



BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2004

OUR OBJECTIVES: GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

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| <u>September 2</u>
Thursday
5:45 PM | 2-C-5
0 hwy
miles | <u>Clark's Ferry After-Work Hike</u>
Circle hike on the Appalachian and blue-blazed trails. Meet only at the parking lot on the east side of the Clark's Ferry Bridge. Bring snacks, water and a flashlight.
Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com |
| <u>September 4</u>
Saturday
9:00 AM | 1-B-3
17 hwy
miles | <u>Governor Stable Llama Hike</u>
Easy terrain hike. Two Llamas, "Lewis" and "Clark," will pack in a supplied picnic lunch. Must call and register for this hike. \$3.00 for lunch. Camera optional. Two caves to explore. Meet only at Olmstead Plaza near the M&T Bank, between Highspire and Middletown on Rte 230.
Leader: John Zerphey, 939-9082, llamahiking@netzero.com |
| <u>September 9</u>
Thursday
6:00 PM | 1-B-3
0 hwy
miles | <u>Negley Park Ice Cream Hike</u>
Meet only at the Lemoyne Post Office. Sneakers OK. Bring water. Slow pace, one hill at the beginning of hike.
Leaders: Louise and Richard Sis, 774-0196 |
| <u>September 11</u>
Saturday
9:00 AM | 20 hwy
miles | <u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip</u>
Rock work and sidehill digging on new relocation of the Appalachian Trail on Peters Mountain south of Route 325. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Full day or morning option. Meet only at the intersection of Rtes 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin.
Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com |
| <u>Sept 12</u>
Sunday
9:00 AM | 2-C-8
90 hwy
miles | <u>Buck Ridge Trail</u>
Hike from King's Gap to Pine Grove Furnace State Park on the Buck Ridge Trail. Alternate meeting place: 10:00 AM at the Pine Plantation parking lot at King's Gap Environmental Education Center. Bring water and lunch.
Leader: Barb and Sam Harvey, 766-7868 |
| <u>September 15</u>
Wednesday
10:00 AM | 2-C-3
to 5
0 hwy
miles | <u>Mystery Hike</u>
Hike on trails. Boots recommended. Bring lunch and water. Meet only at Fort Hunter near the barn.
Leader: Barbara Van Horn, 834-6458 |

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<u>September 17</u>	2-C-6	<u>Messiah College/Grantham Hike</u>
Friday 9:00 AM	0 hwy miles	Hike over hills, roads and trails in woods. Bring lunch and water. Meet only at Starry Field Covered Bridge at Messiah College. Leader: Melanie Demartyn, 795-8209
<u>September 19</u>	2-B-8	<u>Antietam Battlefield Hike</u>
Sunday 9:00 AM	170 hwy miles	Explore Civil War history. Moderate pace. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Richard and Louise Sis, 774-0196
<u>September 25</u>		<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip</u>
Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	Rock work and sidehill digging on new relocation of the Appalachian Trail on Peters Mountain south of Rte 325. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Full day or morning option. Meet only at the intersection of Rtes 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>September 26</u>	3-C-6	<u>Mount Holly Marsh Preserve</u>
Sunday 9:00 AM	40 hwy miles	800-foot elevation gain with a long steady climb. Bring snacks and water. Alternate meeting place: 9:45 AM at the parking lot south of the Deer Lodge Restaurant on Rte 34, south of Mt. Holly Springs. Optional lunch at the Deer Lodge following the hike. Leader: Sam Barker, 249-6727
<u>September 30</u>	2-A-6	<u>Greenbelt In and Out Hike</u>
Thursday 10:00 AM	0 hwy miles	Hike to Shipoke and return. Bring water. Optional lunch at a local restaurant. Meet only at the Rte 441 parking lot. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>October 2</u>	3-C-8	<u>Broad Mountain Loop</u>
Saturday 8:00 AM	150 hwy miles	<u>Backpacker Magazine</u> -featured day hike (May 2004). Hike through the scenic Lehigh River Gorge past several waterfalls and vistas. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, kmbalaban@balabanllc.com
<u>October 3</u>	3-D-10	<u>Flat Rock from the Perry County Side</u>
Sunday 9:00 AM	0 hwy miles	Hike from Kennedy's Valley Road climbing to Flat Rock. Loop around and down on Werner Trail. Meet only on Rte 74 at H.R. Wentzel and Sons Hardware and Feed Store parking lot. Store is 5 miles north from top of North Mountain. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Rodney Manweiler, 776-3172, rodneymanweiler@pa.net
<u>October 7</u>	2-B-6	<u>Shelter Hike</u>
Thursday 9:00 AM	0 hwy miles	Walk on our Club's section of the Appalachian Trail on Peters Mountain. Bring lunch and water. Meet only at the parking lot at the intersection of Rtes 225 and 325. Leaders: Frank McKniff, 832-1994 and Shirley McLaren, 526-4737
<u>October 7</u>	Board Meeting	<u>Board of Directors Meeting</u>
Thursday 6:30 PM		Members are welcome to attend. Location: East Shore Library, meeting room B, near the Colonial Park Mall, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg. Contact: Barbara Harvey, 766-7868
<u>October 9</u>	2-C-4 to 5	<u>Hike and End of Summer Picnic</u>
Saturday 10:00 AM	0 hwy miles	Trail hike begins and ends at the home of Sandy Kittle, 59 Regency Woods North off of Rte 944. Call Sandy at 697-5672 for directions and RSVP. Bring water for the hike and a covered dish to share (refrigerator available). Drinks and dinnerware provided. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308

<u>October 10</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	2-E-7 80 hwy miles	<u>Sunset Rocks</u> Moderate pace, one steep climb, boulder scrambling, possible copperheads. Beautiful view! Bring lunch and water. Alternate meeting place: 9:45 AM at the Furnace Stack parking lot at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. Leaders: Jane and Will Webster, 526-2127
<u>October 12</u> Tuesday 7:00 PM	Members and Guests Meeting	<u>Fall Meeting for All Members and Guests</u> Following refreshments for new, prospective and current members, hike scheduling for the December, January and February quarter will take place. Then we'll have a presentation on "Leave No Trace" by Karl Martz and Brook Lenker. Location: West Shore Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland. Contact: Barbara Harvey, 766-7868
<u>October 16</u> Saturday 9:30 AM	2-B-6 to 7 24 hwy miles	<u>Governor Dick Mt. Gretna</u> Meet only at the Hershey Outlets Dress Barn Bus Stop. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Sylvia Miller, 533-5422
<u>October 17</u> Sunday 2:00 PM	2-B-4 0 hwy miles	<u>Box Car Rocks Area</u> Easy hike on trails. Joint hike with Lebanon Hiking Club. Meet only at the railroad bed parking lot: Take Rte 443 to Gold Mine Road. Follow Gold Mine Road over the first mountain and park at the railroad bed at the bottom. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Ray Swingholm, 867-1638
<u>October 20</u> Wednesday 10:00 AM	2-C-3 to 5 0 hwy miles	<u>Mystery Hike</u> Hike on trails. Boots recommended. Bring lunch and water. Meet only at Fort Hunter near the barn. Leader: Barbara Van Horn, 834-6458
<u>October 23</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	3-E-5	<u>Loysburg Area Hike</u> Join other hiking clubs for some rugged bushwhacking over steep terrain. Wear sturdy boots. Bring lunch and water. Meet only at the Frontier Restaurant on Rte 36 about one mile east of Loysburg, PA, about 100 miles from Harrisburg. See also next entry. Contact leader for information on camping or motels. Leader: John Stein, steinhike@cs.com
<u>October 24</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	3-E-7	<u>Loysburg Gap and the Mid State Trail</u> Meet at 9:00 am (8:00 AM for breakfast) at New Frontier Restaurant on Rte 36 about one mile east of Loysburg, PA. Wear sturdy boots. Bring lunch and water. Optional dinner at a local restaurant. This hike has a <u>long, difficult uphill</u> to a spectacular 300-degree view from a point above Yellow Creek. Then walk on the easier Mid State Trail on woods roads to Civil War Trench. Overall about two miles steep, five miles flat. See also previous entry. Contact leader for information on camping or motels. Leader: John Stein, steinhike@cs.com
<u>October 24</u> Sunday 10:00 AM	2-B-6 100 hwy miles	<u>Gettysburg – First Day of Battle</u> Moderate pace. One hill. Bring lunch and water. Alternate meeting place: 11:00 AM in front of the Visitors Center. Leaders: Louise and Richard Sis, 774-0196
<u>October 30</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	3-E-11 7 hwy miles	<u>Horse-Shoe Mumau Stoney Valley Loop Hike</u> Bring extra footwear for wading Stoney Creek (approx. 2 feet water). Bring lunch and water. Meet only at the intersection of Rte 39 and I-81 in the parking lot to the front and east of the Shell gas station. Leader: John Stein, steinhike@cs.com

<u>October 31</u> Sunday 4:00 PM	1-A-5 15 hwy miles	<u>Halloween Haunts</u> Enjoy an eerie walk around Marysville on Halloween evening and see how the locals celebrate this occasion. Costumes are optional but encouraged. The walk has some hills so please wear appropriate footwear, it will be mostly on sidewalks but some footing is uneven. Please bring a flashlight if you wish and warm clothing if the weather is chilly. Remember that daylight savings finished this morning so it will be darker earlier. Option after the walk to eat at the Marysville Diner. Alternative meeting place: 4:30 PM at the carpark adjacent to Marysville Diner on Rtes 11/15. Leader: Allison MacGillivray, 649-4208, bushwack@mail.com
<u>November 6</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	1-B-6 75 hwy miles	<u>History Hike</u> Explore the ruins of the old C.C.C. camp near Pine Grove Furnace. Built in the early 1930's, this camp has since been used as a WW II Prisoner of War camp and later as a Church Youth camp. Many foundations remain today. We'll try to identify as many as we can. Bring lunch and water. Allow more time than for most six-mile hikes. Alternate meeting place: 9:45 AM at the Furnace Stack at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. Leaders: John Lenahan, 737-7675 and Sharon Shellenberger 249-6575.
<u>November 7</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles	<u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip</u> Rockwork and sidehill digging on new relocation of the Appalachian Trail on Peters Mountain south of Rte 325. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Full day or morning option. Meet only at the intersection of Rtes 225 and 325 East, which is north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, athikerjb@aol.com
<u>November 13</u> Saturday 9:00 AM	1-C-3 130 hwy miles	<u>Raptor Ramble at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary</u> It's fall migration along the Appalachian Flyway and 20,000 hawks, eagles and falcons pass by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. The hike will be short in distance but hiking boots are suggested. Bring binoculars (or you can hire them at the Sanctuary), lunch, water and something to sit on while bird watching. If you're not into birding, the views from the lookouts are well worth seeing also. There is a trail admission charge - \$7 adults/seniors, \$3 children 6-12 years, free if you're a Sanctuary member. There is an option to visit Cabela's Outdoor Store at Hamburg on the return trip. Leader: Allison MacGillivray, 649-4208, bushwack@mail.com
<u>November 14</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	2-D-7 <100 hwy miles	<u>Pete Wilshusen Memorial Hike</u> Location to be announced. Hike will be at least partially on the Appalachian Trail not far from Harrisburg. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Dick Martin, 258-5261
<u>November 21</u> Sunday 8:00 AM	2-C-10 110 hwy miles	<u>Iron Horse Trail</u> The trail largely follows two abandoned railway grades in Big Spring State Park and Tuscarora State Forest. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<u>November 28</u> Sunday 9:00 AM	2-C-8 30 hwy miles	<u>Pinchot Loop Hike</u> Circle Pinchot Lake – mostly flat but may be rough or muddy. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u>December 4</u> Saturday 7:00 PM	4-A-0.004 0 hwy miles	<u>Annual SATC Holiday Party</u> Hike from your table to the pot-luck buffet line. See article on page 8 for more information.

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

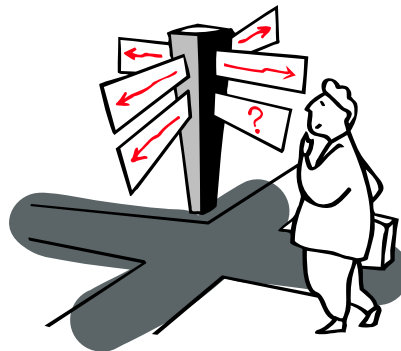
All hikers are asked to register with the hike leader at Fisher Plaza or at the trailhead before starting any scheduled hike. For safety reasons with **D and E grade** hikes, please register with the hike leader before arriving at the meeting location unless the leader has hiked with you previously and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

PACE Codes

- 1 - Leisurely : nature or historical walk; frequent stops for observation**
- 2 - Moderate : steady, 1 to 2 miles per hour (mph)**
- 3 - Brisk : steady, 2 to 3 mph**
- 4 - Fast : 3 to 4 mph; very short breaks; an anaerobic workout**

TERRAIN Codes

- A - Solid pavement/sidewalk**
- B - Soft ground/sand/carriage trails; nearly level; few rocks or obstructions (roots)**
- C - Some rocks/roots/obstructions; climbs and descents totaling up to 1000 feet possible**
- D - Steep hills, rocks/roots/obstructions likely; frequent climbs and descents with a total of more than 1000 feet**
- E - Extremely difficult; some or all of these features possible or likely: rough footing (rocks, roots); unbridged stream crossings; non technical rock climbing/scrambling; boulder fields; bushwhacking; individual climbs and descents over 1,000 vertical feet**

MILEAGE

Estimated by hike leader

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SATC Members,

This first quarter as president has seen some gains and some losses. The serious loss was Anna Pruett. Anna moved to Florida. I want to thank Anna for all she has done for the club. She organized the games at the Christmas Party and the picnic for several years. She was our Vice President. Anna will be missed!

Ed Mentzer, a member of our club has died. Another loss.

Our gain was eleven miles of the AT to maintain that was formerly the responsibility of the Brandywine Club. Eight of us walked that section in May. It needs a lot of work. That means work trips! Please come and help with this rather large project.

In addition to the section of the AT we gained 20 new members. Please make them welcome.

National Trails Day was a rainy cold day. Never the less four hardy souls showed up to do trail maintenance. Pennsylvania Trails week was observed with our club having at least four hikes scheduled. Thanks everyone!

Twenty-nine people enjoyed a perfect day for a picnic at Pine Grove State Park. It was like old times hiking with Clarence Fredlund. We thank Bonnie Booth, John Zerphey, and Sam Barker for their help with the picnic.

Next year's picnic will be at Governor Stable Park the first weekend in Aug. Mark your calendars.

*Happy Trails,
Barb Harvey*

BIG THANK YOU

To our hike leaders: Karen Balaban, Frank Bohn, Bonnie Booth, Susanne Donmoyer, Laurel and Pete Fleszar, Chris Firme, Bill Graham, Jane and Randy Greber, Sam and Barb Harvey, John Lenahan, Rod Manweiler, Dick Martin, Sylvia Miller, Rick and Louise Sis, Thyra Sperry, John Stein, Barbara Van Horn, Jane and Will Webster, John Zerphey.

To our maintainers: Tim Bachman, Jeff Buehler, Doug Cordelli, Sara Ford, Jim Hegeman, Gary La Belle, Barb and Sam Harvey, Mike Patterson, Tom Scully, Barb Strock, Anne Tantum, Park Trullinger, Jeff Willard, Heidi Witmer.

To: John Zerphey and Ray Swingholm for getting our display to Wildware and the Navy Depot.

To: Sylvia Miller, Barbara Van Horn and John Zerphey for their work on the banquet.

To: the editor Allison MacGillivray.

To: Rob Shaw for computer work.

To: Stacy Creech, Susanne Donmoyer, Sam and Katie Barker for getting the hike schedule together.

To: Kris Kyler for agreeing to be vice president.

To: The board and officers.

TRAILMASTER'S REPORT

This past spring SATC volunteers continued work on a short relocation of the Appalachian Trail on Peter's Mountain, approximately one half mile south of the Route 325 crossing. We started construction here in the spring of 2003 by marking and clearing the new route, and then began the arduous task of digging out the side hill trail in very rocky soils. About half of the 1000 foot long switchback is now completed and includes some impressive rockwork done by our club trail crew workers. 17 volunteers came out on four scheduled work trips in March and April. I am hopeful we may finish the project this fall with a few scheduled work trips.

In addition to the A.T. relocation work, club volunteers in May rebuilt some rock steps on the Darlington Trail in Bryson Hollow that were destroyed by a couple of large uprooted trees. We had two general trail clearing work trips in June to work on our club's section of the A.T. on Peter's Mountain. Tom Scully has freshened up the white paint blazes on our section of the A.T. and is helping out the York Hiking Club by doing the same on their section of the A.T. adjacent to ours. He and a few other volunteers have also been hard at work building a new side trail in Ibberson Conservation Area that, when completed, will provide more loop hiking possibilities in this area.



Another development of interest to our club volunteers is the impending turn over of the Brandywine Valley Outing Club's section of the A.T. to our club. The BVOC has maintained the A.T. from Route 325 north to Rausch Gap Shelter since the 1970's but in recent times has been plagued by decreasing participation in club A.T. work trips. They had requested to be relieved of their A.T. section delegated responsibilities and because of the close proximity of this section of the trail to our club's area of trail interest it was decided by the SATC board to request this section of the A.T. be added to our club's maintenance/management responsibilities. The 11-mile section is directly north of our club's section of the A.T. A few members of the BVOC wish to continue their involvement by maintaining the 2.3 miles of the trail between Cold Springs and Rausch Gap.

A walk-through of the entire 11-mile section was done in May by interested members of clubs, A.T.C. Mid-Atlantic Representative Karen Lutz, and National Park Service employee David Reus. The purpose was to provide an opportunity for our club leadership to familiarize ourselves with this section and gain historical knowledge and experience from our BVOC counterparts. The walk-through also provided an opportunity for the collection of trail assessment data. David Reus of the N.P.S. Appalachian Trail Park Office provided technical assistance in the collection of global positioning system data on this section of the trail for a new system of trail assessments that will identify deficiencies in the trail so that trail clubs like ours can plan our work schedules. The transfer of delegated trail section responsibility between BVOC and SATC must still be approved by the Appalachian Trail Conference board this fall.

Jeff Buehler,
SATC Trailmaster

COURSES

Wilderness First Aid

An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted in Harrisburg on November 6-7, 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):	October 30-31	Alpine, NJ
	November 6-7	Harrisburg, PA
	December 4-5	Philadelphia, PA

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

CLUB NOTICES

*Fall Meeting – West Shore
Senior Citizens' Center
Tuesday 12 October at 7pm
All Welcome!*

Is your SATC membership up to date?

Please check the expiry date above your name on the back page of the Bulletin.

For memberships that expired 4/1/04, this will be your last Bushwack Bulletin unless you renew – membership form is on page 11.

Karl Martz from the Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg and Brook Lenker from The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Office will present a Leave No Trace program of outdoor ethics. The goal of the U.S. Leave No Trace educational program is to avoid or minimize impacts to natural area resources and help ensure a positive recreational experience for all visitors. America's public lands are a finite resource whose social and ecological values are linked to the integrity of their natural conditions and processes. It is essential that we as hikers do all we can to "leave no trace".

Holiday Party



- When: Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 pm
Where: West Shore Senior Citizen Center, 122 Geary Street, New Cumberland
- To bring: A generous covered dish to share (hikers are big eaters)
- Program: Caroling, slide show, games
- Committee: Sandy Kittle 697-5672, Katie Barker 249-6727 and Barbara Harvey 766-7868

Important Note:

Please call a committee member so that we will know who is planning to come and what they intend to bring. 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.

If you wish to help with the decorations, etc. for the party please arrive about 5:30 PM. If you have greens or holly that you are willing to share, please bring some along.

Trail Maintainers Needed

The Susquehanna A.T. Club is looking for volunteer trail maintainers to help in maintaining sections of our hiking trails. Historically, we have relied on scheduled club work trips to maintain existing trails and for construction of new or relocated trails. With the increasing number of miles of trail that the club is responsible for and the to be expected sporadic turn out of volunteers on club work trips, it is preferable to also have individual trail section maintainers to supplement the work trips.

The Club currently is assigned 9.6 miles of the Appalachian Trail on Peter's Mountain in Dauphin County but is expected to add 11 more miles of the trail on Stony and Sharp Mountains this fall when management responsibility is formally transferred from the Brandywine Valley Outing Club of Wilmington, DE to the S.A.T.C. In addition, the Club maintains 4.5 miles of side trails that connect with the A.T. on Peter's Mountain; the 7.8-mile Darlington Trail on Blue and Little mountains in Cumberland and Perry Counties; and a 7.4-mile section of the Horseshoe Trail in Dauphin County. In all, we are responsible for maintaining 40 miles of trails.



A committee, consisting of the Trailmaster and other club volunteers will determine the breakdown of trail sections for individual trail maintainers. Trail section lengths will probably vary from slightly over 1 mile up to 4 miles depending on terrain and access points. The duties of maintainers will be general in nature – consisting of regular visits to their trail section and performing light maintenance activities involving weeding and pruning trail-side plant growth; cutting out and removing small blow downs and fallen branches; cleaning out water bars; and trash pick-up and removal. Heavy duty trail construction and enhancement; large blow down removal and other work requiring the club trail crew would still be done with scheduled club work trips. Paint blazing would be done by experienced designated volunteers to assure consistency and quality. Volunteers for these assignments will receive written trail maintenance standards and guidelines our club adheres to, a trail section maintainer's register showing all trail sections and their maintainer's name and contact information, trail maintenance work logs to keep track of hours, and the necessary tools if they want/need them (may use personal tools if they prefer).

Anyone interested in these volunteer positions please contact:

Jeff Buehler
SATC Trailmaster
(717) 657-8281
Email: athikerjb@aolcom

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

Nancy Baldwin	Mechanicsburg	Jim Gunderman	Elizabethville	Michael Pivar	New Bloomfield
Jamie Bashore	Hershey	Christopher Happ	Harrisburg	Diane Roush	Hershey
Chris & Marvin Berger	Harrisburg	Judy Heckmon	Hummelstown	Howard Simpkins Jr.	Wilmington
Marlene Cole	Hummelstown	Martina Jazekova	Harrisburg	Laurel Smith	Enola
Maggi Colwell	Harrisburg	Victoria Lenhart	New Cumberland	Amber Yeager	Camp Hill
Robert & Kim Echinger	Enola	Patrick Markovic	Wilmington		
Adel Essa	Harrisburg	Bill Miller	Mechanicsburg		
Jon Gerlach	Hummelstown	Michael Patterson	Middletown		
		& Sara Ford			

MEMBER'S NOTICES

CARPOOL TO HIKES - The Watt's Family: Annette, Ralph and Brandy, who are new members, would like to carpool to Fisher Plaza from Palmyra. If you would be prepared to offer a ride please call 838-0571. Thanks!

NEW ZEALAND HIKING & BACKPACKING (or as they say in NZ – tramping - Ed.)

If you are interested in hiking and/or backpacking in New Zealand sometime during February-March 2005, e-mail hiketrip@cs.com or drop a note to PO Box 9, Hershey, PA 17033-0009 by January 1, 2005.



The hikes will be 3C8 through 4E16, and participants must be experienced and ready to stay in tent at times. Most events will be in the South Island, and hikers must arrange their own flights. A meeting will be scheduled in Hershey to review options and plans.

JOIN THE RALPH KINTER INVASIVE PLANTS STRIKE FORCE

Invasive plant species are a very threat to our region, taking over and destroying plants that supply food and habitat to wildlife. I am in the process of organizing a strike force to deal with this ever-increasing problem in the local Harrisburg area. I am looking for volunteers from local conservation groups and within the community to come together to work on this issue.



Ralph Kinter, respected member of many local conservation organizations during his lifetime, loved the plants that grow in our wildlands. With this Strike Force, we can honor Ralph's memory by protecting the land from invasives and restoring native plant species. The Strike Force will most likely meet one or two days a month and we need all the help we can get. We will begin our efforts within Pinchot Park, with the support of the manager. Please call me at home 717-938-9618 or office 717-652-5882 or e-mail me at wakoerber@yahoo.com to volunteer or for more information.

Invasive species can seem overwhelming to control by ourselves, but as an organized group, we can surely make a difference. I hope to hear from you.

Thank you,
Walter A. Koerber, Jr.

ABOVE THE TREE LINE - Edward Mentzer

We regret to announce the recent death of long-time SATC club member Ed Mentzer. Ed was very active in the club in the 1980's and 90's. While declining health prevented him from doing much hiking in later years, he never lost his passion for the trail. We know Ed will continue hiking wherever he is because he was buried with his boots on.

KEYSTONE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Further details at <http://www.kta-hike.org/ktacare.htm>

September 17-19 - Delaware State Forest
Trip Leader: Tom Thwaites 814-237-7703
Camp at Promised Land State Park.

October 15-17 Mid State Trail Southern Extension
Everett, PA Camp at Woy Bridge Campground
Bring your own water
Leader John Stein 717-533-3679

October 22-24 Susquehannock Trail
Camp at Ole Bull State Park
Leader Dave McMillan 717-898-0358

November 5-7 - Mid State Trail
Trip Leader: Pete Fleszar, 717-583-2093
Camp at Hills Creek State Park in cabins.