related meetings (including travel time) and trail related public information work.

Recognizing Our Volunteers

Although the number of volunteers participating in Club work trips dropped off somewhat last year, those that did come out made some outstanding contributions to our hiking trails. They are recognized and thanked here.

Tom Scully, who in addition to participating in most Club work trips, continues to put forth an extraordinary effort in scouting and building new trails. He currently is working hard on building an extension of the Whitetail Trail in Ibberson Conservation Area adjacent to our Club's section of the Appalachian Trail. He is also working on updating one of the AT maps for this area for the Keystone Trails Association. If that wasn't enough, he is also our Club AT Monitoring Coordinator and has recently repainted boundary blazes along the National Park Service boundary for the AT corridor protecting some of our Club's section of the trail.

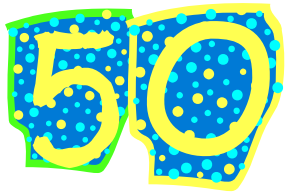
Richard Barrick, who has been helping to maintain the Darlington Trail for many years. He puts in a large number of hours clearing the trail of debris and cutting out blow downs with his chainsaw. He does this in addition to the many volunteer hours he devotes to the Cumberland Valley AT Club and working on their section of the AT. Without Dick's constant vigilance in keeping the Darlington Trail clear of obstructions, hikers would have a much less pleasant experience on this trail.

Tim Bachmann, Gary La Belle, and Jeff Willard, these three "regulars" on many Club work trips in the last few years have contributed many hours of tough physical rockwork labor on various trails. Many very big rocks have been moved and/or used for steps because of them. Their trail work projects should last for many decades.

John Stein, although he recently gave up his longtime position in the Club as our Horse-Shoe Trail Chairperson, John coordinated for many years the work of maintaining a 7.4 mile section of this trail between the SATC and the Horse-Shoe Trail Club. He led many trail maintenance trips to work on our Club's section of the trail and put in many individual efforts in not only keeping the trail blazed and clear, but was also instrumental in finding a new route for the trail when private landowner concerns forced some of it onto roads.

The Club also thanks all the volunteers who managed to come out on our Club sponsored work trips in the past and to those who work independently on our hiking paths. Hopefully many old and new volunteers can help out with our Club trail work projects in the future.

Jeff Buehler
SATC Trailmaster



th Anniversary Banquet and Election of Officers

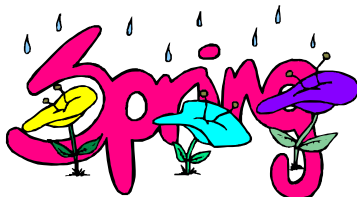
Date: Saturday March 27th
 Time: From 6pm
 Venue: Geo's Family Restaurant
 620 Allentown Blvd, Harrisburg
 Cost: \$20 per person, the restaurant is BYOB

Join fellow club members to celebrate 50 years of SATC hiking.

A reservation form is attached to the front of this issue of the Bushwack Bulletin, payment is due by March 18th. DJ Bill Runkle of Shiresmantown will provide entertainment for this special event.

Directions; From I-81 take the 72A exit (Paxtonia)
 Turn left onto Allentown Blvd (Route 22)
 Restaurant is about one block on the left.

From Harrisburg the restaurant is about one block beyond the I-81 access
 on Allentown Blvd (Route 22).



Meeting – West Shore Senior Citizens' Center

April 13, 2004 at 7pm - All Welcome!

Meeting program: Layers of History - The Cold Springs Hotel Site by J.M. Logan and J.C. Logan

Understanding the now-overgrown Cold Spring hotel site involves peeling back several layers of history from the 1850s to the present. The slide and narration program will use maps, letters, deeds, advertising flyers, photographs and oral history to help trace the chronology of this most remote and unusual location of Lebanon County.

J.M. Logan is a graduate of Millersville University and a retired teacher of environmental biology for 33 years. He is currently a part-time volunteer field research assistant with the Nature Conservancy and the Ned Smith Center. His interests in Stony Valley history and historical photography have drawn him to this project.

J.C. Logan is a graduate of East Stroudsburg University and is currently employed by the Derry Township wastewater treatment facility. He is also a volunteer educator and Northern Saw-whet Owl bander with the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art. His interests in local history, genealogy and deed research have drawn him to this project .

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

Donna Bauserman	Harrisburg	Faith Elliott	Marysville	John Korab	Tower City
Joan Bechtel	Hummelstown	Nina & David Ertel	Wormleysburg	Patti Lees	Mechanicsburg
Ed Bohan	Harrisburg	Evan Gabler	Harrisburg	Stacy Ling	New Cumberland
Terence Brown	Hershey	Fred Giles	Hummelstown	Mary Mahoney	Etters
Anita Butcher	Summerdale	Michael & Jan Hahn	Middletown	Bob Manik	Hummelstown
Lisabeth Capozzi	Mechanicsburg	John Hair	Harrisburg	Judy & Rob Mc Ilvaine	Dover
Mollie Clark	Camp Hill	Jennifer & James Hall	Carlisle	Mark & Wendy Serour	Middletown
Rick Close	Mechanicsburg	Kevin Hartshorn	Derry	Chantal & Randy Wagner	Shippensburg
Matthew Domines	Harrisburg	Alan Hochberg	Harrisburg	Jack Wagoner	Camp Hill
Dennis Dreier	Lewisberry	Lynne Kirk	Harrisburg	David Waltman	Harrisburg

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By-Laws Concerning the Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors:

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 of the nominated persons at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. The nominating committee is limited to one nomination for each office and non-officer directorship. 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 is more than one (1) nominee for any one office or non-officer directorship, the election shall be by secret ballot and by plurality vote.

Section 3 *Term of Office*

Officers shall be elected biannually, but the President and Vice President shall in no event serve more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year elected terms in their respective offices. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve successive terms without limitation. Non-officer members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by class to serve a two (2) year term, but they shall in no event serve more than two (2) consecutive elected terms.

Committee Report:

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club, the Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, submits the following slate of nominees for your consideration to serve during the next two (2) years.

President :	Barbara Harvey	Directors:	John Lenahan
Vice President:	Anna Pruett		Barbara Van Horn
Secretary :	Richard Martin		Sharon Brumbaugh
Treasurer:	Richard Sis		

In accordance with the bylaws, 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 20, 2004.

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

Susanne Donmoyer
5801 Mayfair Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112-3136

Louise Sis
1481 Simpson Ferry Road
New Cumberland, PA 17070-1572

NOTICES FROM OTHER HIKING CLUBS & AROUND PA

Eighth Year of Keystone Trail Crew Set

Keystone Trail Crew, sponsored by KTA, will again have three weeks of volunteer hiking trail maintenance in the month of June. The workweek will run from Wednesday through Sunday.

Dates:	June 2-6	Pinchot Trail
	June 9-13	Mid State Trail Northern Extension
	June 16-20	Chuck Keiper Trail

Meals and lodging/campsites will be provided. If you can spare a week, volunteer a weekend or come for just a day or two, please think about signing up. No volunteer will be turned away.

Forward all inquiries to Joe Healey, 93 Cedarwood Drive, Laflin, PA 18702, e-mail jnlhealey@aol.com or feel free to call at (570) 655-4979. Detailed information and a map directing you to the respective lodging/campsite will then be forwarded.

Do You Want to Be a Landowner Along the AT? And Have a Home in the Woods!

Are you in a position to become a Conservation Buyer through the Appalachian Trail Conference Land Trust? Our program matches conservation buyers -- people like you -- with people who are selling land along the AT. You locate your home or cabin out of sight from the Trail. All we ask is that you donate a conservation easement on the rest of the property. A conservation easement "runs with the land;" that is, no present or future owner can develop it!

AND, because an easement is an irrevocable gift of a property right, you get a nice income tax deduction equal to the value of the easement.

Contact Bob Williams, Director of Land Trust Programs, at bwilliams@appalachiantrail.org, (304) 535-6331, or write to P.O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

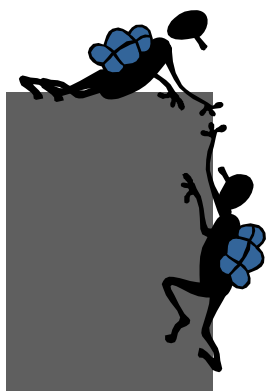
COURSES

Wilderness First Aid

An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted in Harrisburg, PA on March 13-14, 2004. The course includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$160.
For additional information phone (703) 836-8905 or visit <http://wfa.net>

Course schedule (2004):	March 13-14: Harrisburg, PA
	March 27-28: Palisades, NJ
	April 3-4: Newark, DE
	April 24-25: Palmyra, NJ (Philadelphia)
	May 15-16: Pittsburgh, PA
	June 5-6: Philadelphia, PA (Bristol)
	June 12-13: Harrisburg, PA
	June 19-20: Palisades, NJ



Wilderness First Aid is a program of the Wilderness Safety Council and meets ACA standards for 60 minutes or more from definitive medical treatment.

You can learn more about our program by visiting the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at: <http://wfa.net/faq.html>

You can learn more about what taking a Wilderness First Aid class is like by reading these accounts written from the student's perspective: <http://wfa.net/press.html>