

SMOKE ***** AND BLAZES

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 29, 1976, CAMP KEEWAYDIN, LAKE DUNMORE, VT.

As reported by Sherwin Start

After Arriving and registration, the Annual Meeting got underway at about 10:00 AM with President Ralph Bryant calling the meeting to order. - The first item on the agenda was discussion of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. No one seemed to have a copy of the minutes of that last meeting, so they were accepted as not read.

This in my opinion is not the earmarks of a big organization of which the Main Club seems to profess that it is. With this topic of discussion closed, we pushed on to the Treasurer's Report that was actually explained in some detail by Granget Kammerer, Treasurer. After some embarrassing moments, Granget turned the report over to Don Wallace who is Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, who very clearly stated that the reason for the \$7,400.00 deficit of the Main Club is that we hired an Executive Director and a too optimistic projection of the expected income. As for my feelings, I am strongly in favor of Don Wallace's philosophy, meaning we must face reality, cut expenses, even if it means cutting or doing away with certain programs.

Here we have the basic confrontation that has faced the U.S. Government for years, the battle between the extremeist and the conservatives. It appears that the extremeists have put the Club in debt over it's head. We have at the head a fine Delta Kappa key man, who has great visions of operating the club like a big corporation. On the other hand, we have another fine Delta Kappa man, who uses logic, realism and just plain common sense to guide the Club's physical policy and resources. With this thought in your minds, as you read the Treasurer's report for the last fiscal year, which of the two men do you feel should be responsible for the finances of our Club ?

Following the Treasurer's Report, was the Auditor's report. Because Ron Nemcosky could not be found, this report was not read. Oral assurances by Vice President Joe Frank and Executive Director Larry

Van Meter, that everything was A-OK, the motion was made that the Auditor's Report be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

My viewpoint is that, and I feel that at this point the membership were beginning to be aware of this, the Main Club is run by a few key people, who expedite the agenda much as they please without the approval of the trustees or the general membership. It appears that the membership were being pushed into accepting many items as being the gospel truth without verification or evidence to support the assurances of the key men.

Don Wallace then, completely unprepared due to the lack of communication, gave the Budget and Finance Committee Report. I feel that Don gave a very comprehensive report under the circumstances, making it quite clear he did not approve the revenue projections and optimism that has put the Club in the red. Had he had proper knowledge that he would be called on to give this report, he would have had a stronger case.

We move to the Report on the Trust Funds and it was made by Joe Frank, who apparently has full control over them, and also the Club's Investment Portfolio. In essence the Report stated that we are using the funds as they were intended to be used by their donors. Here again, we have no documentation to prove this but if they say so it must be so. (Get the Idea ?).

ANNUAL MEETING - Continued

I have some serious reservations about the Investment Portfolio. The basic concept of an investment is to make money, but however it appears that the opposite is occurring due to some faulty advise on the part of someone as what to invest in. Lets get out of the Investment Business and stop loseing money, or at least let's invest if we must, in something that will produce a dividend.

Madeline Nules gave the nominating Committee report and had the best nominees for the ensuing year. They were as follows:

President	Ralph Bryant
Vice President	Joe Frank
Secretary	C. E. McGoon
Treasurer	Granget Kammerer

All were unopposed, with no floor nominations, so all were elected by a showing of hands.

Also, we have a number of young new trustees at large, perhaps with some new blood in the organization we can get this Club back on it's feet and functioning like a HIKING CLUB.

The President's Report was quite short, clear and concise, with no statement of achievement in the year past and no goals set for the ensuing year. However, he did praise almost everyone for what they had done and termed the year as a highly productive and fruitful year and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Larry VanMeter was in the spotlight next with the Executive Director's Report. At the onset Larry stated that the Main Club needs volunteer help to get the new guide book out. So if there is anyone who is willing to spend an hour or two in assisting the Executive Director, please do and we thank you very much.

Larry stated that the GMC has got it's work cut out for it in securing land Owner Agreements on the Section of the AT that the GMC has just recently assumed responsibility for (Rt. 12 to the Connecticut River). This work is being paid for by the Dartmouth Outing Club and the Federal Government. He also went on to say that some portions of the Trail (or most of it) doesn't follow the ridges like it does in Vermont (South of Sherburne Pass). As a matter of fact the AT follows roads, goes through fields, pastures, etc.,

Thus, there are a lot of problems in the securing of land agreements.

Joe Frank was our next speaker and the subject was the New By-laws. (Editor's note: Here Sherwin wanted the by-laws printed to be published with this issue of Smoke and Blases, however, I felt it impossible to type up the necessary 12 pages of the printing of the proposed By-laws of the Main club at this time. I have a copy of these By-Laws or they may be seen at the Main Club Office.) The Trustees have done a lot of work on these by-laws, but are by no means final and we are actively soliciting your comments either in writing or orally. Please be free to contact me at my home whenever you feel like expressing yourself and your opinion. My home is at 18 Pine Street, Rutland, Vermont and my phone number is 775-3193. I am going to call a special meeting of the entire section membership in September to discuss this topic and many more. So, please either write, telephone, attending the meeting or all three at any time.

Section Reports were given by the Section Presidents and most of all of them reported things were pritty much on an even keel with a very noticable lack of interest noted by most. Some Sections can not recruit officers and most of all they are losing members.

Killington Section has been loseing members gradually a few every year.

1971	103 members
1972	105 members
1973	87 members
1974	99 members
1975	98 members
1976	86 members

Lets all pitch in and get some new membership for our Section.

The last and final item of business was Committee Reports. As there were no Committee Heads prepared to give a Report they were put off with noticable exception of the Membership Committee which gave a lengthy report.

BOOTS - BOOTS -BOOTS

I quote Rachael Charland: "Lucky, lucky me ! I won a pair of \$50.00 Raichle Boots during Wilson's Sports Anniversary Sales Contest." End Quote. Congradulations, Rachael, make good use of them.

CONDENSED G.M.C. TREASURER'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1976

BALANCE SHEET 4/75 4/76

Bank [Checking]	\$10208	\$ 6461
Accts [Savings]	14767	30827
Cert of deposit	10000	-0-
Total Assets	\$34974	\$37287

Payroll tax Liab	64	64
Deferred Income		

At-Large Dues	5817	7406
Con- (Inst'ns	-0-	750
trib- ('76 Ctr	-0-	25
utns. ('75 Ranger		

	1500	-0-
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General Fund	1130	-0-
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General Reserve	2478	333
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Publicatn Resrv	16065	16945
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Shelter Reserve	5771	6067
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LTP Truck Res.	2149	2267
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Life Membership	-0-	300
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Nauheim Memorial	-0-	3110
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Liab, def income,		
net worth and		
reserve	\$34974	\$37287

REVENUE DETAILS

	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenues		
At-Large Dues	\$11905	\$13000
Sect'n Assessments	9 2150	2800
Contribs - Caretaker	1400	2200
Guide Book Sale	12593	16000
Sale of Merchandise	894	950
Trust (General	4049	4500
Fund (Danforth	2017	2250
Unstretcd gifts	379	1000
Contribs - Ranger	5300	800
Other Operating Rev.	-0-	-0-
Total Operating Rev.	\$41268	\$43500

NON-OP REVENUES

Life Membership dues	\$ 1200	\$ 300
Intrest Income	1560	1902
Defrd Inc; use '76-77		
Certain at-large dues	7406	
Contribs - Caretaker	25	
Contribs - Int.	750	
Nauheim Memorial	3000	
	\$13540	

This Report was Respectfully
Submitted by:

Granget Kammerer, Treasurer

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Balance 4/30/75	\$34974
Deferred Income	- 7317
Oprrng Revenues	+41288
Non-op Revenues	+13940
Funds Available	\$2886
Oprrng Expenditures	-44599
Non-op Expenditures	- 900
Balance 4/30/76	\$37287

EXPENDITURE DETAILS

	Actual	Budget
Oprrng expenditures		
Annual Meeting	\$ 233	\$ 175
Caretaker Program	5823	5800
Enpl Bldg pgs	2445	2550
Encl-to-Bld Comm	28	25
Exec Sec-Exec Dir	6150	2800
Group Svcs comm	11	50
Hstry & archv comm	-0-	1000
Intersectal (incl.		
\$100 advce on '76)	92	-0-
Legal, insanc, endow-		
ment & Trust Comm	-0-	100
Liaison Agencies	75	100
Lang Trall News	2403	3000
Membership Comm	648	700
Merchandise Purchased	677	300
G.M.C. Office	9920	8540
Other oprrng exp	74	200
President's Exp.	-0-	100
Public info comm	325	100
Ranger Program	7911	3375
Taxes & Insurance	625	500
Trls & Shlters (net)	7031	3278
Gross Expenditures	9826	13520
Contributions	2795	10242
Treasurer's Exp.	55	60
Trustee's Exp.	227	300
Trust Fund Comm '75	7	10
Contingency Acct	-0-	625
Total Operating Exp.	\$44699	\$33538

NON-OP EXPENDITURES

Transf. life member		
dues to trust fund	900	300

TRANSFER TO RESERVES

	Actual	Budget
To publicationn resrv	-0-	3800
To truck reserve	-0-	300
To general reserve	-0-	1100
Total to reserves	-0-	\$ 5200

GOVERNOR CLEMENT - Work Party

A rainy day at 9:00 A.M. on April 15, looked like the work party scheduled for Gov. Clement Camp might just be a fizzle stick. However, Doc Howard and I were sitting in his car at the Fire Station when Cecilia Elwert showed and then soon after, Larry Van Meter, followed by Wes Weston. I had our Company's 4W drive pick-up, hoping I could give Doc a ride right to the shelter, and also, have transportation to lug out any debris. We departed for the Triangle in our 3 vehicles, intending to all transfer to the 4W drive for the ride up the old road to the shelter. At the Triangle, none other than Sherwin Start barreled in and joined the party.

At this point, Larry and Cecilia decided to walk up the road, and we "old timers" decided to go via 4W Drive. Although there was one very bad mud hole, the pick up truck made it with no difficulty to the shelter. Accompanying us at this part of the trip was Wes's "Sport" and "Rascal", and Doc's "Obadiah", a beagle hound.

Soon after the fire was started, Marg & Bob Fish showed, parking their car just beyond the "mud hole" heretofore mentioned. Joining us about the same time was Churchill Scott. A lot of time was used in eating, although some work was accomplished, with Rachael Charland coming in time to grab the rake handle from me. We were pleased to find the shelter in good condition, with little trash. Larry and Cecilia made the rounds and picked up a lot of "rusty" trash that had been ingrown in grass for some time. The dirt floor needed racking and the immediate area around the front of the camp also, which was accomplished. A more major project that we were not prepared for is repair of the "swivel grate" on the fireplace which has come loose, and which Lou intends to repair.

For an ending, Obadiah, Doc's Beagle did not show when it was time to go. A return to the site in the 4W, failed to find him, but Obadiah, on his own, returned to Doc's Mendon Home, some 3 days later, how, I can not answer.

Paul R. Howard

LOVELY SENTIMENT

The following verse that I found in my

collection of items for publication is a fine article about a section of the IT that all Killington Section members feel near to their heart, and I quote:

"By the side of the shadowed mountain,
is the Long Trail Lodge serene,
With it's beauty so rare and rustic,
Mid the hush of woodland green;
Where the rocks and the solid ledges
Lend a firmness to the scene.

There's a path that is leading upward,
To Old Pico's summit, grand,
Where the view from it's lonely tower
Is the finest in the land,
And it links ev'ry heart to Nature
With an everlasting hand." End Quote.

If the writer of this fine verse will acknowledge, so will I in next issue.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT GREENWALL SHELTER

By Bob Crawford (28" & 12" snow).

Wishing you were here; just to watch the snow fly down and wonder with a kiss (depending) for the NEW YEAR. A song dancing among the night time trees - carving shadows in the deepening sky. Are we falling you could ask, and hear the hollow echos of a train whistle, somewhere far below in the valley, where life goes into a New Year in orange hats and confetti; strewn like the stars. The magic, it goes on - won't you share it with me? Whisper memories in smoke that rises from your breath and laugh - that even the silent snow smiled at. Love, such a small word for a world that is so complex. It rolls off the sunshine, between flurry clouds, onto our faces. I love you and that makes the whole winter world wake up. A flower for your troubles. HAPPY NEW YEAR - It'll be GREAT.

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GET WELL FAST MAURRI

A few weeks ago, our renown friend, Mauri Wintturi had a heart attack and was placed in Intensive Care at the Burbank Hospital in Fitchburgh, Mass. He was in Intensive care for 5 days, and was discharged the following Tuesday. He visited Doc Howard on Sunday, 5/23/76, with Dana Rietka as his chauffeur. He had his attack while visiting the Rietkas who, in their quick efficient action, did a lot to lessen Mauri's troubles. He has since visited Doc for several days and is feeling much better. He asked me to say

MAURI WINTTURI (Continued)

that he really appreciates all the cards and get well wishes that he has received from all his friends. He hopes to be able to again soon hike in his favorite spots.

Editor

WINTER WEEKEND - TAMARACK NOTCH

March 12 to 14, 1976

By Janet Martin

There weren't many takers at the start of this weekend at Tamarack Notch but the leader and daughters, with the help of Wilber Weston on the Transportation end, took off up the Notch Road in the face of a Horrible weather forecast. Actually it was not at all bad and an enjoyable walk up the hill, with the road even bare in spots . . . in addition to the one "Hot Spot" that is always bare even when the snow is deep, . . . Cause unknown.

After some adjustment to dampers, etc., the stove was made to heat and supper was prepared. Midway thru this, Lou Catozzi turned up, projector in hand. Must say it's the first time I ever saw a backpacker hike with a slide show for entertainment of the group. We had brought along some pop-corn so we had an enjoyable show. Lou had hung his hammock outside and reported he was dry and warm in spite of some wind and snow during the night. The predicted rain held off until late afternoon/

In the morning more people began to arrive, including several from my night school "Wildlife" Class. We took a long walk into the city forest area behind the camp looking for tracks. Since the snow did not stop falling until about 4:00 AM, tracks were not as plentiful as had been hoped. However we did see deer, racoon, snowshoe hare, cottontail red squirrel, and a bob cat which apparently calls camp home. Two of the wildlife class people followed up a snowshoe hare track, right to the rabbit and had to throw a couple of snowballs before it high-tailed it out of there.

The Martins' had to return to town Saturday afternoon so Lou was left in charge at camp as several other people were expected up for Saturday night. Eventually there were 8 more who braved the weather forecast to spend Saturday night.

The condition of the Notch Road made the Editorial page in the Rutland Herald.

(An added note to Janet's fine article, this winter had been so on Saturday afternoon in a 4W drive, and decided to ask Wes Weston and Ray Peterson if they wanted to join me in spending the night. They accepted my invite for a ride and we proceeded to camp with us was my son Pat and John, and "Sport", Wes's dog. Before I reached the end of the good road, I stopped and shifted into what I thought was 4W drive. On reaching the end of the good road, I found that I had not properly shifted and fish-tailed. Ray and Pat got out and we all viewed the situation, I had not properly shifted into 4W, and did at this time. I started ahead, assuming that all were in the vehicle, but I found on reaching the summit of the hill, Ray had not gotten the vehicle and in street shoes was hiking up the road in a snow storm. I don't think that Ray was too happy at the time but later we all got a laugh and all ended well with a good overnight).

DOWN THE LONG TRAIL

We have a historic road in Mendon, now partially abandoned due to highways and the wear and tear of time. Let us hike it to where it comes out on Route #100 on the day before Battle of Lexington Day, on Sunday, August 15, 1976 beginning at 10:00 10:00 A.M. Let us have members of the Green Mountain Hiking Club as guides and units from the North Mountain as advance detail. Drive up the Turnpike on Elbow Road, then hike the rest of the way. Bring your own lunch. Maybe someone has a camp coffee pot and will brew some. Nab Maybe friends can meet you at Route 100 or the hearty will hike both ways.

The above copy of this hike is from the MENDON BICENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER, and Larry Van Meter has asked us to publish it. If anyone is interested, contact Larry Van Meter or Getty Page, East Ridge Acres, Rutland, Vermont. Sounds like an interesting hike, lets all plan to go. . .

IT WAS WORTH IT. ALL THE WAY

I want to thank all readers of Smoke & Blazes for the fine comments that I have received since the publication of the last issue. As you all know, it is a lot of hard work, but I enjoy it, and will continue to try to do my best for you.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

This week we would like to honor our long time friend, associate and corresponding secretary of the Main Club, MINERVA H. HINCKLEY, in this, the second of a new series for Smoke and Blazes.

Although Minerva told me that she would be 35 years old on her next birthday, I find that she was born in Rutland, Vt. on September 11, 1895, this was 31 years ago and Minerva is still very active, both in her leisure time and on her job.

She attended the Rutland City Schools, graduating from High School in 1913 (before this writer was born). One of her classmates was the late Cleon Perkins, the father of our Killington Section President, Janet Martin. (See elsewhere in this issue for details of his recent death).

Although she did not have the advantage of a college career, her knowledge of secretarial work would put some college graduates to shame.

After graduating from High School, she went to work as a stenographer for the Rutland Fire Clay Company, where she worked for four or five years. Her salary was considered good in those days; it was a full \$5.00 per week. After leaving the Fire Clay company, she obtained employment with the Roger Pike Insurance Company, where she put in the next 20 years of an active life.

After leaving the Pike Company, she went to work for the Vermont Children's Aid, working with Mrs. Fred Fields. This was back in 1950 when the Green Mountain Club office was located in Mr. Fields Office space. Mr. Fields having difficulty in obtaining a secretary for the Club, asked Minerva to take the position, and she did. At this time, there were 200 members in the Green Mountain Club.

The Field Office closed and Minerva moved the GMC office to her home on Park St., where she continued to put in 10 to 12 hours a day, and at times, working all night to get the Long Trail News out on time (she told me that after those sessions, she would sleep all the next day).

In the early 1970's, when Shirley Strong was the President of the Green Mountain Club, the office was moved to it's present location on Center Street, Rutland, Vt.

Minerva is still there, with her pleasant smile and welcome, putting in 8 to 10 hours every day.

On the suggestion of Doc Howard, a day in 1974 was set aside and proclaimed "Minerva Hinckley Day" and a large party was put on in her honor at Craig Perkins "Tall Timbers". This was attended by many, to include the then President, John Hufferd and this writer. It was a wonderful memento to a very dedicated lady.

In replying to my question "What extraordinary events and happenings could you tell me?", Minerva stressed the tremendous change that has taken place in the Club and it's structure. It's membership has grown from the 200 when she started over 20 years ago, to over 3500 today. This increase has created the need for new specialized people to handle special jobs. One of the newly created jobs is Executive Secretary, which has been competently filled by Larry Van Meter. Minerva has nothing but praise for Larry saying that President Ralph Bryant made a fine choice on picking Larry. Larry works in the same office with Minerva, and was in the office during my interview. He could not resist the temptation to speak up and had nothing but the highest praise for Minerva. He like all of us, feel that Minerva is one of the most dedicated person that the Club has.

Although Minerva was an ardent hiker in her younger years, time has reduced her hiking to walks on Park Street, and she envies those that still can get out and hike the trail.

She recalls the annual meetings at the old Madison Street School, with lunches that followed at the Berwick Hotel. Her favorite spot in years past was the Long Trail Lodge at Sherburne Pass. All 3 of these buildings have since been destroyed, either by fire or by man. She favors the stretch from Sherburne Pass to Killington summit.

Our expression of gratitude and admiration goes out to Minerva for her dedication to the Club, her tremendous hard work in the past 22 years which benefited all GMC members, and her pleasant personality and smile we all like to see when we stop in at the Center Street Office.

Paul R. Howard
Editor.

EDITORIAL

Of the 100 or so copies of Smoke and Blazes that were mailed out in March, 1976, let's assume that 90% of the readers did in fact read the fine article written by Ann Kusloff entitled TRAILING SURPRISE.

Of the 90%, let's again assume that 5% did take the article seriously and will try to help in the enlightening of the would be hikers that (and I quote) "does not know what he is doing, and more importantly, how he should be doing it."

There then remains a large percentage of the Green Mountain Clubbers who feel that the problem is not their own, but that of section officials, club officials, caretakers and trails and shelters chairmen along the trail system.

It appears, in my opinion, this is the sorry fact, and until ALL GMC'ers realize that it is THEIR problem, and not only the problem of a picked few, our Trail System is going to hurt from over use by the casual, untrained hiker.

You, as the most likely one to be on the Trail, will meet up with the un-trained hiker; will see what he is doing wrong, and how he should be doing it right. As a paid up member of the GMC, you have the responsibility to help these hikers and teach them the proper use of our Trail System; for example, leaving a shelter clean, neat and with as much firewood as was there when they arrived, and teaching them the many things you have learned, the carrying out trash, a very important part of this teaching.

I feel that Harry Peet has put much effort in his Caretaker Program, and one of the most important items that he drills into his selected caretakers is the teaching of the casual hiker, especially those who are new on the trail.

As Ann said, we CAN Keep our Trail System in an excellent condition, and we will if all members of the GMC in all Sections do their part in educating the untrained hiker.

Editor

MAIN CLUB ACTIVITIES

By Larry VanMeter. . .

The Main Club has a number of projects underway this summer on the Long Trail. Besides the Caretaker Program, which I reported in the last issue of "Smoke & Blazes",

the Club has six ranger-naturalists stationed on Mt. Mansfield and Camel's Hump to help educate the thousands of day hikers using the area and to protect the fragile areas near the summits of the two peaks.

The Long Trail Patrol is, for the second year, working under a U.S. Forest Service contract to relocate the AT/Ut south of Glastenbury Mountain. George Peralstein, the Patrol leader, reports that progress has been exceptionally good so far, in part due to the cooperative work of the energetic Bennington Section.

The Club is also, indirectly, helping to keep a watchman atop the firetower on Stratton Mountain. The Tower, which was built in 1913, was scheduled by the State to be unmanned this summer because of financial difficulties and because most forest fire surveillance is now done by airplanes. Rather than leave the tower and watchman's cabin to certain destruction by vandals this summer, the Club worked with Forests & Parks and the U.S. Forest Service Backcountry Research Program in Durham, N.H. to raise the money to keep the tower manned. No Club money was used in this project, but without the GMC acting as a catalyst as well as a conduit for the donated money, it is unlikely that Hugh Jondry, the watchman, would be up in the tower educating the many neophyte hikers who climb Stratton Mountain in order to get a view from the tower.

The Club is also cooperating with the USFS Backcountry Research Program on a number of projects, several of which were reported on in the February Long Trail News. Not mentioned was the continuing work to perfect a composting outhouse system for high elevation lodges and an investigation to determine the usefulness of sign-in registers to gather usage figures on the Application Trail and Long Trail.

In other matters, the Club and Worcester Section have been dealt a setback by a delay in permission from International Paper Company to build a replacement shelter for Willis Ross Camp at Stratton Pond. It does not appear that a shelter will be built there this year.

RADIO AD-LIB PROGRAM COMING UP

Watch for another "Cross Talk" program to be coming up on WEMB radio in the near future. Check that station for details.

JAY PEAK WEEK-END TRIP 4/30 - May 2, '76
By Rachael W. Charland

Only three people, Lou Catozzi, Churchill Scott and myself enjoyed the Spring trip to Jay Peak on April 30 through May 2, this year.

Friday evening was a warm, Spring Day and after arriving at Jay Camp, Lou made his version of Beef-Stroganoff while I prepared biscuits for our dessert - - - Strawberry Shortcake, complete with the Whipped cream !

Saturday dawned a sunny day and as we left Route #105 hiking toward Shooting Star Shelter, we found the trail in good condition. We enjoyed a brief lunch at this shelter and found hiking toward Laura Woodard Shelter a completely different story. During the distance of approximately 4.1 miles we encountered all kinds of weather and trail hazards, high stream-like trails, mud, fallen trees and lots of SNOW - - two to four feet in some areas. Even Lou and Churchill, veteran hikers, said they had never seen the trail so difficult. Strong winds and pouring rain greeted us at the summit. Lou stopped and chatted with the Tram Operator while we headed for the thick wooded trail that would lead us back to Jay Camp. Lou managed to get ahead of us and he and our Canadian visitor, Andre, had a great fire going in the ever faithful stove. Even Churchill's thermometer registered 86° about 8:30 PM. As we strung many lines of rain-soaked clothing throughout the cabin, beef stew whetted our appetites. All were too tired for dessert !

Sunday was a rainy day (Anyone know the foot miles between Route #242 and Route #105? Ask Churchill sometime). A hearty breakfast was especially enjoyed by all. Andre left for the trail to Jay Peak while Lou made ready for another trip to the Tram station and still others attended church services in Montgomery. The sun did shine briefly Sunday morning so we hiked a bit of the trail from Route #242 toward Hazen's Notch. Let's have more hikers for the next north Country hike - - We've seen those mountains in the Spring and Winter - - How about a look at them in the Fall. . . .

PICO CAMP WORK PARTY, June 5, 1976
By Sherwin Start

At the fire Station, we met Wes Weston, Jim Frink, Robert Diddescomb, Lou Cattozzi, Carol Chapman, Betty Staack and Rachael W. Charland, all ready and anxious for the hike. At 8:45, we departed the Fire Station and arrived at Sherburn Pass at 9:00 AM. After an uneventful hike, we arrived at Pico Camp at 10:15. After a short break, we got started, and this found Jim in a general clean-up, who started afire to burn up burnable trash. Robert and I jacked up the the North-East corner of the shelter and put in supports that had previously given away. At 12:00 noon Carol was still in the process of cleaning the interior of the camp, while Robert and I were still working on the repair to the structure.

This work was dreadfully needed, to give you an idea, there were 50 pounds of tin cans, bottles and other containers which had collected in two weeks, for we had removed 8 bags of trash 2 weeks earlier.

At about 1:15, Rachael, Betty, Lou, Wes and others prepared a full-course turkey dinner, HOT ROAST TURKEY that is, with all the trimmings, to include the giblet gravy. This was the most delicious meal that I have ever seen served on the Long Trail. Our thanks goes out to Rachael especially, who prepared the big bird and lugged it up the mountain. I told her she should have kept the Turkey on the hoof and led it up the mountain and then butchered it and cooked it.

With the additional supplies brought in by the second echelon, Betty, Rachael Lou and others, who were reported at the fire station at the beginning of this article, more maintenance work was accomplished, such as stove-pipe repair, creosoting, glass repair, entrance step to the entrance door and other tasks that had to be done.

Next work party is July 19th., which will be the Jaegermant Trail, and let's all get out and help. Hope that that party can be as interesting and as useful as the Pico Party described above, it was a good turn out, and we need that kind of turn out to make this maintenance work pay off. We have boasted about our fine shelter condition.

TRUSTEES MEETING, May 29, 1976

By Sherwin Start

(1) Election of Officers:

This was all incumbents, all unopposed, all re-elected unanimously.

(2) Committee Assignments: None

(3) Life Membership:

Ralph Bryant apologized to all present because of neglecting to raise the Life Membership at Large, although annual dues was raised. After discussion, it was then turned over to the Membership Committee for recommendations for the next Trustees meeting. It was the general consensus that the Life Membership dues should be raised to conform with the increase in At-Large membership dues.

(4) Relocation of the Main Club Office:

This matter was very vaguely touched, to consider dollar and cents costs, advantages or disadvantages, but general discussion was prevalent. The matter was then turned over to the Planning Committee for a recommendation at the next Trustees Meeting.

(5) Land Owner Agreements on the A.T.:

Larry VanMeter stated that there is a very serious problem between Route 12 and the Connecticut River. However, your Trustee stuck his nose in and requested the Main Club to undertake as soon as possible the Land Owner agreements between the National Forest Proclamation Boundries (Rt. 140 to U.S. 4) This motion was seconded and then passed, as a first priority item, leaving the section from The Rt. 12 to the Conn. River a second priority

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at Stowe, Vermont, time and place to be announced later.

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LAKE PLEIAD, 3/28/76 - Middlebury Gap, Vt.
By Sherwin Start

At 9:00 AM we departed the Fire Station in Rutland and proceeded to Middlebury Gap. It was 50 in Rutland and the weather was fine. However, when we reached the Gap the temperature was 25° with wind from the west at 15 - 25 miles an hour, with the sun hidden behind the clouds. The ground was covered with snow to make the conditions more undesirable. Still not deterred by the weather, the 8 of us, Jim Frink, Churchill Scott, Anna Nyiri, Sherry Hayes, Kathy Hayes, Andy Hayes, Cris Hayes and myself. We started along picking as many of the frozen foot prints

as we could for support. In spots that were not too many, we did at times sink in up to our waists. The only snowshoes that were among the party was a pair that I had brought and felt glad that I did so. It was a 30 minute struggle before we reached the Lake Pleiad shelter, and almost afraid to venture any further. At the shelter we met up with a well armed, but poorly foot dressed "Daniel Boone" who was none other than Churchill Scott's boy Robert. Bob had a good fire going which we all enjoyed and appreciated Bob having ready. After warmth had returned, we ventured further with Jim Frink in the lead. It appears that no one knew where they were going, as the route to Lake Pleiad was not known even to our illustrious leader. After several attempts to find the route, all were wet, tired and next to exhaustion. At this point, I and Chris Hayes along with Andy Hayes started for the summit of Worth Mountain. It took us about 30 minutes via the trail and ski slopes to reach the top. The two boys were light enough to stay above the Corn-Snow cover. We checked in at Worth Mountain Shelter. The view revealed Lake Pleiad nestled in a little hollowed out place in the rocks.. I talked on my CB walkie talkie to some folks in Glens Falls, N.Y. and Manchester N.H., then started to descend to Lake Pleiad, the boys carrying 75¢ worth of cans and bottles they had collected on the summit. Snowshoeing down hill is different than uphill and I had my problems, and we soon picked up the blue blazes of south Trail to the lake. After 15 minutes, with difficulties of falling and crawling at times, we stood on the East Shoreline of the Lake at the site of the old Lean-to. Because of the difficulty in our endeavors, we would have planted a flag and claimed the lake for the Green Mountain Club if we had had one. As no one else showed at the lake, we departed following the Blue Blazes on the Trail East back to the Main Trail. Had we followed the trail we started on in our first search for the Lake, we found we would have been correct and found the Lake in the first place. On return to the Shelter, the rest of the group were around a blazing fire in the process of enjoying a cup of coffee. Cris and Andy had hot chocolate and dried their socks. When all were well warmed, we hacketbacked to our vehicles to end a perfect hike.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - W. Churchill Scott

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club is grateful to the all of the following people for their contributions:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts
 Mr. John Haffort
 Mrs. George Kirk
 Mrs. Harriot Bryant
 Helen Frinck
 Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wilman Day
 Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick Cahee
 Doris Newton
 Albert Reiner

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. . . .

By Churchill Scott

A Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of President Janet Martin on Tuesday, May 18, 1976.

Present were Mrs. Martin, Thelma Valiquette, Vera Perkins, Ray Catozzi, Cecelia Elwert, Wes Weston, Paul Howard, Lou Catozzi, Churchill Scott and Harold Rogers.

Lou Catozzi reported that new flyers describing the Killington Section, and a recruiting measure, were being readied this summer. Also the Trail from Route 140 to Sunnyside was cleared and Blazed. Sunnyside to Gov. Clement was blazed. Gov. Clement to Cooper was blazed and is O.K. However, here we need drainage work. Cooper to Pico is good except for some blow-downs. Pico to Route 4 could stand drainage work also. Lou explained a new ski trail and road to be built by the Sherburne Corporation which will cross the Long Trail. He showed on maps a proposed re-location of the Long Trail to the west which would also avoid the wet area. This met with the approval of the directors.

A letter from Don Wallace to Lou Catozzi about the "Adopt a Shelter" program was discussed. Don has received offers to adopt Sunnyside and Governor Clement, but it was pointed out that Ann Mauseloff and Miss Lynn Eaton were our appointed adopters of those two shelters respectively some time ago. A letter will be written to see if they are still interested. Paul Howard has since written to Don Wallace and explained that although the shelter program is good, we feel we are keeping up our shelters, and can not see his appointing of adopters for our shelters.

Mrs. Martin stated that shelter reports go to sections for quick action. Paul suggested expense bills go to the section for approval. Possible conflict of interest for Miss Elwert, as caretaker at Cooper, is responsible for Governor Clement also. All these items were voted on and passed to present to Mr. Wallace at the annual meeting.

Miss Elwert described her duties as the caretaker at Cooper Lodge, her need of a broom, door latch and help to clean up the trash left from the winter use.

Wes made motion, seconded by Harold to approve the relocation of the Long Trail north of Cooper at new ski cutting with the Main CMC to do the necessary paper work on Act No. 250.

The removal of stoves from camps at high elevation or heavy use was discussed. Camel Hump and Mt. Mansfield are gone but the Department of Forest does not want to remove the one at Cooper. Jeb Drugmann the caretaker at Cooper last season would not allow a fire in that stove at Cooper. It, at that elevation, was a hazard to the fragile nature of the woods. Jeb felt that if the stove was not there, temptation to use it would cease. Jeb did a very fine job at his post there last season, I know, I kept close track of what he needed, etc. The other stove in question would be the one at Pico Camp. Because the elevation is not as great as Cooper, the real danger in this stove is the tremendous cutting of trees in the area, green or dry, with no consideration of the hiker as to the damage being done to the growth in that area.

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SUMMER LOCATION, CHURCHILL SCOTT

Let us report that Churchill Scott will again be at his same post at Plymouth State Forest Park in Plymouth, Vermont. He will reside in the same cabin he had last year and his duties will be about the same as last year. We envy Church, for it is an outdoor life all of us would much enjoy. Read your schedule, we have a week-end scheduled at Panny Hollow in Plymouth on August 21 to 23. That is my birthday, and I intend to be there.

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LET'S HAVE YOUR REPORTS FOR NEXT ISSUE
 Deadline for next issue September 15th.

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NORTHAM PICNIC AREA HIKE Jan. 25, 1976 By Sherwin Start

Because of automotive difficulties, this hike leader did not meet the 12 people ready for the scheduled hike to Northam Picnic Area, and the group left the fire station at 9:00 AM.

At the end of the portion of the road that was travelable by car, the cars were parked and on skis, snowshoes and in some cases, using just plain boots, the group took off up the road to the picnic area.

Fortunately for those that were not equipped with skis or snowshoes, the road had been used for snowmobile trails and the snow was well packed to support the weight of the hikers.

In the meantime, your leader had overcome his automotive difficulties and was in route to the scene. After parking my automobile, getting into my snowshoes, I sprinted up the trail to the picnic area.

On reaching the area, I found Rachael Charland, Jim Frink, Carol Martin, Carl Schmidt, L. Slusmon, J. Crouther, Lou Cattozzi, Churchill Scott, Bob Pryer, Harold Rogers, C.O. Parsons, Janet Martin and P. Woodbury, all cuddled around the fire enjoying their lunch.

The fire was in the huge fireplace at the area, making a very warm setting. Harold Rogers finally found some water and hot drinks were available.

The group split up then, one group going up the hill to the shelter and the other group hiked off to the C.C.C Stone Shelter.

On rejoining later, we readied and hiked out to the parked automobiles and departed for home. It was a good hike, and the group was no worse for the lack of a leader at the start.

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PINNEY HOLLOW, Plymouth, Vermont 6/28/76 By Paul Howard

Unscheduled and unplanned, at the spur of the moment, Wes Weston, Doc Howard, Mauri Wintturi left for a visit with Churchill Scott at Pinney Hollow. Learning of this, Lou Cattozzi and I decided to join the group. Apparently it sounded interesting, for Ray Cattozzi, Billy Cattozzi, and Carl Schmidt joined us, and the evening was a fruitfull event, although no formal meeting was held. Doc, Wes and

Mauri stayed the night and my car full returned to Rutland about 10:00 P.M.

SUCKER BROOK TRAIL 6/13/76 By Robert Carey

Only three of us turned out for this hike on a fine Sunday morning. Doc, Paul and others were at the Fire Station at the take off time, but for other reasons, they could not make the hike.

Rachael Charland, Robert Biddiscombe and I in Bob's vehicle, proceeded to Goshen to locate and conquer the trail. Our most difficulty was locating the trail, but we finally did and proceeded up to Sucker Brook Shelter on the L.T. At this point we enjoyed a rest, lunch before starting back to the vehicle.

It was discouraging to find a rake and other tools there with the handles burned off. This sort of thing costs money and is spoiling our trail system. The shelter was in good condition otherwise, and the day was perfect for the hike.

BALD MOUNTAIN By Janet Martin

Although Bald Mountain is not on the Long Trail System, there is much hiking and a lot of work to do there in the upkeep. The Senior Girl Scout Troup 342, with myself as leader and advisor spent much time working on the Aitken State Forest in Brandon getting the trails ready for the summer influx of hikers.

The trail starting at the Girl Scout Camp runs in a figure 8 pattern returning to the Girl Scout Camp. The work we have done is essentially the same as would be done on the L.T., although the area is not as well known. A fine article appeared in the Rutland Herald about our work on this trail, along with good pictures of our group at work. This was published Sunday May 9, 1976.

HONOR STUDENT

Betsy Martin, daughter of our President, Janet Martin, was named Valedictorian this year. She is a winner of a National Math Scholarship, and a regional winner of the University of Vermont Life Math Contest. She placed second in the 1976 French Teachers contest. She is very active in the Girl Scouts, and will study forestry at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine next fall. Congratulations, Betsy, and

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

Fall and Winter 1976-1977

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and time listed.
For more information contact the hike leaders below:

DATE	TIME	PLACE	LEADER	PHONE	MILES TOTAL
Sept. 11	) 9:30 a.m.	Bald Mt.....	J. Martin.....	773-8621...	3.0 E
	) 6:00 p.m.	Tamarack Notch-Covered Dish Supper...	V. Perkins.....	773-2941.....	
Sept. 18..	9:00 a.m.	Work Party.....	S. Start.....	775-3193.....	
Sept. 26..	9:00 a.m.	End-to-End Long Trail - Mt. Carmel to South Pond.....	R. Charland...	775-4893...	8.3 D
Oct. 2....	8:00 a.m.	Dorset Mt. with Bennington Section...	S. Start.....	775-3193...	5.0 D
Oct. 9....	9:00 a.m.	Work Party.....	S. Start.....	775-3193.....	
Oct. 17...	1:00 p.m.	Valiquette Memorial Hike-East Mt.....	J. Valiquette.	773-8745...	3.0 E
Oct. 22)	6:00 p.m.	Merck Forest Weekend.....	W. Weston.....	775-2132.....	
Oct. 23)					
Oct. 29)	5:30 p.m.	End-to-End Long Trail -			
Oct. 31)		Jay Camp Route 242, Tillotson Camp...	C. Scott.....	775-5720...	13.7 D
Nov. 7....	10:00 a.m.	Cavendish Gorge.....	)C. Guica)R. Charland...	775-4893.....	E
Nov. 13...	9:00 a.m.	Rock Point - Burlington, Vt.....	J. Frink.....	775-4925...	2.0 E
Dec. 4....	6:00 p.m.	Moonlight Hike.....	R. Catozzi....	773-3006...	1.0 E
Dec. 11...	9:00 a.m.	End-to-End Long Trail - Bromley South to Prospect Rock.....	C. Scott.....	775-5720...	6.9 D
Dec. 18)	10:00 a.m.	Sunnyside Camp -			
Dec. 19)		Overnight if Desired.....	P. Howard.....	775-0716...	1.0 E
Jan. 8....	10:00 a.m.	Northan Picnic Shelter.....			3.0 E
Jan. 15...	7:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting Killington Section.....			
Jan. 23...	10:00 a.m.	Elbow Road, Mendon to Sherburne.....	B. Staack....	422-3277...	4.5 M
Feb. 5....	10:00 a.m.	Pine Hill Area.....	C. Scott.....	775-5720...	3.0 E

Degree of Difficulty: E - Easy (Good for Children)

M - Medium

D - Difficult (Mostly Long Mileage)

SMOKE and BLAZES

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A WEEK-END AT THE BICENTENNIAL GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL

By Rachel Charland

On Saturday, August 28, 1976, I arrived about 9:30 A.M. and registered at the office of the Green Mountain Club Intersectional located at the Twin Hills Girl Scout Camp in Jonesville, Vermont. Everyone was so friendly and helpful in explaining the activities planned for the coming week. A Guide was dispatched with me to locate my tentmate, Dot Knight. She had spent Friday night in a shelter because of the heavy rain. She selected a tent site and we proceeded to pitch her tent and get her gear in order. Mervi Winturri stopped by to chat as we were working and told us about a Nature Hike that had been planned by one of the caretakers at Little River State Park. Dot decided against going on this hike so her friend, Elizabeth Ahern, of Connecticut accompanied me to Little River where we were met by a group of campers there. Not only was it a Nature walk but a Historical walk as well as the Caretaker had documented a leaflet which told about the various former home sites as well as the old saw mill in the area. As we walked along she told us about the various flowers and bushes and some background of each of the sites. Delicious blackberries added to the enjoyment. At the end of the afternoon, Elizabeth and I attended Mass at Watbury and the day ended with a fine dinner at Twin Hills and folk dancing.

Heavy rain made Saturday evening a trying time but all seemed to survive. One unfortunate group of 4 found several inches of water in their tent and had to move to higher ground to dry out. Bad weather still prevailed on Sunday and all events were late getting started. Elizabeth Ahern gave Bob Carey and myself a ride to Mt. Mansfield summit, and Bob and I hiked the trail northward. Although the group that hiked to Camel's Hump met with bad weather, we had a fine hike with the best in scenery. Lunch was at the Chin. On this hike we met approximately 40 hikers, and among them was the smallest

dog I have ever seen on the Trail who had hiked up the trail behind his master. One outstanding point of this hike was for me, the view of the lake in the Clouds, a small lake, but certainly the highest lake in Vermont. After descending the trail I finished that part of the trail by walking from Smugglers Notch back to the entrance of the trail where Elizabeth was waiting for us and we returned to be greeted by a delicious Broiled chicken dinner.

With so much from so many GMC members and friends, my first impression of an Intersectional was most pleasant and I want to thank Bob Carey, Elizabeth Ahern and Dorothy Knight for all their assistance. I feel that the annual Intersectional is an opportunity for all members of the Green Mountain Club to get together to understand the meaning of G.M.C. and how to cope with the problems, structure and all that concern good hiking people, and to enjoy social entertainment with the kind of people we have the same interest with.

***** PINNEY HOLLOW WEEK-END - AUG 21, 1976

The Pinney Hollow Week-End camping trip was rather poorly attended. At the Fire Station, Jim Frink, Mrs. George Kirk and Paul Wiggins were there ready to go. Mervi Winturri and Rachel Charland arriving at Pinney Hollow separately with the latter attending the Crown Point Military Road Hike from the Boy Scout Camp at Plymouth north along the famous French and Indian War road to the foot of Saltash Mountain.

The remaining four drove past the Coolidge Home and Cheese factory and parked. Walking along this road toward Morgan Park

PINNEY HOLLOW - Cont.

After breaking into open country with good east and southernly views the group turned east on the Whetstone Brook Road, heavily damaged by the storm Belle in July. Jim and Mauri arrived to have lunch at the cottage with me. From 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 the leader spent at the Park and Wilderness Fair hoping to see some more Killington Section Members.

At the Contact Station in the Park 4 to 8:30 the leader hoped to see some of the folks that had planned to stay overnight but on one arrived. Upon returning to the Cottage the latest Smoke and Blazes plus the schedule was found.

When plans were made for this outing that fall on Paul Howard's Birthday, it was hoped that a good turn out would materialize so it was very disappointing to see no one there on Saturday night.

W. Churchill Scott

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 15, 1976

A Board of Directors meeting was held at Pinney Hollow on Thursday July 15, 1976. Present were Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Wes Weston, Rachael Charland, Paul Howard, Harold Rogers, Sherwin Start and Churchill Scott. Guests were Jack Martin, Mauri Wintturi, Harry Peet and Cecelia Elwert. "Adopt a Shelter" Program discussed in depth and Wes made a motion to allow members of the Killington Section to volunteer as adoptees first and then if unable to find any, contact Don Wallace, head of the Program. Motion was seconded by Vera Perkins and passed. Information has been received that the Pioneer Valley Section has the same feeling. Paul read a letter from Frank Boquart with an offer to help the Killington Section on Trail Clearing and work parties.

Need a Trails Chairman to replace Lou Catozzi who left for Army Service. Bob Biddescombe was suggested.

Wes offered to look up list of suggested duties for various officers and committee heads which he drew up some time ago.

A work party was planned for Saturday, August 14, 1976 and Cecelia suggest water bars and work on trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico and beyond if possible.

Report of Cecelia Elwert, Caretaker of Cooper Lodge, reports that Pico-Outhouse needs repair. Cooper bunks need repair and the spring, coolest on the trail has developed a leak. At Tamarack, the porkies

have been busy on the shelter and the out-house, the latter needing jacking up. Governor Clement needs repairs to fireplace grate and Cecelia suggest that signs may help to prevent further damage if it were advertised that the grate was movable. The path to the water supply is eroded. Mauri stated Sunnyside spring should be repaired. Bucklin Trail should be Blazed. Around Little Killington, Trail eroded and should be relocated a short distance. The Juganout trail to be worked on by Camp Cox or Sagamon.

The subject of Trash barrels came up and Sherry made a motion to purchase two with covers and chains for road crossings. This was seconded by Rachael and passed.

Harry Peet will relay this idea to Main Club to interest them in Trash Disposal. Caretaker program policy deferred until a meeting with Larry Van Meter.

Harry Peet explained caretaker program and stated it has become more efficient as time goes by. He is glad to receive help in obtaining named of possible caretakers. He suggests that members of the Killington Section be contacted before caretaker for our area is hired.

Paul Howard explained chance of getting a duplicating machine at a reasonable price. He was authorized to look into and purchase same. Sherry Start stated some posters in short supply.

Meeting ended in good season and all enjoyed Janet's delicious loaf of home made breads and Rachael's Black and White Cake.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

By Rachael Charland

On Monday, 10/4/76, an evening special Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of our President, Janet Martin. A List of Volunteers who have been working on the Long Trail repairing damage done to it by Hurricane Belle will in the next issue of Smoke and Blazes. Sherwin Start Trails Chairman, stated that response of the volunteers for working on the Trail Restoration program has been overwhelming. About 65 waterbars and approximately 290 feet of ditch so far has been completed on the Trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Shelter.

Carl Schmidt is the new Quartermaster for

SPECIAL B/D MEETING - Cont.

The Killington Section due to the planned departure of Wes Weston to reside in No. Carolina. Paul Howard was appointed as Vice-President, again in replacement of Wes who had that position.

In appreciation of the long and tireless dedication that Wes has given in service to the Killington Section, a subscription to VERMONT LIFE was presented to him. Wes in turn presented a plaque that he had obtained after fire had destroyed the former Long Trail Lodge, and which was imbedded in a rock near that sight.

We will all remember Wes as a dedicated member and we will all miss him. We wish the very best to Wes and Paily in their new venture ! !

Sherry Start gave a short report of a recent Trustees Meeting that was held in Stowe. Also, Sherry announced that Wes's name was mentioned and he has been recommended for the Honorary Service Plaque that is given by the G.M.C. to the most outstanding member of the year. The meeting ended with delicious refreshments service by Janet.

THE GMC AND THE SUMMER OF 1976

By Larry VanMeter

The GMC has had a busy summer. Most Sections had active hike and work party schedules, and as reported in earlier edition of Smoke and Blazes, we had some 25 caretakers, 6 ranger/naturalists, and 8 Long Trail Patrol people on the Trail. Cecilia Elwert did an especially good job as caretaker of Cooper Lodge, thanks in part to the generous Killington Section contribution which helped pay her salary.

The summer of '76 was unusual in several respects. Three deaths occurred on the Trail: 2 heart attacks in the Mt. Mansfield region, and a drowning on Camel's Hump. In addition, our Mansfield rangers were kept busy with the unusual business of helping authorities investigate to hang glider fatalities and the discovery by a hiker of a badly decomposed body found off the L. T. just south of Smugglers Notch. Since our caretakers and rangers started keeping records in 1971, '76 has shown a sharp decrease in hiker traffic. Poor weather was at least partially responsible for this, unexpected, but not entirely unhappy situation.

The upcoming issue of the Long Trail News will give details of the replacement of Carmel Camp by a fine open-face shelter of the Tucker-Johnson design.

We have no word from the International Paper Company on approval of the Worcester Section's proposal for Stratton Pond. The trustees' Long Range Planning Committee has recommended the relocation of the Club Office from Center St., if economically feasible. Endorsed unanimously by the trustees at their September meeting in Stowe was a move to the Long Trail Lodge "dorm" a small out-building near the site of the original L. T. Lodge. If such an arrangement can not be worked out, relocation to Montpelier was prominently mentioned so that the Club can work more closely with the Dept. of Forests & Parks, the legislature, and be closer to the "private stretch" of the L. T. where the GMC is the sole maintaining organization.

The storms in July and August caused considerable damage to some parts of the Trail. However, as George Pearlstein, Trails & Shelters Chairman, noted in his report to Ralph Bryant, "...while it is convenient to say that these storms wreaked varying amounts of havoc, we should not forget that the real culprits are our years of neglect and our failure—despite the 1973 experience—to maintain and protect the trail with the worst possible run-off conditions in mind. Let us hope that other Sections will follow the lead of Killington and Bennington in scheduling special work parties to restore and protect the trail."

Without belaboring the point, I was a little discouraged to read Sherwin Start's report on the Annual Meeting in the summer issue of Smoke and Blazes. Concerned GMC'ers need only talk to other Section members who attended (among them, Rob Carey, Lou Catezzi, Rachel Charland) or pick up a copy of the minutes at the Club office, to find that Sherry's report was erroneous and misleading.

I think it's important for all GMC'ers to remember that the policy and decisions of the Club are made by its Board of Trustees, and not by the staff (Minerva and myself) or a "select group of people." On the Board there is 1 trustee for every 70 Section members, and only 1 trustee for every 450 at-large members! Each trustee has equal voice and vote. If there are problems with the so-called "main club," then they are largely between one section and another, or between individual GMC'ers. As the characters in the comic strip "Pogo" learned about pollution, "We have found the enemy, and he is us!"

SUMMER OF 1976 - Continued

With trustees in proper communication with the section, and vice-versa, the volunteer director of the Adopt-a-Shelter program, a N.Y. Section trustee, could never have assumed Section responsibility for the maintenance of certain shelters. Although the problem was rectified at the September meeting, if the trustees had specified how the program was to be run at the outset, the whole problem could have been avoided. Your trustee Sherwin Start and Terry Culick are both dedicated and energetic G.M.C. members. But unless they know how you feel and you are sure to find out from them what happened at meetings and how they performed it is very difficult for them to work in the best interest of the Killington Section.

CARMEL SHELTER TO SOUTH POND

By Rachael Charland 9/25/76

On Saturday morning on the 25th. of Sept. Chris Oey, Carl Schmidt, Jim Frink and I met at the Koltonski Fire Station at about 10:00 AM and prepared for a hike to Carmel Shelter then to South Pond. Cars were spotted at each end of the hike trail and the hike commenced at 10:30 A.M. at the New Boston Trail in Chittenden. AGAIN, THERE IS NO TRAIL SIGN INDICATING THE CORRECT DIRECTION OF THE NEW BOSTON TRAIL. Jim Frink indicated this neglect in his hike report last year. It is a mystery to find out who is responsible for all of the blazes, blue or white, on this trip from Carmel Camp to South Pond. In many instances the trail is not adequately marked. Also a very dangerous form of wet ground covering is being used on the trail and that is sheets of thin roofing covers the ground in wet areas without much thought that when this material is wet and covered with leaves, it becomes a very slippery means of crossing a swampy area. It did not take us long to reach the newly constructed Adirondack shelter at the site of the former Carmel Shelter. After lunch we continued to South Pond and found many trees that have blown down in the path and much stubble that leads to dangerous falls evidently someone has tried to clear parts of the trail without much help in the way of tools. Good weather was the order of the day and all of enjoyed the sunny, cold fall day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Sept. 12, 1976

By Janet Martin

At the Pot Luck supper last night which

was attended by about 22 people it was decided that the condition of our section trails made it necessary to revise our hike schedule to allow for a sufficient number of outings to get the Killington Section of the Long Trail restored to a more usable condition before snow sets in otherwise the spring runoff is liable to make matters even worse than they are now. We will need the help and cooperation of all Killington Section members and friends to get our trail back into good condition. We are responsible for it and we have a record of excellent trail maintenance, but we have not done the preventive work of installing waterbars and drainage ditches which probably would have prevented much of the damage which resulted from the heavy storms this past summer.

The following schedule changes were made:

Sept. 11, Bald Mountain, this hike was changed to restoration work party at the last Board Meeting. September 18, Regularly scheduled work party will continue work started on the 11th. Ray Gatozzi in charge. Oct. 2, a work party will ride the Gondola to the summit of Killington and work from Cooper Shelter north toward Pico and Sherburne Pass. October 9, regularly scheduled work party -- hope to finish up work in the Pico-Killington Area. October 22, work on area in need of restoration in the vicinity of Button Hill. Oct. 23, Mreck Forest walk, reduced from overnight. It should be noted that Sherwin Start has undertaken direction of this trail restoration work but we desperately need a Trail's Chairman and regular committee members. If you can help please contact Sherwin or your President...773-8621.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - AUGUST 31, 1976

Present were Paul Howard, Janet Martin, Vera Perkins, Churchill Scott, Sherwin Start, T. Valiquette and W. Weston.

Sherry discussed hurricane "Belle" damage to our section of the Long Trail. Sink Brock to Pico Junction very bad. Needs great amount of work and water bars. Feels more work than section is able to do. Chain saw necessary. Wes appointed to look into cost.

Wes spoke of the proposed By-Laws of the G.M.C. Article 6 on Trails and Shelters and also about how he felt that it was unnecessary to increase the office and administration expenses so greatly.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Continued
Paul explained a comparison of the Killington Section to the Main Club as Vermont is to the United States. Each section cannot go off by its own. It was felt that both parties need each other and must work together.

Sherry gave a report on work parties. Very poor attendance. Suggest they be called "Trail Restoration Projects". Ask if hike leaders be willing to cancel outings in favor of work parties until Nov. 7.

Vera spoke of ways to make donations to trail maintenance.

Sherry asked about organizational membership in section. Do not have at present. Read ways to meet deficits.

Possibly hire caretaker at Pico an Cooper and furnish equipment as a way to help improve Trail.

A resolution was approved to include day of week on the next outing schedule.

Paul spoke about another radio talk show to promote interest in the section. Suggested that the girls take over next time.

The Board discussed a replacement for Ian Ward and Wes was asked to contact Betty Stacey who agreed to serve. It was passed unanimously.

Sherry stated the proposed By-Laws say each section shall have a President, Sec.-Treas. and a Trails Chairman.

Rachael Charland has been asked to contact Robert Biddiscombe for the latter position.

After the meeting a very enjoyable social hour was given to the Board by Wes and we all had a very pleasant evening.

A very thorough report on "Belle" damage was read from Cecelia Elwert, Cooper Lodge caretaker. All shelters in good shape. Trails did not wash too badly. But the Bucklin Trail and Long Trail Pico Junction north to Sherburne Pass are worst hit and will require a great deal of work.

Respectfully submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary-Treasurer

BAID MOUNTAIN HIKE CONVERTED TO TRAIL
RESTORATION PARTY, PICO SOUTH
Six people reported for work with shovels
inland Saturday Morning Sept. 11, 1976.
Among them we were pleased to find Lou
Catozzi home on leave from the Army, his

father, Ray, Sherwin Start, Jack Crowder and Janet and Nancy Martin. We started out with Sherwin with the rented power saw indicating where to put the necessary water-bars to prevent further erosion of the trail and cutting the necessary logs. We started work on the first up hill pitch beyond the Long Trail Lodge buildings and soon were working diligently in two crews. In all we installed thirteen water-bars and channeled drainage in two extremely wet areas - one right at the register where fill of logs and dirt hopefully will get the hikers up out of the muck when the mucky fill dries out!! Another very wet area just beyond this was also ditched and filled. Then came the big gulch - here we installed a water bar at the bottom and filled and leveled to achieve better drainage and also found a good location for another water bar part way up to divert some of the volume of water running down the trail...a log will be cut to install here next week. Then filling can be completed and the crew continue on to install the rest of the waterbars which Sherwin has laid out and cut between there and Pico Shelter. Mid way thru our labors the first hiker of the day appeared and kindly offered to help us a bit...thru conversation we learned he was John McDonald, newly arrived in the Rutland Area, invited him to the Pot Luck Supper and a new member was recruited. We weren't so successful with the other hikers who came along but at least they are now aware of the work which someone has to do to get the trail into good hiking condition!

Report Completion fo the Bald Mt. Trail relocation and extention. The Bald Mt. trail is now a figure 8 going over both summits and a new loop back from the Red Rocks viewing area around the side the mountain eliminating the necessity of returning to the top before descending the Mountain Work completed by Senior Girl Scout Troop 342 on September 2.



BUSINESS MEETING - TAMARACK NOTCH Reported by C. Scott

After a tasty and enjoyable covered dish supper at Tamarack Notch a short business meeting was held.

work parties, now called Trail Restoration Projects will be held on Saturday, September 18 and October 9, 1976 as scheduled on the outing list.

Hike to Dorset Mountain with the Bennington section cancelled and Paul Howard will try to arrange for use of the Killington Gondola to bring the Restoration party to the summit of Killington Mt. and work will progress from Cooper Lodge toward Pico to meet a point the Oct. 18th. party will have completed coming from Sherburne Pass southward.

Editor's Note: The Sherburne Corporation as in the past was very understanding of our needs and very cooperative in allowing us to use the Gondola.

Merck Forest hike changed to a day hike on Sunday, October 24 and on Saturday October 23rd, work will be done on Button Hill Area.

Janet led the discussion of a list of questions by the Long Range Planning Committee of the Main Club. Sherwin Start our Trustee, will report our answers at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

MAIN PURPOSE OF GMC: To see to the overall needs of the club such as blazing; taking care of shelters; brush clearing—namely good sectional control. Shelter repair was acclaimed by all present as adequate. Outhouses and sewage control could be improved. Some talk of the new type of outhouses in use at Little Rock Pond. Should GMC make an effort for more members? Yes. Should there be greater effort sign standardization on the trail? Yes. What changes in the Caretaker program should there be? The Sections should be consulted. Should Ranger naturalist program be continued. Yes, it is very good program. It is good hiker education. There was some question about the cost of the patrol and caretaker programs and it was answered by those present that they thought (2) more people should be added to the present patrol or even to the caretaker program. More elaborate GMC headquarters was squelched. Since GMC does more and more business with the State (Act 250, for example) it has been suggested that GMC headquarters be in Montpelier. There was much discussion. More wanted the

the GMC Headquarters here in Rutland area not necessarily on Center Street but much discussion about purchasing, leasing or renting of presumably empty buildings near the Long Trail opposite the present Long Trail Lodge. There doesn't seem to be any address for the Green Mountain Club except a Box number at the Rutland Post Office. A few of us know where the office is on Center Street but the average hiker would not. Sherry asked his questions about raising funds for the Main Club and most were against it -- Paul very much in favor of raising funds for our own Section and perhaps a percentage for the Main Club. He was very certain that he could raise funds from the local businesses. These funds to help with more money for the Caretaker Program, locally. It was noted that money given to the GMC, as an organization, for a specific purpose should remain just that way. No such monies to be put into the General Fund.

A policy should be set up for hiking the trail in the winter months. There was much discussion. Such winter hiking is NOT recommended for the novice or inexperienced hiker. Other subjects were the need for a Guide for the outlying trails, GMC should influence the Legislature to assist the GMC as the Long Trail is a vital resource to the state, Ski expansion should be restricted and controlled.

If the GMC had \$10,000.00, what to do?? Trail improvement and coordinate field work. Trail assignments for new Guide Book. Can barely keep up with our own Section, but at most would consider maintaining trail to Tucker-Johnson Shelter, inclusive.

The proposed By-Laws changes were discussed. Any interested person may obtain a copy of these changes from the GMC office on Center Street. Rachael Charland was appointed to read activity report at next Annual G.M.C. Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
W. Churchill Scott
Secretary Treasurer

Editor's Note: Due to other commitments, I have been late in the publishing of this edition of SMOKE AND BLAZES, and I have also left out some articles, and to those who took the time to send in articles and can not find their article in this issue I apologize -- hope to do better by you in the next issue. Also, PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK will be again written next issue.

SPECIAL EDITION SMOKE and BLAZES

JANUARY 5, 1977

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL * * * * * MEETING * * * * *

Be informed, be there, enjoy the fun and refreshments at the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION of the G.M.C. The place is the Unitarian-Universalist Church. The Location is at 117 West Street, Rutland, Vermont. The date is January 15, 1977, Saturday, and the time is at 7:00 P. M. - Besides the regular meeting, there will be entertainment, with a varied program to be enjoyed by all.

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There will be a slide showing of Wild Flowers of Vermont to entice the lovers of nature. Also, we plan to show other slides of scenes of the Long Trail and Hiker Interest from other members of our Section. All these slides will interest the "Back Packer". If any of our members have slides that they would like to include in this showing, bring them along and I am sure that all present will enjoy your slides.

There is parking space in the rear of the Church, accessible from Cottage Street, or plenty of parking otherwise in the area.

We are looking for a large turnout, we are looking for YOU, mark it down on your schedule and plan to be there.

Any questions about or concerning the meeting, please call our President, Janet Martin, Phone 773-3621.

After the regular meeting, there will be refreshments served and a Social Hour for all to discuss their hikes and other interests of the Green Mountain Club and especially the Killington Section.

Also, there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors after the regular meeting for the purpose of appointment of new Officers.

CROSS-TALK SHOW - RADIO STATION W. H. W. B.

On January 11, 1977, The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club will again be featured on the W.H.W.B. Radio Cross-Talk Program, an Ab-Lib show. The show goes on the air at about 10:10 A.M. right after the News, and will continue to 11:00 A.M.

Ed Larson of that station will be our host, and with Ed's questioning, it will prove to be an interesting and informative show.

To be featured on the show from the Killington Section will be our President, Janet Martin and her daughter, Betsy Martin. We are in hopes that we will be able to have Cecelia Elwert on the show also. Cecelia was the Caretaker at Cooper Lodge at the Summit of Killington Mountain in 1976, and I am sure will have interesting comments for Ed.

Be sure to have your radio tuned to WHWB for the program, and we urge you to call in during the program if you have any questions you may wish to ask our panel. The number to call is 773-3315 and ask for the Cross-Talk Show.

We thank Frank McCormick, Ed Larson and WHWB for the opportunity to be on this show.

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HAPPY HIKEING IN 1977

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

Spring and Summer 1977

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and time listed.
For more information contact the hike leaders below:

DATE	TIME	PLACE	LEADER	MILES TOTAL
Sat., Feb. 19)	10:00 a.m.	Sunnyside Overnight	R. Catozzi	
Sun., 20)				
Sat., Mar. 5	9:00 a.m.	Ascutney Annual Hike to Hut		
		Alternate Hike - Texas Falls	J. Frink	4.0 M
Sat., Mar. 19)	10:00 a.m.	Tamarack Winter Weekend	J. Martin	
Sun., 20)				
Sun., Mar. 27	9:00 a.m.	Sherburne Pass to Sherburne Hollow	C. Scott	3.0 E
Sat., Apr. 2	6:00 p.m.	GMC Annual Sugar-on-Snow - Universalist-Unitarian Church		
Sun., Apr. 17	9:00 a.m.	Route 73 to Logan Shelter	C. Scott	9.0 D
Sat., Apr. 23	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration Survey		
Sat., Apr. 30)	9:00 a.m.	Hazens Notch to Vt. Rt. 118		
Sun., May 1)		(End-to-End Purpose Hike)	R. Charland	10.0 D
Sat., May 7)	9:00 a.m.	Mereck Forest Weekend (Mt. A.)	C. Scott)	
Sun., 8)		Flower Identification Hike	J. Martin)	
Sat., May 14	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration & Shelter Inspection (Tucker Johnson-Pico)	R. Catozzi	
Sat., May 21	10:00 a.m.	Black Pond Hike	Cindy and Bob Gibbs	3.0 E
Sat., May 28	9:00 a.m.	GMC Annual Meeting, Camp Keewaydin		
Sat., June 4	9:00 a.m.	Mystery Hike	R. Carey	4.0 E
Sun., June 5	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Sat., June 11)	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration - Overnight at Cooper		
Sun., 12)				
Sat., June 18	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Sun., June 19	9:00 a.m.	Mt. Monadnock	J. Frink	4.0 M
Sat., June 25	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Sat., July 9)	9:00 a.m.	Putnam Pond to Rock Pond, N. Y.	R. Catozzi	5.0 M
Sun., 10)				
Sat., July 30	9:00 a.m.	Mt. Aeolus with Benn. Section	B. Agard	5.0 M
Sat., Aug. 13	8:30 a.m.	Trail Restoration		
Aug. 27 thru Sept. 5		GMC Intersectional - Tamarack	J. Martin, Chairman	

Degree of Difficulty: E - Easy (Good for Children)

M - Medium

D - Difficult (Mostly Long Mileage)

SMOKE and BLAZES

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ANNUAL MEETING, KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, January 15, 1977

As submitted and reported by W. Churchill Scott

The 1977 Annual Meeting of the Killington Section was held on Saturday, January 15, 1977 at the Unitarian Church attended by about 30 members. Out of town folks included Ralph Williams, West Rutland, Mr and Mrs. Lloyd Weeks Springfield and also "Wes" Weston from Raleigh, North Carolina. Also, attending was Larry Van Meter, Executive Director of the Green Mountain Club.

The Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were read and accepted.

Janet gave the President's report and also the results of the Main Green Mountain Club Questionnaire filled out at our last Annual Meeting.

Sherwin Start reported on Trails, Stressing the amount of work done to repair Hurricane Belle damage and how important it is to keep ahead of the maintenance work. Some hikes were changed to work parties, now called restoration parties.

Janet read Cecelia Elwert's report on her varied experiences as caretaker at Cooper Lodge and her recommendations for next year.

Ray Catozzi spoke about the Shelters and their conditions. Pico and Sunnyside work parties during season. Others were visited and cleaned and "picked-up" for the hiking season.

The outing Program headed by Rachael Charland, resumed the Winter-Week-End-Hike and visited Half Moon State Park, Boiling Spring, Mount Abraham, Cavendish Gorge and Rock Point in Burlington for the first time. Plus a wild flower identification hike to Bald Mt.

The membership dropped to 103 from 114 in 1976.

It was voted to donate \$50.00 again to Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest Association for we use their facilities for the Winter-Week-End and Covered Dish Supper.

Mrs. Jean Davies brought us up to date on the Pittsford Ice Cave Fund and stated that within a short time the legal Title for a right-of-way and purchase of the area will be completed. She also presented a number of slides.

Both Sherwin and Larry discussed dues credit

for persons joining the Section and also the Main Green Mountain Club at 3, 6 or 9 months into the membership year.

Mrs. Dorothy Kirk established a Fund in memory of Mr. George L. Kirk with a check for \$500.00. Mr. Kirk, a long time Rutland Herald employee and for 25 years the U. S. Weather observer, was an ardent Green Mountain Club member and country wide authority on all items of Natural History.

To be named the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc. This Fund to be managed by the Killington Section and when the principle reaches \$5,000.00, the % income will be used for maintenance. Mrs. Kirk will continue to contribute with the understanding that the Section do the same. A number of methods were discussed. Voluntary donations at the time of paying dues, gifts in memory or honor of a person, or a small donation on hikes.

Sherwin urged everyone to read and digest the proposed by-laws of the G.M.C. to be printed in February issue of the Long Trail News.

Directors elected: Raymond Catozzi, Rachael Charland, Carl Schmidt and Churchill Scott. Rachael Charland appointed Trustee to replace Terry Gulick.

Paul Howard sent greetings from Doctor Howland for being unable to attend the meeting. Also, Mauri who could not make it.

It is hoped that the Green Mountain Club will be able to have offices on the Long Trail Lodge Property by Summer.

Our thanks to Janet Martin for a job well done as President of the Killington Section, to Larry Van Meter for his part in the purchase of a new Mimeograph Machine, to Vera Perkins and Thelma Valliquette for all their help as directors, and especially Dorothy Kirk for her generous gift.

ANNUAL MEETING - Continued

Also enjoyed was a extra special showing of nature flower slides, and songs by the Martin girls to fit the theme. After refreshments of the finest and tastiest variety was served, the meeting ended in a pleasant and happy mood.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 1/15/77

At a Board of Director's meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Killington Section the following Officers were elected:

PRESIDENT: Carl Schmidt

VICE PRESIDENT: Raymond Catozzi

SECRETARY-TREASURER W. Churchill Scott

Cooper Lodge was again picked as the most appropriate location for a caretaker this season. Sherry Start suggested a sum of \$150.00 toward the caretaker program, seconded by Paul and passed with the provision that the Section recruit our own caretaker if possible.

Work Parties were discussed by Sherry Start and he stressed the importance of keeping ahead of the maintenance work and more interest in the maintenance of the trail by all members of the Killington Section.

Shelter Adoptor Program was discussed and it was brought out that certain stipulations do exist before an adoptor is assigned to a shelter.

The need for more young people was discussed and methods of attracting the young people to our section, and it is hopeful that our new brochure will be useful.

Many thanks from Paul for the Killington Section and the Main Club in the purchase of a new Mimeograph Machine to put out more clear and legible copies of Smoke and Blazes. (Ed. note: It won't help my spelling!).

LONE ROCK POINT By Jim Frink

Today, although Churchill had given a notice to the Rutland Herald about the trip to Lone Rock Point, apparently it never was printed and as a result only 6 showed up at the meeting place. We did pick up another at the High School Parking Lot in Burlington.

Churchill had written to the Episcopal Diocese and gotten permission for our visit to their property, so we drove through the gate, up to the Chapel, Office and Gymnasium and announced our arrival. Then we continued to a point near the lake shore and walked down to the water. The fault thrust we had come to see was visible to our left across a cove of the lake. Then we walked to Lone Rock Point on steep slippery shale and inspected the line of demarcation between the over thrusting Dunham Dolomite and the shale streaked with

I gave them the following short talk on the geology of the area:

The essence of geology is change. Tennyson realized this when he wrote:

"The hills are shadows and they flow from form to form and nothing stands; they melt like mists, the solid lands, like clouds they shape themselves and go."

Arrowhead and Eagle Mountains in Milton; Pease Mountain in Addison and Waybridge, are all thrust blocks.

The latest rocks in the state are the glacial accumulations which belong to the Pleistocene or Glacial Epoch, of the Quaternary Period.

The Lower Cambrian Dunham Dolomite which forms the overthrusting member of the Champlain Fault as far as Lone Rock Point, includes Eagle Mountain, Red Rock Point, Mallets Head, Ethan Allen Park, and Lone Rock Point. It's Maximum width is 1.4 miles.

The Lone Rock Point overthrust is the most striking topographical feature of the Champlain Fault. It is one of the finest examples of over thrusting in the United States, and has been visited by geologists from all over the world.

After a thorough inspection of the fault, we climbed the escarpment and enjoyed the beautiful views of the lake and the Adirondacks. After returning by car to the Bishop's residence, we further explored for a half mile. Lunch was at Ethan Allen Park, which we enjoyed and further exploration done. The Top at Indian Point, once the principal lookout for the Algonquin Indians, has a large tower but this was closed because of unsafe steps. According to the inscription on a plate within the tower states that it was built in 1905 by the Vermont Society of Sons of the American Revolution, dedicated to Ethan Allen, for his capture of Fort Ticonderoga and his assistance in creating the State of Vermont.

We returned to Rutland via back roads and all had a wonderful time, we regret that so many could not have been with us.

BELMONT AREA HIKE - August 7, 1976

By Anna Nyiri

The hike was not rained out but the nine hikers were rained upon generously. Though we were undecided about completing the planned walk, 7 of us did, while two turned back to drive their cars to meet us on Route 155 at the exit of the woodland road. We were very happy to see the rescue cars. It was lucky that temperatures were mild because we were wet. The 7½ year old hiker denied she had had a good time, but we adults knew otherwise.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Submitted by W. Churchill Scott:

CASH ON HAND 1/1/76. \$1952.95

RECEIPTS:

Dues.	360.00
Gifts	546.00
Interest.	50.04
Killington Rockers	1.00
Ogden Posters . . . . .	.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$957.64

EXPENSES:

Paid to Main G.M.C.	174.00*
Outings	141.39
Smoke and Blazes	128.37
Shelters	119.55
Trails.	100.61
Donations.	60.00
Postage.	35.74
Secretary Expenses	34.71
Sugar on Snow.	27.72
Annual Meeting	10.00
Photos	6.37

TOTAL EXPENSES \$838.46

* Caretaker Program. . . . \$100.00
 Mimeograph Machine 50.00
 Guide Books. 24.00

BALANCE December 31, 1976. \$2072.13

PROSPECT ROCK AND OUT reported by
 W. Churchill Scott

At 9:00 A.M. only Jim Frink, Carl Schmidt, Rachael Charland, Betty Staack and myself attended this hike planned to help members earn their End-to-End patch. The weather was very good, blue sky, bright sun and a very warm temperature.

A long easy up hill grade found us at the Spruce Peak side Trail at lunch time where a large flat table high rock held our stoves and food while a near-by fire lent it's atmosphere for warmth.

One more hile of up grade and then downhill to Prospect Rock and the Look Out. Here we followed the old Rootville Road, slipping and skidding and mumbeeing to ourselves about who said this was an easy 7 mile hike. Soon we were at our spotted car and another section of the Trail was finished.

G.M.C. MAIN OFFICE REPORT by
 Larry Van Meter

Things have been busy at the office on Center Street this winter, although not quite so hectic as in the summer and fall when hiking season is still going full tilt. Most of our time is spent pulling the details and data from the season of 1976 together, and laying plans for the next season.

The move of the Office to the Long Trail Lodge site was unanimously endorsed by the Green Mountain Club trustees at their September meeting in Stowe, Vermont, and indications are encouraging that something can be worked out with the land owner. At present, however, we're waiting for the Lodge itself to be sold. The realtor does not expect much sales activity until the end of the ski season in March. Hopefully by the beginning of the summer season, we will be up at the "Carriage House" near the site of the original Lodge.

Finances for the Main Club have turned out very well this year. After a couple of bad years with substantial deficits, the 1976-1977 fiscal year promises to show the Green Mountain Club running in the black by at least \$1000.00. At large membership loyalty, despite the big dues increases a year ago, is largely responsible for our improved situation.

Harry Peet, the director of the Caretaker Program, and I both feel that Cecilia Elwert did an outstanding job at Cooper Lodge last summer. Apparently the Killington Section also agrees, as evidenced by an increased contribution authorized by your directors for the 1977 caretaker program.

Minerva and I, speaking for Ralph Bryant and other G.M.C. officers, wish Carl Schmidt the best of luck in running the Killington Section next year, and Janet Martin in running the Intersectional at Tamarack Notch. Any help we can provide will be gladly given. Best of luck too, to Sherry Start in his new position with the U.S. Forest Service in the state of Utah, what are we going to do for excitement (and trail work) with Serwin gone?

RADIO "Cross Talk" SHOW, W.H.W.B.

On January 11, 1977, another, now the third, Radio Talk Show featured the Killington Section of the GMC. With our host, Ed Larson; Janet Martin, Betsy Martin and Cecelia Elwert (and myself as a silent sitter) reported to the Radio Station just before 10:00 AM. We went on the air at 10:10 and the ab-lib show went smoothly for an hour. Several of the important items concerning the trail system was brought up. The necessary trail maintenance, the dangers of "winter hiking" and other aspects of interest to all hikers. We hope that most of you heard it. Cecelia did a fine job in explaining her job as caretaker at Cooper in 1976, along with the different people she met. We expect to have another such show in about six months, and any member interested in participating, please contact either Paul Howard or Churchill Scott. Tapes of the show will be available. RNTOR

RESTORATION PARTY, August 14, 1976 by Sherwin Start

This was a scheduled work party but was less than routine. It was vigorous. Don Mollern, Cecelia Elwert, Jim Frink and I put in 21 water-ditches and excavated 46 feet of trench and constructed 18 feet of cribbing. About noon Rachael Charland and Betty Steack passed us on their way to Pico Camp where when we arrived we found a delicious meal of Roast Chicken, gravey, hot vegetables, stuffing, hot rolls and cranberry sauce ready for us.

I would say that our Roast Chicken Dinner was the only one cooked and served at that elevation and without customary modern conveniences, in the entire state.

After this fine meal, Jim and Don went back down the trail to Sherburn Pass, Betty and Rachael went thru to Governor Clement Camp, and I went up to the summit of Pico to modulate with a few friends in N.H. Cecelia was left at Pico, apparently totally exhausted, but happy with the day's activities.

KILLINGTON SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIST:

Until January 1980:

Raymond Catozzi, 103 Belevue Ave., Rutland.
Rachael Charland, 76 So. Main St., Rutland.
Churchill Scott, 132 Maple St., Rutland
Carl Schmidt, 73 Edgerton St., Rutland (to replace Wilbur Weston, until Jan. 1979)

Until January 1979:

Harold Rogers, 223 Adams St. Rutland, Vt.
Sherwin Start, 18 Pine Street, Rutland, Vt.
Wilbur Weston, (Resigned 1976, replaced by Carl Schmidt)

Until January, 1978

Paul Howard, 70 Allen St., Rutland, Vermont
Janet Martin, 7 Curtis Ave., Rutland, Vt.
Ian Wark, Woodstock Stage, Mendon, Vt.
(Zip code for all above is 05701)

MERCK FOREST HIKE, October 22, 1976

By Rachael Charland

On a blustery fall Saturday morning on Oct. 22, 1976, only four hiked to the luxurious Lodge located in the Merck Forest of South Rupert, Vt. Chris Oey, a new member of the Killington Section, Churchill Scott, Eric Anderson of Castleton and your leader enjoyed exploring the vast acreage and numerous trails. There was plenty of wood for the fireplaces, one of which was in our bunk room. Sunday, we hiked up Mt. Antoine amid the snowflakes.

The caretakers of Merck Forest opened up the Museum that is located in a large barn on the property. A great deal of work has been expended to offer to all who wish to investigate the various types of flower and

fauna of the Merck Foundation. No doubt spring-time would offer even more natural surprises and the Killington Section looks forward to enjoying this lonely spot once more.

SUNNYSIDE SHELTER - Week-end hike by Churchill Scott

Although Paul Howard was to lead this hike, because of hospitalization, Harold Rogers did agree and did lead this outing. Saturday's blue sky and bright sunshine saw 7 of us visit Sunnyside again. After gathering firewood for the night and a good lunch, Jim Frink left us to watch the Patriot Game, while Rachael Charland and Harold Rogers, and Churchill Scott visited "Patch Hollow" (Bear right where Long Trail begins climb up Button Hill). A high farm area with celler holes, lilac bushes, beaver dams and a wood duck protector is a good discription. We learned later that the tracks we saw was that of an Otter. More firewood as found and cut.

Ray Catozzi and Lou Catozzi (Lou was on leave from the Army) arrived and after a hearty supper, we played cards, told stories and watched the stars go by and finally filled up the stove for the night.

Another beautiful day on Sunday, Carl Schmidt showed up with his cross-country skiis and brought the bad news that Oakland won in the last few seconds of the game.

Again we say even though an overnight hike is planned why do not more people come for just a day. There are always many nearby points of interest to visit.

TRAIL RESTORATION PARTY, September 11, 1976 by Sherwin Start

After the disasterous flood and resulting damage to the Long Trail a month earlier, the Board of Directors decided after hearing of the damage, to cancel certain scheduled outings and replace them with parties to restore the damage done. Janet Martin, Nancy Martin Jack Crothers, Jack Martin, Lou Catozzi and his dad, Ray Catozzi, John MacDonald and myself worked from the Pico Pond Road up the mountain. With a rented Chain Saw we put in many waterbars. John MacDonald and I cut logs and stakes to Sink Brook, far out distancing our work force. By 4 o'clock it had started to rain and we all headed out of the woods. I had cut and placed 17 waterbars (136 feet) and excavated 82 feet of drainage channel and diversion channel. Also I felled about 12 large trees that were about to fall over the trail. After that particular day I think a lot of people had a much greater respect for the work and the people that do maintain the trails in this country. They may think I am a "slave driver" but this work is important and must be done.

HAZEN'S NOTCH - JAY CAMP

By Churchill Scott

On Friday, October 29, 1976 at 6:00 PM we started a hike that would end on October 31, 1976 at 5:30 P.M. The hike was a 7.1 mile hike. We had five members and one dog on this hike. After a long ride in darkness, we thaww (3) (Rachael, Chris and Churchill) arrived at Jay Camp. Soon after, Bob Carpenter and John MacDonald and their dog reached the shelter via Burlington. The shelter (one of our favorites) was in good shape with a bit of firewood. On Saturday, we drove to Hazen's Notch, and we stayed together till Hazen Notch Camp. The trail started up Bruce Peak and soon snow was deeper and deeper. It seemed there were endless mountains to go up and around and down.. Finally Domey's Dome was reached at just dusk. Flashlights were used from there and at last we were within earshot of Route #242 where Bob and John were just starting out with lights and emergency supplies. Being the first time getting caught out on the Trail after dark the importance of having lights and equipment and friends ready to help ~~struck~~ home very seariously and we are greatful.

After church and supper every body was ready for bed. Rain begain along midnight so Sunday's hike was called off. Thanks to Chris Oey, the fire was a beautiful sight and the coffee just right.

Bob and John left around 10:00 A.M. and soon ever one was up. Must be great to be able to sleep all day.

For the past two years the second day's trip has been rained out so next year we will try again and hope for better weahter.

MOONLIGHT HIKE (With no moon)

By Ray Catozzi

On Saturday, December 4, 1976 at 6:00 P.M., **The Scheduled Moon-Light hike** got underway. It is always a gamble when planning our annual full moon hike as to whether there is to be or is not to be a clear sky on the nite of the hike. The gamble is 50 to 50 chance. The night before this hike saw a beautiful nearly full moon, the night after the outing was a gorgeous clear night. **The** night of the hike ??? OVERCAST.

Oh, well, twas a nice night, and many new people walked in the short distance to good old (new?) Sunnyside. Churchill Scott and your writer went in late afternoon and had a supply of dry firewood, warmed up the shelter and had the pot of water ready boiling before the hikers arrived. A nice, multi-simultaneous conversational time was had by everyone, as the hot chocolate, coffee and donuts were

consumed. We had hoped that some of these many new people would show up on some of our succeeding hikes, but one have shown up to date. What are we doing wrong? Must be that we are using the wrong coffeemaker. . . !

CHEER3 TO WES WESTON

Never do we know that the absence of something that we take for granted will do to our welfare. Wes Weston has been a member of the Killington Section for a long long time and has been very active in the welfare of out Section of the G.M.C.

Suddenly, we loose "Wes" Weston, for he has moved to North Carolina, he is not there to supply the hikers with the necessary coffee pot, first-aid kit, and wish all hikers the best on the hike, even though he may not be able to meke it himself. We all miss "Wes" very much, his willingness to help, his desire to see that the best happened for our Killinton Section, his dedication to the preservation of our trail system, and the vigor he had in all his endeavors for the club.

Wes was up to Vermont to visit Doc Howard a couple of weeks ago, and it was a pleasure to see him. He and his dog Lady spent several days with "Doc" and he visited many of his friends in Rutland area. We all had the p pleasure of seeing "Wes" for a short time at the Annual Meeting on 1/15/77. He has returned to North Carolina now, his biggest difficulty while he was here was his car, he had to put in a new "Starting Motor", but he will be back . . I promise, His last words when he left was "I shall return" and we hope so, soon. The very best to you Wes.

Editor.

HOW TO GET?
A NEW MEMBER?

ASK HIM

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

In this issue, we would like to honor our long time friend and member, Mr. Craig Perkins.

A native of Rutland, Vermont, Craig was born in 1903 in Rutland Town and has been a country boy all his life. He attended Rutland Schools, and graduated from Rutland High School in 1920. He also attended Worcester Polytechnical Institute, majoring in Chemistry.

He has been an "out-door" man all his years and first became active in hiking with the Boy Scouts in 1918.

One of the projects that he remembers well, is the building of the "Tin Shelter" at the summit of Killington Mountain. The conception that the top portion of a silo would make a good shelter inspired this building, and the top of a silo was hauled to the summit of Killington and assembled. It was of many sides, giving it a generally round shape. All sections were well bolted together and the roof of pie shaped pieces were assembled. The stove was in the center of the structure and the chimney extended upward through the center of the roof. Mr. Perkins was about 15 years old then, and he and six Boy Scouts rode their bikes to Brewer's Corners, hid them in the bushes and hiked up the Rooney Trail. When they did arrive at the site, they were put to work "keeping the flies away from the men assembling the shelter". This was before the stone shelter, known as Porkey Lodge was built. Both shelters have long since been destroyed.

In the early 1920's he was on a hike from Vt. Route 103 to Spring Lake and met up with Willis Ross, then a prominent member of the GMC at the time, and at the meeting Ross was doing work on the trail. This meeting gave Mr. Perkins a much better understanding of the importance of trail and shelter maintenance, and what goes into the preservation of the Trail System. After this, he became much involved in Trails and Shelter work, and he stated that his preference was shelter.

One re-location he recalls, was between Gov. Clement and Killington Summit. As I understood him, on the original trail markings, no one had a compass, and the blazing was done by earshot calls from the trail-makers. The result was quite a crooked winding trail. Mr. Perkins re-location really improved the trail in that stretch.

Although he has been a member of the Killington Section since he can remember, he is not now too active on the trail. However, he does a lot of work at his "Tall Timbers" on the Elbow Road in Mendon, where the trail to the summit of Blue Ridge Mountain starts.

He has been very generous with the Killington

Section in the use of the Field House at his Tall Timbers. He has donated it's use for the "Minerva Hinchey" day party in 1974, and on several other occasions for functions of our section.

The work at Tall Timbers keeps him quite busy in keeping up this 50 acre wonderland.

Not only was he an ardent hiker, his activity included much in the Executive Branch of the Green Mountain Club. He was a Trustee, he was President of the Main Club for 2 years and very influential in making the Green Mountain Club one of the finest hiking clubs in America.

His stories told me of how the Long Trail Lodge was acquired, a gift, I understand, and the unforeseen tremendous expense in maintenance after it was acquired. He told me how, in an attempt to meet expenses, rooms were rented out and how it was used as sort of a Hotel. He also explained how it was finally sold to the Treadway people and the Green Mountain Club was out of the Hotel Business.

His reply to my question "What is one of the most memorable experiences you had?" was the story of a trip to the summit of Killington in the winter of 1919, when he, Gale Spaulding, Genny Beale, Les Hooge, Pason Weber and Jim Cowan, using a toboggan, starting from Rutland lugged the toboggan up over East Mountain to Brewer's Corners and up the old wagon road to the summit of Killington. The six took turns in tugging the sled, and when it became dark, they were still three miles from the summit. At this point, they split into two groups of 3 each, with Mr. Perkins, Jim and Pason as the advance party and the other three left to haul up the sled. The advance party arrived, finding the stove covered with snow, but readied the camp and built a fire at the Tin Shelter. The sled crew soon arrived and a good night was had by all.

During World War II, Mr. Perkins, Doc Gasco and Mr. Spaulding engineered the work of the Killington Section, both physical and executive, and all was in good shape when the boys returned from the war and the section again put on routine basis according to the by-laws.

Churchill Scott was with me at this interview at Tall Timbers, and the stories that Mr. Perkins told were delightful and very interesting, enough to fill a book, let alone a short article in Smoke and Blazes.

I found Craig Perkins a fascinating man, full of energy, and we all envy his life at his 50 acre wonderland, Tall Timbers.

Editor

DIRECTOR'S MEETING - January 21, 1977

A directors Meeting was held at the house of Carl Schmidt on 1/21/77. Present were Rachael Charland, Janet Martin, Carl Schmidt, Harold Rogers, Sherwin Start, Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

The report of the Annual Meeting was read and approved. Mrs. George Kirk's establishment of a Trail and Shelter Fund in honor of her late husband was discussed. Harold to write up an article for Smoke and Blazes. Motion was made and passed to donate \$250.00 to the Fund.

Sherwin asked for permission to buy new tools and it was voted to spend up to \$139.56. It was finally decided to rent a chain saw rather than purchase one. On Work Parties, the ladies want workers to be on time for lunch. The Hike schedule was completed for the upcoming months. It contains a good many of Trail Restoration and Shelter Inspection trips. Sugar on snow was decided to forego the addition of a Tasting Supper.

Dues Credit for trail workers was discussed and the Secretary was authorized to give membership to persons working 8 hours (Excluding the portion paid to the Main G.M.C.)

Honorary Life Membership was tabled until next meeting. Adopt a Shelter was discussed.

We have at Sunnyside, Lynn Eaton, at Tucker Johnson, Ray Catozzi.

Ways of increasing membership was discussed. The new brochure is most ready for printing with photos.

Motion was made and passed to confirm the election of the directors at the Annual Meeting.

W. Churchill Scott

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Miss Martha Adams recently received a letter of congratulations on the occasion of her 99th. birthday from Ralph Bryant, President of the Green Mountain Club. Each and every member of the Killington Section wish to also extend many Happy Returns and many more birthdays to follow.

Mr. James Frink was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held recently at the Week-End trip to Sunnyside. May he also, have many more to enjoy hiking the trail with his friends.

Churchill Scott

SMOKE AND BLAZES

This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes to be sent to 1976 membership list. Send your dues, nto W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street Rutland, Vermont 05701

CAVENDISH GORGE - November 7, 1976

By Rachael Charland & Carmen Guica

This was a most unusual hike and found 14 naturalists accompanying their leader to Cavendish Gorge. Carmen Guica started the hike with a short description of the area which he read from the "History of Cavendish". Such sights as Devil's Gulch, the Bathtub, Lover's Leap kept most of us busy scrambling up and down the embankments along the Black River. There is even a cave or two there that Ray or Lou Catozzi have not located (better luck next summer Lou) After lunch in the picnic grove we were all invited to visit the Cavendish Historical Museum and we found many postal card views of the Gorge along with many artifacts of the Cavendish Area. Carmen invited our group back to the Gorge during the summer months when he said it would be possible to walk down the river and explore the caves.

PROMOTION FOR SHERWIN START

We congratulate Sherry Start for his promotion with the U.S. Forest Service and we wish him the very best in his assignment in Salt Lake City, Utah. I know that this is a big chance for Sherry, but the Killington Section is losing one of the most energetic members. His tremendous ability to organize trail and shelter work, his ability to represent the Killington Section as a Trustee, and his devotion to the Green Mountain Club is commendable. Members were willing to work for him and with him, and he was able to handle his workers and produce the most possible in restoration of the trail. Sherry, you will have to write to us, for I am afraid that your C.B. output will not reach Vermont once you get to Utah. The very best to you in your new environment.

The Entire Section

NORTHAM PICNIC AREA - January-8, 1976

By Ray Catozzi

A beautiful, but cold winter day greeted us on Saturday, 1/8/77 as we met at the Fire Station for this always enjoyable walk. Three on cross-country skis and four on snowshoes, made a small but very enjoyable group. We started up the unplowed road in a few old and a few new snowmobile tracks. A few snowmobilers passed us going the same way, and after arriving at the picnic Shelter, they started showing up from all directions. They continued to come and go, up and down the different roads and trails in the area, filling the woods with their raccous noise, while we had our hot lunches.

NORTHAM PICNIC SHELTER - Continued

The cross-country skiers, which included the G.M.C. Executive Secretary, Larry Van Meter finished lunch in a hurry and got back to skiing on more roads in the vicinity, Jim Frink left for home early, but Churchill Scott, myself and Rachael Charland went half mile further down the road and visited the Stone House that is also in that part of Coolidge State Park, and which is used as a gathering place, warming house and watering hole by snowmobilers. There were a considerable number of them and their machines all around that area, and they were joined by two of our Vermont State Police on their snowmobiles. The Police were probably up there to enforce the snowmobile speed limits (?) or protect the state property.

This was a perfect winter hike except for the snowmobile noise and all enjoyed a perfect winter day at a very lovely location.

SMOKE AND BLAZES - Deadline

I regret that because of circumstances beyond my control, this issue of Smoke and Blazes is late in being mailed to you. The deadline for the next issue will be March 15, 1977, so please try to get all articles to me by that date. I expect to have the next issue mailed on or about April 1, 1977.

Editor

RESTORATION PARTIES - -

By Sherwin Start:

September 18, 1976

After the wonderful article that Jack Croathers had in the Rutland Herald on 9/14, the result was a wonderful turnout for all of our restoration activities.

Ray Catozzi led the 9/18/76 outing. Under the faithful and professional guidance of Ray; Jim Frink, Erick Anderson, Paul Wiggins, Wes Weston, Marge Fish, Bob Fish, Maria Stadlmayer and Anna Nyire worked like beavers. They dug, shoveled, placed logs, built some steps and cut roots. They put 18 waterbars, (90 ft.) and excavated 39 feet of drainage ditch. This completed the planned work up to Sink Brook. I regret that I could not be at the outing because I had a previous obligation (Board of Directors of the Main Club) in Stowe, Vermont.

October 2, 1976

Through the efforts of Paul Howard, the Sherburne Corporation, per a letter from the President, Preston Smith, granted our restoration party permission to ride their Gondola from U.S. 4 to the summit of Killington,

making the efficiency of our planned work much greater.

Besides myself, Robert Carpenter, Tom Martin Sandy Marsh, Paul Wiggins turned out for the work. We did not have time to stop at old Cooper Lodge and we immediately started down the mountain working toward Pico Camp. We put in 12 waterbars (Logs) on the north slope of Killington which were very badly needed and six more between there and Pico Camp. We also dug 35 feet of diversion channel, inlet ditch and outlet ditch.

I must say that this crew of fellows put in everything they had into this work and after the long walk out of the woods to Sherburne Pass, all of was in some state of fatigue.

In retrospect I was very pleased with the turnout we had with all of our trail Restoration outings we had this fall. The labors and sacrifices made by all that turned out for these outings is commendable and you have thanks from all members of the Killington Section, the Green Mountain Club and especially from myself. It is people like all of you that will keep our Long Trail a pleasant place to be in many years to come.

The damages from Storm Belle is far from completed. Work on this must continue in the spring, and we are looking for another good turnout to live up to our reputation of having the best maintained section of the A.T. outside of the National Forest, and one of the finest maintained sections of the L.T.

DUES DUES DUES DUES

Have you paid your dues? It is that time again. Please have your dues into W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. by April 1, 1977. Dues are as follows:

SENIOR CITIZENS.	\$2.50
ADULTS.	4.50
SPOUSE.	3.50
FAMILY JUNIOR. . . . .	.75
INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR.	1.75

DUES DUES DUES DUES

Please have your articles for next issue in by March 15, 1977 - Mail to Paul Howard, 70 Allen Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701

MAURI WINTURRI

Mauri has not been to Vermont for over a month, and we have received no word from him. The Pioneer Valley Publication reports that Mauri is recuperating from his illness in a short article in their last issue. We assume that no news is good news, and we feel sure of that.

TO: All Members of the Killington Section, GMC

SUBJECT: Intersectional, Tamarack Notch, 1977

DATE: May 9, 1977

Our section is hosting the INTERSECTIONAL this year at Tamarack Notch. In order to do an outstanding job, comparable to that done by the Burlington Section last year, we need help from EACH AND EVERY MEMBER of the Killington Section. There are many things to be done, some very active and some sedentary . . . we would like to have you help where you feel you are most able. Please check through the following list and indicate which job(s) you feel you can fill, then send this information on to me at 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701, or call me at (802)773-8621.

REGISTRATION: (Indicate dates between 8/27 and 9/5, your could work): _____

TIME: Mornings, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM _____

Afternoons, 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM _____

Evenings, 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM _____

LONG TRAIL HIKE LEADERS: (Dates free to lead): _____

TIME	DATE	DISTANCE	DAY	HIKE SCHEDULE	AVAILABILITY Check choice
8:00 AM	8/28/77	9.8 mi.	Sun.	Middlebury Gap to Brandon Gap	_____
8:30 AM	8/29/77	7.6 mi.	Mon.	Brandon Gap to New Boston	_____
8:00 AM	8/30/77	12.1 mi.	Tues.	New Boston to Sherburne Pass	_____
8:30 AM	8/31/77	8.8 mi.	Wed.	Sherburne Pass to Brewer's Corners via Bucklin Trail	Ray Catozzi
8:30 AM	9/1/77	8.7 mi.	Thurs.	Brewer's Corners to Upper Cold River Road	_____
8:00 AM	9/2/77	10.5 mi.	Fri.	Cold River Road to Route 140	_____
8:30 AM	9/3/77	9.2 mi.	Sat.	Route 140 to the U.S.F.S. Road 10	_____
8:00 AM	9/4/77	12.0 mi.	Sun.	U.S.F.S. Road 10 to Mad Tom Notch	Tom Martin

OUTLYING MOUNTAINS

AVAILABLE DATES:

9:00 AM		4.8 mi.		Blue Ridge Mountain	_____
9:00 AM		4.0 mi.		Bald Mountain	Martins (Date adjustable)
9:00 AM	8/30/77	4.0 mi.		Birds Eye Mountain	Churchill Scott
9:00 AM		3.6 mi.		Shrewsbury Peak	_____

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

AVAILABLE DATES

9:00 AM		2.0 mi.		Pittsford Ice Caves	_____
9:00 AM		4.0 mi.		Vermont's Highest Waterfall	Bob Carey ? ?
9:00 AM		6.0 mi.		Boiling Spring	Jim Frink ? ?
9:00 AM		- - - -		Merck Forest	_____
9:00 AM		3.5 mi.		Snake Mountain & Wildlife	Weeks ? ?
9:00 AM		2.8 mi.		Natural Bridge (Dorset	_____
9:00 AM	9/3/77	- - -		Cavendish Gorge & Museum	Carmin Guica ? ?

BREAKFAST:

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, Serving. September 3, 1977

NEEDED: Waiter/Waitress

Name: _____ Time Available _____

Clean-up personnel

Name: _____ Time available _____

EVENING PROGRAMS: Needed a Coordinator for each night

DAY	DATE	EVENT	VOLUNTEER
Sat.	8/27/77	Square Dance	_____
Sun.	8/28/77	Historical Slides	_____
Mon.	8/29/77	Leave No Trace Camping	_____
Tues.	8/30/77	(Open)	_____
Wed.	8/31/77	(Open)	_____
Thurs.	9/1/77	Auction(Auctioneer Needed)	_____
Fri.	9/2/77	Mag i c Show	Dave Martin
Sat.	9/3/77	Square Dance	_____
Sun.	9/4/77	Final Campfire	_____

GROUND~~S~~: Much help is needed in the preparation, each day maintainence, policing and control of the Tamarack Notch grounds. We need all the assistance we can get to make this INTERSECTIONAL one to remember and a delightful week for all that come to our grounds for this event.

GROUND WORK JOBS NEEDED	YOUR NAME	DATES YOU CAN ASSIST
Daily Rubbish Collections	_____	_____
Daily and final Clean up	_____	_____
Building Maintainence	_____	_____
Pool Maintainence	_____	_____
Other Grounds Jobs	_____	_____

Use this form as a method of indicating what you feel you can do to help make this event one of the most successful of our section, and when you are available to help us. Do not hesitate to call me at 773-8621, or drop a line to 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Smoke and Blazes

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APPALACHIAN TRAIL - NEAR SHERBURNE

By Betty Staack
January 23, 1977

Nine of us snowshoed, hiked and skied up the Appalachian Trail east from River Road, Sherburne. We broke trail past a snow covered car which had been abandoned many years before, and then found a snowmobile trail. At the point where the snowmobile trail left the A.T. we decided to follow the easier packed trail and found ourselves near a cabin. On the front door was a note welcoming "To Whom It May Concern" asking merely that the user make a list of any food taken. What a wonderful welcome! We ate our packed lunches, heated up for coffee and chocolate, cut a supply of wood for the gracious hosts and returned to our cars.

PINE HILL AREA

February 5, 1977
By Churchill Scott

This typical winter day brought out a goodly number of outdoor enthusiastic snowshoers and cross-country skiers - 16 in all.

Two ladies from New Jersey who were vacationing at Pico plus two local families and their children skied with us to swell the attendance to 16.

All day the temperature was mild, no wind and snow fell, heavy at times and light at other times, as we crossed the Country Club and climbed easily to Muddy Pond.

Passing a good sized area where deer had dug through the snow for food we arrived at Rocky Pond where lunch and hot drinks were enjoyed.

Next we went down the road toward Evergreen Avenue and at last we cut east on the old Recreation Department Pine Hill hiking trail to the biggest rock in the whole area. Here Jim Frink gave us all a very detailed and interesting history of it and the surrounding area.

Here the group split up with some riding and some walking back to the Country Club.

This hike is a very good example of the large amount of undisturbed woodland area within walking distance from home.

REPORT FROM THE MAIN CLUB OFFICE

By Larry Van Meter
April 10, 1977

Plans for the summer are progressing well. All the caretakers will have been hired by the time Smoke and Blazes goes to press, as will the ranger-naturalists for Camel's Hump and Mt. Mansfield. One of these rangers will be Cecilia Elwert, the caretaker at Cooper Lodge last summer.

Our hopes remain of moving the office to the Long Trail Lodge site late this spring, or early in the summer. Only time will tell, however, whether the details can be worked out. We are presently waiting for the Lodge to be sold, and hoping that the new owners will be receptive toward having the GMC lease the ski dorm.

A completely revised 21st Edition of the Guide Book of the Long Trail is at the printers in Burlington, and is expected to be available by the time of the Annual Meeting at Camp Keewaydin on Memorial Day weekend. Harry Peet has done a fine job as Editor, and Dr. H. Gardiner Barnum, a Burlington Section member, has had several of his Cartography students at U.V.M. completely redrafting all the maps. Price of the new book to GMC'ers purchasing it through the office will remain \$3.00. The non-members price will be \$4.50.

Although some major relocations around Stratton Pond have postponed Long Trail work in that area, we still plan to have two crews: one completing the Glastenbury Relocation and then moving north to Johnson where much work needs to be done, and the other working on the Monroe Skyline. This second crew is possible through a contribution of \$4500.00 from the New York Section! Minerva Hinchey, recipient of Ralph Bryant's "green pen award" at the last trustees meeting, will be readjusting her work load toward an expanded bookkeeper's role, and the Club will be looking for a part-time secretary who is familiar with the Trail to handle routine matters at the Club Office. If anyone is interested, they should contact me at the Club Office.

TEXAS FALLS

March 6, 1977

By Jim Frink

Texas Falls is a beautiful Cataract north of Route 125 (West of Route 100)

The sharp drop, and tremendously large pot holes carved in the soft schist cerellean blue ice and massive white snow made this an especially beautiful scene. It is just as beautifully interesting and fascinating at any other season.

Before viewing the Falls - walking carefully in very deep snow and thick ice - we went to the end of the logging road, north of the Falls and watched a gasoline powered hydraulic ram wood splitter in operation. The way this machine split three foot diameter logs was a sight to see.

After the Falls we stopped to a sheltered spot (fierce wind) in the woods near the parking space, near a large supply of dead wood and, using a couple of logs as a base on the 5 feet of snow, built a fire and had a pleasant cook-out. Then home in plenty of time for the afternoon sports on T.V.

Although there was very little hiking, the 5 who attended had an enjoyable day.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY

March 5, 1977

By Carl Schmidt

On a warm day, six GMC'ers walked a steep 3 miles on the Brownsville Trail to the log shelter, where two members of the Ascutney Trail Association had hot soup waiting.

Ray Catozzi and Bob Carey carried out a very educational field test of the Optimus 99 versus the Primus Grasshopper backpacking stoves. Under carefully controlled conditions it was demonstrated that both stoves could heat snow better than it had previously been; however, the spring thaw showed more promise for actually changing the snow to water.

Everyone was able to complete the hike without snowshoes, even though the snow depth averaged two feet or more.

Only the heaviest member of the party (the writer) broke through the crust a few times. Some unusual aspects of the trip were that one of the cars got temporarily sidetracked between Rutland and Ascutney, and several the hikers noticed that the walk back down did seem shorter.

GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1977

Certificate of Deposit . . . \$503.03

90 Day Notice Account . . . 323.85

TOTAL

\$826.88

G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL - HELP NEEDED

By Janet Martin, Chairwoman

Killington Section has agreed to be Host Section for the 1977 Intersectional, August 27 to September 5, 1977. We will need the active participation of all Killington Section Members if we are to do a really good job !! The following committees have been set up: Publicity; Reservations and Registration (need onsite registrar for each day); Hike and Day Trip Leaders; Evening Activities hosts; Site maintenance and supervision; Breakfast Committee. We need to know if we can count on YOU and your help. . . . call Chairwoman Janet Martin at 773-8621 or write her at 7 Curtis Avenue, Rutland, Vt. 05701 and let her know your preferences. This Intersectional will once again be held at Tamarack Notch. The TNAF Corp. has agreed to do a dinner and the Section will put on a breakfast, probably Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Plan now to spend some time at the Intersectional. If each member would donate one day or evening, I'm sure the week would be most enjoyable.

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APPLACHIN TRAIL HIKE

March 27, 1977

by W. Churchill Scott

A beautiful blue sky and bright sun made this A.T. hike an enjoyable experience.

Due to snow conditions some did not use snow shoes and the climb up Deer Leap was much easier. After the Main Junction, shoes were worn but not necessary. Passing Beu's lookout a lone Cross Country Skier was met struggling up the steep grad. Who should it be (naturally) but Betty Staack. At Gifford Woods we put a table in the sun, had lunch and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

At Route Vt. 100 we said goodbye to Mrs. DeVay and her son John. The rest continued on to the Thundering Brook Road and to our journey's end at the Sherburne Town Hall. With the coming of spring let's try to get everyone out to enjoy the warm sunny days.

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WELCOME BACK "WES" WESTON

By Paul Howard

After spending a nice WARM winter in sunny North Carolina, "Wes" and Bailey Weston will be returning to Vermont around May 1, 1977.

We all certainly welcome you home again, Wes and Bailey, and we are looking forward to your dedicated participation in our Killington Section once again.

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TAMARACH NOTCH WINTER WEEKEND

March 19 & 20, 1977

by Janet Martin

Much to our surprise the road up the Notch had been plowed after Friday's storm so three cars drove to Wheelerville Corner. After we got ourselves settled into the Rotaz Cabin, got water etc the group broke up into cross country skiers and snow shoers and we explored various wads in the area. The snowshoe group attempted to follow the Cold between the old wad which goes down across from camp to the bridge. It was pretty rough going but we had one beautiful slide on the seat of our pants and a scramble up to the road short of the bridge. The road, beyond camp has a washout.

Six people stayed overnight. The stars were glamorous. We looked for the evening star(planet mars) with the binoculars.

Sunday two additional people joined the six in camp and we took a Snow Shoes Hike up the old wood road and then onto the new trail to Red Rocks. We saw several deer whose presence was much in evidence as they had been pawing for acorns on the west side of the mountain. Ate lunch in a "cave" discovered by the Martin last fall while looking for Hickory trees. After lunch four of the group went looking for "the Jug Handle", a rock formation that Craig Perkins had described to Janet. We not only found one but two and a "hidy hole", all at the base of ledges! We also located several more fairly large shagbark hickory trees.

Carried snowshoes going back as trail was packed and not much snow anyway. The weather was beautiful.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

April 2, 1977

by Vera Perkins

At 6 P.M. on Saturday, April 2nd a "small but appreciative" group of about thirty-two Killington Section G.M.C. members and friends assembled at the Unitarian-Universalist Church for our annual Sugar-on-Snow Party.

When the thermometer reached 85 on the preceding Wednesday, we began to wonder where the "snow" part of the event was coming from. However the weather changed, as usual, and on Saturday Harold Rogers and Paul Howard found plenty of good hard snow up in Northam, so hard in fact it had to be broken up with potato mashers. Under the watchful eye of Nancy Martin (she came home for the week-end especially for the Sugar Party), the syrup was boiled to exactly the right consistency. The boxes of hard packed snow made an ideal surface for the hot syrup to "wax" on. Incidentally we needn't have worried about snow as,

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY (cont.)

Pres. Carl Schmidt had cached some away in his freezer.

As always, doughnuts and pickles accompanied the sugar. After each one had reached capacity on sugar consumption, at least for the time being, what was left in the bowl was "stirred-down" to take home for spreading on next mornings toast.

One thing which seems to remain constant in a changing world is the basic kitchen staff for the Sugar Party: Janet Martin, with various members of the Martin Family as available and "T" valiquette. We appreciate their continued interest and assistance. Our thanks also to the "snow gathers" and others in attendance who lent a hand to the clearing up. Every one working together is what makes this a "fun" party. Too bad so many of you missed it.

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BRANDON GAP TO MT. TOP INN

April 17, 1977

by W. Churchill Scott

Another beautiful sunny spring day gave our End-To-End hikers an opportunity to do almost too much. Hiking from Brandon Gap to Mountain Top Inn during the early spring snow season is a HIKE.

Thanks to the cars of Jim Frink and Mauri Wintturi the party was taken to Brandon Gap. Along the beginning there were a number of good views of Mount Horrid.

A quick lunch stop and rest was taken at one of the many stream Crossings.

Snowshoes were taken by some but not used in spite of the deep snow along the way. For the snow held one up for the most part and much of the Trail was side hill walking.

A number of spring birds were seen patches of Jerusalem artichokes and mint were found and many picturesque fungi observed.

All in all perhaps this 10.6 mile hike was a little too much for this time of year but a good section of Trail was covered for those who needed it.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A meeting of The Board of Directors was held at the home of Janet Martin on February 24, 1977. Present were Janet Martin, Sherwin Start Paul Howard, Carl Schmidt, Harold Rogers, Raymond Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

Sherry submitted his resignation as Trustee due to his coming Transfer to Utah with the U. S. F. S. A motion was made by Janet,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Cont.)

seconded by Harold to nominate Ray to act as Trustee at March 26, meeting. This was approved. If the new by-laws of the G.M.C. are voted upon at the Annual meeting unless we have 151 Adult Members, our Section will have only one Trustee, Rachael Charland. A discussion was held about replacing directors and Carl will contact Jim Frink to see if he will be willing to accept a position as director to replace Sherry Start.

An intersectional meeting will be held on March 10 to work on getting more specific ideas on paper, activities both day and night scheduled and list of fees discussed.

Sherry suggested constructing a small box for a shelter to hold a supply of small trash bags and information for hikers to use them to carry out their trash. It was decided this would be done on a trial basis at Pico, Sunnyside and Clarendon Shelters.

Carl spoke about trying to establish a file card system of all hikes taken and giving along all important details such as; length, difficulty, type of terrain, good for winter or summer. Also a topographical map showing route taken.

The new brochures are just waiting for the photo negatives to be recieved at which time they will be printed.

by W. Churchill Scott

February 24, 1977

HIKE SCHEDULE CHANGES

by W. Churchill Scott

The leaving time for Hazen's Notch hike is changed to 6:00 P.M. Friday, April 29 due to the long distance to be traveled before spotting cars and hiking. All interested persons please take notice.

MERICK FOREST WEEKEND

May 7th. and 8th.

Those who do not participate in the May 7th part of the Merick Forest Weekend, and still want to attend the Flower Identification Hike on Sunday, May 8th will meet at the Kontolski Firestation on Sunday, May 8, 1977 at 10 A.M. and will join the others at Merick Forest.

UPCOMING HIKES

SUNDAY, April 17, 1977 at 9 A.M. Leader: W. C. Scott.

This is a medium to difficult hike for all those working on their End-to-End. We will

UPCOMING HIKES (Cont.)

hike from Brandon Gap south to Logan Shelter and the New Boston Trail about 9 miles.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, April 29-May 1, 6 P.M. Leader: Rachael Charland.

Please note the change of time for this hike to the Hazen Notch area. We plan to stay at Jay Camp Friday spot car at Hazens Notch, hike north from Route 118 to overnight at Tillotsow Camp.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, May 7 and 8, 9 A.M.

Leaders: Janet Martin and W. C. Scott

Lets everybody get out for a spring hike to one of our favorite spots. It is hoped that hikers will come for just the day Saturday or Sunday to enjoy the many varied trails and learn about flower identification. (See notice for those attending only Sunday)

SATURDAY, June 4, 9 A.M. Leader: Rob Carey

Here is another mystery hike to be led by Rob. As always he has promised to make this one of his best so lets all get out and hike.

SUNDAY, June 19, 9 A.M. Leader: Jim Frink

This hike to New Hampshire's Mt. Monadnock will be a very interesting trip made more so by the knowledge that Jim has of the geological formation.

TRAIL RESTORATION PARTIES

To continue the damage repair done by hurricane Belle there are a number of scheduled parties. On April 23, May 14, June 5, 11, and 18 and 25. Lets all try to help all we can.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

By Paul Howard

Some time ago, this writer suggested that a member of the Killington Section, G.M.C. be picked as our PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK, and a short history be written.

However, difficulty in finding personalities that want to be interviewed and entered in this column have been very difficult to find and the time and effort necessary to produce this column has made it necessary for this writer to discontinue the article.

I would like to see the article reactivated. If some member of our Section wishes to take the responsibility of finding and interviewing a person, I will be more than happy to include it in SMOKE AND BLAZES. Any interested member, please do not hesitate to contact me at 773-6070 or 775-0716 during working hours.

I think the article was liked and I hope that I can get a volunteer !

Smoke and Blazes

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GMC ANNUAL MEETING - May 28, 1977
Keewaydin Camp, Lake Dunmore, Vt.
By Ray Catozzi

This report will include items that concern the Killington Section mostly, and mostly as I did not take many notes, thinking the official minutes of the meeting would be available now. They aren't!

The revised by-laws were passed. The Key Item here is the new allotment of trustees (directors) from the various sections based on one director for each 100 members (adult) or majority fraction thereof. So with our 100 more or less members, we are able to have only one director representing us on the board. Rachael Charleand is the one director who will be staying on the job.

Another interesting item was the announcement that the main club has acquired liability insurance with a blanket coverage for all the sections of the club located in Vermont. The Killington Section has had fire insurance on its shelters for a number of years, but to my knowledge, no liability insurance, which seems to be needed in more and more areas of human activity every year. Details as to how the cost will be borne out haven't been worked out yet, but one method suggested was cost based on a club's membership. Joseph Frank, a lawyer from Burlington, who was elected the G.M.C. President for the coming year, engineered the insurance deal, and he says he really got a bargain for the coverage offered. This is not why he was elected President, by the way, he was Vice President the past two years.

In the Section reports it came out more and more often, when telling of their programs, of the upsurge in cross country skiing. Many of the sections are attracting many new members by placing ski touring on their winter schedules. This was talked about in our Killington Section board meetings a couple of times, and it was agreed that we, too, should include more of this pleasant method of winter hiking. Our new schedule, to be out soon, will reflect this trend.

Other sections of the club experienced much erosion on their parts of the trail last year,

but in talking to various section members after the meeting, I felt that the Killington Section of the trail was hit the hardest. We should be all grateful to our ex-Trails Chairman, Sherwin Start, for the tremendous amount of work he himself did, plus the amount he got out of the rest of us, in restoring our badly damaged mileage to the reasonably good condition it is in today.

The Annual Meeting of the Main Club is always an interesting affair, with talking and comparing notes with hikers, walkers and backpackers from all over the northeast. It is also sad and too bad that more Killington Section members don't attend, especially when it is held so close to Rutland most of the time. Bob Carey and I were the only Killington Section members present. If there were others, I didn't notice them.

RUTLAND LIONS CLUB HOME AND SPORTSMAN SHOW
May 13, 14 and 15, - Mandigo Arena.
By Carl Schmidt

Thanks to Alderman's Cheverlot, who donated a \$100.00 booth, the Killington Section was represented at the Rutland Lions Club Home and Sportsman's show held on May 13, 14 and 15, 1977 at the Mandigo Arena. Although we only had a week's notice, enough Section members (and some of their hiking friends) were found to staff the booth throughout the show. Nancy Schmidt and others put together an excellent presentation of GMC interests and objectives, from all season hiking to trail shelter maintenance. Guide books - the old edition - were sold at a discount. Killington Section schedules and many items of GMC literature were made available to the public. Those who staffed the booth enjoyed many free samples of pretzels and potato chips from the Charle's Chips people next door; unfortunately, Schlitz didn't have a booth in the show.

TRAIL BLAZING
By Wes Weston

What in blazes has blazing to do with Smoke and Blazes? Well, it so happens that a week ago Thursday (6/23), the author and one Mauri Wintturi and I did a stretch of the Long Trail from Route 140 in E. Wallingford to near

TRAIL BLAZING (Continued)

Sunnyside Camp, along with Chris Guerra, in the process of trail blazing. In the caos of the auther, it was a lesson in "Trail Blazing" with Porfessor Wintturi calling the shots. I learned from him on this occasion. BUT, what we found out in the process of our endeavors was that there was plenty of work on the Trail aside from blazing. We found several blowdowns and had we been four or five in number instead of three, the extra members could have cleared the obstructions. He or I can not vouch for the rest of the Trail committed to our charge, but much could be done in this sector. Come out and see us sometime.

BENNINGTON-KILLINGTON SECTIONS HIKE TO

MT. AEOLUS

By Rachael Charland

On July 30, 1977, only three members of the Killington Section met with Bennington Section members and climbed (Mt. Aeolus) Green Peak. Thom Bailey of Bennington Section led the group as they explored the site of the first Marble quarry in that area; a bat cave and finally the summit of the mountain. Wonder where the hikers were that like to explore and climb new mountains!

TRAIL AND SHELTER RESTORATION REPORT

By Ray Catozzi, Trails & Sheler Chairman

Good Friday in April A walk into Sunnyside Camp revealed two smashed sash and about 12 broken lights of glass, an obvious job of vandalism. Nothing was done at this time but to cover the openings with large trash bags.

Saturday, May 21 Hike to Black Pond was cancelled. A trail work party was substituted for the Bucklin Trail. But that trip was cancelled due to personal work schedule.

Saturday, May 14 Mauri Wintturi and Wes Weston ambled into Tucker-Johnson Shelter to inspect it. Privy needs 1 whole new wall, and some bunk repair needed. This same day Carl Schmidt, Bill Catozzi and I cleared trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp. Another smashed sash (all the glass gone) was removed from Pico and brought into Rutland for replacement or repair.

Sunday June 5 Into Sunnyside again to remove the two broken sash and bring to Rutland for repair.

Saturday, June 11 Back to the trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp for more grooming. Bob Carey, Rachael Charland and I worked this trip. The stove was removed from the camp, and the window that was taken out to be repaired, was re-installed. This

window was repaired by using semi-rigid clear plastic instead of glass, as an experiment and we hope it works.

Saturday, June 25 Mauri Wintturi, Carl Schmidt, Rachael Charland and a Killington Section member living in the Boston Area, (the name escapes me) and I headed back into Sunnyside Camp to clear trail from there to Route 140. Glass was brought in to replace broken glass (in the undamaged sash) but Mauri Wintturi, Bob Carey and Paul Howard had already made a trip in and done the job. The extra glass was then stored under the bunks and behind the front riser. Mauri stayed here at Sunnyside and dug out the spring to make it more serviceable, while the other four headed south with the trail tools.

Wednesday, June 29 Another late evening walk into Sunnyside with the two repaired windows (replaced four 8"X12" lights of glass with one 16"X24" light in both windows - glass was donated by Carmote Paint Store) All the windows in Sunnyside are repaired now; only minor things are left undone.

With many thanks to Bob Paradise, caretaker at Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak, our section of the trail from Pico Camp, where we had left off June 11, all the way to Gov. Clement Shelter has been cleared, including blowdowns. This is a tremendous help to our trail crews. Last year's caretaker, Cecelia Elwert, did the same outstanding job for us. At last word, Bob is Blue Blazing the Pico Loop Trail, and he might do the Bucklin Trail, too. Killington Section supplied the paint. On Saturday August 13, there is work party scheduled and Bucklin Trail will be cleared to go with new blue blazes.

This leaves us about 9 miles of trail left to clear before the Intersectional, from Gov. Clement Shelter to Sunnyside. Some of this is on roads, and most of it is in fairly good shape, so we think a couple of trips out will put our section of the Long Trail, 21 miles, in good condition for the rest of the year.

SMOKE AND BLAZES By Paul Howard

The deadline for getting in information for the next issure of SMOKE AND BLAZES will be no later than September 15, 1977. This issue is late for two reasons, I did not get the reports in time, and my business work load has been very heavy. I regret that, although I will not let our section down, I am ready to retire from Editor of SMOKE AND BLAZES, and any interested member that would like to take over, please contact President Carl Schmidt or Churchill Scott.

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL
AUGUST 27 Through Sept 5
1977

TAMARACK NOTCH

A report from Janet Martin, Chairwoman.

The intersectional is shaping up well. Hike leaders have been obtained for all hikes. If not staying at Camp they should report to the Staff House (where Registration is held) at least ten minutes before the scheduled departure time.

The Breakfast to be put on by Killington Section on September 3rd. is pretty well covered but we could use a few more diswashers ! !

Our last big call for help is for workers to man the registration table. Only one evening volunteer so far and three day-time dates covered (Aug 27, Aug 31 and Sept. 4). We need you. . . this is a job "retired hikers" would enjoy . . a pleasant setting, cool refreshing mountain air, and you meet the nicest people. Give me a call 773-8621, if no answer, try 773-6740 which is the number of Tamarack Notch Office., if you have some free time. We need people for morning (9:00 AM to 12:30 PM) afternoon (12:30 PM to 5:30 PM); evening (5:30 PM to 9:00 PM)Aug. 27 through Sept. 5 (morning only at last day.)

Jack Martin also needs a few volunteer rubbish men to collect trash after supper each night and on the first day to put out trash barrels, etc. and a final cleanup crew. . . we are borrowing latrines from Girl Scout Camp and these must be dismantled and filled in on Labor Day as well as picking up site. If you can help with this please let him know . . . Telephone Number above.

There was a final Committee meeting at 7 Curtis Avenue. on August 2nd.

We have an Auction scheduled for Thursday September 1st. so check your attics. If you can't bring items to Camp the week of the Intersectional, please leave at Martins the week of August 22-26. Call me if you can't get your auction items to us and I will arrange for pick-up.

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MERCK FOREST, RUPERT VERMONT
By Churchill Scott

Our semi-annual trip to Merck Forest was favored with one of the best week-ends of spring. Warm weather, blue sky and perfect visibility.

Saturday was spent hiking and sunning. Ray Catozzi, Rachael Charland and Churchill Scott climbed Mt. Antone to enjoy the distant Adirondacs and nearby Tocomic Range. Spring flowers were in great abundance, mainly leeks Dog Tooth Violets (Trout Lillies) Dutchman's Breeches and Spring Beauties.

During our descent a very inquisitive Scarlet Tano entertained us for a long time. Next we finally swung around Beebe Pond and home where Carol and Miss Austin drove a deer into the front yard to everyone's amazement and enjoyment.

On Sunday, Jack and Janet brought a group for the day was conducted an interesting flower

identification trip to a different area than normally covered.

It was good to see so many new people join us on such a beautiful day. We believe it was the most since mid-winter Pine Hill walk.

MAIN CLUB GMC OFFICE REPORT
By Larry Van Meter

A very hectic summer means that this report for SMOKE AND BLAZES will be pretty brief. As you all know, the Caretaker and Ranger-Naturalist Programs are being run essentially the same as they were last year. The Long Trail patrol, however, is larger than ever - two separate eight-person crews. Both crews are concentrating on chronic problem areas in the north, although we do hope to get the cribbing replaced at Clarendon Gorge before the end of the summer.

MAIN CLUB GMC OFFICE REPORT (Continued)

Other activities this summer include the distribution of the new Guide Book, working with Bennington Section on the new Nauheim Shelter just north of Route 9, and continuing to look for new office. The Long Trail Lodge has at last been sold, and the new owners are not interested in having the GMC set up offices at Sherburne Pass. The focus is now on the Winooski Valley.

One item with which the Club has had limited involvement, but which will certainly have impact on the Killington Section is the prospective acquisition of all private lands along the Appalachian Trail by the National Park Service. The full implications of having the Killington Section stretch of the Long Trail owned by the Federal Government rather than by relatively passive private landowners is difficult to predict.

As many of you already know, I will be leaving shortly after the Intersectional to return to school. I've thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the Club and particularly with the Killington Section, of which I am a member (and intend to remain a member !!). My successor will be Steve Rice, with whom I have worked for several years. Steve and I have both been involved in the same U.S. Forest Service Backcountry Research Program in Durham, N.H., and he brings a good knowledge of the Long Trail with him (a two time End-to-End'er!).

I'm sure you will show Steve the same warm hospitality and cooperation you showed me when I first arrived in Rutland two years ago, Thanks again !!

HAZENS NOTCH SOUTH TO ROUTE # 118

On Friday evening, April 29th., at 6:00 PM the sky was very clear and blue and cloudless in Rutland. However, after passing through Morrisville later on that same day it began to rain and then the rain became mixed with snow and then SNOW! There was really a blizzard atop Route #142 as we parked the car and unloaded our gear in preparation for a short hike to Jay Peak Camp. We were lucky, just as quickly as the blizzard had begun, it stopped and the moon shone through long enough for us to hunt up wood and start a fire at the camp. Throughout the night the wind blew and snow fell leaving on the ground approximately 2½ inches. Saturday morning we spotted two cars, one at Hazens Notch and another at Route #118. Began hiking at Hazens Notch at 9:45 A.M. and struggled southward - - - snow was very evident everywhere, from 3 feet to 5 feet deep making the travel-

ing rather difficult, at a 45° hill angle, to Navigate. Blazes were difficult to find and much time was lost trying to find them. When we did find blazes they were real old and faintly visible. As we climbed the ridge to Haystack Mt. bear tracks were clearly visible as well as porcupine and many times we frightened the birds enough to cause them to frighten us by their thundering flight. We arrived at Tilliston Camp, all of us with wet boots, socks and well seasoned with "dropping into holes" of the soft snow. The outhouse at Tilliston is new and if it had been larger we would have craped in it since it would have been in better condition than the shelter itself. No stove so we hung our socks for decoration, prepared our supper and built a fire outside to get ourselves warm before bedtime.

Sunday morning about 7:45 A.M. we headed for Belvidere Mt. and the same thing was true of this trail, THE LACK OF BLAZES! We were well equipped with topo maps and bushwacked much of the distance to the top of this mountain. The Fire Tower still waves in the wind and there is a resemblance of a cabin there too. Since Sunday was much warmer than the previous day we all took off our socks and went barefoot on the bare ground while our socks dried on the hot rocks. Signs were visible calling this area, Rock City. After a leisurely luncheon hour or so we were happy to don DRY Socks for the descent to Route 118. Two young people who had climbed from Route 118 indicated that they too, had had a most difficult time finding the blazes and said to follow their footprints in the snow. Oh, yes, snow was still on the western side of the mountain too. There is a logging operation at the lower end of this trail and tops of trees had been thrown with abandonment over the Long Trail making it impossible to use. However, it was with welcome relief to see bare ground many flowers, trilliums, trout lilies, spring beauties and numerous ferns were a delight to behold. This trip I think convinced the Hike Scheduling Committee that Spring DOES NOT ARRIVE ON MAY 1st. in the NORTHEAST KINGDOM. I wish to thank my friends for helping me over this difficult part of the Long Trail.

Rachael Charland

Remember, deadline for next issue:

SEPTEMBER 15, 1977

MONADNOCK STATE PARK, June 19.

By Jim Frink

On Sunday, June 19, 9:00 AM (should have been 8:00 AM) the hikers assembled at the Fire House. Rachael Charland, Bob Carey, Joe Catozzi with his father Ray, Bernie Donahue and I drove to Mt. Monadnock State Park and paid 50¢ per head entrance fee. (Joey got a free ride).

We climbed the cascades, Red Dot, and Pumbelly trails to the summit - high and very windy. It was a beautiful day, blue sky, sunshine and widely spaced beautiful white clouds. The trails we took to the summit were steep in places, but not difficult over all. They were very well blazed with yellow dots for the first, red dots in white circles for the second, and rock cairns (above the timberline) for the third. In the woods, mosquitos were ferocious, but on the exposed rocks the high wind blew them away. The summit is only 3,165 feet but affords a 360° marvelous view.

This mountain is an old volcano composed of hard lava flows which have resisted corrosion until all the surrounding country has been worn away leaving the neck of the volcano exposed. The word "Monadnock" is a geological term describing a volcano formation rising out of surrounding level country-side.

Southeast of the one we climbed is "Little Monadnock Mountain" - elevation 1883 feet. There is one in the far northeast corner of Vermont but I can't find it on any of the Vermont maps I have now.

We came down, after an hour for lunch and relaxation, over the "white dot" trail, the shortest and steepest route. The upper part all over bare glacial smoothed rock descends at an average angle of about 50 degrees! Sit down and slide is an answer to many of the very steep sections.

Since the mountain is an old volcano, the rock is solidified lava. When the volcano stops erupting, the lava flows cool very quickly which results in the fine grained igneous rock called basalt. The various lava flows, of varying thickness, are evident near the summit of the mountain where all the rocks are exposed. There are rocks which feldspar phenocrysts and many with andalusite crystals changing to muscovite. A few hollow pyromophite crystals were noted.

About half way down the mountain some mica schist were observed which remained from

the eroded rocks which surround the volcano. Many wide veins of quartz have solidified in the cracks of the basalt where the silica bearing liquids deposited them. Some of the lava splashes are so rich in iron that they rust on the surface.

The last glaciation approaching from the northeast has polished and rounded the basalt into domes which have the typical granit shape but there are only a few dykes of granit to be found. The rocks at the southwest are vertical cliffs of the columnar basalt which form in the neck of a volcano.

This was a most interesting, enjoyable, and educational hike for me. The weather was perfect, and I hope the others enjoyed it as much as I did.

DIRECTORS MEETING G.M.C. (Unscheduled)
By Rachael Charland - K.S. Director

A special G.M.C. Directors meeting was held Saturday, July 30, 1977 at the Bardwell Hotel. The meeting began with a few minutes of Silent Prayer for Mrs. Barbara Vielle, who drowned on May 28th.

President Joseph Frank gave the Directors one minute to scan the Minutes of the Annual meeting held on May 28th. at Camp Keewyden. Larry Van Meter's report concerning the services of the Rangers, Trail Crew and Caretakers brought out the fact that there is still much trail work to be performed on the Long Trail. He recommended better communication between the Trail Patrol and Section Volunteers so that the Long Trail could be better serviced.

After carefully considering all of the applications submitted for the position of Executive Secretary for the G.M.C., President Frank submitted the name of Steven Rice of Stowe, Vt. Steve is a Forestry Major and also has a degree in Journalism. His extensive Survey of the Long Trail coupled with the photographic album were available to the Directors during the morning recess. This survey has been used during the past months in connection with determining much needed repairs to both Shelter areas and the Trail.

Present Directors unanimously voted that Steve be given the post of Executive Secretary of G.M.C. on August 22nd. Larry Van Meter after that date will begin his college studies in Rochester, New York.

The proposed idea of having a Fall Trail Crew, presented by Larry drew much discussion by the Directors. Members of the Summer Patrol indicated that even though a great

DIRECTORS MEETING, GMC (Continued)

deal of work has been accomplished this summer, there is considerable more to do.

After a delicious Roast Beef luncheon, the Directors resumed their discussion of the proposal of hiring a Field Supervisor. It was indicated by both President Frank and Executive Secretary, Larry VanMeter, that such an employee was needed as at the present time, as there are 45 employees working in various sections of the Trail. Not only is it time consuming for one person to oversee the Trail Section Problems as they occur but literally impossible to combine such duties with extemporaneous speech making and still manage the busy Rutland Office. As much as 60 to 80 hours per week has been the workload of our present Executive Secretary.

Harry Peet, Jr. who has been in charge of the Caretaker Program, was recommended by the President for this position. All of the Directors were in full agreement that a Field Supervisor was needed and Harry Peet, Jr. will begin his duties as of January 1, 1978.

Since the recent sale of the Long Trail Lodge, plans for a GMC office in that area have been cancelled. A heated discussion followed as to various locations recommended for this office. Final agreement was reached that the Executive Advisory Board members seek a new G.M.C. office site in the Winooski Valley. Harry Peet stressed the known fact that there is more trail traffic at Sherburne Pass and Jonesville than at any other point or junction of the Trail and that office at one of these points would greatly enhance the usefulness of our G.M.C. office.

Western planned trips were discussed and the Directors agreed to sponsor such trips in the future. It is hoped that more GMC members will take advantage of these ventures in the future.

Tentative Committee Sections announced by President Frank and Lester A. Vielle will be the Trails and Shelters Chairman and Earl Williams will chair the Guidebook Committee. Killington Section's Director, Rachael Charland will be Chairman of the End-to-End committee and serving with her are End-to-Enders: Betty Staack, Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott.

All Sections have been requested to make suggestions for the next Annual Meeting as well as the NEXT INTERSECTIONAL SITE. Meeting was adjourned at 4:14 P.M.

PUTNAM POND TO ROCK POND, N.Y.

July 8, 9, and 10

By Ray Catozzi

This 2 night, 2 day trip, of less than 4 miles took us into a beautiful low-hills-many-ponds area S. W. of Ticonderoga. Rachael Charland drove my son Bill and I to Putnam State Park on Fri. Evening. We 3 hiked the 1.7 miles in to Rock Pond, using flashlights the last .7 mile. Our timing was to beat the Week-end crowd to the 2 shelters in the area. The 1st one was filled, and the second one we could not find, as it is located on a tiny adjacent pond, reached by confusing trail junctions. We found it the next day, but having a 3 man tent with us, saved the night.

Saturday morning dawned bright and beautiful. We moved the tent far out on a rocky point of the island. All similar to the island in our Little Rock Pond in Danby on the L.T. It is 20 feet away from the main shore and this 20 feet of shallow water is spanned by 2 small logs, one of which rolled under Bill's feet and dumped him into 8" of pilywog filled water.

Would have made a good picture, but I pulled him up out of the water quickly as he was weighed down by the pack and was relatively helpless. He dried out soon.

The day was spent with a long walk around the pond, going by an abandoned iron mine. At the far end of the pond, we basked in the sun, while eating lunch, then continued our trek around the pond, with a swim in mind at our campsite, but clouds, coolness, and threatening rain cancelled this.

Sunday was another perfect day. We packed our lunches and hiked to the far end of the pond again, where the outlet is located. A trail leads down this brook and at the $\frac{1}{2}$ way mark is a beautiful 40' water fall. Leaving the brook trail we bushwacked up the north slope of Peaked Hill, a 1900 ft open top hill with nice views of the surrounding country. Here on the open rocky hill we gored ourselves on ripe blueberries, and picked some for home. Back at our campsite, Bill and I went for a swim, with Rachael packing for the hike out. We were home at 9:30 P.M., the end of an enjoyable and interesting trip. It would have been much more fun if more people had gone. Where were all the Killington Section backpackers? It seems that only a small handful have turned out for the last 3 or 4 overnight trips. (Editor's note: The above article was shortened for space reasons, hope the author will forgive me.)

HAVE A GOOD DAY

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

1977 - 1978

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and time listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice President, 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	TIME	PLACE	LEADER	MILES TOTAL	
Sat., Sept. 17.....	9:00 a.m.	Blue Ridge Mountain.....	R. Catozzi.....	4.0	M
Sun., Oct. 1.....	1:00 p.m.	Valiquette Memorial Hike.....	J. Valiquette...	4.0	E
Sun., Oct. 16.....	9:00 a.m.	High Pond.....	Bob and Cindy Gibbs.....	4.0	E
Sat., Oct. 29).....	8:00 a.m.	Backpacking - Route 118 to Parker Camp.....	C. Scott.....	9.7	D
Sun., Oct. 30)					
Sat., Nov. 5.....	10:00 a.m.	Chatuguay Gold Mine.....	C. Scott.....	4.0	E
Sat., Nov. 19.....	9:00 a.m.	Danby Marble Quarry.....	J. Frink.....	3.0	E
*Sat., Dec. 3).....	8:00 a.m.	Backpacking - Parker Shelter to Barrows.....	C. Scott.....	7.2	D
Sun., Dec. 4)					
Mon., Dec. 26.....	6:00 p.m.	Moonlight Hike and Christmas Party.....	R. Catozzi.....		E
**Sat., Jan. 7.....	9:30 a.m.	Shrewsbury area - Ski Tour and Snowshoeing.....	C. Schmidt.....	3.0	E
Sat., Jan. 14.....	7:00 p.m.	Annual Killington Section meeting Universalist-Unitarian Church.....			
**Sun., Jan. 29.....	9:00 a.m.	Ski Touring and Snowshoeing.....	B. Staack.....	3.0	E

*Area may be changed due to snow condition.

**Location to be published at a later date.

Degree of Difficulty: E - Easy (Good for Children)
M - Medium
D - Difficult (Mostly Long Mileage)

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REMEMBER:

Special Main Club Membership Meeting: January 14, 1978, 1:00 P.M. -Hotel Bardwell
Killington Section Annual Meeting: Same day, 7:00 P.M. -Unitarian-Universalist Church

REPORT ON 1977 INTERSECTIONAL

Killington Section was host to the 1977 Intersectional at Tamarack Notch Aug. 27 to Sept. 5. Unfortunately attendance was down considerably from 1976 with just 111 individual campers registered..this was made up of 52 camper units (individual or family) and 10 visitors who did not stay overnight. Visitors were mostly from Killington Section and were people who came up to help on some part of the activities.

Each day there were several hikes scheduled for campers to choose from. Most popular hikes were trips to Vt's highest waterfall, Cavendish Gorge, and Blue Ridge. Two of the Long Trail hikes were cancelled for lack of interest..those involving the most travel.

The trail restoration trips recruited a few workers who put in a total of 34 work hours on our section of the Long Trail as follows: repaired and replaced, as needed, waterbars at Clarendon Gorge Bridge approach; went to Gov. Clement and worked up trail repairing and resetting waterbars and brushed trail for two miles above the shelter..to the point where two brooks cross the trail.

Evening programs included two square dances, an evening of very old slides which Jack Martin managed to project with an overhead projector followed by some pictures from other Intersectionals in the 50ties and 60ties; Dave Langlois gave a talk and demonstration of leave-no-trace camping and equipment; Tiny Hare presented some worldwide travel slides; we had an auction which earned \$33.73; a talent night and a magic show. The highlight of the letter was the presentation of a gift to Minerva Hinchey from the Killington Section of some Vermont scenic placemats and a Vermont Bicentennial Plate.

The Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest Corp. members put on a scrumptious dinner the first Sunday and Killington Section an equally delicious breakfast on the second Saturday which netted us \$35.64.

Unfortunately the low attendance meant we ended with a deficit in spite of our money-raising efforts and donations from Mauri Wintturi, Bob Poole, and the Martins. (NOTE: The Main Club reimbursed us for this deficit.)

In closing I wish to thank the rest of my Committee: Ray Catozzi, Harold Rogers, Wes Weston, Rachael Charland, Carl Schmidt, Vera Perkins, Thelma Valiquette, and Paul Howard, and my husband Jack and daughters Nancy and Betsy and son David who put on the magic show. Also the following members who worked on registration or lead hikes; Nancy Schmidt, Carol Chapman, Betty Staack, Bob Carey, Bob Carpenter, Larry Van Meter, Frank Bequert, Jim Frink, Churchill Scott, and Rick Davies. The following also helped on the breakfast: Veda Knipes, Ann and George Reynolds, and Bettina Roulier. Smoke and Blazes Editor Paul Howard also helped by printing up our flyers and maps. Many thanks to all of you.

Janet Martin, Chairperson
1977 Intersectional

BAD NEWS ISSUE

By Carl Schmidt, Killington Section President

Unfortunately, this issue of Smoke and Blazes contains many items that might not be too pleasing to our membership.

1. Our old friend, Wes Weston, has moved back down South after having returned to Rutland for a few months. His contributions to the GMC will be sorely missed.

2. The Main Club office has moved from Rutland to Montpelier. There will be a special meeting of GMC members at the Hotel Bardwell on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1978, at 1:00 P.M. to give official sanction to this move (per the GMC Charter, Headquarters are officially in Rutland).

3. Your Section's Board of Directors established a Budget Committee, which quickly discovered that our Section finances were in a very bad state of decline; a long article follows. Part of our problems are tied in with the dues structure of the Main Club. The dues situation will be discussed at the above mentioned Main Club meeting, afternoon session, on Jan. 14 AND at the Section's annual meeting at 7:00 P.M. THE SAME DATE at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, Rutland. We urge as many members as possible to attend both meetings.

4. The Intersectional at Tamarack was an artistic success but a financial failure.

5. Our Trail Restoration efforts (together with the absence of severe floods) have temporarily slowed down the deterioration of the trails in our Section. But the increasing popularity of hiking and backpacking during the last few years seems to have resulted in far more trail 'users' than 'helpers'. Despite excellent coverage of hiking and GMC activities by newspapers and radio stations, we just aren't attracting enough solid new members to carry on the work and enjoyment that have been the dual goals of the Killington Section for so many years.

NEWS BRIEFS OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD IN OCTOBER AT VERMONT STATE SKI LODGE

By Ray Catozzi and Rachael W. Charland,
Killington Section Directors

Better communications promised between Main Club and the Sections concerning trails and shelters work that both might be involved in...such as the Clarendon Gorge Bridge and the caretaker in our Section.

GMC Office moving to Montpelier after being in Rutland for its entire life--sixty years! Bulk of Main Club business and work is centered further north now, they say.

Minerva Hinchey honored at luncheon break of GMC Directors meeting.

Usage of LT down in Southern part of LT and up in the Northern part. LT Patrol has done much trail work way up North where it has been neglected for too long.

Western expedition to be sponsored and publicized by GMC for any and all members for next summer. Six hundred dollars for an eleven day trip including round trip air fare. A BARGAIN!

1978 Intersectional, and possibly GMC Annual Meeting to be in Southern part of state, possibly in the Bennington area.

HIKE SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Jan. 29 hike has been changed to Feb. 5 at 9 A.M. Betty Staack will lead this ski and snowshoe tour.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN, OLD CANTY TRAIL

By Rachael Charland, substituting for
Ray Catozzi
September 17, 1977

Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9:00 A.M. was another wet, drizzly day, yet three ambitious individuals climbed Blue Ridge Mountain, a small mountain compared to nearby Killington. It used to be called the Old Cauty Trail as it winds upward of 3,278 feet and most of the trail runs alongside beautiful, roaring, powerful cascades. At the very top of the cascades a logging bridge has been built and points the way toward still another entrance to these most unusual woods of large tooth-heart shaped aspens, yellow birches, spruce and balsams. It was rather impossible to view Coolidge Range or the Adirondacks as a fine mist settled over the summit as we hastily munched our lunches. Anna Nyiri's sharp eyes found many patches of colorful lichen amid the rocks and fallen lengths of wood. Fallen leaves made the descent rather slippery in many spots but with Jim Frink leading the return trip to Route #4, we all arrived safely at our vehicle and for a few minutes the rain actually stopped!

HIGH PCND, HUBBARDTON

By Robert Gibbs
October 16, 1977

On one of the few good days of this autumn, seven hikers made a leisurely tour to a dark blue hidden lake, then to a high bluff overlooking Lake Bomoseen. There were many white-blazed trails to lead out-of-state

hunters safely back to their cabins, and many signs of a large deer population.

FOOTBATH IN THE WILDERNESS: #118 SOUTH TO PARKER CAMP

By Ray Catozzi, substituting for Churchill Scott
October 29 and 30, 1977

Only three GMO hikers enjoyed the beautiful fall weather on a backpacking trip from Route 118 (Ritterbush) to Route 15 (Parker): Greg Bostock, Rachael W. Charland, and Ray Catozzi. We met two hikers on the trail who were taking pictures especially of Devil's Gulch; mildly dangerous, with wet boulders and wet leaves to crawl up and over. The hikers were from Montreal and had been there one week before without any success because of the poor weather conditions. This man also is a member of the Montreal Ski Patrol. Wet leaves did cling to the rocks making one's footing unsteady at times. There were many stretches of beautiful hard wood trees. We had lunch on a rock overlooking Ritterbush Pond and could hear the whine of an electric chainsaw in the distance as well as reports or a gun at intervals. Since Ritterbush shelter does not have a stove, all of the cooking was done outside and enjoyed in the light of the harvest moon Saturday evening. Frost was glistening on every bush and tree in the morning as we packed up and headed for Parker Camp. Bowen Mountain seemed much steeper than Butternut, probably because of the two peaks being so close together. There was a gradual climb up Butternut Mountain but the descent was another problem, especially in darkness. Parker Shelter was a most welcome sight as a warm fire welcomed us as well as the dog and the couple who were cooking steak. Another 1.5 miles brought us to the car without much difficulty.

CHATAGUAY GOLD MINE

By Churchill Scott
November 5, 1977

This hike had one of the biggest turnouts in recent years -48 people. It seems as though we were joined by the entire Bennington Section and all their friends. There were many amateur (and professional) geologists along, complete with rock hammers, specimen sacks, and head lights. We had many enjoyable explanations as to why we weren't likely to find gold, and everyone had a good time not finding any.

BACKPACKING--ROUTE #9 TO COUNTY ROAD

By Rachael Charland, substituting for Churchill Scott
December 3 and 4, 1977

Up, up from Route #9, not the stairway to the stars but to Harmon Hill! Next on the winding trail to Congdon Shelter we met 2 youthful N. H. hikers who stated they have often camped at Congdon. This shelter was very comfortable and with a good stove! About 2½ inches of snow fell during the night. We crossed numerous roads enroute to Stamford Stream; the trail running alongside the brook was the forerunner of a climb to Sucker Pond Trail and Scrub Hill. We could hear the musical hum of the powerlines even before we reached that area as the wind was really rushing across that section. Lunch was a hasty affair sheltered in a clump of trees just beyond the power line. Descending now to County Road and then our big mistake of the day! We walked many miles on West Road instead of the County Road until we met a most obliging homesteader on West Road who took us to my car on County Road--not only did he assist us with a ride but helped with starting the car and saw us safely on our way before he departed --a real Vermont Good Samaritan.

MOONLIGHT HIKE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Rob Carey (Hike leader, Ray Catozzi)
December 26, 1977

The Killington Section ended the year on a dramatic note. Thirty-seven people went into Sunnyside Camp for a combined moonlight hike and Christmas party. Lou Catozzi and I went in during the afternoon to cut wood, and got a fire going to warm the camp and heat the water. Timing was excellent, as the water had just come to a boil when the rest of the group arrived. When the camp seemed full, with about 15 people in, Lou said there were still more outside than in. We got the entire group, all 37, in. It was cozy and kept the camp nice and warm. Although we were short of cups everyone was able to have a hot drink. Many people brought and shared cookies and other food. Several sang Christmas carols, adding to the Christmas spirit. There was an excellent full moon for the hike and it was not too cold. We hope to see many of these new people at the annual meeting and other hikes, and maybe at a work party or two.

We regret to announce that Paul Howard has resigned as Editor of Smoke and Blazes. Our thanks to Paul for all the time and work he has put in on this newsletter.

DUES INCREASE

The Killington Section dues have to be increased. Right now, our dues do not come near to meeting our annual expenses. Following is a breakdown of those expenses, which must be shared among our 100 adult members. These expenses are the average for the last four years; they are not padded to provide for the inflationary cycle our country is in. At the right of these figures is the minimum amount that the section directors think we can live with.

		Average: 4 Years	Lowest Cost
A. <u>Basic Killington Section expenses</u>			
1. Trails and shelters, insurance		175	175
2. <u>Smoke & Blazes</u>		114	100
3. Outings (schedules, food, coffee, etc.)		115	90
4. Postage, telephone, secretary's expenses		84	75
5. Miscellaneous (annual meeting, etc.)		20	20
		<hr/> 508	<hr/> 460
B. <u>Expenses related to Main Club</u>			
1. Dues (100 adult members @ \$3)		300	300
2. Caretaker at Cooper Lodge		150	75
		<hr/> 450	<hr/> 375
TOTALS		958	835

As you can see, our average expenses per member are now \$9.58, and probably can't go much lower than \$8.35. Things get even more complex when you realize that many of our 100 adult members are senior citizens or 'spouses', who do not pay the present full membership cost (\$4.50).

One of the major expenses, Main Club dues, is an open item on the Main Club's agenda, and they are aware of our situation. Certain expenses, such as Trails and Shelters, are part of our basic reason for existence--anyone can hike the trail free, as long as the trail is there; the GMC ensures that the trail will be there for our children. Other expenses, such as Outings, help us to enjoy the trail and recruit new members. But spare dollars are hard to come by for all of us.

Dues of six other Vermont sections range from a low of \$5.00 to a high of \$7.50, and many are considering dues increases. The New York section charges \$12.00. Few sections carry the Trails and Shelters load that we do.

The entire financial situation will be discussed at length at the Section's annual meeting in January before setting a new dues schedule. To help us do this, an initial ballot will be taken at the meeting. A sample ballot is shown below (there will be extra ballots at the meeting). The Board will then propose the new dues structure for the membership's approval.

If you cannot attend the annual meeting, please mail your ballot to: Carl Schmidt, 73 Edgerton Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701, before January 10.

By Carl Schmidt, President Killington Section

BALLOT: Killington Section Dues Increase

This ballot is intended to advise the Section Board of Directors of the general membership's feelings. After reviewing this ballot, the Board will make its final recommendations and call for an official vote of the membership.

1. Type of membership you now hold.

Adult (full cost)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult spouse	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Should Smoke & Blazes publication continue?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Should we continue to help support a caretaker at Cooper Lodge in the summer?

Yes - \$150 ☐

Yes - \$75 ☐

No ☐

4. Are you willing to pay the following dues?

a. \$4.50 (only senior citizens and spouses answer this one)

Yes ☐

No ☐

b. \$6.50 (no Smoke & Blazes, no Cooper Lodge caretaker)

Yes ☐

No ☐

c. \$9.00 adult, \$8.00 spouse (Board of Directors' minimum recommendation)

Yes ☐

No ☐

d. \$10.00 adult, \$8.00 spouse (a very few extra dollars over minimum)

Yes ☐

No ☐

5. Your comments _____

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KILLINGTON SECTION GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

WINTER-SPRING 1978

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton St., 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION-EVENT	LEADER	MILEAGE
Sun. Jan. 29 1978	9:00 A.M.	Blueberry Hill Ski Touring Center with Breadloaf Section Special rates for GMCers!	(VARIABLE MILEAGE)	E-M
Sun. Feb. 5	9:00 A.M.	Juggernaut Trail Ski Touring & Snowshoeing	B. Staeck	5 M
Sat. Feb. 18	10:00 A.M.	Cold River Road to Tamarack G.S. Camp -Ski Touring & Snowshoeing	C. Scott	3 M
Sat. Mar. 4 &/or Sun. Mar. 5	10:00 A.M.	Sunnyside Overnight Snowshoeing & Ski Touring in area	R. Catozzi (VARIABLE MILEAGE)	E
Sat. Mar. 25	6:00 P.M.	Annual Sugar on Snow Party Unitarian-Universalist Church	J. Martin	
Sun. Apr. 9	10:00 A.M.	Tucker-Johnson Ski Touring and Snowshoeing	R. Charland	3.6 E
Sat. Apr. 22	10:00 A.M.	Quarterline Road Snowshoeing & Ski Touring	H. Rogers	* E
Sat. May 6 &/or Sun. May 7	9:30 A.M.	Clarendon Shelter Overnight Outhouse Raising, Trail Clearing & Shelter Work	R. Catozzi	1.6 E
Sun. May 21	9:00 A.M.	Abbey Pond	J. Frink	4 E
Sat. June 3	8:30 A.m.	Blackinton, Mass. to Seth Warner Shelter	R. Charland	7.1 M
Sun. June 18	8:30 A.M.	Trail Restoration -Cooper Lodge to Pico Shelter	R. Catozzi	5.5

DATES, HOURS, DESTINATIONS, LEADERS, AND MILEAGE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

*Watch Newspapers for Latest Details

DEGREE OF HIKING EFFORT: E-Easy (suitable for children)
M-Medium
D-Difficult (long mileage)

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; ALSO WARM EXTRA CLOTHING AND WEAR WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE.

KILLINGTON SECTION

WINTER-SPRING 1978

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR BY BANK DEPOSIT TO THE KILLINGTON SECTION ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CARL SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT, 733-5500, RAYMOND HARTLEY, VICE PRESIDENT, 103 BELLVIEW, 733-5500, OR W. CHARNICK, SECRET, 132 MAPLE ST., 733-5530.

DATE	TIME	DESTINATION	LEADER	TRIP
APRIL 21	9:00 A.M.	Blanchard Hill Ski Touring	(VARIABLE)	4-M
		Center with Recreational Section	(MIRAGE)	
		Special rates for CMUers		
APRIL 22	9:00 A.M.	Thunderbolt Trail	B. Stenck	M
		Ski Touring & Snowshoeing		
APRIL 23	10:00 A.M.	Coon River Road to Laramie	E. Stenck	M
		G.S. Camp - Ski Touring & Snowshoeing		
APRIL 24	9:00 A.M.	Thunderbolt Trail	B. Stenck	M
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DATE, HOUR, DESTINATION, LEADER, AND TRIP SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
 Ticketed members only. For latest details.
 LEADER OF TRIP: E. Stenck (for all trips)
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 D. Stenck (for all trips)
 LUNCH: LUNCH MUST BE ORDERED INDICATED. ALSO MARK EXTRA CLOTHING AND WEAR.
 WEAR: WEAR WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONSIDER TOWARD CAR LATER.

Smoke and Blazes

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KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

By Ray Catozzi
Vice-President, Killington Section

After postponing the annual meeting from Jan. 14 because of a large snow-storm the day before, it was decided to hold the meeting the next Saturday, Jan. 21, even though a still larger snow storm had fallen on Rutland and vicinity just before that date! Needless to say, it cut down on attendance from 30 of last year to about 20 brave souls who found their way to the Unitarian-Universalist Church this year.

At meeting time of 7:30 only 6 or 7 folks had showed up, so the opening was delayed until 8 P.M. The coffee water was started so we could have hot drinks while we waited. Just as the meeting was about to get underway, it was delayed again when Pres. Carl Schmidt had to leave to help get his wife Nancy's car unstuck over where she had made a stop enroute to the meeting. The meeting was finally underway in earnest about 8:15!

Reports from the Sec./Treas., Outings, and Smoke and Blazes were read and accepted with little discussion. The nominating committee reported with names for 3 new directors, Jean Berger, Carol Chapman, and Nancy Schmidt. Needing a 4th, Randy Seifert was nominated from the floor. All four were elected; the three women for 3-year terms, and Randy for 1 year, finishing out the term of Sherwin St. Hart, now departed for the West.

Ray Catozzi gave a graphic Trails & Shelters report, drawing a map of our 21.2 miles of Long Trail showing roads and shelter locations, then pointing out where work had or had not been done on the trail and shelters during 1977.

Pres. Carl Schmidt then opened the meeting for discussion of, and action on, the very important item of an increase in Section dues.

Weeks prior to the annual meeting, a new budget committee's examination of our Section's financial records showed a substantial increase in expenses over the last 4 years without a corresponding increase in income. The board agreed something had to be done by annual meeting time, and it was discussed and defined at a board meeting in November.

Various options were drawn up which were first presented to the membership in the December Smoke and Blazes. Members who didn't plan to attend the annual meeting were requested to return a questionnaire included in the issue. The Board sets the dues structure, subject to the approval of the membership, but the Board wanted to feel the pulse of the membership first, after explaining the financial plight.

At this time Carl Schmidt first gave the background of events leading up to the Board's decision to increase dues; then he presented in graphic flip chart form the entire nature of our financial problems and the various solutions. It was shown whereby the Killington Section was paying out about \$5 per member for the basic things like costs of outings, trails & shelters maintenance, insurance, office expenses, Smoke and Blazes, etc., and had been paying the main club \$4.50 per member for dues allotment and share of Cooper caretaker's salary. At \$9.50 this was more than double what we take in for an adult member - \$4.50. A fee of \$10 per adult member was needed to break even with expenses with a little left to spill over into our Kirk Memorial Trails & Shelters Fund.

After his presentation of the issue, more copies of the questionnaire were

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passed out, showing the dues options such as the whole \$10 dues or lesser amounts with some budget items cut down or struck out.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned so the board, with the new directors sitting in for their first meeting, could count and evaluate the vote. Along with the absentee questionnaires, the feelings of the members were overwhelmingly in favor of the \$10 adult dues, which was then re-presented to the members at the reconvened meeting as such: \$10 per adult, \$8 spouse, \$1 family junior, and \$2 individual junior. It passed.

Next important item discussed was ways to increase membership. Rachael Charland reminded the members that even though we now have 2 directors to the GMC Board until Ray Catozzi's term runs out next year, the new GMC by-laws allow only 1 director for each 100 adult members or majority fraction thereof. Therefore we need to increase out 100+ members to at least 151 by the beginning of 1979 or lose a director.

One good idea brought forth to attract new members was to ask area Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops to work on trail and shelter maintenance with our work parties or by themselves with some supervision. Members present were asked to go out and each recruit a new member.

Nancy Schmidt then talked about the upcoming GMC Ski Touring Day at Blueberry Hill in Goshen.

Refreshments were served during the adjourned portion of the meeting rather than at the end, as the time was getting late. Cancelled was a Long Trail, White Mountains, Adirondacks showing of slides by Lou Catozzi. We'll save this for a later date. The meeting was adjourned, second time, at about 10:45 P.M.

IT WAS EASY BEING GREEN!

In case you're wondering why this issue of Smoke and Blazes appears on green paper instead of the usual white, we took advantage of a Rutland printer's "Luck of the Irish" discount of 15% on all orders printed on green paper during the week of March 13 to 17.

Erin Go Braghi

APPALACHIAN TRAIL TO BE SECURED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

By Carl Schmidt
Killington Section President

Congress has just passed the Appalachian Trail Bill, which authorizes \$90 million dollars over the next three years for "securing" 125 acres per trail mile (500 feet average, each side) along the entire 13-state Appalachian Trail. The A.T. coincides with the Long Trail from Massachusetts to Route 4; this segment includes the entire Killington Section. The initial House bill provided only for "acquiring" the necessary land, i.e., buying it outright. As a result of numerous protests by land owners and some deeper thought by the Senate, the bill was amended to provide for securing the land by "lesser interests" (e.g., easements) as well as through purchase. The Senate version was accepted by the House. Various members of the Killington Section have contacted the land owners in our section to keep them up to date on what was happening and to give them names, addresses, and phone numbers of officials that they could contact regarding the impact of the bill on their land.

The GMC did not push for passage of the A.T. bill; the Long Trail itself is not included in the 1968 National Scenic Trails Act, for which the recent bill provides A.T. funds. We are involved only to the extent of trying to maintain the good will between hikers and land owners that has made the Long Trail possible. It wouldn't hurt if any of us who meet land owners on hikes or anywhere else take time to say "thank you" to them.

MEMBERSHIP LIST IN NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Smoke and Blazes will include the current 1978 listing of Killington Section members. Be sure to get your dues in soon so your name will be included in the roster.

WORK PARTIES ARE FOR EVERYONE

The first work party, part of the Section's trail maintenance and restoration program, is scheduled for May 6 and 7.

Many members, we have found, think that work parties are only for big, strong men. Actually, there's something for almost everyone to do, even including children.

Litter must be picked up in shelters and along trails; branches along trails need to be trimmed with hedge clippers; and blazes need to be re-painted. Of course there is always the more strenuous work, such as clearing windfalls, placing water bars, and repairing shelters and outhouses. But as you see, almost everyone can help in some way.

If you want to know how you can help, contact Trails & Shelters Chairman Ray Catozzi at 773-3006.

SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING THE JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

By Betty Staack
February 5, 1978

On a clear, cold day (0°-10°), nine of us went up the Juggernaut Trail where we enjoyed wonderful views back of the Killington ski area.

Some of us lunched just short of the 'ghost town', a once active logging area, others went all the way to the 'town'. All that remains of this once-inhabited area are two fallen-down sheds. -A great day with grand scenery.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

The Killington Section will hold its annual Sugar-on-Snow party on Saturday, March 25, at 6 P.M. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on West Street.

Sugar-on-snow, a traditional event of the sugaring season, is a special dessert treat consisting of thickened syrup poured over snow, giving it the consistency of chewy candy. The customary doughnuts and pickles (that's right, pickles) will be served, along with coffee and cocoa. There will be a charge to cover the costs of maple syrup.

Eat a light supper, and bring the whole family to enjoy this special Vermont dessert treat.

NOTES FROM GMC DIRECTORS MEETING
MAR. 11 * TRAPP LODGE, STCWE, VT.

By Rachael W. Charland, Ray Catozzi
Killington Sect. Directors to GMC

- * The Killington Section, it appears, is leading the way in establishing communications with landowners along the Long Trail/Appalachian Trail.
- * The GMC will be working with the state of Vermont in establishing a State Trails System for hikers, bikers, ski tourers, and snowmobilers.
- * After the loss of attendance and money at the Killington Section sponsored 1977 Intersectional, no section had stepped forward for 1978. It was almost voted out completely, but was salvaged when 3 or 4, including Ray Catozzi, agreed to work on a plan for a weekend campout for the weekend before Labor Day.
- * A planning committee was also formed to work out details for a GMC winter weekend of camping, ski touring and shoeshoeing, for the winter of 78-79.
- * Winter trail standards for next year possibly to include marking parts of the Long Trail with 4" light blue diamond ski touring trail markers.
- * A Day Trips Guide Book to be out soon. Selling for \$4.95, it is to be the same size as the LT Guide Book. Outlying Trails Guide Book is also in the works.
- * The Killington Section will not be losing money on its members anymore. It was voted to eliminate section assessment of family junior members! Individual Jr. memberships, priced by the KS at \$2, will be still be assessed at \$1.50 by the main club.

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES THAT WILL BE MAILED TO THE 1977 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.....

NEW MEMBER ON SMOKE & BLAZES STAFF

The one issue of S & B that has come out since Paul Howard's resignation was the joint effort of many of the KS directors, and probably will continue that way for awhile. But we have a new face on the scene. Jake Sherman, a past member of the KS, has returned and has offered to help with the typing and putting the paper together. Jake is an assistant Rutland librarian. Welcome aboard, Jake!

GMC SKI TOUR AT BLUEBERRY HILL

By Ray Catozzi
January 29, 1978

Up to the land of Goshen on Sunday, Jan. 29 went the Killington Section, joining with the Breadloaf Section of Middlebury, to enjoy a fine day of cross-country skiing at the Blueberry Hill Ski Touring Center. This is the third year that the Breadloaf Section has sponsored the event and the second that the Killington Section has participated. Very special low rates were in effect for GMCers. These came to only \$1 for the day with your own equipment and only \$3 if you had to rent. This included a critique on modern equipment, instructions on waxing, lessons for beginners to advanced intermediates, free "bubbly" home-made soup at lunchtime, and use of many miles of ski trails. It was a fine winter day with some sunshine and a little breezy. The Killington Section group divided several different ways for the day with some heading for beginners' classes and others taking to the slopes immediately. A few went home immediately after a tour of the trails, but there were a few who skied right up to the four o'clock closing. This is a most invigorating, enjoyable, and fast-growing sport which we feel blends in beautifully with our normal winter activities and our philosophy of the outdoors. Our outing committee thinks so, anyway, as our current schedule lists many outings for both snow-shoeing and ski-touring. It is bringing out more people, and new people, and that is what we all want.

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SUNNYSIDE SHELTER OVERNITE

by Ray Catozzi
March 4 and 5, 1978

Pleasant winter weather blessed this overnight trip. Saturday morning five persons found a new two-inch fall of snow on the Spring Lake Ranch Road, making it touch and go to get to the top of the hill with our cars. The weather during the day consisted of intermittent flurries and scattered sunshine. Churchill Scott

and Harold Rogers came in just for the day, snow-shoeing in to the camp, then going out for a long tour of the area by themselves.

The three overnighers, Rob Carey, Rachael Charland and I, had lunch at the shelter after getting a good fire going and heating up a KS coffee pot of water. Our afternoon trip on skis was a delightful two-mile round trip, following the nearby power line in a southeasterly direction and return. We crossed many old and new ski tracks, giving a good indication of the popularity of the terrain for ski touring. Many other skiers were out.

A nourishing hot supper was prepared in camp by the light of the late winter sunset, was consumed in the afterglow, and had its dishes and pans washed by many candlelights. We were just getting ready for an evening of card playing when two young couples from Rutland arrived, with a young frisky black puppy named Satan, and carrying their sleeping bags under one of their arms and bags of groceries under their other arm. Only one person had a decent frame pack.

We rearranged our gear to accommodate them like all good LT campers are supposed to do, and then we all got acquainted as they prepared a supper of kosher hot dogs boiled in beer, baked beans, and wine(?). They also brought out for dessert a half bottle of ginger brandy which they shared with us. Not bad! I was commencing to feel they weren't such bad or crazy kids, after all. The feeling was even better when they gathered up all their trash Sunday and carried it out. We GMCers all agreed that the situation might not have been so favorable had we not been there with them. (We had informed them who we were).

Soon there were two card games going, one in each of our two groups, with the fire roaring cheerfully while the wind picked up its moaning in the treetops. A lot of lively conversation was going on in both games, and Satan, the pup, ran back and forth between the two of them. After snacks it was hit the hay, and warm and comfortable it was, with a couple of trips to the stove to replenish the wood.

Sunday dawned bright and beautiful, a perfect day for ski touring and snowshoeing. Just as our leisurely late breakfast got out of the way, two snowshoers, Roma and Al Pulling, and one skier, Greg Nolder, showed up for the day. The Pullings took two unplanned trips before they got to the right road to the camp, then after a hearty lunch, they were ready for a third. We led them on a tour to Spring Lake Clearing via the road past the camp, and back by the LT. Some came back by the road, a round trip of a mile.

Another snack preceeded our packing up for the trip home. We were sorry that we didn't have the tools to properly replace all the beautiful lengths of split white birch we found when we arrived in the camp Saturday. We have awfully good friends at Spring Lake Ranch who frequently check on this shelter for us, and often supply it with firewood. Our thanks go out to them.

TAMARACK NOTCH AITKEN FOREST CAMP AREA

by Churchill Scott
February 18, 1978

A group of 14 turned out for this hike. We left at 10 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m., covering a distance of four miles. Due to the inability to find suitable parking space at the Balch farmhouse area, this trip was concentrated around the Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest camp area. It was very pleasant to see Vera Perkins out with us again, for she was one of those who first discovered this road and subsequently hiked it a number of times during the 1960's. Also George Reynolds from Springfield was with us for the day. A short cross-country ski and snowshoe trip was taken before lunch, with some of the group going around the oval and others descending to the river crossing near the S. Parker homestead. After a short break for a bite to eat, again some toured the oval while others traveled across Kirk bridge and on to the cemetery at the junction of the Rousseau road and the road to Clark Mason's camp. Again, this area proved very enjoyable for both cross-country skiing and snowshoeing along the many town roads and century-old farms and cellar holes.

MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER IDEAS

By Carl Schmidt
Killington Section President

The Killington Section needs new members, as does any healthy organization. In years past, when expenses were very low and hiking was done largely by clubs such as our own, GMC sections encouraged everyone--members and non-members alike--to share in the joys and benefits of outdoor activities. Times have changed. The greatly increased use of trails and shelters in Vermont forces us to realize that no one is doing the outdoors a favor by hiking along ridgelines or toasting marshmallows over a campfire. Our recent outing announcements in local publications have tried to appeal to the person who wants to help the trail as well as enjoy it.

We are encouraging all our members to include a small Killington Section "commercial" when talking to non-members on a hike or on other occasions. We have a lot to offer. To the person who generally prefers to hike alone, we can show new trails and give some little-known trail histories (sometimes accurate). To the person who would like to get out of the house, especially during the cabin-fever season, we provide scheduled activities and objectives. To the person who just wants to get into the outdoors with some convivial neighbors, we provide the opportunity. And -- someone has to build the water bars to prevent trail erosion, cut out windfalls across the trail, carry out wine bottles left by the hippies, and provide a little financial support.

For an organization such as ours, personal contact is the most rewarding way to recruit, from the standpoint of the club and of all the people involved. As part of the American Free Enterprise System, we are offering \$1.00 off present or future dues for each new adult member you recruit. Please try your best to get at least one new member in 1978.

SMOKE & BLAZES TO LAND OWNERS

Recent events have reminded us of the thanks we owe to land owners on the Long Trail. Smoke & Blazes will be sent to them (free) as part of that thanks.

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

By W. Churchill Scott
Secretary/Treasurer, Killington Section

Balance 1/1/77.....	\$2072.13
INCOME - DUES.....	400.50
GIFTS.....	75.50
G.M.C. CHECK FOR 77 INTER. DEFICIT.....	74.35
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY.....	39.00
INTEREST.....	31.24
DONATIONS TO 77 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL.....	25.00
SALE OF 77 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL PATCHES....	13.00
SALE OF G.M.C. GUIDEBOOKS.....	13.00
1977 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL CHECK BOOK ACCOUNT	8.15
G.L. KIRK T. AND S. FUND (COFFEE POT).....	.56
SALE OF KILLINGTON SECTION ROCKERS.....	<u>1.50</u>
TOTAL.....	681.80

EXPENSES--TRANSFERED TO G.L. KIRK T. AND S. FUND.....	826.16
PAID TO MAIN G.M.C.....	527.00
TRAILS.....	141.88
SMOKE AND BLAZES.....	99.98
OUTINGS.....	61.04
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY.....	56.41
DONATIONS.....	55.00
SHELTERS.....	52.60
POSTAGE.....	40.51
SECRETARY EXPENSES.....	31.31
ANNUAL MEETING.....	23.00
G.M.C. 1977 INTERSECTIONAL.....	18.97
PHOTOS.....	<u>9.00</u>
TOTAL.....	1942.86

BALANCE 12/31/77.....811.07

REPORT OF G.L. KIRK TRAIL AND SHELTER FUND	
1-YEAR CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.....	500.00
INTEREST.....	<u>31.40</u>
BALANCE 12/31/77	531.40

90-DAY ACCOUNT	
GIFTS TO FUND.....	885.66
	<u>24.14</u>
BALANCE 12/31/77	909.80

REPORT ON KIRK TRAIL AND SHELTER FUND

The first year report of the George L. Kirk Trail and Shelter Fund, Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, Inc., is very encouraging.

In January 1977 we purchased a \$500-one year certificate of deposit and opened a 90-day notice account. During the year additional gifts plus the earned interest allowed us to purchase on Feb. 2, 1978, a \$1,000-six year certificate. As of Feb. 1, 1978, there is also \$448.55 balance in the 90-day notice account.

This fund was originated by Mrs. Dorothy Kirk in memory of her husband, George L. Kirk. When the principle reaches \$5,000 the interest earned will be used to help maintain the Trails and Shelters for which the Killington Section is responsible.

It is hoped that many K.S. members and friends and users of the trail and shelters will be able to contribute to this fund.

DUES AND FINANCES

By Carl Schmidt
Killington Section President

The response to the dues increase questionnaire in the last Smoke and Blazes was large, and very gratifying to the Board of Directors. The consensus of those who sent in their replies and those attending the annual meeting was to establish the following dues structure:

Adult member \$10.00 Spouse \$8.00
Family junior \$1.00
Independent junior \$2.00
Senior citizen \$4.50

Members are urged to send in their 1978 dues as soon as possible to W. Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

Our special thanks go to Frank Bequaert of Lexington, Mass., who sent a \$150

check in memory of his son, to pay for our Section's support of the Cooper Lodge caretaker for one year. Along with his financial support, Frank has made his presence felt at the last Intersectional and on Trail Restoration parties.

If we don't lose too many members because of the dues increase, and if new members keep coming in as they have during the past year, the Killington Section will be in good shape in 1978. We hope to build up the Kirk Fund; when this fund reaches \$5,000—and we have a long way to go—the interest will give the Section some long range financial stability. We hope that we can obtain additional financial support from local businesses and individuals interested in the Long Trail. But, for a healthy Section, we want to emphasize getting the most done with the fewest dollars but with the maximum participation of our members.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE & BLAZES (Section newsletter). I will also receive a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES (Effective 1978)

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

* Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

THANK YOU!

Your dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Robert & Thelma Perkins
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San Jose, California 95120

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ANNUAL MEETING OF GMC MEMBERS: BROMLEY, MAY 27-29

By Carl Schmidt
President, Killington Section

Since all of our members will get a more comprehensive report on business details of the meeting via THE LONG TRAIL NEWS, this article will just cover a few random highlights and impressions.

- Many of the Sections seem to be in a period of resurgence after a few years of slowing down.

- The recent Trails and Shelters Workshop at Camp Betsy Cox in Pittsford (attended by Ray Catozzi) was very effective. Ray stated that although he has been involved in trail maintenance for 40 years -- hard to believe since he is only 39 -- he learned several useful things on equipment and trail design that should help our Section.

- The Killington Section had five members present -- directors Ray Catozzi and Rachael Charland, Bob Carey, Mauri Winturri, and Carl Schmidt.

- Our Section was commended for its landowner efforts, holding the Intersection, and its concise annual report.

- Bromley Mountain was a first class choice for the meeting. With free tenting sites and washroom facilities, air-conditioned meeting rooms for the 90°F weather, the Alpine Slide for kids up to 75, and ample cold beer for Mauri and Carl, it made the necessarily long members' and directors' meetings less painful than in many past years.

- Dedication ceremonies for the new William A. MacArthur Memorial Bridge, the relocated Harmon Hill/Glastonbury Mountain section of trail, and the new Nauheim Shelter were very well attended. At the new shelter (1 1/2 miles from the nearest road), approximately 100

people were served cookies, donuts, coffee, and cold lemondade with ice.

- A Section Presidents' meeting was held with GMC president Joe Frank to discuss things in general. No one had any sure-fire ideas on how to get new members and still maintain the direct-participation attitude of the GMC. The most effective method seems to be, as always, personal contact.

- The End-to-End Committee, comprised of Killington Section members, has simplified and rewritten in hikers' terminology the End-to-End rules.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL DIRECTORS' MEETING

By Rachael W. Charland
Director, Killington Section

During the mid-afternoon of May 27, 1978 the Annual Meeting of the GMC Board of Directors convened at the Base Lodge at Bromley Ski Area.

Minutes of the March 11 meeting were read by the secretary. Numerous additions and corrections were made and then the minutes were accepted and approved by the Board.

The first business of the hour was the urgent request by President Frank for suggestions on "how to shorten the Annual Membership Meeting." Though several ideas were offered and discussed, none seemed to fully meet the desperate situation.

New officers for the year were approved by the Board as follows: President -- Joseph Frank; Vice-President -- James Guida; Secretary -- Pamela Caldwell, and Treasurer -- Preston Bristow.

Don Wallace, Chairman of the Win-

ter Outing Committee, issued information sheets concerning the winter encampment which will be held March 3-4, 1979 on the LT between Clarendon Gorge and Vt. Route 140. It was emphasized that participants must have "prior backpacking experience and be in good physical condition." More information will be forthcoming.

Committee Preference Forms were available for all of those who wish to help with the GMC work behind the scenes of the LT. A member need not be a director to volunteer for one of these varied committees. If interested, write to P.O. Box 889, Montpelier, Vt. 05602 for a form.

Steve Rice reported that he had received several applications for the Administrative Assistant position at the GMC office now held by Preston Bristow who will soon be employed by the USFS. The qualifications of John Vara of Island Pond, Vt. were discussed and the directors voted to secure his services.

Discussion followed concerning a proposal to build another TV antenna on Mount Mansfield. Directors voted against this proposal unless there was an overwhelming need.

Site of the next GMC Annual Meeting will be at the Old Lantern in Charlotte, Vt. The Burlington Section will be our host. The meeting closed with the announcements of the schedule of the next Directors' meetings.

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APPALACHIAN TRAIL BILL (Part 2)

By Carl Schmidt

Since passage of the Appalachian Trail Bill, which authorizes \$90 million over the next three years for securing the entire Appalachian Trail corridor (including the Killington Section of the Long Trail), we have some good news and some not-so-good news. First the good news.

1. Preston Bristow, the GMC's administrative assistant until this May, will be working for the Park Service/ATC starting in June as liaison with landowners in Vermont and other states. Preston should carry over the attitude of equal concern for the landowner's

interests and the interests of the Trail that he so ably represented in his GMC job.

2. A Rutland Regional Landowner's Steering Committee has been formed which seems to be working toward reasonable approaches to landowner/government relations. Jack Barrett and Fred Elwert are co-chairmen of this group. The Killington Section will try to keep them informed of any landowner reactions which come to our attention.

3. Beginning with the last issue, SMOKE AND BLAZES is being sent to Killington Section landowners free of charge. Three landowners utilized the membership application on the last page to join the Section. Although we didn't intend the free mailings as a solicitation, we are extremely pleased to have these new members.

For the bad news: We have heard indirectly of a few instances where the trail has been fenced off, posted, or protected with a shotgun. Churchill Scott has tried to trace down some specifics, but hasn't been able to pin anything down so far.

In other trail-related matters, three landowners have requested our help in relocating segments of the trail. Now that the Park Service organization is shaping up, we will give these situations prompt attention.

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KILLINGTON SECTION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carl Schmidt

Briefly -- encouraging news. With the new higher dues recently put into effect, our membership has increased from 104 to 110. Participation in hikes and work parties has been good, the Kirk Trail Fund has reached \$1660 (mostly through Mrs. Kirk's efforts), we had a front page article on one of our work parties in a recent Sunday HERALD/TIMES-ARGUS, and we are holding our own against trail erosion and shelter vandalism.

It is a good time to be a member of the Killington Section, and an excellent time to ask your friends and acquaintances to join us. We need 50 new adult

members to maintain our two directors to the main club -- let's try to get them.

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GMC TRAILS AND SHELTERS WORKSHOP

By Ray Catozzi
May 20 and 21, 1978

The weekend of May 20 and 21 found about 35 interested parties at Betsey Cox Camp in Pittsford, Vt., ready to learn all about modern trail building and maintenance. Harry Peet, Field Supervisor, GMC, in charge of the Long Trail Patrol, the Caretaker and Ranger-Naturalist programs, set up the training session with Steve Rice, GMC Executive Director, as his assistant. The men from many of the club's sections, including your correspondent from Killington, and many young men and women who will be working under Harry on the trails and in many big shelters this summer, were divided into two groups for Saturday's session. I was in the group led by Harry, who took us to Middlebury Gap where we hiked north to Burnt Mountain to observe all the recent trail work the GMNF had done.

The other group, led by Steve Rice, hiked up the Burnt Hill Trail to observe a trail badly in need of restoration. After lunch, the two teams swapped positions. Harry stopped repeatedly and pointed out where and how a water bar should be placed, and how long it should be.

The Saturday evening session included a display and talk on trail tools by Steve Rice followed by a slide program on trail work which Steve had done while working on an AMC trail crew in the White Mountains.

Sunday we put our training into practice on the 3/4 mile horse trail and the two waterfront trails leading to Burr Pond from Betsey Cox Camp and Camp Sangamon. We divided into four eight-person crews and did a thorough job of rehabilitating 1 1/2 miles of trail with stone steps through boggy parts and water bars and log steps where there had been bad erosion. This work session lasted about four hours

and then we all trailed back to the camp dining hall for a not-on-the-schedule free lunch.

It was a well-organized, well-run workshop with great camaraderie, and even to this old-timer on work parties in the Killington Section it was an eye-opener on tools and techniques. I will endeavor to update our tools and then attempt to pass on the techniques to all you willing trail restorers out there.

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MEMBER IN BOSTON MARATHON

Greg Bostock, physical education teacher in Springfield, Vt., and a member of the Killington Section, participated in the 82nd Boston Marathon held on April 17. He finished the race feeling "real high". Greg is still waiting for official notice of his place in the order of the runners completing the race. His time was 3 hours, 45 minutes while Bill Rodgers, the second time winner, finished in 2 hours, 11 minutes.

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REMINDER

On Sunday, June 18th, Carl Schmidt will lead a trail restoration from Cooper Lodge to Pico Shelter. The chairlift will be used for transportation to the top of Killington. Lunch will be provided.

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IN SYMPATHY

On Thursday evening, May 18th, members of the Killington Section were saddened by the news of the sudden death of Jim Staeck, husband of Betty Staeck, a member of the Killington Section and a member of the End-to-End Committee. We extend our sympathy to Betty and her family.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY

About 30 sweet-loving adults and children met at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Saturday, March 25th, for the Killington Section's annual Sugar-on-Snow Party.

Doughnuts, pickles, and coffee were added to the golden feast. Several unfortunate late-comers had to be turned away because the supply of syrup was exhausted.

Janet Martin and her faithful kitchen crew gathered the snow, boiled down the syrup and cleaned up the sticky remains.

The party was a success both for those who enjoyed its delicacies and for our treasury which realized a profit for this event for the first time in several years.

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SNOWSHOEING & SKI TOURING TO TUCKER-JOHNSON SHELTER

by Rachael W. Charland
April 9, 1978

Sunday, April 9th was a beautiful, sunny, crisp day for seven cross-country skiers and three snowshoers as they made their way to Tucker-Johnson Shelter. In about 20 minutes all had gathered at the Shelter and, after leaving our day packs, we decided to venture toward the Elbow Road. Most of us found this terrain challenging, to say the least, so we found a spot with a lovely view of the mountain, took some pictures, and returned to the Shelter for lunch.

Two enthusiastic snowshoers had an open fire smoking and blazing by intervals in front of the Shelter as well as the pot boiling on the Sterno stove within for hot beverages. Some members decided to try the ski trails at nearby Gifford Woods. New ski trails there were found to be in excellent condition as were the well-worn trails to Mountain Meadows.

To those of you who thought all snowshoeing and skiing were over because of recent warm weather, let me tell you that at least two of our members found

there was, at least, three to four feet of snow on the ground when they tried to walk beside the ski tracks! OOPS!, here we go!!

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QUARTERLINE ROAD

by Harold Rogers
April 22, 1978

Saturday, April 22 was a nice, warm, spring-fever day and only Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi, and I were at the fire station to take an easy walk up the Quarterline Road.

The road was too muddy for automobile travel but was good walking. We walked south toward Chippenhook for about two and a half miles and had our lunch at a sheltered logging landing.

While eating, we saw a large bird flying. At the time we thought it was an owl but since have wondered if it was a young eagle. Ray was looking for pussy-willows and we didn't find very many and wonder if we were in a poor area or the season was late and they weren't out yet.

Ray wanted to detour up through a pasture to a flat rock ridge, and I was glad that we did because we had a good view of the mountains from the Bromley area to about Brandon by looking east. The air was very clear and the sun was at our backs.

On the way back we saw a group of trees with a disease or fungus of large black growth on the limbs and trunks. We don't know what kind of trees they were, but maybe they were some kind of maple.

It was an easy hike, and we were disappointed that more hikers weren't with us.

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KILLINGTON SECTION SUNNYSIDE-CLARENDON WORK WEEKEND

by Ray Catozzi
May 7 and 8, 1978

'Twas beautiful weather the weekend of May 7th and 8th for the scheduled rebuilding of the Sunnyside Outhouse, shelter repairs at Clarendon, and general

cleanup at both sites. Fourteen people showed up at the Koltonski Fire Station, including Judy Polumbaum, the RUTLAND DAILY HERALD reporter. Judy went right along with us up to Sunnyside and continued interviewing different members of the Killington Section and snapping pictures while the members started working. It was an overnite work trip and before the work was done at Sunnyside on Sunday, the SUNDAY RUTLAND HERALD hit the newsstands with Judy's article and a picture of our president, Carl Schmidt, carrying lumber up to the Sunnyside Outhouse. Such wonderful and fast publicity we never had before!

While Harold Rogers and Churchill Scott headed north on the Long Trail to clear 2 1/2 miles of trail to Clarendon Gorge, Carl Schmidt, George Reynolds of Springfield, Joe Dicton, Dick Romano, Bob Piper and I started in on rebuilding the outhouse. Carol Chapman, one of our new Section directors, and Rachael Charland tackled the clean-up of the camp and yard. They worked hard and the place looked inviting enough to make a person want to move in and take up residence.

Rachael also prepared another of her now famous turkey dinners, complete with all of the fixings, doing all of the cooking at home Friday evening and then just preparing vegetables and reheating the turkey over an open camp fire. Both of the women had to literally "hoe-out" the cooking site before any fire could be properly and safely started. Carol and Rachael served the "bird" in the early part of the afternoon. Bob Piper rescued the nearly fire-consumed potato pot!

George Reynolds and I took Harold Rogers' car up to Route 103 crossing so when Harold and Churchill got done they could move along home. But we met them coming out with the 2 1/2 miles of trail all cleared in record time. We talked them into coming back to Sunnyside for cold beer and hot turkey!

With the work mostly done at Sunnyside by late Saturday afternoon, all went home with the exception of George Reynolds, Carl Schmidt and me. We stayed overnite and on Sunday morning replaced some broken windown glass; put up a new outhouse sign as well as a new

sign indicating the location of the water supply; loaded up the trash to carry out and headed for Clarendon Shelter.

Clarendon Shelter was to have had some broken and burned-out bunk boards replaced. That was the scheduled work, but a hole in the center of the leading edge of the floor that was small enough when discovered a month ago had grown large enough for a person's foot and leg to go through to the ground. We decided the work on the bunks could wait. George and I spent two hours repairing that hole in the floor. Clarendon Shelter has a double wood floor with the first layer laid diagonally and the top layer going from front to rear of the shelter.

Carl policed the area and filled a 20-gallon plastic bag with rubbish and chopped down all of the berry bushes that were growing on the sides and back of the camp.

At 4:00 P.M. George and Carl decided to "call it quits" and hiked to their cars to go home. I stayed alone for another hour and cleaned out the area of thorn-apple trees of about a 50-yard radius.

This Trails and Shelter Chairman is very appreciative and thankful for the great turnout of members and for all the work that was done. It was a tremendous headstart for this summer's section work!

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ABBAY POND

by Jim Frink
May 21, 1978

On Sunday, May 21, thirteen hikers met at the Fire Station at 9:00 A.M. We went north on Route 7 in four cars. I had John Cioffredi and his wife, Peg, (on their first Green Mountain Club hike), plus Rachael Charland and Marilyn Ennis. It was Marilyn's first hike ever, but she managed the steep climb, with several breath-catching stops, with no trouble.

There was another car with Dick Romano and his son, Don, and still another with Joe Dicton and his son, Joe, Jr.

Carol Chapman drove the fourth car

with Anna Nyiri, Joyce Whitcomb, and Doris Farenkopf.

We all met at the junction of Routes 125 and 116 in East Middlebury and drove five miles north on Route 116 to the beginning of the trail to Abbey Pond.

The trail is flat for a quarter mile at the bottom, then very steep for 1 3/4 miles, and fairly flat and rolling at the top for the last mile with many very muddy spots.

The outlet from the Beaver Dam at the north end of the pond makes for very marshy country until it starts down the mountain. Then it becomes a series of beautiful rapids and chains of crashing falls all the way along the trail to the bottom.

The trail is well marked with blue blazes, except for the first quarter mile at the start. A few more blazes at that point would help avoid some wrong turns in that stretch.

The pond is contained and kept full by many beaver dams. Freshly beaver-cut birch logs were observed on the west side where a couple of us searched, without success, for the pitcher plants which will bloom there later in the season. To get to the west side, several jumps from rock to rock over water were necessary and one of the boys was contemplating a jump, leaning over the water and supporting his weight on a stick, when the stick broke and caused him to get a thorough soaking. Fortunately, he had some spare dry socks, and we were finished with lunch and ready to start down so he could dry off.

We saw many Jacks-in-the-pulpit, Canadian violets, huckleberry blossoms, and purple and white trilliums growing profusely. Everyone said they enjoyed the trip, and I know I did.

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SAVE THE DATES SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 24 FOR THE INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND WHICH WILL BE HELD AT MOUNTAIN MEADOWS, IN LINCOLN, VERMONT. FURTHER DETAILS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LONG TRAIL NEWS.

NICE THINGS TO BRING ON SUMMER DAY HIKES

- Lemonade, partially frozen the night before, in a canteen or plastic bottle
- Bug repellent
- One of the many new products for neutralizing sting or bite right after it has happened
- A Sierra Club cup (metal, clips on belt) for dipping water out of stream
- An extra large, dry handkerchief
- A broad-brimmed hat to shade the eyes
- Mesh underwear (cool in summer, warm in winter)
- Fresh oranges or apples (take the orange peels home)
- Whistle, compass, and waterproof matches (four seasons)
- Lightweight rain poncho
- Lemon drops
- Kleenexes, toilet paper in plastic bags
- Water-resistant wind-breaker; a sweltering morning in Rutland can turn into a chilly, wet afternoon on Pico
- Guidebook, guide to plants or birds
- A "fanny pack" to carry the above



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KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
MAY, 1978

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
SUMMER-FALL 1978

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

JUNE 30, JULY 1 & 2: MOOSILAUKE MT., N.H. (Leave Rutland Friday at 6:30 P.M.)

This is going to include a day trip climbing from Kinsman Notch (1800') to the top of Mt. Moosilauke (4810') carrying just your lunch and returning to Glencliff. A day will be spent visiting such scenic attractions as Lost River Canyon and Polar Caves or driving over the Kancamangus Highway through the 2800' Kancamangus Pass and stopping at many beautiful overlooks. Friday nite will be spent at Quechee State Park, the second nite at a campground near the mountain. Cost including food, optional tourist fees and donation for gasoline will be between \$10 and \$15. Hiking distance over Mt. Moosilauke is 8.4 miles with the 3,000-foot ascent coming in the first three miles. Considered MODERATE TO DIFFICULT... Ray Catozzi, Leader 773-3006

JULY 16 - 10 A.M.: LANA FALLS -- A delightful short hike to a beautiful spot above Lake Dunmore. The cold water of Sucker Brook tumbling down thru a steep-sided ravine. Distance: 0.8 mi. Leader: Carl Schmidt. Optional side trips to Silver Lake or Moosalamoo, 1-3 mi. Carl Schmidt, Leader 773-6990

JULY 29 - 10 A.M.: LAKE PLEIAD -- An old favorite of the Killington Section; just off Middlebury Gap. Occurs on the same day and date as it did in 1961. Swimming, sunning, and picnicking. Round trip: 2 mi. Jim Frink, Leader 775-4925

AUGUST 13 - 9:30 A.M.: CANTILEVER ROCK -- A horizontal obelisk of rock 60 feet above ground wedged into the vertical face of a 100' cliff. We will drive to Mansfield State Park (Underhill) and hike via the Sunset Ridge Trail to Cantilever Rock. Round trip: 4 mi. Rachael Charland, Leader 775-4893

AUGUST 26 - 9:00 A.M.: BAKER PEAK via the LAKE TRAIL -- A fairly steep climb from Route 7, south of Danby. Spectacular views en route and on top of the peak. Round trip: 6 mi. Ray Catozzi, Leader 773-3006

SEPT. 9 & 10: END TO END HIKE - PARKER CAMP TO BARROWS -- Leave Friday at 6:30 P.M. Stay overnite at Parker Camp. Saturday morning hike Laraway Mtn. with day pack (2790'). Enjoy unusual view from Laraway Lookout (2620'). Return to Davis Neighborhood. 7.2 mi. Rachael Charland, Leader 773-4893

SEPT. 22-24: INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND! -- Mt. Meadows, Lincoln, Vt. WATCH LONG TRAIL NEWS FOR MORE DETAILS!!

OCT. 8 - 9:30 A.M.: MYSTERY HIKE -- A moderate climb to the summit of a little frequented mountain with splendid views on a different trail down. All within 20 miles of Rutland. Round trip: 3 miles. Ray Catozzi, Leader 773-3006

OCT. 22 - 1:00 P.M.: ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE -- East Mountain. Bring your supper and join us at the campfire after the hike for a Fall cookout. This is an easy afternoon hike. Joe Valiquette, Leader 773-8745

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RARE II, WILDERNESS, AND THE LONG TRAIL

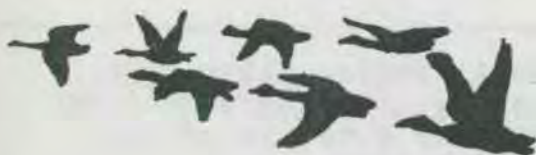
By Carl Schmidt

President, Killington Section

The RARE II program (Roadless Area Resource Evaluation) has received much local publicity within the past few months. Run by the U.S. Forest Service, it seeks to determine the best uses for national forest lands around the country. It includes proposals for designating six more areas in Vermont (in addition to Lye Brook and Bristol Cliffs) as "wilderness." The Killington Section Board of Directors has endorsed the policy statement issued by the Main Club in September of 1977 and sent a copy to the Forest Service via the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Steve Yurich, chief forester for the northeastern U.S., attended a large meeting at Rutland High School on September 6, 1978 (at the request of Vermont's congressional delegation) to listen to Vermonters and answer their questions. Mr. Yurich confirmed that designation of areas as "Wilderness" would mean that trail shelters and outhouses would be allowed to deteriorate and could not be replaced; "artificial" improvements, such as water bars and footbridges, would be prohibited or severely restricted. This would affect four Long Trail shelters and approximately 26 miles of the Long Trail in the Breadloaf area. After listening to 100 people speak their minds, the Section's position (which follows) still made sense.

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- Position Statement -

ROADLESS AND UNDEVELOPED AREA INVENTORY

by

The Green Mountain Club, Inc.

The Green Mountain Club, Inc., recognized by the Vermont General Assembly as "the founder, sponsor, defender, and protector" of the Long Trail system, is reluctant to support the designation of additional Wilderness in Vermont. While the GMC remains committed to the need for undeveloped forest land in the spectrum of outdoor recreational opportunities, we would rather see the 55,000 acres already accepted by the GMNF as "roadless and undeveloped" study area, having the potential for Wilderness designation, eventually placed in Management Area III and IV categories. This action, we feel, would effectively retain the recreational qualities Wilderness attempts to preserve while allowing greater management flexibility.

Our reasons are as follows:

1. The present lack of management flexibility inside Wilderness stems from the current interpretation of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Too often, the result has been a failure to provide for established use patterns. As one example, the presence of primitive trail shelters is considered inconsistent with Wilderness management policies. In one eastern Wilderness, however, the removal of shelters coupled with a "dispersed camping" policy resulted in increased physical impact on trail corridors and streambanks. Most overnight visitors chose to camp in these places rather than disperse. (1)

2. Timber harvesting, when carried out as prescribed under MA III guidelines and located with sensitivity toward existing or planned recreational facili-

ties, can be compatible with hiking and other forms of "primitive" recreation. The GMC feels cutting operations, when conducted under these guidelines, have a limited impact on aesthetics and over the years can impart an interesting variety to the landscape. Productive timber land is included in the 55,000 acre review area, and we believe it would be unfortunate to eliminate this significant economic resource.

3. The decision to set aside remote, undeveloped lands should be made primarily on the local level. Unit Planning is designed to do this, as it includes extensive public participation. We feel this planning approach is well-suited for determining future management of those areas identified as "roadless and undeveloped."

4. The two already established Vermont Wilderness Areas are of sufficient acreage to fulfill the place of Wilderness in the recreational spectrum. The Bristol Cliffs and Lye Brook Wilderness Areas (3,740 acres and 14,000 acres, respectively) comprise approximately 7% of the land within the GMNF. We feel this is an appropriate percentage.

In light of these points, the Green Mountain Club urges that all involved parties take a critical look at the desirability of designating additional Wilderness in Vermont.

- (1) Schnitzer, Michael. 1976. Visitor Travel Patterns in the Great Gulf Wilderness, N.H. USDA Forest Service, Backcountry Research Program, Durham, N.H.

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WANTED: NEW FACES, NEW PLACES

Do you have a favorite trail to hike? Would you like to share it with others? The Killington Section is looking for suggestions for outings and leaders to guide them. If interested, please contact Rachael Charland (775-4893) or Ray Catozzi (773-3006).

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INTERSECTIONAL WEEKEND: SEPT. 22-24

By
Robert Carey

More than a dozen Killington Section members joined over 85 Club members at the Mountain Meadows Campground for the weekend Intersectional. The weather and campground were perfect. There were beautiful views of Lincoln Mountain, which inspired three hikes from Lincoln Gap to Mt. Abraham and beyond on Saturday. In the evening everyone enjoyed viewing a slide presentation on this summer's GMC Western Trip.

Following a frosty night, two groups of hikers set out Sunday morning. One group followed the Robert Frost nature trail, while the other journeyed to Abbey Pond. After returning from this hike, I could not resist the temptation of a quick dip in the pond.

Those of us who attended look forward to returning to this beautiful area.

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NEW BOOK ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL RECOMMENDED

Miriam Bell writes to recommend to our readers Appalachian Odyssey: Walking the Trail from Georgia to Maine by Steve Sherman and Julia Olden, Stephen Greene Press, 1977. This account of a young couple's hike of the entire Appalachian Trail is written in a very interesting manner. A glowing tribute is paid to the Green Mountain Club's care of its section of the trail, easily the best part of the entire journey. Mrs. Bell says that reading the book made her feel as if she had taken every step of the journey herself.

The Smoke and Blazes staff needs access to an electric, elite-type typewriter to type up the newsletter for printing. Is any member who has such a machine willing to let us borrow it for a couple of days every three months? Contact Nancy Schmidt at 773-6990.

BLACKINTON, MASS. TO SETH WARNER
SHELTER

by Rachael W. Charland
June 3, 1978

The 3rd of June '78 was a cloudy, drippy sort of day as two Killington Section members drove toward Blackinton, Mass. Any hiker trying to find the entrance to the Appalachian Trail in Blackinton better have his GMC Guide Book handy, and even then it is a puzzle as to the entrance of the Trail and a spot to park the car. Three strong hikers, Jim Guida (Arlington), Dot MacDonald (Brattleboro) plus her dog, and Jeffrey Chenard (Arlington) were waiting for us.

Under gray skies and an occasional patter of rain we plodded along the AT amid an abundance of mountain laurel and pink lady slippers, the only bright spots of four miles of trail in Massachusetts. Only Jack-in-the-pulpits dotted Vermont's section of the LT. Waterfalls were numerous but views were blotted out by fog as we trudged ever upward. Hundreds of feet of puncheon have been installed by Pioneer Valley and I believe hundreds more feet will have to be added to aid the hiker on his way during such weather.

Then, high on a rock pile, a fugitive from Alcatraz, no doubt, we hastily swallowed our lunch as the rain drops became larger. Greg Bostock of Burlington greeted us as we munched our sandwiches -- Greg would drive my car to the County Road as he was hiking southward with two companions, Philip Woodbury of Perkinsville and George Reynolds of Springfield.

Alas! a few minutes later after Greg was well on his way, we discovered neither of us knew where Greg would leave the Car Key! Then to our rescue, our K.S. Jogger, Ray Catozzi, raced madly along the trail to meet Greg as he would be parking the car on the County Road. It was a slick, mucky, root-laden trail over which he ran to make the CONNECTION! When the remaining rain-soddened travelers emerged on

the County Road, Ray was there waiting for us with the car all unlocked!! MANY, MANY, MANY THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR PHYSICAL ENDEAVORS, RAY.

James Guida treated all of us to hot bowls of soup at a nearby restaurant while some of us changed into dry clothing, all of which made the return trip to Blackinton more enjoyable. The Plus for this wet journey was another 7+ miles for those working on their end-to-end goals.

MOOSILAUKE MT. TRIP

by Ray Catozzi
June 30 - July 2, 1978

Six stalwarts joined forces at our meeting place in Rutland Friday night June 30, ready to head out for a three-day trip in the White Mountains. The main event was to climb 4810-foot Mt. Moosilauke either on Saturday or Sunday, depending on which day promised the clearest weather.

By tenting Friday night at Quechee State Park we were able to get an 8 a.m. start on a beautiful clear Saturday morning, get a car spotted south of the peak, and start climbing out Kinsman Notch by 10 a.m.

The climb up Moosilauke from the north on the AT has the least elevation to get behind you. But it was still quite a rugged climb of over 3000 feet in 3.4 miles, with 2200 feet coming in the first 1 1/2 miles! The steepest but one of the prettiest parts of the whole ascending trail was about a mile of 30-degree climb alongside a fluming brook. Ladders, log steps, and hand rails are much in evidence along this stretch.

What a magnificent view from the windy and cool top! Visibility unlimited on a crystal clear fall-like day with the peaks of the Green Mountains marching down the far distant western horizon: Mansfield, Camel's Hump, Abraham, Pico and Killington. Our little group of Ray Catozzi, leader, Kathy Hayes and son Chris, Joan Sibley, Rachael Charland and

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THE COUNTY JAIL

By the Editor
June 10 - July 1, 1910

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and then up the road to the top and our cars.

It was a short, but very pleasant hike -- especially the post-luncheon part, and we were sorry more people did not decide to make the climb.

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LET'S SEE CANTILEVER ROCK

by Rachael W. Charland
August 13, 1978

Under threatening skies, three vehicles with ten adventuresome hikers (Peg Cioffredi, Rita Motroni, Roberta Reynes, Joe Dictons, Al and Roma Pulling, Bernice Grum, Elena Baker, and your writer) set out for Underhill State Park on August 13th at 9:30 a.m.

It soon was apparent that all was not well with the lead car as s-c-r-a-p-i-n-g sounds offended the eardrums of the passengers. Investigation by the male members of the pick-up truck following us showed that this was the prime time for the hangers of the tailpipe of the Plymouth to just "let-go"! Amid shouts of "where's your jack?" -- "where's your pliers?" and "have you some rope or wire?" Al Pulling sprawled under the car to view the damage. His long legs projecting into the oncoming traffic of Route 7 were well protected by three female onlookers. The first repair job was followed by a second, after just a few miles along the highway, BUT the workmanship of the second repair job was such that not even the rough, graveled roads of the North Country were able to loosen the improvised hangers. Hooray for GMC mechanics!!

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Woodbury of Reading were waiting for us as we entered the Park and they provided dry kindling for the hot beverages that were requested by the hungry group as they prepared their individual mid-day repasts.

Five GMCers, fortified by their noon meal, quickly ascended the Sunset Ridge Trail to the Laura Cowles Trail. The remaining hikers were very pleased to reach the Lookout Rock area and enjoy the view and rest in the 80 degree temperature. One first-time hiker, Elena,

was unfortunate enough to trip over some tree roots and tumble backward down the trail. Thankfully, her lacerations of face and forehead were minor and even her glasses were found unshattered. Four travelers, unaccustomed to the narrow, rocky terrain, decided to enjoy the views from various lookouts along the pathway instead of plodding toward the appointed destination. Needless to say, the Cantilever Trail is obliterated by two fallen trees making it necessary to crawl through the branches to gain entrance to the swampy track.

The sight of the 60-foot natural obelisk-like rock was certainly well worth the efforts of those who struggled to make it. Some agile members climbed the roughly-notched pole that was the only visible means of ascending the stone appendage to Cantilever Rock. One nimble couple managed to scramble to the very edge of the horizontal arm and cameras clicked as they were viewed enjoying their goal and sat eating their lunch. Various types of lichen and mosses lined Cantilever Rock while white turtleheads grew profusely amid brownish-green ferns at its base in this hidden glen. All agreed they enjoyed their climb and should any of you venture to Underhill State Park, be sure to ask to see the wooden, beautifully hand-carved clocks done by the Park Ranger.

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BAKER PEAK

by Ray Catozzi
August 26, 1978

It seems that if you mention a steep climb on the upcoming Killington Section hike, most folks stay home. That was the case again on Aug. 26 when only four showed up to climb Baker Peak in Mt. Tabor. It really wasn't all that bad, as the Lake Trail makes big switchbacks on the way up. (It used to be a stagecoach road to a hotel on Griffith Lake).

Ray Catozzi, leader, Rachael Charland, Shirley Reynolds and Mauri Winturri were the hikers. But Mauri said

"so long" and returned to his car, after reaching the brook, just short of the junction with the Baker Peak Trail. Mauri has to take it easy since his heart attack.

The spot on the brook where Mauri turned back has a large pool which he named Ben's Bathtub, in honor of Ben Rolston who was instrumental in re-routing the Long Trail over Baker Peak. It seems that the Lake Trail was the quickest way in and out while Ben was cutting the new trail between the peak and Griffith Lake, and many times he would stop off at this spot on the brook and clean up before heading home.

Rachael Charland is working on her Long Trail End-to-End, so rather than head for Baker Peak via the Baker Peak Trail as announced, the remaining three went all the way in to Griffith Lake to pick up the Long Trail north, and that led us to the peak, joining up with the Baker Peak Trail just short of the top.

There were magnificent views up and down the Otter Valley, with the Danby Imperial marble quarry directly opposite Baker Peak on Dorset Mountain but down much lower. A small rocky opening allows the view on Baker Peak, a great place to lunch while looking over the Vermont countryside.

A large group of 30 or so boys and girls from the Killington Trail Camps hiked the mountain at the same time as our little group. You out there who didn't go -- it was really an easy climb -- a piece of cake. Try it next time; you might like it. It's coming up again on our schedule, going south from Big Branch Shelter.

PROPER CARE OF FOOTGEAR, SKIS, AND SNOWSHOES

Most experienced backpackers, hikers, and cross-country skiers agree that the single most important equipment category is footgear. Following are a few basic tips for keeping this vital equipment in good shape.

-- Hiking Boots and Leather Cross-Country Ski Boots: Any reputable outdoor equipment store can advise you of

the proper leather preservative for your particular boots; different leather types will require different preservatives. For heavy-duty boots with stiff uppers, don't use preservatives that soften the leather. For any boot, the welt area (where the sole is attached to the uppers) requires the most attention. Use saddle soap and an old toothbrush to thoroughly remove dirt and sand from this area and from other seams. When the seams are clean and dry, use another old toothbrush to work in the preservative. Without such attention, thread can rot out while the leather is still in good shape.

-- Wooden Snowshoes: Each spring, clean thoroughly and dry. Examine wood frames and leather webbing carefully for cracks. Wrap any cracked area with nylon monofilament fishing line, then put liquid ferrule cement over the wrapped area (get both line and cement at a fishing equipment store). If any areas have the varnish worn dull or through to bare wood or leather, apply two light coats of marine or spar varnish (from any paint or hardware store). When thoroughly dry, tie the snowshoes tightly together with twine bottom to bottom. Wedge a block of soft wood into the space between the toes. Hang them by the tail end from a rafter (out of the sun) by a piece of fine wire. The wire will prevent mice or squirrels from climbing down and eating the webbing. NOTE: Treat leather bindings the same as boots; that is, keep the leather and especially the seams clean and preserved.

-- Wooden Cross-Country Skis: Before the season starts, many ski shops offer reduced rates on pine tar jobs. Take them up on it. You can learn to do it yourself, the same as you can learn to change the oil in your car -- but it isn't worth it. For summer storage of any type ski, saw a short piece of 2" x 4" lumber to fit the space that exists between the skis when they are placed bottom to bottom with the ends touching. Use short adjustable straps (from any ski shop) to hold the skis in this position, so that the natural curvature (camber) of the skis is preserved.

-- Aluminum Snowshoes, Nylon Ski Boots: Little maintenance required.

CAROL CHAPMAN NEW EDITOR OF SMOKE & BLAZES

by Nancy Schmidt, Publicity Chairman

We are pleased to inform our members that Carol Chapman is now editor of Smoke and Blazes. Carol, a Burlington native, has lived in Rutland since 1972. A teacher at the Vermont Achievement Center, Carol has been an active participant in GMC activities and is currently a member of the Killington Section board of directors. She will be carrying out the editor's duties with the assistance of Jake Sherman, who types and prepares Smoke and Blazes articles for printing.

Carol requests that all articles or items of interest for the next Smoke and Blazes, to be printed December 15, be submitted to her by December 1. Please send all material for Smoke and Blazes to:

Carol Chapman
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Rutland, VT 05701

HIKING DURING HUNTING SEASON

It is the policy of the Killington Section not to schedule hikes during deer hunting season (Nov. 11-26, 1978) and to warn hikers to avoid areas where hunters might be. The Section does occasionally schedule outings during deer season in safe areas. The November 11 Mt. Philo hike is in a state park where hunting is strictly prohibited and where the area is thoroughly posted; so we feel safe in inviting people to join us on this holiday outing.

Also on the schedule during deer season is a Pot Luck Supper at Tall Timbers, the Craigie Perkins' residence in Mendon. Don't miss this social gathering on November 18.

TRAIL WORK THANKS AND PLANS FOR TRAIL RELOCATION

The section owes special thanks to Mauri Winturri, a K.S. member from

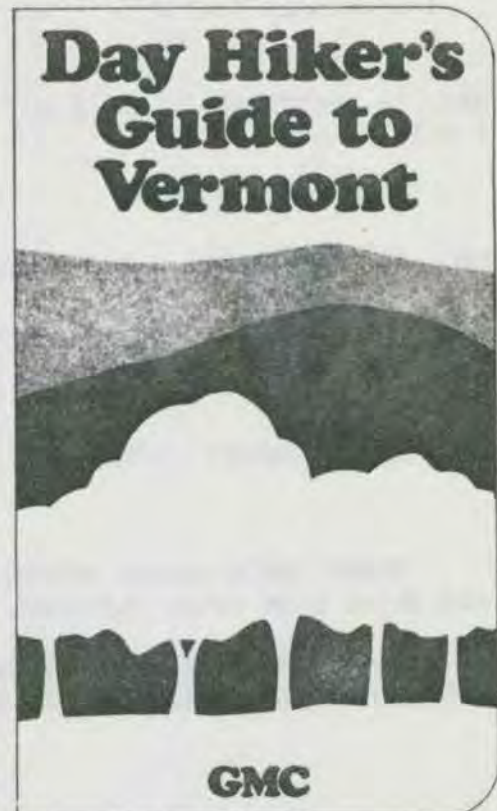
Fitchburg, Mass., who has spent many weekends this past summer working on the Long Trail. Trail-maintenance is a never-ending job, and we appreciate the many hours Mauri has spent in re-painting blazes, making repairs, and many other necessary chores.

Also our thanks go to Rob Carey, who has worked some with Mauri on the trail, and to Rob, Harold Rogers, Churchill Scott, and Ray Catozzi, who are doing the preliminary survey for trail relocation. This trail relocation is necessary and considered urgent. We need all the workers we can get for this work party on November 4; much of the work involved is clearing and marking the new trail -- not too much hard labor. With enough volunteers, it could be completed in a day and shouldn't be that hard a job.

DAY HIKER'S GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The recently published Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont is available at the reduced rate of \$3.50 to GMC members (\$4.95 to non-members). This long-awaited guide furnishes information about more than 200 short trails around the state.

Copies may be obtained from Carl Schmidt or Churchill Scott.



GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
FALL - WINTER, 1978-1979

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

- OCT. 29 (SUNDAY), 9:00 A.M.: BIRD MOUNTAIN (in Ira) -- Churchill Scott, 775-5720, leader. A new route to the summit, past the site of the historic Masonic Monument.
4 miles
- NOV. 4 (SATURDAY), 9:00 A.M.: WORK PARTY - TEMPORARY LONG TRAIL RELOCATION (near Cold River Road) -- Carl Schmidt, 773-6990, leader. Volunteers needed. Section will furnish tools and materials.
Short distance
- NOV. 5 (SUNDAY), 8:00 A.M.: LONG TRAIL, MAD TOM NOTCH TO RTE. 30 (near Manchester) -- Rachael Charland, 775-4893, leader. Excellent views of Stratton and Equinox Mountains.
5.3 miles
- NOV. 11 (SATURDAY), 9:00 A.M.: MT. PHILO (near Vergennes) -- Jim Frink, 775-4925, leader. Short holiday hike to a mountain given to the state by Mrs. James Humphrey in 1924, with views of Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains.
2 miles
- NOV. 18 (SATURDAY), 6:30 P.M.: Pot Luck Supper at Tall Timbers, Craigie Perkins' residence. Bring your favorite hot dish or dessert and your own place setting. Section will provide beverages. Churchill Scott, 775-5720.
Social
- DEC. 2 (SATURDAY), 8:00 A.M.: LONG TRAIL, USFS RD. #10 TO BAKER PEAK (south of Danby) -- Churchill Scott, 775-5720, leader. Trail goes southward to Big Branch Suspension Bridge; watch for foundation of old water wheel.
8 miles
- DEC. 16 (SATURDAY), 6:30 P.M.: MOONLIGHT HIKE TO SUNNYSIDE SHELTER (near Rte. 103) -- Carl Schmidt, 773-6990, leader. Hike, ski or snowshoe for all ages. Section will provide coffee and cocoa.
1 mile
- DEC. 30 (SATURDAY): To be announced in December SMOKE AND BLAZES.
- JAN. 14 (SUNDAY), 10:00 A.M.: QUARTERLINE RD. (near Rutland) -- Harold Rogers, 775-4471. Snowshoe and ski.* Variable mileage, many possible side trips. Suitable for older children.
3 miles*
- JAN. 20 (SATURDAY), 7:30 P.M.: KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Location to be announced in December SMOKE AND BLAZES.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING WARM EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.



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AREA-WIDE COOPERATIVE EFFORT HELPED LOCATE HIKER IN AN EMERGENCY

One of the less pleasant activities of GMC members is the urgent location of hikers on the trail when an emergency has occurred at the hiker's home. One October morning we received a call from the Main Office in Montpelier asking for assistance in locating a New York man hiking northward alone on the trail between Lost Pond and Sherburne Pass. The cause for urgency in this case was the death of the hiker's father; a day had already passed in which the State Police had been unable to locate him. The overall hike was to take 4 days.

This happened on a Monday when we had no volunteers available, so we had to resort to the telephone. Eventually we managed to contact landowners at or near road crossings, as well as the large ski corporations and the hiker's destination point. The northern locations alerted south-bound hikers to watch for the N.Y. hiker, and people at other points posted notices on trail markers in addition to watching the trail. We did make contact with the hiker late that afternoon.

In every case, we received a wonderful response of concern and helpfulness. The Board of Directors of the Killington Section would like to thank the following people and organizations who assisted us in this search: The Inn at Long Trail, the Sherburne Corporation, Pico Peak Ski Resort, and Sue Darrow. Our special thanks to Diane Carrara at the Cold River Country Store, Chuck Wade, and Gary Salmon, who all 'went the extra mile' and were a great help.

One final word. The hiker for whom we were searching had left an itinerary, with starting and ending times and places, and tentative locations for overnights. This is a precaution all travelers should take, but especially persons

hiking alone. The itinerary helped us in our search, even though the hiker was a bit ahead of his projected time schedule.

THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND-- AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

Before 1978 ends, consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund.

Mr. Kirk, who died in 1966, was a newspaper reporter and editor in Rutland for 57 years and Weather Bureau observer for over 25 years. An authority on botany and ornithology, he was an active hiker who probably climbed Killington more than anyone else.

Mr. Kirk's widow, Mrs. Dorothy Kirk, established the George L. Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund in January 1977 with an initial donation of \$500. The Fund is managed by the K.S., and when the principle reaches \$5,000 the interest earned can be used for trail & shelter maintenance in our Section. Currently the fund contains over \$1,800.

Section policy is that yearly income from dues should pay for all yearly expenses, including moderate trails & shelters expenses. Our recently-raised dues structure barely keeps us in the black. Unless membership expands substantially we will not have necessary funds for shelter replacement and major repairs, or major items of trail maintenance, such as puncheons and bridges.

We have virtually eliminated subsidizing social activities such as Sugar on Snow and gatherings with hired entertainment which were so enjoyable in past years, because our budget condition is so delicate.

The AT Bill and the attendant relocations that may become necessary will strain our trails & shelters budget to or beyond the breaking point. Shelter vandalism seems to worsen each year; the cost of materials for repair and maintenance is soaring.

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MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
October 8, 1978

It had been an unusually warm autumn, they'd been saying, temperatures above normal, many sunny days, etc. So what did the weather do on this particular Sunday? It gave us a preview of the winter to come: wet snow on the ground, falling out of the trees, and more coming at us out of the sky.

The real mystery for the seven brave souls who showed up to hike, they knew not where, was what happened to the nice weather that day. However, off we drove to the north for about 15 miles, parked our cars on what is known as the Middle Road, and started up a wood road.

We were heading for the summit of this medium high mountain, but the steepness of the terrain, the thick cover, and slippery going with the wet snow underfoot, caused your leader to call a halt short of the top. With the announcement of no really good views from the summit, most voted to head back down.

Branching onto a newly cut trail, heading west down off the ridge, we soon arrived at a tiny cabin belonging to John Blittersdorf of Pittsford, a KS member. This cabin is situated at the upper edge of a high, steep pasture on the western slope of the mountain, with magnificent views to the north, west, and south. John is living in this cabin while he is constructing a larger permanent one nearby. Your leader had arranged with John for the hikers to lunch here.

John proved a gracious host, having water hot for coffee and cocoa, chocolate chip cookies he had baked himself in his wood stove oven, and furnishing spices to go in our hot cider.

It was crowded, but fun as we had our lunch with much pleasant conversation. Soon though, it was time to head back, traveling down John's motorcycle path which snaked back and forth down the pasture like a cattle trail on a Swiss Alp.

Oh, where did we go, you're saying? Sorry, I should have mentioned before --Nickwackett Mt. in north Chittenden.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE - EAST MT.

by Joe Valiquette
October 22, 1978

Sunny skies were over Rutland as 25 hikers met at the fire station at 1 P.M. Leaving Rutland we proceeded up the Notch Road, then north via the Wheelerville Road and parked south of Mc Laughlin Falls.

We headed up the logging road from the Wheelerville Road toward Dyers Meadows. Just south of the meadows we took a spur up East Mountain. The hike to the top was relatively easy following old logging roads and with very little bushwacking.

The view from the top was beautiful, but a little hazy. The memorial flag placed there last year was still hanging, but a bit tattered and torn. John Valiquette tied a new flag close to the worn one.

The hike down was fast and we came upon a porcupine high up in a tree. That was about the only wild life we came across.

About 12 hikers stayed for a cookout following the hike down, with Rachael Charland tending the fire. It was Don Romano's first cookout.

All in all a good day was had by all.

KIRK FUND, CONT.

The AT Bill, which will secure the Killington Section of the LT, together with the remainder of the AT, was passed through Congress with the understanding that trails & shelters maintenance would remain with local hiking organizations rather than with the federal government. If we cannot live up to this responsibility, we will be forced to re-examine our reasons for existence and the objectives of the Section and the GMC.

A contribution to the Kirk Fund is an investment in both the futures of the Long Trail and the Killington Section.

OUTING CANCELLATION

Plans for a possible outing on December 30, listed in the last schedule, did not materialize.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

by Churchill Scott
October 29, 1978

A perfect fall day greeted a good-sized group of hikers, eager to explore a new route up Bird Mountain.

Parking at the usual spot, we hiked about one-half mile on the road to Ben's Slide, then bore west on an old wood road climbing easily between the series of ledges.

At the ridge top we turned south, bushwacked along the ridge, soon reaching the ravine where the old east and west roads meet. From here it was easy to follow the trail to the summit.

It was very enjoyable to have Mr. Justin Lindholm, owner of the summit and east side of Bird Mountain, with us. Earlier he had cut trees to improve the view, which extended from Snake and Philo mountains counter-clockwise to the peaks east of Middlebury. Mr. Lindholm returned via the old trail, pausing at the Big Spring and then continuing around the foot of the ledges where new and spectacular views were to be seen.

The success of this hike was largely due to Rachael Charland, who flagged a very important turn, Mr. Lindholm, Jake Sherman, who copied the story of Bird Mountain from Summits of the Green Mountains, and George Young, who loaned us the booklet, "History of the Masonic Monument Erected on Bird Mountain".

This peak, named after Colonel Amos Bird, has had many routes to its summit. As far back as 1887, when over 2000 persons attended the monument's dedication, countless thousands have climbed this mountain. For many years the Castleton State College Outing Club maintained the trail, but now it has been so neglected that George Pearlstein did not include it in the Day Hiker's Guide. If the Killington Section ever gets caught up this trail would be a good work project.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

The next issue of Smoke and Blazes is to be mailed out mid-March. Please submit your articles and hike reports by March 1 to: Carol Chapman, 39 East St., Rutland.

WORK PARTY - TEMPORARY LT RELOCATION

by Carl Schmidt

On November 4, a Killington Section work party cleared a new one-mile trail segment that will be used until landowner arrangements on the old trail location are clarified through the Appalachian Trail securing act. Going south from the Lower Cold River Road, the hiker will proceed south on the Lottery Road (called the Middle Road on some topo maps) about 500 yards beyond the old trail cutoff, which has been barricaded by the landowner, to its new cutoff just before a red barn/house. The new trail essentially follows a fence line to the top of a ridge, then turns right along the ridge until it intersects the old trail a few hundred yards later. The relocated trail is cleared and blazed (tape blazes); the new cutoff traveling from south to north is well-marked and the old trail barricaded.

The workers are all to be commended for their efforts. Phil Woodbury of Perkinsville, Paul Magoon and George Reynolds of Springfield, and Ralph Caddell of Poultney came the longest distances. For exceptional efforts, Mr. Woodbury was awarded free trail privileges for an end-to-end hike, and a ridge was named for Mr. Magoon. The temporary trail itself was temporarily named for Joe Dicton, who as usual was where there was work to be done. Karen Unsworth, a Section member and end-to-end hiker, put in many hours of brush demolition despite a bad cold. Rob Carey worked pretty hard until it was time for the Penn State football game. During lunch, we were joined by Churchill Scott, Rachael Charland, Joan Sibley, and Mauri Winturri, who helped complete clearing and blazing. It was a fine day among good company, and a reaffirmation of one of our Section's main reasons for existence.

And in conclusion, our thanks to Mr. Walsh, who permitted the relocation onto his land.

MAD TOM NOTCH TO ROUTE #30

by Rachael Charland
November 5, 1978

It was a beautiful, sunny, unusually warm day even at 8:00 A.M. as three K.S. members, Churchill Scott, Rob Carey, and your narrator left Rutland to meet with the Caddells at the LT crossing on Route 30. Rob gave all of us a ride to Mad Tom Notch entrance to the LT. We were especially pleased to see such spacious parking areas at both of the LT entrances. Thanks to the Green Mountain Forest, I understand.

Evidently the heat got to Rob as he quickly packed away his special woolen hiking pants and once more enjoyed hiking in his summer garb!

The woodlands were brightly carpeted with many varieties of trailing evergreens. Not many birds were heard, but numerous chipmunks kept us company as we climbed to the summit of Bromley and then onward to the tower at the site of the Bromley chairlifts.

There we encountered a hiker who told us he had left the snow in Baxter State Park and was enroute to his home in Pennsylvania.

After we had lunch we looked in vain for the five states we were supposed to be able to see from that tower. As we ascended to Bromley Shelter we met several families hiking to the top of Bromley. The shelter was in good condition and we enjoyed an extra cup of tea as we conversed with a family from Manchester who often hike to this shelter on Sunday afternoons.

It was such a lovely, easy hike, it is too bad that so few members made an effort to join us.

MT. PHILO

by Jim Frink
November 11, 1978

Anna Nyiri, Bob Carey, Churchill Scott, B.J. Stuller, and I arrived at the entrance to Mt. Philo State Park at about 10:15 A.M.

We climbed through, over or under the heavy gates and walked up the winding auto access road for about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Then we climbed a steep trail back to the road, which climbs the mountain in a series of three great loops. We walked left on the road to the trail which crosses the second loop, up to the road again. A walk to the right on the road took us to the trail which cuts off the third loop, circles a great excavation in the mountain side and leads to the set of wooden steps which ends at the look-out.

From there we walked to the north-west and south look-outs where we enjoyed beautiful views of the lake and the Vermont valley. Unfortunately the Adirondacks were hidden behind haze and clouds.

We commandeered one of the park's picnic tables and enjoyed a lunch sheltered from the powerful north-west wind.

After lunch we walked down the one-way exit road. When it passed a beautiful, high, north-facing meadow, we all rolled under the three strand barbed wire fence and walked to the end of the lovely cow pasture which ended on a knob commanding a 180 degree view of the valley.

The walk down the road took only about 45 minutes, including the stop at the meadow.

DUES FOR RECENT MEMBERS (Who Joined in 1978)

For members who joined after the first quarter of 1978, it might come as a temporary shock when you are billed for 1979 dues in January, rather than twelve months after you initially joined. Section policy for some years has been to charge a full year's dues for the partial year in which a member first joins, then give credit for a partial year's dues during the next year. For example, if you paid a \$10 membership in July, 1978, your 1979 dues will be \$5, payable in January. Be sure to remind us of this when you send in your dues.

MAIN CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING

(Bardwell Hotel, Oct. 28, 1978)

1. The Main Club's financial status has taken a downward turn during 1978 due to increased costs (postage, Social Security) and lower than-anticipated income (especially At Large dues). Four proposals for increasing income were submitted.

- A. Begin annual solicitation of funds from At Large and Section Members.
- B. Establish and solicit special non-voting membership categories (e.g., corporate donors).
- C. Establish an additional outlet for sale of GMC publications (Contemporary Sports, Inc.).
- D. Establish a committee for exploring the advisability of accepting paid advertising in GMC publications.

Item A was passed 13-12. The Killington Section had objected since Main Club solicitations could drain contributions from our Section: contributions in excess of dues are just about the only way our Section can keep income slightly ahead of expenses, and build up the Kirk Trail Fund to provide long range stability for Trails & Shelters funding.

Items B, C, and D were also approved, with appropriate safeguards to prevent abrupt changes in Club direction.

2. A position statement on Rare II ("Wilderness") was approved, which essentially reaffirmed the 1977 GMC position printed in the last Smoke and Blazes. (To summarize, we endorse well-controlled multiple usage.) The final statement limited itself to the three proposed Wilderness areas that would affect the Long Trail. This statement will be sent to the Forest Service and to our confressmen.
3. Field programs were well-managed, effective, and held to tight budget control. Harry Peet, who leads this program, would like to have our trained field people play more of a role in leading or training local Section work parties in order to preserve the volunteer nature of the GMC. He will try to contact Section presidents in late fall/early winter.
4. Future events (to be reported in future Long Trail News).
 - a. Ski Day at Stowe (Trapp Lodge) on Jan. 28.

- b. Winter Outing, Mar. 3&4.
- c. Annual Meeting, May 26, to be hosted by the Burlington Section, Old Lantern Inn, Charlotte, Vt.
- d. GMC Summer Expedition to Scotland, Wales (\$800); 10 day trip.
- e. Autumn Intersectional Weekend Outing, Sept. 21-23, at Lincoln (same location as last fall-beautiful!)

5. It was proposed that the GMC host the Appalachian Trail Conference in 1985. This will be discussed further at the next Main Club Directors meeting at Stowe, Jan. 27, 1979.
6. An excellent audio-visual program on Mount Mansfield and the GMC has been prepared by free-lance photographer Louis Boire; these slides were prepared at no cost to GMC and will be offered to Sections, schools, etc., at minimal deposit.
7. The Killington Section received two certificates of recognition for land-owner relations and the 1977 Intersectional.

POT LUCK SUPPER AT TALL TIMBERS

by Churchill Scott
November 18, 1978

The annual covered dish supper has come and gone again with the smallest group ever. Only seven attended, but what we lacked in quantity we made up for in quality. Steaming hot lasagna, delectable scalloped potatoes, crisp macaroni and raisin salad, Jello, and cookies, plus lots of good, hot coffee, tea, or hot chocolate by a nice, warm Franklin stove.

Following the supper Craigie showed us old-time photos, via magic lantern, of Killington Section activities dating way back to the 1920's and '30's.

Once again the section is grateful to Craigie and Mary for their hospitality, but it is too bad Craigie had to give up a whole day to split wood, build fires to keep the field house warm, and show photos to only six people.

The Outing Committee will have to take a long hard look to see what should be scheduled in the future.

1978 KILLINGTON SECTION FINANCES

-W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer

In 1978, Section dues were raised to a level that was intended to cover normal operating expenses, plus provide a (very) few extra dollars. We did exactly as advertized. Following is a breakdown of expenditures vs. income through November 1978, given in the same format as last year's dues proposal. Not included are expenditures/income for Guidebooks, and special gifts for the Kirk Fund and the Cooper Lodge caretaker. We are trying to get financial support from local corporations for the Cooper Lodge caretaker; if we don't succeed, our Section's support will again be reassessed at the Annual Meeting. As for the Kirk Fund -- we must try to get more contributions and/or raise money in other ways so that our Section will have a continuing source of trail maintenance income; if you can spare a few extra dollars with your 1979 dues, please support this worthy cause.

A. <u>Basic Killington Section expenses</u>	<u>Average, previous 4 years</u>	<u>1978</u>
1. Trails & shelters	175	139.12
2. "Smoke & Blazes"	114	① 195.00
3. Outings (Schedules, food, coffee, etc.)	115	① 47.74
4. Postage, telephone, secretary's expenses	84	① 30.53
5. Miscellaneous (Annual meeting, etc.)	20	22.30
		<u>434.69</u>
B. <u>Expenses related to Main Club</u>		
1. Dues (88 adults, 16 juniors) ②	300	282
2. Caretaker at Cooper Lodge	150	③ -0-
		<u>282.00</u>
Operating expenses =		716.69

① Postage went down because we include the schedules in Smoke & Blazes, rather than mailing them individually. This helps soften the blow of "S&B" increased costs.

② After this year, family juniors won't pay Main Club dues. (This was the number of members when dues were paid.)

③ In 1978, paid by gift of Frank Bequaert.

Income from dues:

1. 61 adults @ \$10 + 10 spouses @ \$8	△ 636.50
2. 28 senior citizens @ \$4.50	△ 122.00
3. 3 juniors @ \$1.75 + 13 family juniors @ \$1	18.25
	<u>776.75</u>

△ A few memberships were sent in before dues increase was voted in. We let these go -maybe we shouldn't have.

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THANK YOU!

HIKERS REMEMBER!

Tell your spouse, friend, neighbor, or parent where you are hiking and when you are leaving for your hike.

If you are using your car, leave a note that can be seen by anyone from outside your car with the above information. If your car is not used remind the driver of this safety measure.

FOR SALE

Pair of new (never worn) Raichle hiking boots, size 6½. Color, fawn brown with steel shank and toes. Make me a reasonable offer. Tel. 775-4893

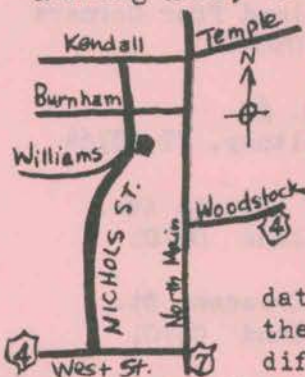
NEW MEMBERS

Berezin, Iris	P.O. Box 59 Hartland Four Corners VT 05049
Caddell, Ralph	R.D. #2 Poultney, VT 05764
Cioffredi, Peg	167 Lincoln Ave. Rutland 05701
Elwert, Fred	19 Crescent St. Rutland 05701
Luckman, Susan	25 Kelly Rd. Cambridge MA 02138

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT AND MAIL IN
YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE!

ANNUAL MEETING: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1979

7:30 P.M. in meeting room at Pleasant Manor
Nursing Home, 46 Nichols Street



Parking lot between the two
buildings; meeting (dining)
room is downstairs in build-
ing on the left (northern-
most building). *****

Special Item for Considera-
tion: Suggested scheduling
of annual meeting at later
date (March or April) when wea-
ther less likely to cause travel
difficulties. Date change will
require a change in by-laws and a vote of
members present at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

To please your hiker friend or relative,
give him or her a 1977 edition of Guide
Book of the Long Trail or a copy of
Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont, each \$3.50
for GMC members.

Also available are Killington Section
"rocker" patches for pack or sleeve at
50 cents each.

These may be obtained from Churchill
Scott or Carl Schmidt.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR SMOKE AND BLAZES READERS !

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
WINTER 1979

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

- JAN. 14 (SUN.), 10:00 A.M. 3 miles QUARTERLINE ROAD (near Rutland) Snowshoe and ski. Variable mileage with many possible side trips. Suitable for older children. Harold Rogers 775-4471
- JAN. 20 (SAT.), 7:30 P.M. KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING To be held this year in the meeting room at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols Street. (See page 8 for map.) We urge all who can to attend as there will be many important issues to discuss. Refreshments served.
- JAN. 27 (SAT.), 9:00 A.M. 5 miles PICO PEAK A moderately difficult snowshoe hike with a 1500 ft. elevation gain on a well packed section of the Long Trail. Hiking to Pico Camp (no stove). Rob Carey, 773-7076
- FEB. 11 (SUN.), 9:00 A.M. 2.5 - 3 miles SHREWSBURY AREA Easy to moderate snowshoe and ski tour with optional side trips. Suitable for children who can cross-country ski. Carl Schmidt, 773-6990
- FEB. 24 (SAT.), 1:30 P.M. 3 miles SUGAR ON SNOW AND PINE HILL SKI TOUR The annual sugar on snow party at the Unitarian-Universalist Church will be combined with a ski tour which will follow a trail, described in the GMC Day Hiker's Guide, passing by Rocky and Muddy ponds and ending at the Country Club. Bring your supper and hot soup will be served at a small charge. Top it off with sugar on snow for dessert. ski tour; Harold Rogers, 775-4471
sugar on snow; Roma Pulling, 773-6997
- MAR. 4 (SUN.), 8:30 A.M. G.M.C. DAY AT BLUEBERRY HILL, GOSHEN The fourth annual G.M.C. Day at Blueberry, sponsored by the Breadloaf Section. Look forward to a day of cross-country ski instruction, home-made soup, and skiing on the trails at Blueberry Hill, all at unusually low rates. Equipment may be rented there.
Nancy Schmidt, 773-6990
- MAR. 11 (SUN.), 9:00 A.M. MYSTERY HIKE Easy to moderate snowshoe or ski tour of variable mileage. Joan Sibley, 492-3553
- MAR. 24 & 25 (SAT.&SUN.) 4 miles 9:00 A.M. BROMLEY SHELTER OVERNIGHT Bring your snowshoes or skis for this backpack trip.
Rachael Charland 775-4893

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr. & Mrs. Craigie Perkins
Tall Timber
c/o Woodstock Stage
Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes



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KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

JANUARY-MARCH, 1979

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by W. Churchill Scott

On January 20, 1979 the annual meeting of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club was held at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home.

There were about 30 people present, but we feel the very poor forecast of snow, sleet and freezing rain kept many at home.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

President Carl Schmidt explained our financial standing, which is encouraging, by using a flip chart.

Likewise Ray Catozzi used a large scale map to outline the work done on trails and shelters during the past year -- a new outhouse at Sunnyside, relocation north of Hermit Spring and a re-route flagged north of Lower Gold River Road. Ray expressed appreciation to all who helped.

The main speaker of the evening was Preston Bristow, Vermont's Appalachian Trail representative, formerly assistant to the Executive Director of the Green Mountain Club. Preston gave an excellent presentation of the Appalachian Trail Bill, its history, implementation and the current status of his work with landowners. Following his talk Preston conducted a question and answer period regarding the A.T. and landowner concerns. The Killington Section is doing well in this area.

A by-law change was proposed to hold the annual meeting in April, possibly on the third Saturday, to be assured of better weather for out of

town members to attend. (A number of other sections meet in March or April.) This proposal was favored by a large majority.

The George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund was discussed. It is doing very well. Nancy Schmidt made a large, interesting display of clippings, articles and mementos of Mr. Kirk. Mrs. George Kirk spoke of methods to inform more people and organizations about the fund.

The following officers were chosen:

President - Carl Schmidt
Vice President - Raymond Catozzi
Secretary-Treasurer -
W. Churchill Scott
Board of Directors -
Joseph Dicton, Sr.
Carl Schmidt
Harold Rogers, each for three
year terms
Roma Pulling, two year term

Roma will finish the term of Jean Berger who regretfully resigned because of her retirement and extensive travel opportunities. Good luck to her!

Joseph Dicton, Sr. agreed to be Trails and Shelters Chairman with his son Joseph, Jr. as his assistant. Initially they will be working with present chairman Ray Catozzi.

A new K.S. brochure was discussed and planned.

Rachael Charland outlined the outings for the past year, asking for suggestions of new areas to visit. She also proposed a complete meal at the time of the sugar on snow party. Let's think about this more.

Carol Chapman thanked everyone for their help on Smoke and Blazes in

preparation and mailing. It helps very much to have so many offers of assistance.

We extend our thanks to the folks at Pleasant Manor for a convenient meeting room and to all those who brought the delicious refreshments.

BRIEF NOTES ON DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Directors' meeting of the GMC Main Club was held at the Trapp Family Lodge on January 27th, 1979 with a very small attendance, possibly 35 members.

President Joe Frank stated that Form #1023 has been submitted to the IRS, making application for Tax Exemption and he especially thanked John Keyes for all of the work he did on this application. If the GMC were to obtain the tax exemption, it could mean lower postal rates.

The Killington Section was commended on its relationship with landowners in the area. Sections are not to sign any land agreements with landowners.

Two new sections are being formed, Montreal and Woodstock. Joe Frank will MC an international meeting in Montreal soon.

The response for a Winter Survival Trip to be led by Don Wallace has been very high in numbers. The 24 members to be screened and selected by Don will be receiving a letter from him soon.

A letter received by some section members from Dorothy Knight concerning a full week for the Intersectional gathering instead of a weekend was read at this meeting. She is to be invited to the May Directors' meeting to offer her proposal as to her findings.

Comments are requested from the sections concerning the GMNF standards for signs. All comments in letter form are to be directed to Harry Peet in care of the Montpelier GMC office.

A great deal of time was given to the proposal that the GMC consider

advertising in the Long Trail News. Four directors, of which two were KS members, were against the proposal. However, the majority wanted to try advertising in the newsletter. Much debate was given over to the question of how much, how often and what type should be considered. An Advertising Editor must be appointed by the Board for this venture. It should be noted that the Killington Section is considering advertising in Smoke and Blazes.

Harry Peet did announce that there will be a Trails and Shelters Workshop to be held at Tamarack. More details will be forthcoming.

ADOPT-A-SHELTER PROGRAM is to be re-activated. Harry is asking for responses from the sections concerning this program.

A newly designed End-to-End certificate is now available. Those who have an old one and would like a copy of the new certificate should enclose \$2.00 and make their request to: GMC Inc., Box 889, Montpelier, Vt. 05602.

Carol Chapman was elected a new member of the End-to-End Committee. Betty Staek has moved from the State of Vermont. We will miss Betty's willingness to help us whenever called upon. Safe hiking, Betty.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael W. Charland

KIRK FUND GROWING

Certificate of Deposit 3/1/79 \$1088.02

90 Day Notice Account 3/1/79 \$1853.77

Since January 1, 1979 we have received \$643.59 in gifts to the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund.

On March 31, 1979 we will be able to purchase a second \$1000 six year certificate of deposit and be well on our way to a third one before the end of 1979.

BAKER PEAK

by Churchill Scott
December 2, 1978

All of the conditions for this early winter End-to-End hike were perfect. After having visions of parking at the Silver Bridge with our hiking distance increased by two miles, we discovered little enough snow so that we could drive to the trail crossing at the #10 - Black Branch Road.

A short rest and lunch stop at Big Branch Shelter was enjoyed before looking over the original Mt. Tabor-Landgrove (pre-1927 flood) Road and waterwheel and mill site. This would be a good overnight stop.

Hiking over the bridge and up an easy grade with deeper snow gave us a good appetite at Lost Pond Shelter. By the time we arrived at Baker Peak the northwest wind was very strong and cold, blowing away the clouds, so good views were had of the Adirondacks, Taconics, and Green Mountains.

Ben's bad weather by-pass was used by several of us for the ice, snow and wind were very bad over the ledges on the peak. These conditions also caused a big discussion over which trail to use on the descent. Due to the late hour we chose the Baker Peak Trail, but still we seemed to live up to the reputation that most of our End-to-End hikes finish in almost total darkness. A good hike, a good day, and enjoyable companions.

MOONLIGHT HIKE TO SUNNYSIDE SHELTER

by Carl Schmidt
December 16, 1978

Twenty people turned out for the Moonlight Hike, though the moon didn't appear from behind the clouds until after the hike began. Going into Sunnyside Shelter it was a bit cloudy, but the return hike was by full, beautiful moonlight.

Since the snow was not suitable for skis or snowshoes, we all went in by foot, accompanied by a sled, which some of the younger hikers used for a bit. Youngest hikers were Charles and Ellen Schmidt, ages 3 and 6, and Greg Crowther, age 5. All three proved to be good hikers and showed enthusiasm worthy of experienced

hikers for the cocoa and especially the goro which Rob Carey provided. All those present enjoyed the closed shelter with its warm wood stove.

SAD SEQUEL TO THE MOONLIGHT HIKE REPORT

February 11, 1979

Ski and Snowshoe Outing

The February 11 outing scheduled for the Shrewsbury area was shifted to Sunnyside because the trails in the Shrewsbury area had been heavily used by loggers. That Sunday was a bitterly cold day (as had been the whole week), but Rob Carey and hike leader Carl Schmidt braved the sub-zero temperature since the sun was shining.

On arriving at Sunnyside, they found to their dismay that the new outhouse, constructed just last spring, had been completely demolished and used for firewood in the shelter's wood stove. From the signs and evidence, it could only have happened within the two or three days before Rob and Carl were there; the people who used the outhouse to warm themselves in the shelter were not skiers, snowshoers, or snowmobilers; there were only boot prints around the shelter. Even more discouraging is the fact that the spring outhouse-building and trail work, which received such excellent publicity in the Rutland Herald, was necessary because two sides of the old outhouse had been ripped off for firewood the winter before.

While we know that Sunnyside, an all-too-accessible enclosed shelter with a stove, is much used by non-hikers who are simply having parties of some sort, such wanton and rapid destruction of Trail property is most depressing. The Killington Section Board of Directors will consider the problem of misuse of the shelter, and whether or not to replace the outhouse, at its next meeting.

PINNEY HOLLOW, PLYMOUTH, VT.

by Churchill Scott
December 30, 1978

An unscheduled, impromptu hike attracted five hikers who made a special trip to the Forester's Headquarters at the old C.C.C. Camp at Plymouth.

The cottage provided a very good base

for our lunch after skiing about two miles up the Whitstone Brook Road and making a swift downhill return run.

Churchill stayed by the fire to keep the pot warm while the rest, Rob Carey, Rae Charland, and Mr. & Mrs. Rosenthal made a second run.

QUARTERLINE ROAD, CENTER RUTLAND AREA

by Churchill Scott
January 14, 1979

Despite the steady rain and absence of the coffee pot, eight hardy souls gathered for the Quarterline Road Outing. This road at the parking area was a sheet of ice. The snow conditions were not sticky but mostly granular and, thank goodness, snow did not build up on the skis or snowshoes.

Jim, Churchill, and hike leader Harold Rogers used snowshoes, while Karen Unsworth, her friend, Lisa Bianchi, and Barbara, Dorothy, and Arnold Rosenthal used skis.

Shortly after Harold left to return to his car, we ate a quick lunch on an unplowed section of the road. Continuing on for the longest half mile all day, we hit the old abandoned Town Road leading to the east. Here the skiers were right at home for after a short easy downhill run it became a steeper descent. But all the turns and bumps were maneuvered with a minimum of falls.

Harold drove his car around to the Creek Road, walked up to meet the rest and transported all eight back to the starting point where once again a lot of pushing and shoveling was needed to get headed for home.

At lunch the blue sky and sunshine appeared for a short time, then rain again. For wildlife we saw only a pair of deer tracks and a few chickadees.

PICO PEAK SNOWSHOE

by Rob Carey
January 27, 1979

Churchill Scott, Al and Roma Pulling and myself were joined at Sherburne Pass by Kevin Smyth. In spite of the recent warm weather and rain at the lower elevations, the snow proved to be excellent for snowshoeing. It was neither crusty, icy, nor slushy. We soon discovered that one

person had been up several days before us. There was some snow on his tracks, but the broken trail made the trip much easier.

We made good time to Pico Camp, where we had an unpleasant surprise. The door was completely off of its hinges, and partially broken. The heavy plastic that Ray Catozzi and I had put in was completely gone. It looked like it had been cut out.

Since the stove had been removed two years ago, we heated water on a variety of backpacking and sterno stoves. After a relaxed lunch we made an uneventful but very enjoyable hike down.

PINE HILL - NORTHWEST OF RUTLAND

by Harold Rogers
February 24, 1979

After waiting hopefully an extra few minutes at the fire station, we drove to the Rutland Country Club golf course. We had hoped that even though the heavy rain was very discouraging in the morning that others would change their minds and come along.

The conditions were not good for snowshoeing but about average for skiing. Rachael Charland and Jim Frink snowshoed while Churchill Scott and I were on skis.

We left the golf course and proceeded west up Pine Hill to Muddy Pond (about one mile), then south to Oak Street, and then back northeast to the golf course.

It did not rain but the weather was warm and cloudy.

WARMER WEATHER AT LAST (OR, MAYBE THE GROUNDHOG WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL)

by Nancy Schmidt

Pine Hill Ski Tour, February 24, 1979
Sugar-on-Snow Party, February 24, 1979
GMC Day at Blueberry Hill, March 4, 1979

After weeks of bone-chilling cold, the weather warmed a bit starting on February 20, and continued warming. It was raining lightly the day of the Pine Hill outing, which made for a small turnout. We gather there are lots of good trails in that area, so we hope we can schedule another outing

there soon.

The Sugar-on-Snow party also had a smaller turnout than usual; this may have been caused in part by its being scheduled on the Saturday of winter school vacation week. Janet Martin, as usual, presided over the kitchen and provided the delicious dessert. Those of us who took supper sandwiches to eat beforehand with the soup provided at the church enjoyed doing it as a supper event. Those who came later just for sugar on snow enjoyed it just as much as the rest of us, I'm sure.

The continuing warmer weather and rain reduced the Killington Section's attendance at the Blueberry Hill GMC Day to about half a dozen. Morning skiing was nice (with klister), but by afternoon the sun and temperature combined to make it slower going. Nonetheless, our thanks to the Breadloaf Section for arranging this annual event. We look forward to it, and to better weather for it, next year.

LEMON CAKE

By special request Shirley Reynolds shares her recipe for the delicious cake she brought to the Annual Meeting.

- 1 package lemon cake mix
(Duncan Hines is best)
- 1 package lemon jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup salad oil
- pinch of salt

Dissolve jello in boiling water, let cool. Add jello to the other ingredients combined. Beat two minutes at medium speed.

Pour into greased 9"x13" cake pan and bake at 350 F. for 35 to 40 minutes.

While still warm prick with fork or toothpick and spoon glaze made of juice of 1 lemon and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sugar over surface of the cake.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

This will be the last Smoke and Blazes mailed to the 1978 KS membership list. After April 1st dues notices will be sent out. The 1979 membership roster will be printed in the June issue of Smoke and Blazes.

Beginning this year we will lose one member on the Board of Directors of the Main Club, unless we have 151 members.

Membership over the last five years is compared below.

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 *
Adult	25	25	34	23	34
Spouse	9	7	11	6	8
Senior	13	14	20	7	20
Life	1	1	1	2	2
Junior	1	0	0	3	0
Family jr.	9	8	9	9	13
	<u>58</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>77</u>

*As of March 1st each year.

REUNION AT WILGUS STATE PARK

On the weekend of May 4-6 the Killington Section would like to invite to a reunion all of Ben Rolston's friends and co-workers who helped him establish the Long Trail over Baker Peak and erect the Lost Pond Shelter.

Ben has suggested we can use the facilities at Wilgus State Park, Ascutney, Vermont and at the same time assist Dorothy and him in getting the park ready for opening day.

Canoeing on the Connecticut River and a sunrise hike to the Pinnacle are other activities that may be enjoyed.

The section will furnish hot drinks.

BROMLEY SHELTER OVERNIGHT

Don't forget this outing listed in the last issue of Smoke and Blazes. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25. Bring your snowshoes or skis for this backpack trip. For more information call R. Charland 5-4893.

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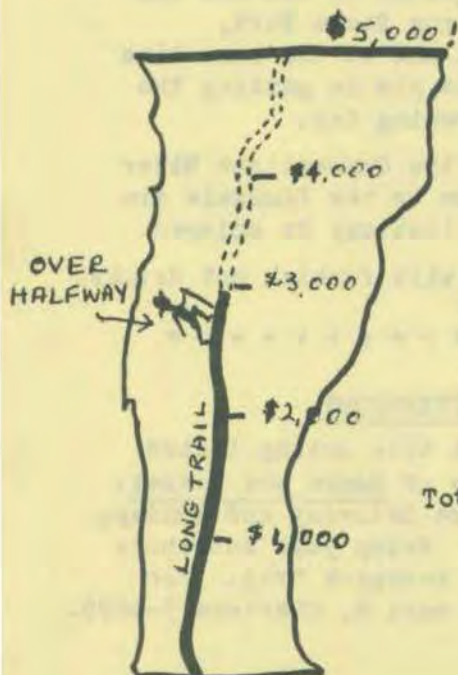
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THANK YOU!



Total on Mar. 1st
\$2941.79

LIVEN UP YOUR DOWN

Have you tried NU-DOWN, the concentrated bio-degradable detergent for washing down sleeping bags and garments?

Nancy Schmidt highly recommends this product which she has used on sleeping bags, pillows and down garments. Nancy finds it more satisfactory than dry cleaning as it increases the loft of the down.

A one ounce tube, which costs under \$3.00 can be used to launder two sleeping bags. NU-DOWN is available in Burlington at Eastern Mountain Sports, Inc. or may be ordered through their mail order house in Peterborough, N.H. 03458.

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance - 1/1/78		\$ 811.07
INCOME - DUES.	794.25	
GIFTS - (\$150.00 to Cooper Caretaker)		
(\$727.00 to G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund).	877.00	
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY	78.10	
SALE OF G.M.C. GUIDE BOOKS	51.90	
INTEREST	25.10	
SALE OF PATCHES	10.10	
WORK PARTY REBATE . . . . .	.48	
SALE OF HERB OGDEN POSTER . . . . .	.10	
TOTAL	<u>\$1,837.03</u>	
EXPENSES - TRANSFERED TO G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund	727.00	
PAID TO MAIN G.M.C. CLUB	584.23	
SMOKE AND BLAZES	244.77	
1977 G.M.C. INTERSECTIONAL	125.00	
SHELTERS	97.64	
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY	73.95	
OUTINGS	49.62	
TRAILS	46.74	
SECRETARY'S EXPENSES	30.63	
POSTAGE	25.41	
TRUSTEE'S MEETING	18.50	
ANNUAL MEETING	<u>13.20</u>	
TOTAL		\$2,036.69

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREAS.

REPORT OF GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

\$1,000-SIX YEAR CERTIFICATE	\$1000.00	
PURCHASED 1/31/1978		
INTEREST	74.30	
BALANCE 12/31/1978	<u>\$1074.30</u>	
90-DAY ACCOUNT-BALANCE 1/1/78	\$ 909.80	
WITHDRAWAL TO PURCHASE \$1000 CERTIFICATE-	465.68	
BALANCE 2/2/1978	\$ 444.12	
GIFTS TO FUND	727.00	
INTEREST	40.00	
BALANCE 12/31/1978	<u>\$1,211.12</u>	

BALANCE 12/31/78 \$ 611.46

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.
KILLINGTON SECTION
TREASURER'S REPORT

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Balance - 1/1/78

INCOME - DUES	724.35
GIFTS - (2150.00 to Cooper, Carverham)	2150.00
(2737.00 to G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund)	2737.00
ROCK ON SNOW PARTY	78.10
SALE OF C.M.C. GUIDE BOOKS	21.00
INTEREST	75.10
SALE OF PATTERNS	10.10
WORK PARTY REPAIR	.00
SALE OF NEW GAMES POSTER	.10
TOTAL	3193.65

EXPENSES - TRANSFERRED TO G. L. Kirk T. & S. Fund	727.00
PAID TO MAIN C.M.C. CLUB	204.35
SHOES AND GLASSES	204.77
1977 C.M.C. INSTRUCTIONAL	172.00
SHIRTINGS	97.00
SNOW ON SNOW PARTY	73.95
OUTINGS	49.63
TRAILS	46.74
POSTAGE	40.23
TRAILER'S MEETING	37.41
ANNUAL MEETING	18.50
TOTAL	1026.88

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
D. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREAS.

REPORT OF GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHIRTINGS FUND

61,000-NIX YEAR CERTIFICATE	61000.00
PURCHASED 1/31/78	74.30
INTEREST	2107.30
BALANCE 12/31/78	\$ 608.60
90-DAY ACCOUNT-BALANCE 1/1/78	462.88
WITHDRAWAL TO PURCHASE 61000 CERTIFICATE	\$ 462.12
BALANCE 1/1/78	727.00
GIFTS TO FUND	40.00
INTEREST	21.12
BALANCE 12/31/78	\$ 811.12

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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
SPRING 1979 SUMMER

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

- APR. 7 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. MOSCOW POND Near Bomoseen State Park. Great views.
1 - 4 miles EASY Churchill Scott 775-5720
- APR. 21 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. WORK PARTY Location to be announced.
Rain Date: APR. 22 Ray Catozzi 773-3006
Joe Dicton 775-4446
- APR. 28 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. WORK PARTY Location to be announced.
Rain Date: APR. 29 Same leaders as above.
- MAY 4-6 (Fri.) 6:30 P.M. BEN ROLSTON REUNION Wilgus State Park, Weathersfield
(Sat. & Sun.) Bring food and sleeping gear. Open-faced shelters.
Sunrise hike to Pinnacle Sat. A.M. led by R. Charland.
Canoeing, swimming. Chairman: W.C. Scott 775-5720
- MAY 12 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. WORK PARTY Location to be announced.
Rain Date: MAY 13 R. Catozzi & J. Dicton 775-4446
- MAY 19 & 20 (Sat. & Sun.) END-TO-HIKE - KELLEY STAND to Prospect Rock
13 mi. 8:00 A.M. Camp at N. Bourne Pond. MODERATE
Churchill Scott 775-5720
- MAY 26 & 27 (Sat.&Sun.) GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING Charlotte, Vt.
Make early reservations! See GMC Inc. in ACTION!
- JUNE 9 (Sat.) 8:00 A.M. ROUTE #125 TO SUCKER BROOK SHELTER
5.4 mi. A moderate hike. Rachael Charland 775-4893
- JUNE 17 (Sun.) 9:00 A.M. OL' BALDY MOUNTAIN Bridgewater. New trail approach
3 mi. to a favorite KS hike Carol Chapman 775-3545
- JUNE 23 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M. AMITY POND NATURALIST AREA near Pomfret
3 mi. EASY Mauri Winturri and Roma Pulling 773-6997
- JULY 4 (Wed.) 10:00 A.M. KS HOLIDAY PICNIC AT SILVER LAKE *near Lake Dunmore*
2 mi. Bring lunch and bathing suit. EASY More info. later.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.



Smoke & Blazes



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KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APRIL-JUNE, 1979

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GMC ANNUAL MEETING

by Rachael Charland
May 26, 1979

Foul weather did not seem to decrease the number of people attending the Annual Meeting held this year at the Old Lantern in Charlotte, Vt. on May 26th.

The Burlington Section was this year's host and duly welcomed all, as well as providing a varied program of hikes and sites of interest for those who did not participate in the meetings.

President Joe Frank asked for a few moments of silent prayer for GMC's good friend and diligent worker, Minerva Hinchey. It was reported that the Killington Section will rename one of their shelters the Minerva Hinchey Shelter later on this summer and all members were invited to attend this event. The next edition of the Guidebook will be dedicated to her.

Executive Director Steve Rice enumerated the various types of work performed by members of the GMC staff in Montpelier for the benefit of those who always ask: "What do those MPR staff workers do?" There is enough work being done there to warrant the addition of an office manager beginning in June.

Field Supervisor Harry Peet announced that many women were employed this year in the LT Patrols and as caretakers and ranger-naturalists. A new set of sign standards will be drafted by Peet and presented to the club at the next board of directors' meeting.

Treasurer Preston Bristow announced that this was the first year the GMC budget has exceeded \$100,000! His report was in the form of a cash sheet and this will be changed in form next year to a balance sheet report.

The proposed amendment to the Articles of Association (see May issue of the LT News)

was passed by GMC members present.

Section Reports were NOT read but given to the Executive Board due to the late hour of the Annual Meeting. Rob Carey voiced his opinion that this was a very important part of the Annual Meeting and that he would like to hear the reports of the sections read at future Annual Meetings.

The annual allocation of directors under the present by-laws was discussed with regard to obtaining institution and organization memberships as well as obtaining MORE SECTION MEMBERSHIPS to increase representation for the sections.

Dorothy Knight presented the 1979-1980 slate of officers as follows: President - Douglas James; Vice-Pres. - James Wilkinson, Jr.; Secretary - Elizabeth C. Paulson; Treasurer - Preston Bristow, and Auditor - Newell Briggs.

After lunch the Annual Meeting reconvened and section awards were presented according to the categories listed in the last LT News.

The meeting adjourned just in time for those members who wished to join the group for the Essex Ferry trip.

GMC DIRECTORS' MEETING

by Ray Catozzi
May 26, 1979

Some highlights of the annual directors' meeting which immediately follows the Annual Meeting of the general membership are as follows:

-- the establishment of two new GMC sections called Ottauquechee in Woodstock, Vt. and Le Section GMC du Montreal, Quebec. So we are now truly an international hiking club with a link to American history by an "Indian" section.

-- the GMC president's office is now

filled again by a Bay Stater, Doug James.

-- GMC now has official IRS tax-exempt status which enables anyone making a contribution to the section or the main club not to worry anymore about its being disallowed on their income tax deductions. Donators, line forms on the right, Churchill will take your money; then we can get the Kirk Fund up to \$5,000 more quickly.

-- there will be, as reported in the LT News, both an intersectional encampment at the usual time at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation in Lake Eden, Vt. and an Autumn Weekend Outing again at the Mt. Meadows Campground near Lincoln, Vt.

-- there is a good possibility, according to Don Wallace, that there will be another Winter Weekend in 1980, but in a different location. Last March they hiked and tented out on the Killington Section of the LT near Sunnyside Shelter.

-- the last item of the directors' meeting which came up so late that it wasn't even on the agenda, and which directly affects just the Killington Section (along with the main club) is a sudden possible major relocation of the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass south all the way around Pico on the westerly side to rejoin the present trail south of Pico. This proposal was made to the directors by Preston Bristow, National Park Service representative for AT protection, at the request of the Pico Peak Resort Area which has possible long range plans of expanding their ski area around Pico to the east. Their new area would overlap the Long Trail in one or more places for a possible total distance of 1/2 mile.

Steve Rice, GMC executive director, made a counter proposal to at least keep the trail crossing at the height of land in Sherburne Pass, instead of way down the highway near Beaver Pond.

Pico Ski Area wants a decision within a month, so the directors voted for the proper officers, directors and committee men to get together with the ski area officials and work something out agreeable to all concerned including the Killington Section. A KS director (yours truly) has requested to be included in any and all meetings on this important issue.

KILLINGTON SECTION CAMPS AT BROMLEY SHELTER

by Rachael Charland
March 24 & 25, 1979

Bad weather forecasts did not deter four stalwart backpackers from enjoying an overnight at Bromley Shelter. The four were Rob Carey, Churchill Scott, Lex Burton, and Rae W. Charland. Anna Nyiri and her granddaughter joined the foursome en route to the shelter.

Cars had to be parked at the ski lodge, a mile away, as the parking lot was not plowed out! Additional dry wood was hauled via Schmidt's sled.

Overcast skies even discouraged the skiers, so they began leaving the area while K.S. members enjoyed their mid-day meal in the 60 degree temperature. Rob Carey didn't think there would be enough snow for snowshoes so he just hiked along, attired in his famous shorts, behind the snowshoers until such time as he miscalculated the thickness of the snow-covered ice over a small stream. THEN A SUDDEN ICY FOOTBATH AMID HIS SCREAMS OF ENJOYMENT ???!!! He was lucky that we didn't have far to go to reach the shelter after an otherwise delightful snowshoe trip exploring Bromley trails.

Very little wood was needed for warming the shelter as we prepared our evening repast. Prior to our evening card games, Lex prepared some apples for baking atop the stove. Needless to say, those tasty fruits fortified with chocolate bits, brown sugar and raisins were hastily devoured before bedtime. The temperature of the cabin was 90 degrees with windows and door open! Rain battered the roof for a few minutes late Saturday evening (guess who bet it wouldn't rain?), but sunshine greeted us for Sunday as three of us took to the trail toward Prospect Rock -- which proves again how changeable Vermont weather can be!



3 KILLINGTON SECTION WORK PARTIES (A) BIG SUCCESS

by Ray Catozzi

Saturday - April 24 - Rte. 140 to Rte. 103

When our present schedule was set up last February no definite plans were made as to where to start the '79 season's work, but a ski trip by Pres. Carl Schmidt and Rob Carey into Sunnyside soon thereafter settled our priorities in a hurry. The outhouse at Sunnyside, which a large work party had rehabilitated in April of '78 (two walls missing), was even more ventilated after last winter -- all 4 walls were missing this time, and presumed burned in the shelter stove.

So Joe Dicton, Sr., our new Trails and Shelters Chairman, got the news, and promptly built a complete new one in his driveway at home. Made from rough boards, except the seat, and completely covered by old corrugated sheet metal, it was hauled all the way into Sunnyside in Joe's pickup truck, carried by six muscle men up to its location behind the shelter, and placed over a brand new pit dug by this same Killington WPA gang: Al Pulling, Joe Dicton, Sr., Joe Dicton, Jr., Rob Carey, Carl Schmidt, and Ray Catozzi. It is fervently hoped this metal outhouse will encourage the beer partiers to look for deadwood for their winter warming.

That was only a part of the great achievements of the day. Boy Scout Troop #105, with Asst. Scoutmaster Steve Pulling as their leader, was asked to join us in clearing trail. Fourteen boys showed up at the fire station that morning ready to go to work. Steve, son of K.S. members Roma and Al Pulling, took eight boys and started clearing trail at the Gorge bridge on Rte. 103 and worked their way to Sunnyside in time for a 2:00 P.M. lunch. Churchill Scott got a much-delayed start from Rutland, but headed south from Rte. 103 and soon caught up with Steve's trail crew.

The rest of the Scouts went directly into Sunnyside with the K.S. shelter crew. Under the leadership of Mr. Phil Woodbury, four boys headed south from Sunnyside clearing trail. After a while they came back for lunch but went out again with Churchill and finished clearing all the way to the dirt road part of the trail north of Rte. 140. Two stayed at Sunnyside.

In the meantime, after the new outhouse

was installed and christened with ceremonies, all necessary repairs were made on the shelter. Roma Pulling and Pat Noves did yard policing and Roma acted as official photographer. So, we had a good productive day with five miles of trail cleared, a new outhouse installed, and a shelter cleaned and repaired and ready for summer.

Saturday - April 28 - Rte. 103 to Lower Cold River Road

Starting at Rte. 103 this day an early crew consisting of Carl Schmidt, Joe Dicton, Sr., Carol Chapman, Rob Carey, George Reynolds, and myself headed north to Clarendon Shelter. After leaving Carl and Joe at the shelter for cleanup and minor repairs, the rest of us started clearing in a northerly direction towards the Lower Cold River Road. Carl and Joe walked back out to Rte. 103 after their shelter work, and drove around to the lower road to start working south to meet us coming north. In the meantime they picked up Al and Roma Pulling. So we had a sizeable group working towards each other. We met on the southern end of the new-relocated one mile piece of LT done by the K.S. just last fall; and then all walked out to the Lower Cold River Road! Another five miles of trail cleared and blazed, the blazing being done by Carol Chapman and Roma Pulling.

Saturday - May 12 - Lower to Upper Cold River Road

Onward we go to the north this day --- a crew consisting of Joe Dicton, Sr. with a chain saw, Joe, Jr., Carl Schmidt, Al & Roma Pulling, Rob Carey, and myself. Today we had a different chore - the job of relocating a 3/4 mile stretch of trail back to where it used to be along the Cold River before landslides washed portions of the trail into the river. It was then moved up on the flat pine woods and quite a way from the river to make use of wood roads. Hull Maynard, who owns the land in both locations, asked us if we could relocate back on the river, and this we did, following the old trail, repainting the old blazes, and moving away from the river and up on the edge of the flat woods only where we couldn't get by the landslides, which were quite like quicksand and impassable.

Joe Dicton's chainsaw made quick work of many blowdowns along this relocation as well as the regular pieces to the south and north. Roma Pulling painted the blazes all the way through this 1.6-mile stretch between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads.

Miles cleared & blazed to date - 10.9.

Shelters & outhouses repaired - 2.

All the officers and directors of the K.S. are thankful and appreciative of the large worker turnout and accomplishments so far, with a special 3 cheers to Troop #105 of the Boy Scouts for their tremendous effort. Joe Dicton, I'm sure, in his new role as Trails & Shelters Chairman, was glad for all the helping hands so far this year.

SAID POND AND MOSCOW POND

by Churchill Scott

April 7, 1979

Again we hiked a trail from George Pearlstein's Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont and it was indeed an enjoyable experience.

It was a typical spring day as we drove to the parking area on the Regan Road, started walking on the multi-purpose trail toward Said (pronounced Si - eed' according to some hiker), and passed over the causeway at Glen Lake.

A nice dry sunny spot was chosen in which to leave our gear while we explored Moscow Pond. This body of water, high in the woods, has very interesting rock formations and ledges along its eastern shore. Ray Catozzi and Jim Frink returned via the outlet which drops and tumbles over rocks and ledges.

After lunch we all walked along an old logging road, passed by the Scotch Hill Trail, stopped at an overlook of Glen Lake and finally arrived at the causeway again.

Back at the parking lot a very serious and heated debate took place concerning the length of the hike. The schedule said 4 miles, the leader said 3 miles, but actual guidebook figures said 5.5! Oh well, it was not too hard.

WILGUS STATE PARK, BEN ROLSTON REUNION

by Churchill Scott

May 4-6, 1979

It was very encouraging that a number of members came on this weekend Killington Section outing. "Sandy" Stare, the Palens, Bob Attenboro, Ray Secor and his wife, and "Frenchy" Garfield were some of the old-timers attending Ben Rolston's reunion.

Rachel intended to lead a sunrise hike to the Pinnacle on Saturday, but no one could be coaxed out of his warm sleeping bag.

Work was the order of the day on Saturday, raking up the campsites, cutting up trees felled by beavers, and putting in place stairs to the boat landing.

An enjoyable walk up the trail to the Pinnacle was led by Rae in the afternoon.

Next Ben took us along the Connecticut River showing his own nature trail which passes by a number of C.C.C. fireplaces built in the mid-'30's.

In the evening we were entertained by Ben Rolston's slides showing the trail that he constructed from Lost Pond to Baker Peak and Mauri Winturri's slides of the AT and LT.

On Sunday some members left early while others stayed on to continue the work around the camp.

LONG TRAIL - GROUT JOB TO PROSPECT ROCK

by Churchill Scott

May 19-20, 1979

Another end-to-end hike has come and gone, and once again very few K.S. members joined in. Rob Carey, Rachael Charland and Churchill Scott left early Saturday morning, parked a car at the bottom of the Rootville Road and continued on to the beginning of our hike where the trail crosses the East Arlington - West Wardshoro Road near Grout Job. Would you believe we found snow alongside the road? So, of course, everyone had to pile out, take pictures and make a snowball.

We began hiking too early to run into the Worcester Section members who were having a work party in that area but we did hear a chain saw in the distance and subsequent hikers from the south said they had encountered the workers.

We lunched at the site of the old Willis Ross Shelter and trudged on over a great amount of rather wet trail.

At Bourne Pond Shelter (South) we met two parties of hikers before continuing on to North Bourne Pond Shelter where we spent a very enjoyable time near the shore so we could look east to Stratton Mountain, yet far enough away so the spring peepers were inaudible.

The temperature was an even 50 degrees with just enough wind to keep every black fly and mosquito away. However, Sunday was much warmer and humid.

Before leaving, we met a man hiking the Trail to U.S. 4, possibly to Canada. In time, after lots of mud and a few detours, we reached Douglas Shelter where soon the Brattleboro Section arrived to finish repairing the bunks, changing them from wire to boards. After discussing whether to return by Route 100 or Route 7, we made our way down to the Rootville Road and home.

BOOK REVIEW

by Carol Chapman

New editions of two unique books for anyone interested in identifying Vermont's trees and shrubs have just been published by the Charles E. Tuttle Company. They are The Handbook of Vermont Trees by G.P. Burns and C.H. Otis and The Handbook of Vermont Shrubs and Woody Vines by L.R. Jones and F.V. Rand.

The Handbook of Vermont Trees, a guidebook to trees in all seasons, is illustrated with line drawings of leaves, twigs, flowers and fruit and photographs of bark. Nature lovers will welcome the return of this easy-to-understand, informative volume, first published by the Agricultural Experiment Station at UVM in 1916. It is available in paperback at Tuttle's Bookstore for \$5.25.

A companion volume, The Handbook of Vermont Shrubs and Woody Vines contains descriptions of a variety of plants, both common and rare, with notes on their edibility, poisonous nature, legendary properties, and ornamental values. Did you know how witch-hazel acquired its name? "The forked branches of the witch-hazel were formerly much used as 'divining rods' in searching for hidden springs of water

or deposits of ore." This well-illustrated, fact-filled book is available at Tuttle's for \$3.95.

HIKE REMINDERS FROM LAST SCHEDULE

On Saturday, June 23, Roma Pulling and Mauri Winturri will lead an easy hike to the Amity Pond Naturalist Area near Pomfret. Roma advises wearing footgear suitable for wet ground.

Celebrate the Fourth of July at Silver Lake. Join your K.S. friends in this scenic hiking spot above Lake Dunmore. We'll pass the Falls of Lana en route. Bring your lunch and bathing suit.

HOW TO FIGHT BLACK FLIES

A University of Maine entomologist, Arthur Gall, says he has come up with a new way of fighting black flies which may look foolish, but helps prevent bites.

A reflective hat coated with oil can trap many of these irritating insects. A white aluminum hard hat or aluminum foil taped or stapled over another hat may be used. Baby oil, mineral oil, or even automotive oil should be applied liberally. This makes an effective fly catcher which should aid the hiker or outdoorsman.

PEANUT BUTTER BARS

(from Diet for a Small Planet by Frances Lappe)

Mix in bowl:

- 1 cup powdered milk
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup sesame seed
- 1 cup soy protein powder

In a sauce pan heat carefully:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup honey

Add the above ingredients and mix well. Transfer to a cookie sheet, roll out and cut while hot. Makes 20 bars. For backpacking, wrap individually in wax paper and plastic bag.

-- contributed by Rachael Charland

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Killington Section is pleased to welcome its two new group members, Spring Lake Ranch and Boy Scout Troop #105.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

SPECIAL THANKS TO TROOP #105

Fourteen Boy Scouts from Troop #105, a new Killington Section member, put in a busy day clearing trail at the work party on April 21st. (See article on work parties for further details).

The Club wishes to extend its appreciation to:

Matt Ovian	David Van Guilder
Matt Malmgren	Chris Whitehair
Gary Ackerman	Kevin Gray
Jeff Gaiko	Rick Hedding
Clay Palmer	Joe Minard
Danny Palmer	Steve Fredette
Larry Fenn	Sean Coppinger

& Steve Pulling, Asst. Scoutmaster.

LEAVE NOTHING BUT
FOOTPRINTS !

Remove all litter from trails

Clean campsites

Always take trash home

Clean woodlands are YOUR responsibility

KEEP VERMONT BEAUTIFUL!

GMC
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
JUNE, 1979

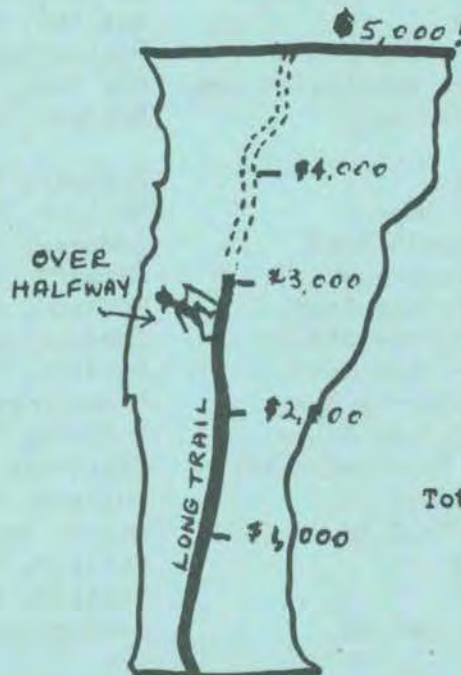
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Perkins, Mr./Mrs. Craigie		
Perkins, Mr./Mrs. Robert		
Perkins, Vera		
Perutz, Lottie		
Pulling, Mr./Mrs. Alfred		
Randall, Margaret		
Reynolds, George		

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Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer St.	Providence, R.I. 02906
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	73 Edgerton St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Charles & Ellen		
Schneider, Norman	3952 Pine St.	Philadelphia, PA 19104
Scott, Churchill & Kim	132 Maple St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Simonds, William	18 Terrace Hill	Proctor, VT 05765
Smith, Mr./Mrs. R. Clark	179 Grove St.	Rutland, VT 05701
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KIRK FUND (as of June 1, 1979)

\$1,000 - Certificate of Deposit - purchased 1/31/78	\$1109.77
\$1,000 - Certificate of Deposit - purchased 4/2/79	\$1013.42
90-Day Account	\$ 908.97
TOTAL	\$ 3,032.16



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Total on Jun. 1st
\$ 3,032.16

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
KILLINGTON SECTION HIKE SCHEDULE
SUMMER 1979

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact: Carl Schmidt, Pres., 73 Edgerton Street, 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, Vice-Pres., 103 Bellevue Avenue, 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

JULY 6-8 (Fri.-Sun.)
15.9 mi. 6:00 P.M.

KILLINGTON SECTION OF THE LONG TRAIL
A challenging hike from Rte. 103 north to Route 4 at Sherburne Pass. Two nights and two days backpacking past 5 of our 7 shelters and over Killington and Pico Peaks. Joint trip with our new organization member, Boy Scout Troop #105.

Ray Catozzi for GMC 773-3006
Steve Pulling for Scouts 773-6997

JULY 17 (Tues.) 6:00 P.M.

SUPPER HIKE AT WHITE ROCKS PICNIC AREA
Walk the Cliffside Trail - 1 mile or take the trail to the Ice Beds - 2 miles.

Churchill Scott 775-5720

JULY 29 (Sun.) 9:00 A.M.
(approx. 3mi.)

MT. HANLEY West Rutland. An easy hike to the ridge with lookouts over the Castleton Valley. Leader to be announced.

AUG. 4 (Sat.) 2:00 P.M.

DEDICATION OF MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER
Sunnyside Shelter will be renamed in honor of Minerva Hinchey, corresponding secretary for the Main Club for 22 years and K.S. member for many years.

Ray Catozzi 773-3006

AUG. 11 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M.

WORK PARTY from Gov. Clement Shelter north.

Joe Diction 775-4446

AUG. 18 (Sat.) 9:00 A.M.

LIBERTY HILL Pittsfield - Rochester area.
Hike an old country road to see some great views.

Jim Frink 775-4925

AUG. 25-SEPT. 3
(Sat.-Mon.)

INTERSECTIONAL AT MT. NORRIS BOY SCOUT CAMP
Eden Mills, Vt. See May issue of LT News for further information.

SEPT. 16 (Sun.) 8:30 A.M.

TACONIC TRAIL An easy hike in the area of the Vt.-Mass.-N.Y. border. The hike begins at North Pownal and follows the N.Y.-Mass. border. More information will be given in the Rutland Herald

Ray Catozzi 773-3006

SEPT. 21-23 (Fri.-Sun.)

AUTUMN OUTING, MT. MEADOWS CAMPGROUND, LINCOLN, VT. - Make early reservations for this repeat gathering of all GMC sections during foliage season. (Those arriving at night must be there before 11:00 P.M.).

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
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Smoke & Blazes



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APPALACHIAN TRAIL PROJECT AND THE KILLINGTON SECTION

On August 8, Preston Bristow, formerly assistant director of the GMC, and currently representative for the Appalachian Trail Conference and the National Park Service, met with the Killington Section board of directors to report on progress in securing the Appalachian Trail under the recently enacted federal legislation, and specifically to report on possible trail relocations within the Killington Section.

There are four sections of trail within the Killington Section that may be affected. From south to north, proposed relocations are:

(1) Bear Mountain Relocation. The proposed trail would be moved west from the Bear Mountain Road, go over the summit of Bear Mountain, and rejoin the present trail near the Wallingford/Shrewsbury town line. This would provide a scenically pleasant trail and remove hiker traffic from the houses at the junction of Route 1140 and the Bear Mountain Road.

(2) Cold River Relocation. The proposed trail would run west and north of the current trail, leaving the junction of Cold River and Keiffer Roads, following the eastern bank of the Cold River and rejoining the trail at the East Branch of the Cold River. This would remove the trail from town highway and private woods road and make it more remote from homes.

(3) Clarendon Outlook Relocation. This relocation would change the access to the Clarendon Gorge, which until recently has run through a roadside auction establishment. Going north, the proposed trail would bear left after crossing the Gorge bridge, climb over a wooded knob on Fish & Game land, cross

Route 103, and continue north of the existing trail (now in an easterly direction) until it rejoins the existing trail below the summit of Beacon Hill.

Note: The trail south from Route 103 to the Clarendon Gorge Bridge was temporarily relocated this summer; the A.T. relocation will pretty much follow the trail as it is currently re-routed. We thank Chuck Wade for the fine job of clearing and blazing which he did in the Clarendon Gorge area.

(4) Little Killington Relocation. The proposed relocation would go west of the current trail a short distance below Governor Clement Lodge, ascend the south ridge of Little Killington to the summit, and rejoin the trail near Tamarack Shelter.

As was mentioned earlier, none of these relocations is definite yet. Section members will be kept informed through Smoke and Blazes.

There is one other relocation under discussion, though it was not initiated by the Appalachian Trail bill. Landowner corporations in the Pico area have requested that the Trail be moved to the west to allow for expansion of ski areas and possible residential development expansion. This relocation would move the trail from the crossing at Sherburne Pass. The request for relocation is under consideration by the GMC Main Club officials, and no relocation will be made that is not acceptable to all organizations involved.



TWO NEWCOMERS' IMPRESSIONS OF INTER-SECTIONAL

RACCOONS IN THE GARBAGE

by

Roma Pulling

I received a wet introduction to my first Intersectional. Rachael Charland and I arrived at Mount Norris Scout Reservation in Eden Mills about 8:00 A.M. in the rain -- not a gentle pitter-patter but a real sod-soaker. We then proceeded to set up Rachael's tent in the rain, a good beginning, I guess, because everything had to look good after that. We were preceded by Mauri Winturri of Killington Section and later joined by Rob Carey.

When the storm let up toward noon, we roamed around the campground and were impressed with the size of it. After lunch at our campsite, there being very little activity at the meet, we ventured across Route 100 to climb Mt. Norris, from which the camp receives its name. The trail was poorly marked and overgrown with brush -- WET brush! It could almost be said we swam to the top.

When we returned to camp, we wrung out our clothes, prepared our supper and produced, as if by magic, a cake complete with candles, as a little bird had informed me it was Rob Carey's birthday.

The evening activity consisted of an informal meeting in the dining hall, where I was amazed to discover I was the only Vermonter present!

Shortly after retiring to our tent, peace was shattered by the clang of the trash bin cover being knocked to the ground. One ambitious soul-- not from KS!!! -- shined a flashlight on the scene and discovered a raccoon raiding the garbage. We had been forewarned of this possibility and had our foodstuffs safely stowed in the car.

We arose Sunday to near-perfect weather conditions. The KS members joined a group -- or did they join us? -- hiking from the Johnson-Waterville road to Rte. 15. All the rain that fell the day before seemed to have collected on this trail. We slogged, waded, and sometimes temporarily left the trail to get to Prospect Rock for our lunch, and it was

worth it. There is a really lovely view of the Lamoille River valley. From here it was an easy walk to our car, and when Rachael and I started home, I was determined that although this was my first Intersectional it would not be my last.

MY FIRST INTERSECTIONAL

by

W. Beverly Davis

As a new member of G.M.C. and attending my first Intersectional that was held on Mt. Norris at the Boy Scout Camp, I would like to congratulate Dot for the tremendous work she did during the week.

Unfortunately I was only able to come for the last weekend. Many had left to go home before the Labor Day rush, but for those who stayed it was most enjoyable with a lovely dinner and square dancing on Saturday evening.

After a good hike on Sunday, the large campfire and harmonica playing just topped off the evening.

I am looking forward to our next intersectional gathering in 1980.

A CHANGE AT SUNNYSIDE CAMP

by Ray Catozzi

Sunnyside Camp is no more. No, it didn't burn down again; it's still there, just off the LT south of Spring Lake. It has a new name, the MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER.

This camp, which has been used by the KS for many years for many memorable outings including our most recent winter-moonlight hikes, was the scene recently of dedication ceremonies in the renaming of the camp. Minerva Hinchey was for 22 years the corresponding secretary for the GMC at little or no pay for most of that time, and for many years a member of the Killington Section. Minerva's dedication and loyalty to the club were known by hikers from all over the northeast. She died last March at the age of 83.

The renaming ceremony took place on a pleasant sunny Saturday afternoon on the 4th of August. About 40 people gathered there to enjoy a party-like atmos-

phere and to listen to various people talk about Minerva. Among the guests who spoke were Ben Rolston, former GMC president, and Frank Hinchey, Jr. from Cincinnati, Ohio, Minerva's nephew.

Ben came over from his job as supervisor of Wilgus State Park on the Connecticut River, saying he had attended the dedication and naming of the Lula Tye Shelter on Little Rock Pond, and he didn't want to miss out on this one. Lula Tye was also a secretary for the GMC a good many years ago.

Frank Hinchey spoke of his appreciation of what the club was doing in memory of Minerva.

A new sign reading MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER was bolted on the front of the building, in place of the old Sunnyside Camp sign.

Mauri Winturri, who originated the idea of renaming Sunnyside in Minerva's honor, enjoyed the outing with a can of his favorite liquid refreshment in his hand, even while everybody else was drinking lemonade and eating crackers and cheese dip, courtesy of Carl and Nancy Schmidt.

It was a pleasurable outing, however brief, and a memorable one for those who were there.

MIDDLEBURY GAP TO SUCKER BROOK SHELTER

by Rachael Charland
June 9, 1979

After spotting our cars, nine hikers began a steep climb from Route 125 to Lake Pleiad Shelter. Carl Schmidt, KS president, indicated to the hikers the good maintenance work that had been completed on the trail we trod and how he hoped all hikers would join in such an endeavor to keep the LT so well groomed. There were three evidences of the trail being rerouted and these were well marked.

We didn't stop at Worth Mt. Lodge as we wanted to obtain the "spectacular view to the northeast" promised by the GMC guidebook -- needless to say, we were not that lucky as a heavy haze obscured the distant mountains.

The group was somewhat divided into the Fast Pacers led by Carl and the Tur-

tle-Trotters led by this writer; however, we all met at Sucker Brook Shelter where we were greeted by hikers from the Big Apple.

After a refreshing rest, we mistakenly took a wide dirt road that wasn't the usual trail back to the location of our cars, but since it was such easy traveling we didn't mind being several feet from the regular entrance of the trail.

Before all departed, Barbara Tenny, a new hiker, invited us to accompany her to view the mountain pinks which were in bloom along Lake Griffith. This writer can vouch for the loveliness of those luscious pink blooms as I was the lone KS member who accompanied Barbara and her nephew on Sunday. That third grader certainly knew his short cut route to Lake Griffith. We had a difficult time choosing from the many picnic sites along the lake. Barbara has many excellent snapshots of the mountain pinks in bloom in this area that she would like to share with you. As an added treat of the day, as we talked over the day's journey in her doorvard, we noted a double rainbow hovering over the brook that runs by her home. Thanks for the invitation, Barbara -- remember to tell us again next year when the mountain pinks are in bloom along that lake!

OLD BALDY

by Carol Chapman
June 17, 1979

Nine hikers met at the fire station on this hot, sunny day in June. A tenth hiker, Anne Taylor, a newcomer from Quechee, met us at the bridge in Bridgewater.

After making a preliminary scouting hike up Old Baldy from the South Woodstock side with Churchill Scott several weeks previous to the scheduled hike, I decided it would be better to take the familiar trail up the west side than to go bushwhacking through evergreens.

First we followed an old road and then a trail leading to an old stone wall. Along the way a couple of us spotted a doe running near the trail. Little toads were so numerous that we had to step carefully to avoid them.

By the stone wall the trail disappeared and left us wondering, but thanks to some scouting in opposite directions by Steve Pulling and Ray Catozzi, we found our way to the summit of the mountain.

Old Baldy may have once been treeless, but now is forested except for the very top. We picnicked there in an Indian paintbrush-dotted field with a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains.

Several streams crossing the trail helped us to quench our thirst on the way down. According to Steve's pedometer, the round trip was nearly seven miles, several miles longer than publicized. But we Killington Section members, being a hardy and determined lot, all made it to the top.

AMITY POND NATURAL AREA

by Roma Pulling
June 23, 1979

The skies were threatening when seven of us gathered at the fire station, but fortunately a storm never materialized. We enjoyed partial sunshine and comfortable temperatures throughout this 2 1/2 mile walk (as recorded on Mauri Winturri's pedometer). The leisurely pace we set allowed plenty of time for lingering at the tiny pond and the two shelters. The area's only view of distant mountains can be had from a knoll near the pond.

An unexpected bonus on this hike were large patches of luscious wild strawberries, where we proceeded to gorge ourselves. An accommodating workman had just mowed an open area, a bit of luck for us, as otherwise this feast would have been hidden.

The bugs which pestered me on a previous visit here were absent, but not mourned! We did spot numerous toads and one red eft. A patch of delicate white flowers which none of us recognized proved to be a one-flowered wintergreen, or one-flowered pyrola, depending on which book one consults.

Ironically, the most thrilling glimpse of wildlife that day was not in the "natural area." Five of us sighted two graceful does on the way back to Rutland

and watched them several minutes, a most satisfying end to a delightful outing.

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

by Rachael Charland

On July 4th fourteen hikers drove to a country road leading to Silver Lake (near Lake Dunmore). It was a very long and stone-infested lane, but eventually we found the parking area. Mauri Winturri suggested this particular entrance to Silver Lake picnic grounds because the grade to climb would be gradual as the day was one of the summer's sunniest.

With so many side paths to investigate the temptation to several hikers couldn't be resisted, so for a while we wondered where George Reynolds, who was carrying our watermelon, had disappeared. When he did arrive at the picnic table -- oops! you guessed it, he tripped over something (his feet?) and the loud bang heard was our watermelon splitting into sections. Didn't spoil the taste at all as everyone who shared it agreed.

Three venturesome souls went swimming in the chilly waters; others climbed Mt. Moosalamoo and still another group went seeking the Falls of Lana where only a slight trickle of water could be seen struggling over the huge rocks. A darkening sky hastened our departure -- needless to say, the first Fourth of July picnic of the Killington Section could be called a success!

ROUTE 103 TO ROUTE 4

by Roma Pulling
July 6-8, 1979

Five regular Killington Section members led by Ray Catozzi along with 11 scouts of Boy Scout Troop #105 and their leader, Steve Pulling, hiked this section of trail the weekend of July 6th through 8th. The weather was perfect -- cool at night and sunny and warm but not hot during the days.

The outstanding flora seen on this hike were violet wood sorrels which were, almost literally, everywhere.

The view from the top of Beacon Hill was pretty, and we paused there to enjoy it. The hike between the lower and upper

Cold River roads, paralleling two branches of the stream, was most pleasant.

The group, which had been split into several small ones, was reunited at Governor Clement Shelter for lunch. Here we regrettably lost two hikers -- an adult who was not feeling well and a scout who didn't want to continue. The rest of us proceeded, each at his/her own pace, to Tamarack Shelter for the night. The shelter was occupied by two other groups of hikers, so our party occupied the campground for a very restful night.

On Sunday, July 8, the most strenuous hiking behind us, we set a leisurely pace to Cooper Lodge. There we paused long enough for a short but steep climb to the summit of Killington. The vistas in all directions were fabulous and well worth the effort.

Between Killington and Pico Peaks the grade is easy but walking difficult because of the muddy and badly eroded condition of the trail with tree roots exposed. Our group was reunited again at Pico Camp for lunch and welcomed the prospect of the 2 1/2 mile home stretch to Route 4, all admitting to being slightly tired and sore but happy.

WHITE ROCKS SUPPER HIKE

by Churchill Scott
July 17, 1979

This quarter we tried something new on our schedule.

Tuesday, July 17, we planned an easy evening walk and cook-out at the White Rocks Picnic Area east of Wallingford. Over 30 people came along, and it was a special treat to have Mr. Bennett D. Bell, his wife, and two of their grandchildren. Mr. Bell was a former president of our section and a director to the main club.

After a good hearty meal, two short walks were conducted. A one-mile trip took us over the old Cliffside Trail to the White Rock Cliff overlook. A longer one, led by Ray Catozzi, followed the old Town Road via the Ice Beds Trail. At the sign describing the geological history of the area some of the more adventurous climbed up the talus slopes before returning.

It is hoped that during mid-summer while the days are long we may have more of these easy short outings.

MT. HANLEY

by Nancy Schmidt
July 29, 1979

On a very hot, muggy Sunday, twenty hikers trudged up an old logging road, around the front of Little Hanley and up over the top of Big Hanley to a rocky overlook which provided views of Bird Mountain and the Taconics beyond, as well as Route 4 and the Castleton River valley to the west. The views were somewhat reduced by the haze, but the outlook was a lovely spot.

Just as we finished lunch and were preparing to head down, six men appeared carrying hang gliders; they had come up another logging road on the north side of Mt. Hanley (in a 4-wheel drive vehicle). We all stayed and enjoyed watching them spread their wings and take off from the spot where we had just lunched.

The hike was more uphill than our experienced information sources remembered, and if the road had not been in shade the heat would have been miserable. We all agreed that this would be an excellent autumn hike with good foliage on the way up and a great view at the lookout.

Our youngest hiker was Russell Chance, five years old, and a really good hiker.

ROAD TO LIBERTY HILL

by Jim Frink
August 18, 1979

Seven people (Anna Nyiri, Kristin and Maria Theresa Nadler, Bev Davis, Rob Carey, Mauri Winturri, and I) left the fire station at 9:10 A.M.

We drove to the Colton Guest House just east of Pittsfield on Route 100 where the road to Liberty Hill commences. Mrs. Nyiri and Mauri left their cars a half mile up that road and waited for Rob Carey and me while we parked Rob's car 1/4 mile west of Route 100 where the Liberty Hill road crosses the White River. After returning in my car to meet the others, we all drove to the point where the Liberty Hill road starts up the moun-

tain.

After an hour and a half of hiking uphill, we came to a beautiful mountain meadow with views of the Green Mountains to the east, Big Wilson to the south and Little Wilson to the north.

Mauri left us at the meadow and walked back to his car. Mrs. Nyiri and the children decided to complete the hike since Rob's car would hold the six of us.

When we got to the top of Liberty Hill we stopped at the house which previously belonged to my good friends, Joe and Eva Wintermute. The present owners are Ray Quillia and his wife, who greeted us and cordially invited us in to see how they had rebuilt the place. It was marvelous to see what they had done with that old house. Now it is a very beautifully built and perfectly furnished home with an added large fireplace and many other additions.

The end of the hike was just a mile down the road and we reached the car just when the raindrops commenced to fall.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO DID TRAIL AND SHELTER WORK...

Our thanks to all the volunteers who have helped us maintain the Section's heavily used trails and shelters. For much-needed work at Cooper Lodge, thanks to Gary Salmon and his state forest colleagues, Ray Auger, the GMC Southern Caretaker Supervisor, and campers from Camp Betsy Cox. Also we'd like to thank Suzanne Deemer, Cooper Lodge caretaker for the summer just past, for all the work she did.

AND A REQUEST FOR WORKERS AT PICO AND CLARENDON!

There are two work parties on the fall schedule for the purpose of fixing up Pico Camp and Clarendon. Pico Camp and its outhouse are in serious need of repair; bad weather has cancelled our last two attempts to work there. We are asking for a good turnout on Sept. 29 and Oct. 27 in order to get these shelters spruced up and clean again.

ADVICE TO NEW (AND EXPERIENCED) HIKERS

1. Hikers should always wear sturdy footwear and dress warmly according to the season; remember that the shaded woods or the top of a mountain can be much cooler than Main St. Park. Since small children will usually manage to get wet pretty soon during any hike, extra dry socks and clothing are a must, especially in winter.

2. Children and young teenagers should be in the control of parents or some other pre-assigned adult at all times. No hiker should wander far ahead of, or behind, the main group unless the hiker is thoroughly familiar with the area and informs the group of his/her intent. All hikers should carry whistles and use them immediately if disoriented with respect to the main group. And, if you give another hiker a ride, make sure that the hiker has return transportation if you decide to leave early.

3. Taking unleashed dogs into the woods is a bad idea. Even well-trained dogs will chase wild animals and get lost or get a noseful of porky quills. Most landowners strongly object to loose dogs roaming over their property.

4. Some hikers enjoy pleasant conversation and making new friends, while others most enjoy the quiet of the woods. Arguments, complaints, and loud discussions are seldom welcome. The best rule is (plagiarizing Thumper): "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

A WHALE WATCH, ANYONE?

A sunny sky, a salty wave, accompanied this writer along with 81 other passengers June 16th on a sturdy boat which left Provincetown pier about 3 P.M. All eyes were glued to the horizon seeking the first glimpse of a WHALE!

Not many minutes passed when the cry "Thar she blows!" indicated at least one whale had been sighted. Cameras of many types clicked feverishly trying to capture the graceful monster's movements as he once more dived into the deep.

During the trip three species of

whales were seen: the Right Whale, the Blue Fin Whale, and the Humpback Whale. Anyone who hasn't experienced this exhilarating trip should contact a member of the St. Albans Section for reservations on next year's trip.

A THANK YOU

A special "thanks" to Rob Carey for his efforts in trying to find the entrance to the trail to Davis neighborhood and the two short hikes he so patiently endured so I could gain additional mileage toward my End-to-End.

-- Rachael

RECOMMENDED READING

Dan Doan's Fitness Program for Hikers and Cross-Country Skiers is a well-illustrated book of isometric, calisthenic, and endurance exercises that can help get you into shape for the ski season. Dan, author of Fifty Hikes in the White Mountains, developed this fitness program based on his own experiences. Following the exercises is an appendix with tips and advice on backpacking, clothing, diet, etc. New Hampshire Publishing Co. \$4.95.

DECEMBER DEADLINE

Please submit all hike reports and articles for the December issue of Smoke and Blazes to the editor by December 1. Mail material to:

Carol Chapman
29 East St.
Rutland, VT 05701

NEW MEMBERS - 1 SEPT. 1979

Badger, Mr/Mrs. Robert (Carolyn)
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99 Center St., Rutland, VT. 05701

Roberts, Mr./Mrs. Richard (Frances)
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Tumlin, Susan
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Chance, John (Family)
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90-Day Account\$ 979.11

TOTAL\$3105.40

BEST WISHES!

Word has been received of the recent marriage of Cecelia Elwert. She is now

Mrs. Cecelia Elwert-Bissell
R.D. #2, Signal Tree Farm
Putney, VT 05346



Total on Sept. 1st
\$3105.40



MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER DEDICATION

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE FALL, 1979

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DATE	HOOR	DESTINATION-EVENT
SEPT. 29 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Shelter repair at Pico Camp. Rain date: Sept. 30. Joe Dicton 775-4446
OCT. 6 (Sat.) 4 mi.	8:30 A.M.	SNAKE MOUNTAIN. Northwest of Middlebury. Only 1287 ft. high, but spectacular views of Lake Champlain from Fort Ti to Burlington. EASY Rav Catozzi 773-3006
OCT. 14-20 (Sun.-Sat.) 8 mi. per day	11:00 A.M.	WEEK OF BACKPACKING. Hiking from Rte. 15 in Johnson south as far as possible (hopefully Jones- ville). Will pass over Whiteface, Madonna, and Mt. Mansfield. All planning to go must call for pertinent information: Rachael Charland 775-4893 after 5:00 P.M. DIFFICULT Churchill Scott 775-5720
OCT. 20 (Sat.) approx. 4 mi.	9:00 A.M.	LAKE ST. CATHERINE MOUNTAIN. Bring food to barbecue at the Caddells' house on the lake. Beverage will be provided. MEDIUM Jean & Ralph Caddell 287-9590
OCT. 27 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Outhouse relocation at Clarendon Shelter. Rain date: Oct. 28. Joe Dicton 775-4446
OCT. 28 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE. East Mountain. See the paper for more details on this afternoon hike. EASY Joe Valiquette 773-8745
NOV. 4 (Sun.) 3 mi.	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE. A short hike, with some climbing. MEDIUM Churchill Scott 775-5720
NOV. 17 (Sat.)	4:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER. Will be held at the Sunrise Boy Scout Camp in Orwell. Program following supper. Please make reservations by calling after 5 P.M. Carol Chapman 775-3545
DEC. 2 (Sun.) 5 mi.	9:00 A.M.	BIRD MOUNTAIN. Following a new trail. DIFFICULT Churchill Scott 775-5720
DEC. 15 (Sat.) 2 mi.	9:00 A.M.	APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE. On foot or snowshoe depending on weather from Gifford Woods to Sherburne Pass. MEDIUM Rachael Charland 775-4893
DEC. 30 (Sun.) 1.6 mi.	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. Snowshoe in to Tucker-Johnson Shelter. EASY Carl Schmidt 773-6990

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GMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: STOWE, OCTOBER 13

Nancy Schmidt attended as alternate director for Section Director Ray Catozzi, who was unable to attend. Bob Hagerman's report in the November Long Trail News covered the actions of the board quite thoroughly, and it doesn't seem necessary to repeat any of his account here. However, there are three topics which were discussed before and after the meeting which are of considerable interest to the Killington Section.

(1) Proposed Relocation of Trail in Pico Area. This proposal has been dropped, and the trail will remain where it currently is in the Pico area, and will continue to cross Route 4 at Sherburne Pass.

(2) Appalachian Trail Relocation in the Killington Section. A Manchester surveying company has just begun surveying and center-blazing the Trail from Cold River Road to just below Pico. This is just the first step in a process that may take quite some time.

(3) Clarendon Gorge Bridge. After the bridge was rebuilt, the Killington Section agreed to maintain it for a time, and that time is now past. The bridge is currently in need of repair and needs a program of annual maintenance (which would not be too difficult or involved if done on a regular basis). An agreement was reached with GMC President Doug James that the Club would seek someone to "adopt" and maintain the bridge.

The next meeting of the GMC Board of Directors will be held at the Inn at Long Trail in Killington on January 12, 1980. GMC members are invited to attend as observers.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the amendment approved by Section members at the January, 1979 meeting, the Killington Section annual meeting will no longer be held in January, when the weather is likely to make travel difficult, but in late March or April.

This year the annual meeting will again be held in the meeting room of the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols Street, Rutland. Date and time are Saturday, March 29, at 7:30 P.M.

The following positions will need to be filled: President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer (we certainly hope that Churchill Scott will continue in this last position); also there will be some director's positions to be filled. If you have suggestions, please make them to the nominating committee whose members are: Ray Catozzi, Rachael Charland, and Carol Chapman.

Section members who are interested in participating more in the workings of the club are invited to consider helping on the following committees: Trails & Shelters, Outings, Publicity, Smoke & Blazes, and Membership.

QUECHEE GORGE

by Roma Pulling
September 16, 1979

Webster defines a gorgé as "a narrow cleft with steep, rocky walls, esp. one through which a stream runs." The one named Quechee fits that description and enhances it. It is also picturesque, vast and awesome.

The eight of us who rendezvoused at the fire station on this day were joined at our destination by Mauri Winturri. Our first stop was the former railway

bridge from which we gazed down at the water 165 feet below. Our trip along the Ottawaquechee River was more nearly a leisurely stroll than a hike. Nearly everyone seemed to enjoy it, though, and spent some time looking for crayfish in the shallow pools among the rocks, exploring or just plain relaxing on the rocks in the river south of the bridge.

Our last stop was a quick look at the falls on the north side of the road; then it was off for home.

GMC AUTUMN OUTING: MT. MEADOWS CAMP- GROUND, LINCOLN

by Rob Carey
September 21-23, 1979

Attendance of GMC members at the second Autumn Outing was down this year, probably due to the return of the Inter-sectional. However, all those who did come enjoyed the weekend. The weather was clear and cold again, with lows down in the 20's.

Mt. Abraham was the most popular destination with about 25 going. Some hiked to Camel's Hump while others worked on their end-to-ends. The most ambitious hikers again proved that it is a full day's hike from Lincoln Gap to Appalachian Gap. It was too cold for swimming in the campground pond this year.

A short hike to Bristol Ledges was enjoyed by many on Sunday, with spectacular views of the Champlain Valley.

WORK PARTY AT PICO CAMP

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
September 29, 1979

After an all night rain, there was a question of whether the Pico work party would be held. During the morning hours the rain did stop and all the signs said "go, go, go."

At the fire station that wet Saturday morning the following Eager-Beavers did sign up and were ready to go: Joe Dictons, Jr. and Sr., Al and Steve Pulling, Carl Schmidt, Randy Seifert, and the following Boy Scouts of Troop #105: Gary Ackerman, Pete Davis, Matt Malmgren, and Danny and Eric Palmer. As you

can see, it was a good turnout for this much-needed project.

On our climb to Pico Camp, Al Pulling and Carl Schmidt, carrying their supplies, stopped for trail work that included cleaning out and installing water bars and trail clearing.

When we arrived at Pico Camp, we found seven hikers just arising from an overnight stay.

Steve Pulling, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop #105, rebuilt the window and door which needed major repairs.

Joe Dicton, Jr., Randy Seifert and I replaced missing boards and a window on the side of the shelter. Steve Pulling and Joe Dicton, Jr. worked on the roof, nailing down wind-loosened metal roof sheeting and cementing the holes.

As Carl Schmidt and Al Pulling arrived at the camp, they decided to work on the sagging foundation. A good five-inch spruce was found and cut up for three new support pillars.

The Killington Section should be proud of the outstanding effort made by the Boy Scouts and the other volunteers in restoring this shelter to good condition.

SNAKE MOUNTAIN

by Ray Catozzi
October 7, 1979

The weather was cloudy, windy, and cold on Saturday morning, October 7, with only a fifty-fifty chance of sunshine by late afternoon, but five persons showed up for the trip to Snake Mountain in Addison. Another hiker was to meet us in Middlebury, and he did, but a meeting with more people at a road junction on Route 125 west of Middlebury, fizzled, so Roma Pulling and I headed for the mountain.

No cars were at the trail head, so we sat and waited and wondered what had happened to everybody else. After 10 or 15 minutes, I drove over to another approach to the mountain, thinking they had all gone there by mistake. No cars. Back to the first trail head on Mountain Road. Still no cars.

We decided to head up the trail after another short wait, figuring they'll come

along eventually. Well, Roma and I climbed the mountain, enjoyed the view, ate lunch, and were one-third of the way back down when the rest finally came into sight on their way up. After greetings and explanations of what had happened to everyone, the second group continued on up the mountain. Roma and I took a side trail to a natural area, Cranberry Bog, where there are hundreds of pitcher plants, then headed for our car and home.

Snake Mountain is a long, low (1287 ft.) and ledgy mountain that affords beautiful views of Addison farm land and Lake Champlain. It was too bad we had mix-ups and had to climb it in separate groups.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERS WEEKLONG HIKE

by Churchill Scott
October 14-20, 1979

My son, Kim, and two of his friends drove Rachael Charland and me to Davis Neighborhood on Sunday, October 14th. It was really snowing and it continued to snow on Monday and Tuesday. Parker Camp was made snug by plugging holes and a large gaping window with plastic, but we did miss the stove. There was already a good ground covering of snow and more was falling.

Around 5:00 P.M. we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Surette of Sorel, Quebec, who began their hike at Route 242. On the higher spots of Laraway Mountain we found snow six to eight inches deep even before new snowfalls added another six inches. Hiking was very slow and difficult and the white blazes were impossible to spot because of the wet, falling snow and slippery downhill grades. Usually about 3:30 P.M. we would stop each day and two of us would pitch tents and two get the evening meals. On Monday night we pitched our tent under an enormous pine tree.

Tuesday we reached Coddington Hollow while Wednesday we shuffled through the deep snow with the Surettes to Route 15. That night we pitched out tent on the back lawn of a local tourist home.

Despite the sleet and driving rain on Thursday, we plodded on from French

Camp over Whiteface. We were joined by a couple from New Hampshire who had started at the Canadian border and had been held up by bad weather around Jay Peak.

The open front shelter at Sterling Pond is a very big change from the old closed camp but equally beautiful unless seen through the mist.

We made it to Smuggler's Notch and down Route 108. As we rested at the side of the road, a couple of hunters informed us of the recent accident in Nebraska Notch. Such news dampened our spirits enough so we did not attempt the Mt. Mansfield LT. We made camp at a nearby campground and hitched a ride the next morning to Jonesville.

Ice cream cones were the order of the day and we repacked and hiked to Duck Brook for Saturday evening-- with the temperature rising from 24 to 60 - the 60 for the last day of our hike. A large hawk soared over our heads as we scaled the mossy rocks to Duck Brook. This was the spot where my Svea 123 (camp stove) gave up its ghost, and the explosion started a lovely campfire...some good came of it.



On Sunday Rachael hiked down a road to Jonesville and then southward to the entrance to the trail to Wiley Lodge where I met her with the car.

I learned that a tent and a Sterno stove and plenty of good nourishing food helped an otherwise foul-weathered week.

SAINT CATHERINE MOUNTAIN

by Roma Pulling
October 20, 1979

Jean and Ralph Caddell led this pleasant hike expertly. Fifteen people walked along the ledges above Lake St. Catherine, and although thick haze prevented us from seeing the mountains, it didn't obscure our view of the lake, which was lovely with some colored leaves still in evidence.

Following our hike, we enjoyed a barbecue at our leaders' lakeside home and were treated to rides in their rowboat

and canoe, adding up to an altogether delightful day.

Thanks, Ralph and Jean, wherever you are!

WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
October 27, 1979

On learning that the scheduled relocation of Clarendon outhouse had already been accomplished by a group of the Long Trail Patrol, we decided to return to Pico Camp to work on that outhouse.

On this cool October morning Roma and Al Pulling and Joe Dictons Jr. and Sr. signed in for the project. At first it seemed like too few helpers to carry all the necessary supplies up the mountain, but we accomplished it without mishap. On our way to Pico Camp there was a dusting of snow and a little frost on the ground.

Al Pulling started digging out a hole for the new outhouse location. Joe Dicton, Jr. replaced missing boards in the wall and floor. New sheet metal roofing was nailed on top of the old leaking roof. Roma Pulling was busy looking after the fire and getting our lunch ready.

After lunch, using an iron bar, we moved the outhouse to its new location.

This was another outstanding effort of club members working together to keep our Long Trail structures in good shape.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE

by Joe Valiquette
October 28, 1979

It was a hazy day but 13 hikers gathered for the annual Valiquette Memorial Hike to the top of East Mountain. When we reached the top we saw that the flag placed there last year was still intact. The view was obscured by the haze. We could not see the Adirondacks, but had a pretty good view of the immediate area of Rutland. We saw no wildlife but I am sure plenty of wildlife saw us! All in all it was a pleasant hike even if Old Man Weather did not provide us with the best day.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Churchill Scott
November 4, 1979

This time our Mystery Hike did not take us too far from home. We drove to the Whipple Hollow Road and began our walk up the familiar road to Mt. Hanley (so-called). Soon we reached a level stretch by the first brook crossing. Here the bush-whacking began with a request that everyone stay together and in sight of each other.

As we walked along a ridge to the south, each person learned a bit about the trees, ferns, mosses and plants growing underneath our feet.

In time for lunch we arrived at our destination, a gully between the two peaks of Little Hanley (so-called) where a large overhanging ledge with southern exposure was located.

After a bite to eat we continued south to a number of spectacular lookouts. At one point we watched an old steam engine and passenger cars move along the D&H Railroad Line to Castleton.

Here communications broke down. Some were so far ahead it was impossible to retrace our steps and we had to take the hard way down the steep slopes, rocky areas, and slippery leaves.

It was good to see Kim Faulkner with us again and also Glenn Tarbell, a brother of Susan Tarbell, an old time K.S. member.

COVERED DISH SUPPER AT CAMP SUNRISE

by Winnie Shambo
November 17, 1979

None of the 11 people attending this year's covered dish supper could possibly complain of a lack of variety in the dishes presented or the amount offered. We enjoyed everything from spaghetti in meat sauce to a variety of salads and vegetables to hot breads and mince pie and chocolate chip cookies. Calling our attention to how fortunate we were, Mrs. Dorothy Kirk asked if we would take a moment to remember the world's hungry, which we did.

After this great repast, the dishes

SNOWSHOE AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RENTAL

Last winter we received numerous calls for information on snowshoe rental especially. For the up-coming winter season, we include a list of local suppliers who rent snowshoes and skis.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Snowshoes</u>	<u>Skis</u>
Green Mountain Rental 158 North Main Street	775-0101	Tubbs standard	No
Leisure Lines Woodstock Avenue	775-0854	Tubbs Sherpa	Yes
Mountain Travelers 162 Woodstock Avenue	775-0814	Tubbs Sherpa	Yes
Sports Peddler 162 North Main Street	775-0182	Tubbs Sherpa & Dover Bearclaws	Yes

All Stores except Green Mountain Rental will have Sunday hours in the winter. However, they advise that you reserve snowshoes and arrange pickup in advance. NOTE: Prices will vary from store to store, but the amount is the standard rental charge. There are no discounts for GMC members.

were cleared away and we viewed two slide shows -- one presented by Carol Chapman and the other by Rob Carey. Carol's was of a canoe trip located north of Montreal that she and her mother took one weekend in July. The scenic shots as well as the price of the trip and what it includes has interested a few of us in also making the trip.

Rob's slides were mainly of the LT, although he had also taken quite a few of Pennsylvania. He had some fantastic shots, too many to mention individually, but I congratulate him and envy his photographic abilities.

Rachael and I came prepared to spend the night, which we did, and awoke to a beautiful sunny day. After breakfast and Rachael's housekeeping duties were completed, we hiked to the ridges surrounding Sunrise and were impressed with the beauty confronting us each time we stopped. We climbed one particularly steep hill (just to see the other side) and walked the ridge along a deer trace until we came to a most impressive sight, that being the two lakes, Sunrise and Sunset.

This short hike was enjoyable and we saw only two hunters while we were in the woods.

BIRD MOUNTAIN

by Churchill Scott
December 2, 1979

Fourteen hikers appeared at the fire station on this rather cold windy day of snow flurries.

The new trail, cut and blazed by a group led by George Pearlstein, was well marked except where some vandals had torn down signs, which caused some confusion.

Steep in spots and wandering a bit, the trail seems to end at the north summit of a gully where the old trail comes from the southeast. It then makes a right-angle turn to the south and 0.5 miles later you reach the real summit and ledge where there is a magnificent 180 degree view encompassing the Green Mountains to the east and to the west Lake Bomoseen and beyond that the Adirondacks.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

The next issue of Smoke & Blazes will be mailed out after the Annual Meeting. Deadline for all other reports will be March 20.

NOTICE TO OTHER SECTIONS

Because printing expenses are increasing, we would like to eliminate any unwanted mailings of Smoke & Blazes. We have been mailing copies to other GMC sections. If you are an officer of another section receiving Smoke & Blazes and would like to continue receiving it, please send a postcard to Carol Chapman, 39 East St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. (If we don't hear from you, we will assume you are uninterested and your name will be dropped from the mailing list). In return, we would be interested in receiving newsletters from other sections. Please mail them to Churchill Scott, 132 Maple Street, Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Kirk Fund Total

\$3,268.40

as of Dec. 1, 1979

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The time is approaching to renew your membership. Help yourself and the Killington Section too by getting a new person to join the club. Adult members will have one dollar subtracted from their dues for enlisting a new member.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS!



PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
 132 Maple Street
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Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Winter - Spring Schedule 1980

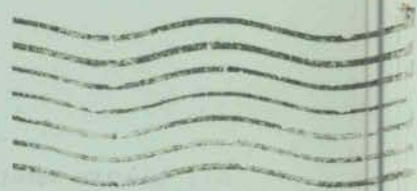
All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton St., 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, V-Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 12 (Sat.)	10 A.M. (Easy)	X-Country Ski & Snowshoe Venture - Pine Hill via Watkins Ave. - (L) Churchill Scott - 775-5720
Jan. 26 (Sat.)	9 A.M. (Med.)	X-Country Ski & Snowshoe Trip - Lake St. Catherine. Variable Mileage (L) R. Charland 773-6717
Jan. 27 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	GMC Day at Blueberry Hill - Free X-Country Ski Lesson and Soup. Unusually low rates for rentals and trail use. (L) Nancy Schmidt - 773-6990.
Feb. 10 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M. (Med.)	Quarterline Road. Ski or Snowshoe Tour. 4-6 mi. to Chippenhook. (L) Harold Rogers - 775-4471
Feb. 16 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M. (Easy)	X-Country Ski & Snowshoe Day in Healdville. Variable Mileage. (L) Kathryn Whalen and M. Randall - 773-2871
Feb. 23 & 24 Sat. & Sun.	9 A.M. (Med.)	WINTER WEEKEND. Merck Forest in Rupert. Snowshoeing and Skiing both days. Variable Mileage. Reservations required. (L) Churchill Scott 775-5720
Mar. 8 (Sat.)	2 P.M.	SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY AT PULLINGS' RESIDENCE. Roma Pulling - 773-6997.
Mar. 16 (Sun.)		GMC Day of cross-country skiing in the Rutland area. Watch <u>Long Trail News</u> for further info.
Mar. 22 & 23 Sat. & Sun.	9 A.M.	SPRING BACKPACKING WEEKEND. Little Rock Pond. 6 mi. Watch news release for more details. (L) Rob Carey - 773-7076.
Mar. 29	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols St., Rutland. Refreshments will be served.
Apr. 13 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M. (Easy)	Mystery Hike. (L) Churchill Scott - 775-5720. 4 mi. round trip.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

See Page 5 for information on snowshoe rentals.



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"STATE OF THE SECTION" REPORT

by
Carl Schmidt - Pres.
Killington Section

FINANCES: For the second year (since the dues increase), we came out just barely in the black. This amazing accomplishment, in light of inflation, was largely the result of our Trails and Shelter Chairman, Joe Dicton, getting a huge amount of work done with minimal expenditures. With an income of \$860.00 after paying out \$3 per member to the Main Club, our major expense was Smoke & Blazes printing plus postage (\$200), both of which will be increasing in 1980. THERE IS ONE WAY to avoid a general DUES INCREASE in 1981, and that is

THE KIRK FUND: We are slowly but surely getting to the \$5,000 needed for the Fund to return interest income for trails and shelters. Please -- if you can spare a few extra tax-deductible dollars for the Fund, you will be insuring the future of the Section for a long time to come.

TRAILS & SHELTERS: At least 75% of the 26 miles of Long Trail in our section was gone over and is in excellent shape. The worst segment, between Governor Clement and Tamarack Shelters, is scheduled for relocation under the Appalachian Trail securing act. The Main Club is looking for an individual or group to take permanent responsibility for the Clarendon Gorge Bridge. The outhouse at Tucker-Johnson Shelter will be rebuilt this spring. All shelters were in acceptable shape at the end of last fall, including Minerva Hinchey (formerly Sunny-side) Shelter.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL SECURING RELOCATION: Preston Bristow will give an update at our Section's annual meeting. Landowner

negotiations seem to be going well. Help should be forthcoming from the government and the Main Club, but the Killington Section will have its hands full for at least the next three years working on relocations. The Clarendon Gorge area will require substantial work as soon as possible for safety reasons. My initial impression is that in most cases the relocations will benefit landowners as well as hikers. The proposed relocation by-passing Sherburne Pass did not materialize.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is down so far in 1980. I hope this is due to the later-than-usual annual meeting. We need working, contributing members now more than at any time during the last decade. If you haven't yet renewed, please do so -- and sign up a friend.

WINTER HIKES: Next year we might relocate them to Virginia or South Carolina, where most of the snow seems to have gone.

APOLOGIA: To those who attended this winter's Moonlight Hike, the weak hot chocolate was due to my assuming that one scoop of mix was the correct amount (rather than two, as stated in the label directions, which I read later); it was not a conscious effort to save money for the Section.



KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

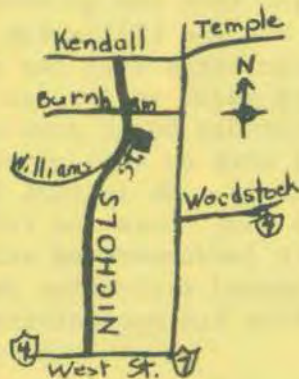
-- SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1980

7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Room

at

Pleasant Manor Nursing Home

46 Nichols Street



Parking lot between the two buildings; meeting (dining) room is downstairs in building on the left (northernmost building).

Refreshments will be served.

Please pay your membership dues by March 29 (Annual Meeting) to assure that your name will be placed in the roster, to be published in the next issue of Smoke & Blazes, and to continue receiving this publication.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

The nominees for two Directors' vacancies are Rob Carey (3 year term) and Steve Pulling (2 year term). Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott will be nominated for new three year terms. (Officers are elected by the Directors at the first meeting of the Board following the annual meeting).

The present Directors continuing to serve and the years their terms expire are as follows:

--Carol Chapman, Roma Pulling and Nancy Schmidt - 1981

--Joe Diction, Sr. and Harold Rogers - 1982

At this time we wish to express our deep appreciation to President Carl Schmidt for his dedicated service to the club. Under his able leadership we have

succeeded in keeping the Killington Section "in the black." He and Nancy have devoted much time to developing and improving the club's relationship with Trail landowners. Although he will no longer be a Director, we hope Carl will continue his valuable participation in the Killington Section.

MINI HIKE ON THE LT AND AT

by Rachael Charland

December 15, 1979

On a clear, beautiful, wintry Saturday, six energetic hikers, after spotting two cars, began their trek from Gifford Woods to Route #4. We had at least two hikers with us who had never hiked this section of the LT and AT.

It was a gradual climb from Gifford Woods affording several unusual views. Icy rocks slowed the group down as we neared Route #4 but with talk of the hearty lunches that several members had packed, ice wasn't going to hinder these adventurers. All packed into one car and drove to Gifford Woods where we selected the sunniest picnic table area and enjoyed our noon repast.

PINE HILL

by Churchill Scott

January 12, 1980

Once again the lack of snow made this trip just a walk through the woods on Pine Hill.

We traveled the trails cut by the Rutland Recreational Center and which are described in the G.M.C. Day Hike Guide. We were pleased to have a total of nine hikers for this Saturday outing, among them Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal of Whippany, N.J. whom it was a pleasant surprise to see once again.

While waiting for the fire get started and the water to boil, the Muddy Pond area was explored.

Returning via the road, we took a short side trip to the old stone crusher and the enormous boulder where Jim Frink explained its geological history and that of the surrounding area.

We are indeed fortunate to have such an enjoyable area easily available to us.

LT RELOCATION SURVEY

by Churchill Scott

Continued bare ground into the middle of January offered Preston Bristow an opportunity to hike over the Little Killington relocation with Joseph Diction, Sr. and Churchill Scott.

Starting west of the bridge over the West Branch of the Cold River, the proposed new trail follows an easy grade past the Herb Haley farm and a short distance west of the Governor Clement Shelter.

Following along small mountain streams, the area is very enjoyable and pleasant. At last a steeper ascent begins and for 1/2 to 3/4 miles it passes a number of views, finally reaching the summit of Little Killington. Here the trail continues in a northeasterly direction to join the present Long Trail about 1/4 mile north of Tamarack Shelter.

Preston states that the paper work may not be completed until 1981, but the middle portion on State land may be cut, cleared and blazed this summer (1980). So it is hoped we can get a great deal of work done.

NEW ROUTE TO MINERVA HINCHEY SHELTER

by Rachael Charland
January 26, 1980

This day was to have been our first x-country ski and snowshoe trip on Lake St. Catherine. Needless to say, Mother Nature didn't cooperate with us. Seven adventurous souls ventured on a little known back road to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. We managed to miss the LT trail markers so bushwacked to the shelter. After a quick lunch period we departed in a northerly direction for Route #103. The wind whistled through the trees and whirled bits of snow as we descended the trail to Clarendon Gorge. Again icy formations on the rocks slowed our pace.

After crossing the Gorge bridge we entered the relocated LT area and found that not only was its approach rather steep, but dangerous if one didn't watch

one's footing. This situation was reported to Harry Peet and we have been assured that this area as well as the descending pathway to Route #103 will receive some necessary attention from the Long Trail Patrol this summer. At the same time those problem boards of the bridge will be attended to.

QUARTERLINE ROAD

by Harold Rogers
February 10, 1980

Eleven dedicated hikers showed up for the hike on this pleasant but hazy morning. Because of poor conditions for snowshoeing and skiing, we left our cars at the junction of Quarterline Road and Boardman Hill Road and went on foot.

About a mile up the road we saw some interesting knurls or galls on some hardwood trees. Continuing south for about a mile, we then turned east up to Flat Rock for a view of Rutland city and Otter Valley to the north. We then zigzagged in a southerly direction down through some soft woods and apple trees to a log road that goes down to the Creek Road. There were quite a few wild turkey tracks in this area. We built a fire and had hot drinks as Churchill Scott had carried water and the "makings" for us.

On returning to our cars along the Quarterline Road we had a good view of West Rutland. In all we traveled a distance of about 4 1/2 miles.

HEALDVILLE OUTING

by Kathryn Whalen
February 16, 1980

Meeting at the 2 X 4 Restaurant in Healdville, we decided to cancel the planned hike around Lake Ninevah due to poor weather conditions. Instead seven Killington Section members walked to the Edward Whalen camp where we enjoyed a hot dog roast. Hopefully we can plan another trip to Lake Ninevah in the near future.



WINTER WEEKEND

by Roma Pulling
February 23-24, 1980

I was told by an expert that when hiking you should always be prepared for the unexpected. At Merck Forest the unexpected caught up with us when we found the road to the parking area blocked off, adding at least an extra half mile (groan) to carry our packs.

The caretaker was nowhere in sight and neither was the shelter we had reserved, but from a passing skier we learned of a shelter nearby that fit our requirements and moved in. Much later we located a Forest employee and found that we were in the right spot.

Four of us -- Jim Frink, Rachael Charland, Linda Lampert and myself, met at the fire station, to be joined later by Rob Carey, Steve Pulling and Becky Grady. Jim hiked with us on some of the nearby forest roads but could not be persuaded to spend the night. The rest of us slept comfortably with a wood fire and enjoyed more hiking the next day. Two people reached the top of Mt. Antone and were surprised to find up to 10 inches of snow but no visibility due to a layer of fog just below the summit.

We were sorry that our leader, Churchill Scott, was sick and couldn't be with us; but as usual, Merck Forest provided an unforgettable outing.

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Total on March 1
\$3,620.24

HYPOTHERMIA: WHAT IT IS, WHAT TO DO

(excerpted from "Tracks in the Snow," a pamphlet put out by the Prospect Ski Club, Bennington)

Hypothermia is subnormal body temperature due to the body losing more heat than it can produce.

Aggravated by cold exposure, wet, wind, hunger, fear, panic, and exhaustion.

It is the #1 killer of outdoor recreationists.

It occurs most frequently between 30 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit because people underestimate the weather.

Beware signs of hypothermia:

- (1) uncontrollable shivering
- (2) mental changes: i.e. apathy, listlessness, confusion
- (3) unconsciousness
- (4) freezing of extremities
- (5) death

** victim will deny he's in trouble**

Treatment: Get out of wind and rain. Remove all wet clothing. If victim is only mildly impaired, give warm drinks, get dry clothing on, and put him into a warmed sleeping bag near the fire. If the victim is semi-unconscious or worse, try to keep him awake, remove all clothing, and put him into a warmed sleeping bag with another stripped person. This victim is unable to generate his own body heat, therefore it must be externally provided. Get medical help immediately.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

Please submit your articles and hike reports by June 1 for the next issue of Smoke and Blazes. Mail to:

Carol Chapman
39 East Street
Rutland, VT 05701

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance - 1/1/79	\$611.46
INCOME - GIFTS TO KIRK FUND	\$817.28
DUES	745.00
SALE OF G.M.C. GUIDE BOOKS	53.35
SUGAR ON SNOW	30.50
INTEREST	26.47
SALE OF PATCHES	2.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,674.60</u>

¹ Dues reductions: Rachael Charland - 8 new members
Raymond Catozzi - 2 new members

EXPENSES - TRANSFERRED TO G.L. Kirk Fund	\$817.28
G.M.C. (Dues -\$282.00; Books - \$64.73; Patches -\$12.53)	359.26
SMOKE AND BLAZES	197.62
OUTINGS	107.92
TRAILS AND SHELTERS	72.93
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EXPENSES	38.50
POSTAGE	27.10
GIFT - LEUKEMIA SOCIETY - MINERVA HINCHEY	20.00
SECRETARY EXPENSE	9.55
DUFS REBATES	7.50
ANNUAL MEETING	6.45
TELEPHONE EXPENSE . . . . .	.41
TOTAL	<u>\$1,664.52</u>

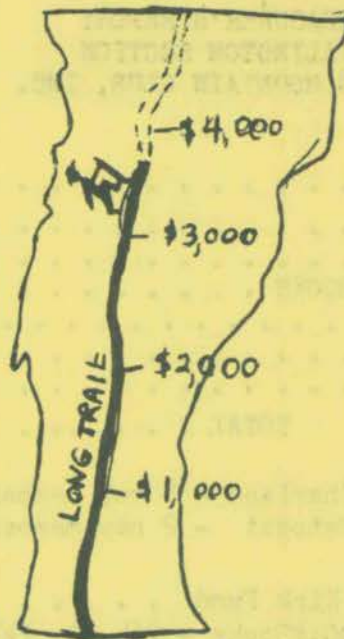
¹ Includes: Camp Sunrise - \$20.00 - will show up as 1980 income.
(\$7.00 Donations - \$13.00 donation from R. Charland -
Merck Forest - \$18.00 - will show up as 1980 income.

REPORT OF GEORGE L. KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

1,000-SIX YEAR CERTIFICATE	\$1,074.30
PURCHASED 1/31/78	
INTEREST	87.75
1,000-EIGHT YEAR CERTIFICATE	1,000.00
PURCHASED 4/2/79	
INTEREST	62.74
90-DAY ACCOUNT BALANCE 1/1/79	1,211.12
WITHDRAWAL TO PURCHASE 1,000 CERTIFICATE	1,000.00
BALANCE 4/2/79	<u>211.12</u>
GIFTS TO FUND	817.28
INTEREST	54.70
FUND TOTAL - 12/31/79	<u>\$3,307.89</u>

BALANCE 12/31/79	\$621.54
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
W. CHURCHILL SCOTT, TREASURER



HELP THE
HIKER REACH
HIS GOAL
FOR THE
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PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
132 Maple Street
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring Schedule 1980

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information contact: Carl Schmidt, President, 73 Edgerton St., 773-6990; Raymond Catozzi, V-Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOURL	DESTINATION OR EVENT
March 29 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 46 Nichols St., Rutland. See article within for further directions.
April 13 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M. (Easy)	Mystery Hike. 4 mile round trip. Churchill Scott 775-5720
Apr. 18-20 (Fri.-Sun.)	6:00 P.M. (Difficult)	Sixteen mile End-to-End Backpacking Trip from Grout Job to Route 9. Traverse Glastonbury Mt. For further information call Roma Pulling - 773-6997
Apr. 27 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Outhouse repair at Tucker-Johnson Shelter. 1.6 mi. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 3 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Clarendon Gorge area trail relocation. Rain date: May 4. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 10 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	GREEN UP DAY. Location to be announced. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 17 (Sat.)	8:30 A.M. (Difficult)	Mendon Peak. An ambitious 10-mile hike bushwacking up the northwest side of the mountain. Rob Carey 773-7076
MAY 18 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WALK-THROUGH Killington Section's part of the LT. (See Long Trail News). Light trail clearing and observation of future major repairs necessary. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
MAY 24-26 (Sat.-Mon.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING in South Pomfret. See Long Trail News.
June 1 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	Sawmill Hill Ledges overlooking Lake St. Catherine in Wells, Vt. This is a fairly easy 2 mile hike, but it is advised not to bring children because of the steep cliff. Geological explanation of area. Jim Frink 775-4925
June 15 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	Mystery Hike. Easy to moderate. MORE CUES LATER Ray Catozzi 773-3006
June 26 (Thurs.)	6:00 P.M.	Picnic at Texas Falls. Churchill Scott 775-5720

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED; WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DRIVING DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMC
132 MAPLE STREET
RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701



Mr/Mrs Craigie Perkins
90 Woodstock Stage
Rutland, Vt 05701



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KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APRIL-JUNE, 1980

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by
W. Churchill Scott

The annual meeting of the Killington Section was held Saturday, March 29, again this year at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home. Twenty-six people were present.

President Carl Schmidt, with the aid of flip-charts, gave a detailed account of our Section. We have been holding our own financially, but with a projected main club increase in assessment next year we will have to examine our expenses. Section membership was down from 119 in 1978 to 107 in 1979.

The following reports were given:

•Treasurer's and Secretary's - W.C. Scott

•Trails & Shelters - Joe Diction, Sr. Joe reported that 75% of our section of trail was covered last year. Expenses were kept down due to Joe's efforts to economize in every way.

•Smoke & Blazes - Carol Chapman

•Outings - A written report was submitted by Rachael Charland. Possible bike and canoe trips were discussed.

•Main Club Directors - Rob Carey.

Carl expressed the section's appreciation to everyone for the fine work done during the past year. Rob Carey was elected to the Main Club's Board of Directors.

Raymond Catozzi and Churchill Scott were elected to the Board of Directors for three year terms. Steve Pulling and Rob Carey, respectively, were elected directors to complete the unexpired terms of Carl Schmidt (2 years) and Rachael Charland (3 years).

Preston Bristow, fresh from the New England Trails Conference, gave a very thorough account of the current Appalachian Trail relocation project. He noted that nearly three-quarters of the AT between Vt. 140 and the Connecticut River

is slated for relocation during the 1980's. This includes substantial portions in the Killington Section, including a significant stretch between Governor Clement Shelter and the summit of Little Killington.

The Killington Section area is progressing well, according to Preston. Arrangements with landowners are expected to be completed by 1981, unless, as presently seems likely to happen, funding of the AT bill is cut by Congress.

The following officers were elected by the Board of Directors:

President - Nancy Schmidt

Vice-President - Roma Pulling

Sec.-Treas. - W.C. Scott

Once again the ladies served delicious refreshments, bringing an enjoyable evening to a close.

Everyone deserves credit for joining in and helping to make 1979 such a good year.

NOTE: See succeeding article for more recent changes in officers.

A FAREWELL

It is with much regret that we must inform you that the Killington Section is losing several of its most valued and active members.

For some time we had known that Rachael, upon retirement, was moving west to Flagstaff, Arizona.

In April the Schmidts learned that Carl was to be transferred this summer to the G.E. plant in Cincinnati, Ohio. Therefore, at the directors' meeting on April 26 Nancy announced her resignation as president and director. Rob Carey was elected as the new president and Winnie Shambo was elected to serve as a director to complete Nancy's term.

Nancy, Carl, and Rachael have all devoted so much of their energy, time, and spirit to the Killington Section that their departure will leave a big hole.

We all want to express our gratitude to them and to wish them Godspeed in their new ventures.

NEW ENGLAND TRAILS CONFERENCE

by Winnie Shambo
March 29, 1980

Saturday, March 29, happened to be a very busy day -- what with the annual meeting of the Killington Section, my adult education class field trip, and the 63rd Annual New England Trails Conference all scheduled for the same day.

After due consideration, and not being of a split personality, I opted for the NETC at Mount Holyoke College along with Rachael Charland. Because we were able to stay with my sister, Chiquita, who lives in Northampton, we were only about five miles from South Hadley where the conference was held.

We found the 50 or so people who attended very friendly and willing to share whatever information they had concerning trails.

The morning was devoted to trail condition reports. When the Green Mountain Club was called, Rachael gave an impromptu report and put forth a good presentation in our behalf. I'm not sure who was supposed to be representing the GMC, but Preston Bristow didn't arrive until the afternoon session. After some discussion, we both agreed that the Club should appoint someone to represent us each year instead of operating on a hit-or-miss basis. And even if the Main Club sends a representative, our own section might want to consider sending its own representative.

We were entertained by the showing of two slide shows. The first was a very interesting and informative presentation on the activities of the Dartmouth Outing Club. The second was George Ernst's vacation to Mount Rainier and vicinity. He had such beautiful shots of wildflowers and many excellent scenes of the Cascade Range. It was particularly interesting to see Mount Saint Helens looking so peaceful in these slides of last year, knowing of her recent activity.

The speaker of the day was a representative of Heritage Conservation Resource Service from the Department of the Interior. She spoke at some length on the legislation President Carter is trying to get passed, on the establishment of a National Trails System, and the funding available to us. She asked for feedback from the various clubs, so that the government would be better able to designate different areas for hiking, trail biking, rec-vehicles, etc. We found her to be well informed on her subject and an interesting speaker.

As hikers we were concerned with the problem of trail bikes and snowmobiles using the same trails as hikers and were told that the reality of life comes down to the sharing of trails with other types of recreation. This may well include trail bikers, etc. using hiking trails. You can well imagine our feelings on that point!

We felt this particular Saturday was well worth the trip to Massachusetts and hope more of "our" people will attempt to go next year. You'll find the Conference very interesting and you may learn of some hiking trails previously unknown to you.

A TRIBUTE TO MARTHA M. ADAMS Jan. 9, 1878 - Jan. 3, 1980

by
Ellen B. Russell
(niece of Martha Adams)

When a person has lived almost 102 years, there is much to be said of their years of interests and activities. Martha M. Adams was one of those persons. Her death occurred January 3, 1980, just six days short of her 102nd birthday. The Killington Section lost its oldest member on that date. Naturally her advanced years with frailty of limb prevented active participation, but her interest in those who found enjoyment and exercise in "tramping the woods" remained keen almost to the end.

One of Martha's (Aunt Mat to many people) interests was the wildflowers, ferns, and shrubs of the Vermont hills. Born on a farm in Shrewsbury (the Long Trail crosses Route 103 in East Clarendon at the railroad crossing by the road which leads up

the hill to the Anthony Adams farm), she learned early to love the treasures of nature. She spoke often of walking the area and of the thrill of standing on the Fox Lot to look off to Rutland and the valley beneath the hill where Route 7 now runs.

She moved to Rutland in her early teens to be able to pursue a formal education. One of her instructors, a Professor Snow, had a great influence upon her. From him she learned the business skills which she later applied in positions in the law offices of the late Charles Howe, at one time a Probate Court judge. Also, at the same time, she was bookkeeper for the late Charles G. Noyes, a building contractor. Many will remember her as a life-long business woman.

Neighbors on Roberts Avenue (Rutland) will remember that she arose at dawn many mornings during the summer months to tend her flower garden. She took much pleasure in raising flowers which she could cut and share with others. She developed a near professional knack of floral arrangement and arranged flowers for her church for many years. When her garden could not produce the necessary blooms, she knew where to search in the meadows or nearby hills to find the needed flowers. It was fortunate that her relatives continued to have farmlands from which she could pirate.

She was active in several organizations, both civic and fraternal, and in her advanced years took pride in being honored on several occasions for being their oldest living member.

It was appropriate that the words, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help....." be recited at the memorial service held in remembrance of this fine lady.

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR WALKER

by

W. Churchill Scott

Once again this spring the Killington Section has lost a longtime member who always enjoyed our section's activities to the utmost.

Eleanor Walker will always be remembered for her cheerful smile and willingness to help others, whether it was assist-

ing at a social affair, preparing food for work parties or telling a story about our early trips.

For many years she was instrumental in obtaining the CVPS rooms for our annual meeting and the cafeteria for our always delicious refreshments.

In later years her health did not permit Eleanor to be active in our outings, but whenever we met we could count on many entertaining stories about the section.

All of our longtime club members will remember her more than 15 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer.

I know we will all miss Eleanor very deeply.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Roma Pulling

March 8, 1980

Apparently sugar-on-snow parties had been held in private homes sometime in the past, and this year, for economic reasons, we resumed the practice.

Twenty-one people, including a reporter from the Rutland HERALD, delighted in the main course boiled down to perfection by Janet Martin. This was supplemented by pickles, doughnuts, and coffee.

It almost became sugar-sans-snow, but at the last moment Cynthia Pulling saved the day by dashing out in the rain and filling containers with snow from the back yard. Fortunately, a fresh supply had fallen the night before.

The writer can't speak for the guests, but from the hostess' viewpoint, the party was a huge success.

HIGH POND MYSTERY HIKE

by Stephen Pulling

April 13, 1980

For you who don't remember, April 13th was a perfect spring day for a mystery hike. Sixteen people, including two Scouts from Troop 105, should remember that day very well.

After driving through one section of very muddy road, we parked the cars before attempting a second mudhole and walked to Half Moon State Park where the hike actually

began. After walking a few hundred yards down the state park's main road, we turned north and hiked along an easy, well-marked trail to High Pond. At this point we stopped, ate lunch, and enjoyed the gorgeous day and lovely view across the pond. When lunch and a short siesta were over, we walked leisurely back to the cars.

BRANDON GAP TO MIDDLEBURY GAP

by Roma Pulling
April 19-20, 1980

This backpacking trip was originally scheduled as a hike over Glastenbury Mountain. But after receiving reports of heavy snow remaining in that area, we decided to undertake something less ambitious. In spite of some initial disappointment at the change, we had a fabulous weekend.

Rob Carey, Lee LaVictoire, Anne Mausolff and Steve Pulling met at the writer's house Saturday morning, and the five of us headed for Brandon Gap. The weather was perfect. We encountered patchy snow and less mud than would ordinarily hamper the hiker at this time of year. With a pace that allowed plenty of time to stop and enjoy the scenery, we arrived at Sucker Brook Shelter, delighted to find we had it all to ourselves.

After a pleasant evening around the campfire, we slept comfortably and awoke to another good day, marred only by some light rain toward the end of the trip. The highlight of our second day was locating Worth Mountain Lodge, which apparently few hikers have seen.

After a quick visit of Lake Pleiad, with evidence of beavers at work, we reluctantly left for home.

TUCKER-JOHNSON WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
April 27, 1980

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped us repair and relocate the Tucker-Johnson outhouse. It was a fine effort and a good job done by Linda Butler, Rob Carey, Carol Chapman, Joe Dictons, Jr. and Sr., Ann Mausolff, Edward Morse (Medford, Mass.), Anna Nyiri, George Reynolds, and

Winnie Shambo.

A large deep hole was dug for the new location of the outhouse. A metal front with a new door was installed as well as a metal replacement for a missing side.

Following our work most of the group stayed at the shelter for a well-earned lunch. A hike up to Deer's Leap brought the day's outing to a most pleasant conclusion.

CLARENDON GORGE WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
May 3, 1980

The Clarendon Gorge trail relocation was accomplished by installing a switch-back trail up the steep bank off Route 103.

At the foot of the Clarendon Bridge the trail was moved away from a hazardous area.

These outstanding tasks were performed by Stephen Pulling, George Reynolds, Bob Badger, Roma and Al Pulling, Becky Grady, Joe Minard, Gary Ackerman, Sue Smyer, Joe Dictons, Jr. & Sr., Anna Nyiri, Scott Ferguson, and a friend of Scott's.

As you can see, this was a fine turnout for this important project.

Once again, the Killington Section is grateful to the above volunteers.

GREEN UP

by Roma Pulling
May 10, 1980

It was interesting to note that the bureaucratic runaround is exercised even in planning a trash pick-up. We were shuffled among the city clerk, district highway engineer, the woman behind the desk at the Highway Department, the town clerk, two selectmen and the Rutland Town road commissioner before completing plans for Green Up Day.

Only four persons took part in this effort -- Joe Dictons, Sr. & Jr., Al Pulling and myself -- but we collected about 35 bags of trash from North Grove Street and Bittersweet Lane, including a box of returnables which netted us \$2.55 for the Kirk Fund. Thanks go to Joe Dicton and Al

Pulling for use of their trucks. Besides the inevitable bottles, cans, paper and rags, we found these more unusual items:

- a dead cat
- 2 sneakers (not mates)
- a lady's fashion boot
- a car gas tank
- a golf club (9 iron)
- a loaf of French bread

Those who spent this beautiful spring day in the mountains or at the lake couldn't really be blamed, but the writer returned home with a feeling of accomplishment and a renewed appreciation for Vermont's bottle law and the ban on flip-top cans, without which our job would have been much harder.

MENDON PEAK BUSHWHACK

by Rob Carey
May 17, 1980

Nine ambitious bushwhackers -- Steve Stergerwald, Roma Pulling, Audrey and David Baker, Tom Cunningham, Karen Unsworth, Arnold and Glen Goodman, and myself turned out for this hike. We hope to see these new people again.

The weather cooperated perfectly. Friday night was cold, slowing down the bugs. Saturday was cool at first but not cold. It stayed clear all day. This was a repeat of the weather the last two times we hiked Mendon Peak in 1972 and in 1960.

We took a new route, following the old road along Eddy Brook, from Brewers Corners, until it crossed the brook after about 1 1/2 miles. Then we bushwhacked up the ridge at 180° for about 1/2 mile after which we turned to 150° and the summit. In theory, this course would keep us in the hardwoods and out of the thick spruce and fir until we were almost to the top. As it turned out that is exactly what happened. The view from the summit was spectacular, especially to the south and east.

Someone had placed a register on top two years ago. Only about 50 people had signed, most of them from out of state.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL WALK-THROUGH

by Carol Chapman
May 18, 1980

In spite of almost steady rain that day, eight club members participated in this GMC statewide activity. President Rob Carey organized our group, sending pairs out to hike different sections of the trail.

Joe Diction, Sr. and Rob cleared the trail from Lower Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter. They found the trail to be in good shape except for a few wet spots.

Al and Roma Pulling, covering the stretch between Route 103 and Minerva Hinchey Shelter, found it in relatively good condition. They came upon several blowdowns which Al and Joe have since cleared out. The shelter is in good repair with the outhouse still standing! Al and Roma picked up and returned a sack of bottles and obtained \$1.65 for the Kirk Fund.

Steve Pulling and Becky Grady encountered three blowdowns on their section of trail from Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. They cleared out one, rerouted the trail around a second, and recruited Al and Joe to clean up the third with a chain saw on the following weekend.

Mrs. Anna Nyiri and Carol Chapman hiked between Lower Cold River Road and Route 103. They discovered several long muddy stretches, two new blowdowns and two signs which need repainting or replacing.

In summary, the Walk-Through was a success and a good way to make us aware of our trail's condition and needs.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

Roma and Al Pulling recently received the following letter of appreciation:

At its regular meeting May 12, 1980, the Board acknowledged the fine job you and the Green Mountain Club did in the North Grove Street area on Green-Up Day. The roadside looks terrific!

Thank you very much for your efforts.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Rutland

KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB (G.M.C.), INC.

BY-LAWS

Key

///// ... deletions 1) Ratified 1/18/75 3) Ratified 1/20/79
 _____ ... additions 2) Revised to reflect G.M.C.
 By-laws; subject to rati-
 fication in 1981

NOTE: Incorporates all revisions 1/18/75 and later.

1. The purpose of the Killington Section of the G.M.C. shall be to maintain that part of the Long Trail, along with side trails and shelters, assigned to it by the G.M.C.; to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail.
2. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.
3. Persons under 18 years of age may be admitted as Junior Members, but they may neither vote nor hold office.
4. The activities of the Section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members over 21 years of age. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.
- 1) 5. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. ~~A Director who has served two terms may not be re-elected until after a lapse of one year.~~
6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason, shall terminate his membership on the Board and create a vacancy. Vacancies on the Board, created thus or through resignation, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, subject to approval of the Section at the next Annual Meeting.
7. Officers shall be elected by the Directors from among their number at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual Meeting. They shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, with the last two being combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be for one year.
- 2) 8. The Directors shall elect from their number ~~two Trustees~~ Directors to the G.M.C. as allocated by the G.M.C. Bylaws. In the event that Director candidates for the office of ~~Trustee~~ G.M.C. Director are found lacking, the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.
9. The By-laws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Section members at the Annual Meeting, following a notice of at least two weeks.
10. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, upon the call of the President or at the request of three or more Directors. A quorum for all business of the Board, other than amendment of the By-laws, shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.
- 3) 11. The Annual Meeting shall be held ~~in January~~ no later than the end of April to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and ~~Trustees~~ G.M.C. Director(s), plan for the coming year and to transact any other appropriate business.
12. Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities, publication of a newsletter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting.

KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
MAY, 1980

Barber, Mr./Mrs. David	Box 1097	Middletown Springs, VT 05757
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Blaskovitch, Mrs. W.J.	Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Boy Scout Troop #105		
c/o Mr. D. Marquard	70 Killington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Bryant, Harriet	Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Caddell, Ralph	R.D.#2	Poultney, VT 05764
Cahee, Hedrick	179 Union Street	Springfield, VT 05156
Carey, Rob	7 Milford House Road, Apt.#9	Milford, N.H. 03055
Catozzi, Raymond	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Billy	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Catozzi, Joe	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Chapman, Carol	39 East Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael	c/o Dr. Ravit/ 128 Merchants Row	Rutland, VT 05701
Conlon, George	R.D.#2	Rutland, VT 05701
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Davies, Mr./Mrs. Charles	Camp Betsey Cox	Pittsford, VT 05763
Dicton, Joseph, Sr.	Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Diction, Joseph, Jr.	Sugarwood Hill Road	Rutland, VT 05701
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Frink, Helen	10 Elm Street	Randolph, VT 05060
Frink, James	60 Litchfield Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
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Kirk, Mrs. George	8 East Washington Street	Rutland, VT 05701
LaVictoire, Lee	12-5 Regency Manor	Rutland, VT 05701
Maier, Elsie	280 Fort Washington Ave.	New York, NY 10032
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Mausolff, Anne	R.D.#1	Chester, VT 05143
Mullin, Ruth L.	Loretto Home	Rutland, VT 05701
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Nyiri, Anna	167 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Nuffort, John	453 Victor Way	Wyckoff, N.J. 07481
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.	R.D.#6, Liberty Hill	Laconia, N.H. 03246
Parsons, Carl	170 Stratton Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Peet, Harry	c/o GMC Headquarters	Montpelier, VT 05602
Perkins, Craigue	Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
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Would like companion while hiking the Long Trail between July 7 and July 20. For further information write to Lee La-Victoire, 12-5 Regency Manor, Rutland, VT 05701 or call (802) 773-6463.

SMOKE AND BLAZES DEADLINE

Please submit your articles and hike reports for the September issue of Smoke and Blazes by September 1. Mail to: Carol Chapman, 39 East Street, Rutland, VT 05701.

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An elite-type typewriter for last minute details on Smoke and Blazes once every three months. Please call Carol Chapman after 5 P.M. at 775-3545.

RELOCATION OF CHURCHILL SCOTT

This summer and fall until November Churchill is employed as a forest fire lookout on Killington Peak. He will be in Rutland on Wednesday evenings and during the day on Thursday. If you wish to reach him while he is on Killington, you may call him at 422-3400.

HIKING COMPANION WANTED

Backpacking partner for four-day trip in September from Sherburne Pass to Hanover via AT. For information contact Karen Unsworth, 45 North Main Street, Apt. 2, Rutland, VT 05701.



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DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 5-6 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 a.m. (Med.-Diff.)	END-TO-END Brandon Gap to South Pond, 15 mi. Overnight at Logan shelter. Rob Carey, 773-7076
July 13 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m.	Work party, Cooper Lodge to Pico Camp. Joe Dicton, Sr. 775-4446
July 19 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m. (EASY)	MYSTERY HIKE 4 mi. More details later. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
August 2 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	CORN ROAST Minerva Hinchey shelter. Reservations must be made in advance. There will be a small charge. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
August 9 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m. (Easy)	ABBEY POND An attractive wilderness pond within view of Robert Frost Mt. 4 mi. Robert Badger, 773-3777
August 16-23		GMC INTERSECTIONAL Camp Sunrise in Orwell. See Long Trail News.
September 7 (Sun.)	9:30 a.m. (Med.)	KILLINGTON PEAK VIA BUCKLIN TRAIL Vis- it Churchill Scott at his summer loca- tion. 5 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
September 12-14 (Fri.-Sun.)		GMC AUTUMN OUTING Mountain Meadows Campground in Lincoln. See Long Trail News.
September 13 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	BIKE TRIP Furnish your own equipment. About 30 miles. Watch the Herald for further details. Anne Mausolff, 875-3631
September 27 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m. (Easy)	PITTSFORD ICE CAVES A short hike to a talus type of cave, where ice usual- ly remains through the summer. Jean Davies, 483-6623

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JUNE SECTION DIRECTORS' MEETING

by
Rob Carey, President

Counting Churchill's telephone conversation, all Directors were present.

Ray Catozzi made a membership committee report. Ideas generated included wider postings of our schedule, special introductory hikes, and a presentation at the Rutland Free Library. The last could be made in fall or spring.

Trails & Shelters - Thanks to Joe Diction's efforts the Trails & Shelters Committee, with help from dedicated workers, has covered the trail well. The relocation from Upper Cold River Road to Killington is progressing well. This relocation is part of the plan for permanent protection of the Appalachian Trail required by the federal government. Troop #105, under the direction of Steve Pulling, has cut at least half of the portion on state land. They will be continuing soon.

The recent bulldozing of the old LT down to Clarendon Gorge was discussed. It was felt that any action should be left up to the Main Club, Preston Bristow, or the Vermont Fish and Game Department.

As a result of the trash at Cooper Lodge in spring for the past several years, the Directors voted to recommend conversion to an open-front shelter without a stove. The shelter would still be available for use by hikers, but would be less appealing for spring parties. It is expected that approval from the Main Club and the state will be forthcoming to allow the work to be done next summer.



SAWMILL HILL LEDGES

by Jim Frink
June 1, 1980

For some time Churchill Scott and I had been seeking new and interesting places to explore each Wednesday. On one of these trips we learned that each of us had long had a desire to climb to the top of the high cliffs which border the east side of Route 30 from Wells, Vt. up past the whole length of Lake St. Catherine.

Shortly thereafter, we drove down to Wells and sought a trail leading to the top, but we found no indication of any such trail leading up from the south where we figured a trail ought to be.

After driving up a dirt road on the east side of the cliffs and parking in a small meadow, we bushwacked straight up the almost perpendicular east side to the edge of the cliffs. There was a north-south trail along the cliff edge which we explored well to the north. The view was beautiful, taking in the town of Wells, all of Lake St. Catherine, and the country to the west including the three Granville towns. We turned back south figuring that this would be the trail down to the road that connects Route 30 to Route 133 to the east, but we came to a high ledge of rock which seemed to have no exit, so we bushwacked down the east side again to the car.

This is all we knew about the ledges and the trail until it came time for me to lead the scheduled hike there on June 1. There were about 18 in our party. (Churchill couldn't go since he had started his fire watch on Killington for the summer.) Not knowing any better, I led the group up the steep east side -- short, but quite a climb!

After we had explored the ledges as far north as we wanted to go, a hiker who was familiar with the area told me there

was a trail which ascended the ledges from the south. On going there again, I discovered that I had not looked close enough to the cliff edge. This time, however, we spotted some almost vertical steps in the rocks descending about 12 feet to a really steep trail south. It did not go all the way to the connecting road, however, but by turning east near the bottom we were able to cross some fields and come out a little south of where we had parked.

I think everyone enjoyed the experience.

MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
June 15, 1980

Even though they knew not where they were going, 13 adventurous hikers assembled at Main St. Park this fine June day, willing to give it their best. They found out eventually, and enjoyed it immensely, they said; but just for fun, for our readers who didn't go, let's prolong the mystery and make it a guessing game:

Four miles east of Rutland on Route 4 we parked our cars, and started hiking up a gravel road which ran between apple trees. Three-fourths of a mile up we left the road, went down a short path, crossed a well-known brook that flows through Rutland, and entered the path again for a short distance until it joined an old logging road. A short, very steep trail led up to the left and onto a rock ledge.

From this ledge there is a splendid view of Rutland, especially of a shopping center.

After an enjoyable lunch on the ledge, during which the leader served cheese, crackers and wine in honor of all hiking fathers (June 15 being Father's Day), we returned to the logging road and continued south for awhile. Then we cut down another old road to the west, recrossed the same brook mentioned earlier, and followed up its left bank to a beautiful, though small, waterfall.

Continuing up the brook, we reached the path where we had crossed the brook
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coming in, and then returned to the gravel road. But instead of going back down, the leader led the group further up the road, even though it had started to rain. A treat was in store for them, especially the country house lovers. At the end of the road was a stone house, built like a miniature castle over 40 years ago by the man who started one of the first ski areas in the northeast U.S.

Because of a downpour, we huddled in the shelter of a large tree, while the leader recounted the house's history to the group.

The rain let up after a few minutes, so we headed back down the gravel road to our cars and then home.

O.K. What brook (1) did we cross, recross, and travel up? What ledge (2) on what mountain (3) did we climb? What home (4) did we visit? Who (5) started what ski area (6)?

Answers: (1) Tenney Brook (2) Snake Ledge, also called Wonder Ledge, or Mystery Ledge, very visible from NE Rutland (3) East Mountain (4) Mead Castle (5) Brad Mead (6) Pico Peak.

TEXAS FALLS

by W. Churchill Scott
June 26, 1980

Many recollections of past good times were made when the Killington Section had a mid-week picnic supper at Texas Falls.

There was a mixture of new faces and old, including the entire Shambo family, oldtimers like Ray and Lou Catozzi and the former Louella Green who backpacked with Craigie and Mary Perkins' daughters in the 1930s and '40s.

After a bit to eat, most everyone enjoyed a tasty treat from the Shambos' garden of fresh Swiss chard.

Last of all, we took a short walk over the nature trail and visited the impressive gorge cut through the rocks over the past millions of years. Here we told tales of cold water swimming in various pot-holes way back before the area was developed by the U.S.F.S.

It would be good to have more half-day outings like this one that whole families could enjoy.

LT BACKPACK

by Rob Carey

July 5 & 6, 1980

Five backpackers, including myself, met at the fire station. We had a long first day planned, up the South Pond Trail to the LT, then north to Logan Shelter. The only significant climb is up to South Pond, but there are a lot of minor up-and-down stretches on the Trail.

We found the South Pond Trail and followed it to the pond with no trouble, thanks to Al and Roma Pulling who had checked it out the week before. The guidebook, my memory, and Ray's memory all agreed that the LT was located right near the pond. It wasn't. After lunch, we spent over an hour looking for it. We finally followed a gravel road east without much hope. Eventually the road crossed the LT, and although we didn't know it then, we were about one quarter of a mile from Rolston's Rest. This meant we had added almost two miles to the hike!

By the time we got to Logan Shelter, it was starting to rain and the shelter was about full. Luckily we had tents and a tarp to eat under.

While we were eating, Lou Catozzi came up the New Boston Trail with some beer which did not last long! (Thank you, Lou.) He also stayed for the night. We were looking for Steve Pulling and several friends to join us, but they got a late start and only made it to Sunrise Shelter.

By morning the weather had cleared and we had an easy day. The trail mostly followed old woods roads along the mountains and down to Brandon Gap.

COOPER LODGE TO PICO CAMP WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.

July 13, 1980

Our many thanks to all the volunteers who helped us restore the Section's heavily used trail from Pico Camp to Cooper Lodge.

Al Pulling picked up lift tickets at Killington Base Lodge for a gondola ride to the top of Killington Peak.

Trail clearing from Cooper Lodge to Pico Camp was accomplished by Ray Catozzi, Roma and Al Pulling, Joe Dicton, Jr., Anna Nyiri, Krissy Madler and Milly Kramer. Randy Seifert decided to work the Short Route, coming down Killington Peak.

Winnie Shambo and I hiked up to Pico Camp with supplies to do some necessary repairs on the Shelter and outhouse. After we finished our chores and lunch, we started clearing the trail from Pico till we met up with the group working from Cooper Lodge.

Everyone should see the super job done by the above volunteers in putting this trail back where it belongs--as one of the best. As Ray Catozzi said: "This trail should be in great shape for the next four or five years."

MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi

July 19, 1980

It was a hot day in July when a party of eight headed south on Route 103. Parking our cars in the lot south of the railroad crossing, we proceeded north on the Long Trail to Clarendon Shelter, where we took a breather.

After the rest stop, we left the LT and continued up the old abandoned town road to the Lottery Road, climbing steadily all the way. Here Mauri Winturri called it quits, said "so long" and headed back down.

Turning north on the Lottery Road the group resumed hiking, bearing left at a fork, in a north westerly direction. Soon we came to a trail leading to the left and going in a westerly, and then southerly direction we soon broke out into an opening on top of the ridge, a place known as Fox Lot! What a wonderful view of the Rutland Airport down in the foreground, Rutland City to the north, and thousands of loaded raspberry bushes right in our midst! Many had berries for dessert that day. One picked a quart in half an hour!

After the return trip to the cars, the leader and Millie Kramer from the Bronx, N.Y. went down to Clarendon Gorge for a swim and weenie roast. This was supposed to be part of the mystery hike, but its

mention got left out of the Herald article so only those who knew about it ahead of time were prepared. Too bad the whole group didn't make it 'cause it was an enjoyable ending to an enjoyable mystery hike. Right, Millie?

CORN ROAST

by Roma Pulling
August 2, 1980

As a means of raising money for the Kirk Fund, this event was not very successful. Only five people turned out -- Rob Carey, Roma and Al Pulling, Ray Catozzi, and Mauri Winturri. Mauri's plan was still a good one, and his contribution of corn greatly appreciated.

Mauri and Al went to Hinchey Shelter early and replaced some broken panes of glass. Rob built a fire, and after learning from experience that burying corn ears in a hot fire is not the best way to roast them, we roasted the rest on the grill -- several people ate corn exclusively -- and pronounced it delicious.

While we were eating, the hot, humid afternoon produced a heavy shower, which we watched from inside the shelter. The rain stopped in time for us to hike back to our cars near Spring Lake Ranch.

ABBEY POND

by Robert Badger
August 9, 1980

A finer day was never found in Camelot for the hike into Abbey Pond in Middlebury. Trip leader Piñon Badger (black Labrador) led a group of five hikers -- Bob & Kathy Jacob, Roma Pulling, and Rob & Carolyn Badger -- along the Forest Service trail into the pond.

The trail climbs moderately over the first mile and a half through hardwood forest following the cascading outlet brook. The final 3/4 mile crosses relatively flat land to the small glacial pond. There are no manmade desecrations to disfigure the landscape, not even a trail around the pond, although numerous beaver trails lead from the woods to the water's edge. There is abundant evidence of re-

cent cutting, but no beaver came out to pay us a visit.

Piñon went for a swim and the rest of us worked our way around the pond traversing from raspberry patch to blueberry patch. After lunch on a sizeable glacial boulder at the SW corner of the pond, Piñon led us back down the trail to some ledges with an overlook of the Champlain Valley. Of note, we encountered no other hikers along the trail or at the pond -- we had it all to ourselves.

The group next drove about two miles north where we climbed to the Cobble Caves. These are two dolomite caves up a steep grade just a few minutes walk from Route 116. Both are easily accessible with wide openings that would not even bother the claustrophobic. One has two openings connected by a crawl space, the other tapers to a crawl space before opening up again to a small room.

Had we the blueprint for the day, we surely would order up another right off.

1980 INTERSECTIONAL

by Rob Carey
August 16-23, 1980

About 100 members and guests including nine K.S.'ers came from as far away as Steubenville, Ohio, and Maryland for this week-long event. Some stayed only a day or two.

There were hikes every day, usually at least one on the Long Trail. Several of these were in our section of the Trail.

Non-hiking activities included trips to Hubbardton Battlefield, Fort Ti, and a nature photography workshop. Canoeing was popular, with several river trips of varying difficulty and on Lakes Sunrise and Sunset right at the camp. The lake was used for swimming a lot, especially on warmer days. Coming from Maryland was not enough distance for John and Andrew Howard, so they swam, with several others and a boat, across the lake and back.

Evening activities included a square dance (lots of fun), slides, an auction, a campfire, movies, and a supper. One of the most popular pastimes seemed to be just visiting with friends not seen since the Annual Meeting or last year's Inter-

sectional.

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM
RACHAEL CHARLAND DATED JULY 6

The whole trip across country was really like a dream -- no trouble of any sort with my car (wasn't I lucky?). People were so nice when I asked directions. Gasoline is very expensive; paid as high as \$2.38 a gallon.

On the fourth of July I was pleasantly surprised by a trip to Walnut Canyon, a short distance from Flagstaff. Just imagine last 4th of July when you met me - at Silver Lake near Dunmore. Some difference! Here I stood amazed at the sight before me: a national monument to the Sinagua Indians who more than 500 years ago inhabited the place. It is 400 feet deep and along the walls are various indications of the homes of the tribe. Lots of protection from the enemies with those dwelling places. There was a 3/4 mile paved trail around the section shaped like a walnut, from which the canyon gets its name. There were about 242 steps altogether en route, but what scenery! I just stood in awe of its structure, its depth, its flowers, its brilliance of color in the sunlight. We were advised by the rangers to take the walk slowly going down and returning. Good reason - the altitude is hard enough to get used to without pushing it!

The climate has made a change in my mode of living. Everyone seemed to move so slowly; NOW I KNOW WHY! It isn't the heat as we often had temperatures in the 80's in Vermont, but it is the altitude! The doctor told me it takes about three to four months to get used to it here. I had to go to the mergency room the first Sunday morning I was here because I awakened with such a piercing, splitting, penetrating headache. People sleep longer hours here, even the ones who have been here for years. Not only the older people take naps in the afternoon, but young ones do also.

It is such a great change from anything I have ever experienced -- it is so vast -- so lush in colors.

The forest fires have been near Flag, but good fire fighters have kept them from the city. All across the U.S.

from the city. All across the U.S. I saw signs: "Do Not Drive Through Smoke." It seems grass fires are easily started and driving through dense smoke has caused accidents so one is supposed to turn on headlights and proceed with a great deal of caution.

Dust is the main thing here. Never had to wash my hair so much! Cars are dusty, not rusty! All rusty cars are definitely Eastern owned. Lava cinders are used on the icy roads here, not salt. Must have my carburetor adjusted to compensate for the altitude -- doesn't start well and stalls which is symptomatic of Eastern vehicles....

God bless you,
Rae

MARIAN DICTON'S CINNAMON ROLLS

(Ed.s Note: Several of us have enjoyed this delicious sweet bread which Marian shares with us here. They're easy and fun to make.)

2 packages of yeast
1 cup warm water
2 tablespoons sugar
4 cups sifted all purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 lb. margarine or shortening
2 eggs

Sift flour and salt, cut in margarine as for pie dough. Add eggs and blend together. Dissolve yeast and sugar in the warm water and let stand to rise about five minutes. Add the yeast mixture to the flour mixture and mix into a soft ball.

Turn out on floured board and knead for about 5 minutes. Dough tends to be a bit sticky. Use floured hands in kneading. Divide dough into four parts, cover with Saran Wrap, and allow to rise about one hour.

Roll each piece into a 9"x12" rectangle. Brush with melted margarine up to about one inch from edge.

Mix 1/2 cup of sugar and two teaspoons of cinnamon together and sprinkle on the dough. Moisten the 1" edge with water and then roll up pinching ends and the long seam together. Place all rolls in a large shallow roasting pan, ungreased, and again brush all the rolls with melted margarine.

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Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for about 25 minutes or until nicely browned. Let cool in pan before taking out as they will break up if handled while hot. When cool enough, loosen with spatula and lift out to finish cooling on racks. They also can be wrapped in Saran Wrap and frozen for later use if desired.

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DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 12 (Sun.)	9 a.m.	WEST MT., Chippenhook. View of Otter Valley, Killington, Pico and the Adirondacks. A moderate hike of about 4 mi. Lee LaVictoire, 773-6463
Oct. 18 (Sat.)	9 a.m.	WORK PARTY, Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp. Repair water bars. Rain date: Oct. 19 Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
Oct. 25 (Sat.)	9 a.m.	CANOE TRIP on Otter Creek. Some rentals available. Call for reservations in advance. Steve Pulling, 773-6997
Nov. 1-2 (Sat.-Sun.)	9 a.m.	NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACKING TRIP. Follow old farm and logging roads in the Devil's Den area between Wallingford and Danby roads. Rated moderate. Bring your tent. Anne Mausolff, 875-3631
Nov. 9 (Sun.)	1 p.m.	EAST MT. The popular Valiquette Memorial Hike. Easy. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 22 (Sat.)	5 p.m.	COVERED DISH SUPPER at Camp Betsy Cox in Pittsford. Program following supper. For reservations call between 3 and 6 p.m. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Dec. 7 (Sun.)	9 a.m.	LITTLE ROCK POND via Homer Stone Brook Trail. A moderate 4 mi. hike. Robert Badger, 773-3777
Dec. 20 (Sat.)	6 p.m.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. Walk, ski or snowshoe to Tucker-Johnson shelter. Easy. 1.6 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076

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GMC AUTUMN OUTING - MOUNTAIN MEADOWS CAMPGROUND, LINCOLN, VT.

by

Roma Pulling

September 12-14, 1980

This year the fall outing was plagued by bad weather, but at least seven KSers turned out. We set up tents Friday evening under clear skies, but by Saturday the clouds had moved in. Hikers formed into various groups and headed for Mt. Abraham, Bristol Cliffs, the Green Mt. Audubon Center and even a few ambitious ones for the long trek from Appalachian Gap to Lincoln Gap.

That night the rain began. We viewed slides in the recreation hall and then repaired to our camp sites. Some were able to enjoy a camp fire by huddling under Rob Carey's tarp, but few enjoyed a good night's sleep. Two escaped from our tent after being thoroughly drenched and finished the night in our cars. By Sunday morning everybody had had enough. All activities were cancelled, and everyone headed home, some even before breakfast.

BIKE HIKE

by

Cynthia Pulling and Randy Roberts
September 13, 1980

On a cool and windy day in September five bikers met at the College of St. Joseph the Provider in Rutland. Trip leader Ann Mausolff led the group on a 35-mile excursion through Rutland, Clarendon, and Shrewsbury. Included in the group were Ann and Bob Badger, Chuck McDonald, Cynthia Pulling, and Randy Roberts. Chuck, who is 12 years old, biked over from Castleton to join the group.

Starting from Rutland, the group headed south into Clarendon along Dorr Drive, then east into Shrewsbury, where we stopped for a picnic lunch at Pierce's Corner Store. After lunch, we headed down Lincoln Hill Road to Route 103, then back through Clarendon and into Rutland. The route taken was the most challenging of five which Ann had carefully planned to accommodate a wide range of biking skills. The group voted unanimously to take this route, which was distinguished by quite hilly terrain in the Shrewsbury area. No one had mechanical difficulties and the trip went very smoothly. We all enjoyed



*Holiday
Greetings*

the trip and hope that bike hikes can become a regular part of the Killington Section schedule.

ICE CAVE TRIP

By

Jean Davies

September 27, 1980

About 27 people knew that this obviously was a great day for hiking to the Pittsford Ice Cave. With an autumn nip in the air, you could dress warmly enough for the hike and for the inside cave.

Trip Wescott of Pittsford, who leads the rockclimbing trips in the summer for Camp Betsey Cox, was in charge of leading the group down into the Cave. The most energetic and enthusiastic of the hikers set off with Trip to get the rope and candles set up in place. The rest of us sauntered up the trail at a more leisurely pace admiring the views, lichens, ferns, and mosses. About two-thirds of the way there, we realized that the climbing rope Trip needed was accompanying our section, which was no great harm except that it meant waiting around after we got to the Cave entrance so that the route could be set up and lighted. There was no complaining, since sandwiches and other nourishment popped out and talk flourished.

Everyone was eager to know what the cave was like, but they still wanted to go in in spite of the following description:

You first see a round hole about six feet in diameter over which is a six inch log. You shinny over the log holding firmly onto air above and below until the ladder on the far side is gained. Going down it about 20 feet, you keep right around the corkscrew to avoid going over a cliff. Then you continue through the lemon-squeeze and on to a kind of a talus slope going down to the ice on the cave floor.

Slightly-built folk, such as children, could squeeze through a lower opening, and not have to cross the log, and led by Tom Shambo, several took that route.

Comments from those emerging from the cave ranged from exclamations about the state of their clothes, to the fact that it was really neat! It was quite differ-

ent from what most expected, and the consensus seemed to be that the trip was well worth it.

Dave Ferris spent some time trying to figure out how the ice happened to be in the Cave this time of year, but not in the winter. He had some good theories, although none were proved.

The Pittsford Historical Society holds title to the 50+ acres of the Ice Cave land. The Nature Conservancy working with local people and Youth Camps helped secure the property, and it is maintained now by Youth camps in the area, principally Camp Keewaydin, Camp Sangamon, and Camp Betsey Cox. If you have a favorite area of land worth preserving but can't imagine how to even attempt it, the Nature Conservancy might be a logical and helpful way to start.

So after a bit of history, food, exploring, etc., the group headed down to a high meadow to share coffee, courtesy of Roma Pulling.

PICO TRAIL WORK PARTY

by

Joe Dicton Sr.

October 18, 1980

Due to the all night rain, only Al Pulling and I signed up to clean out the water bars on Pico Trail. The rain stopped during our scheduled leaving time and we decided to head for Pico.

After about two hours of work in which we managed to clean out 23 water bars, it started to rain and rain heavy. We headed back down to our vehicle and decided to finish the work another time.

Three days later on Oct. 22 Al and I headed back to the Pico Trail to finish cleaning out the remaining water bars.

I am pleased at the work we accomplished and am sure that the Killington Section is grateful to Al Pulling for his splendid effort in putting our trails and shelters in good order.

KIRK FUND NEARS GOAL

On December 1 the Kirk Fund totaled \$4,363.43. We should soon reach our goal of \$5,000.

LT SOUTH TO GRIFFITH LAKE

by
Rob Carey
November 1 and 2, 1980

I inherited this hike, so the destination was changed from somewhere in the National Forest to a loop hike. Only three individuals, Roma Pulling, Steve Pulling, and I (along with Roma's dog, Wonder) made this enjoyable backpack.

The hike started and ended at the Long Trail at USFS Road 10. We went south on the LT about one mile and then took the Old Job Trail. This is a nice trail, mostly old logging road providing easy going. At the site of the logging camp there was a huge pile of sawdust that we photographed. We rejoined the LT at Griffith Lake.

After checking the Peru Peak Shelter (it was full), we returned to the lake to set up camp. We found an excellent site on the west side of the pond. The evening was a bit cool, but we enjoyed the campfire. Sunday's hike out provided views from Baker Peak.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by
Winnie Shambo
November 22, 1980

On Saturday, Nov. 22, twenty-three people gathered in the lodge at Camp Betsey Cox in Pittsford for the Section's annual covered dish supper.

We enjoyed a varied menu of delicious foods, including a quiche even Ernie Royal would have been jealous of.

This is one of the few outings some of our older members are able to attend and we were very happy to have these people with us.

We appreciate the hospitality of Jean Davies, who had a huge fire burning in the lodge fireplace from noon on. And we appreciate Barb Tinney's sharing her slides with us.

Jean was also kind enough to show some of the participants of the evening around the immediate grounds by the light of the full moon. Had more of us been prepared with the proper clothing, we would have joined them.

LITTLE ROCK POND

led by Piñon Badger
December 7, 1980

December 7th arrived as a crystal clear 10° gem of a day, ordered up special for the trip into Little Rock Pond via the Homer Stone Brook Trail from South Wallingford. We had an excellent turnout considering the season - Roma and Steve Pulling, Churchill Scott, Rob Carey, Harold Rogers, Barbara Tinney, Bob Jacob, Dave Hadley, Rob Badger and Piñon (black labrador).

A scant half inch of snow over frozen ground provided an excellent hiking surface over the first mile and a half up to the crossing of Homer Stone Brook. The crossing proved amusing as all the rocks were glazed with ice, making very poor stepping stones. A log provided an adequate, somewhat tense, but uneventful crossing, and the hike continued up a fairly steep and icy half mile to the pond.

Such a gorgeous pond, even in its frozen state, sheltered between Green Mountain to the west and Homer Stone Mountain to the east. So different from when most of us have seen the pond in warmer seasons, and we were the only souls present to disturb the tranquility.

A fire was built at the tenting area along the southeast shore of the pond, and water put on to boil. While others warmed themselves by the fire and began lunch, Bob Jacobs and Rob Badger donned ice skates and had a pond-long game of hockey.

After lunch we had another short game of hockey, this time with more participants sans skates. Several hikers crossed the ice to the island and all of us, despite some initial fears as to the strength of the ice and slippery footing, walked the length of the pond to the northern trail head and started down. On the steep downhill, several of us found it more convenient to sit down on the longer stretches of ice and slide -- a great ride, better than the Alpine Slide! I'll let you know how it was on the backside tomorrow.

At the stream crossing, Barbara decided to go for a swim. Despite her insistence that it wasn't really all that bad, the rest of us could not be enticed into joining her.

By the end of the day skies were rapidly clouding with a feel of snow in the air. A perfect day to (perhaps) end the year's hiking.

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER FROM
RACHAEL CHARLAND

Can't seem to make these people understand the fun of hiking -- even two women alone as I try to relate to them our Green Mountain trail. Oh, I'll have to tell you I got quite a negative reaction from Harry Peet when I wrote to him suggesting that the LT be renamed the Green Mountain Trail more in keeping with our guide book and giving more recognition to the state.

Am going to a meeting of the Flagstaff Hiking Club. Finally got the assistant director (of the Adult Center) interested in starting a hiking club for seniors.

No waters near here for canoeing. And no one interested in it enough to do it. People in my age bracket still huddle near the fire and watch the "boob tube" instead of being outside.

Weather has been very warm the residents say for this time of year. Low in the teens in the A.M., but then warms up to 50 or 60 about noon.

RELUCTANT WRITERS

Hike leaders who prefer not to write the report for Smoke and Blazes should ask someone who participated in the hike and is willing, to make the report. Most writers find it much easier to write the report immediately following the hike rather than several months later when one's memory of and enthusiasm for it may have grown dim.

Two outings on the last schedule were cancelled due to inclement weather. They were the Otter Creek canoe trip and the Valiquette Memorial Hike on East Mountain.

No hike report was made for the September 7th hike to Killington Peak. More than 20 people made it to the top where Churchill Scott let everyone who wished view the surrounding countryside

from the fire tower where he was on duty.

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A WINTRY MILE

by Grace Noll Crowell

I know that my work is waiting,
I know how long it will take,
But I shall walk a wintry mile
For my own spirit's sake.

I shall lift my face to the blowing
Of the clean wind down the land,
I shall dig by a tangled tree root
With a quick exploring hand,
To find the new green mosses
Blanketed warm and bright.

I shall break the ice at the stream's edge
To see the emerald light
Of a three-leaved clover lying
Tender and green as spring;
My cheeks shall gather the roses
That wintry winds can bring.

Then I shall go back to my labor,
To the tasks so hard and long,
With my heart as light as a bubble,
And on my lips a song.

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KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1980-81 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, vice-Pres., RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 4 (Sun.)	10 A.M.	Brown Bridge, Shrewsbury, to Tamarack Notch along Cold River Road. 3 mi., easy. Hike, ski, or snow shoe. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Jan. 17 (Sat.)	9 A.M.	Danby quarry to Natural Bridge, Dorset. 4 mi., easy. Walk or snow shoe. Not suitable for skis. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Jan. 31- Feb. 1 (Sat. & Sun.)	9 A.M.	WINTER WEEK END. Merck Forest, Rupert. Snow shoeing, skiing, hiking. Reservations required. Marian Dicton, 775-4446
Feb. 14 (Sat.)	9 A.M.	Ski or snow shoe in the area of Gov. Clement Shelter and beyond. 3 mi., easy. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Mar. 1 (Sun.)	9 A.M.	North Shrewsbury to Route 100 in West Bridgewater. Suitable for hikers, snow shoers and <u>good</u> skiers. 5 mi, moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Mar. 14 (Sat.)	2 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY, Pulling home, Upper Woodstock Avenue, corner of Post Road. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 28 (Sat.)	7 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Meeting Room, Vermont Achievement Center, 88 Park Street, Rutland. Refreshments will be served.

BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. Wear sturdy waterproof footgear and bring extra clothing.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA.



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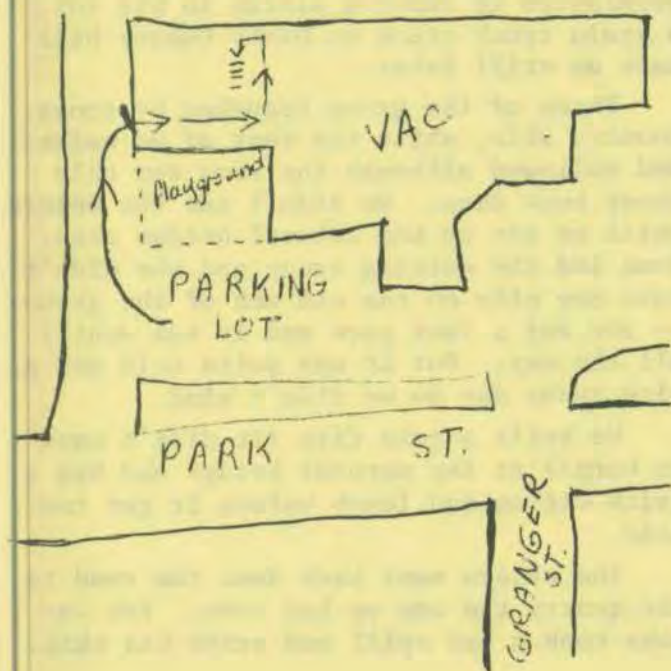
KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING MAR. 28

The Killington Section annual meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 28th, at the Vermont Achievement Center.

VAC is located on Park Street, north of the Rutland Fairground. Park your car in the parking lot in front of the playground and enter the door on the far left (the Pediatric Convalescent Unit.) Signs inside will direct you to the meeting room downstairs.

Make plans to attend this important meeting as the election of Directors must be made and decisions reached on a number of current issues.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served. There will also be a program of slides of the Long Trail presented by Lou Catozzi.



A TRIBUTE TO "DOC" HOWARD

by
Churchill Scott

On December 16, 1980 Dr. James H. Howard died suddenly. He had been a resident of Pleasant Manor Convalescent Home for many years and was confined to his bed for the last few years. Nevertheless, he had many tales to tell about his various trips with the Killington Section.

A couple of his favorites follow. One was about the hiker spending the night at Sucker Brook Lodge who drank a fifth of liquor a day and was carrying a week's supply. Another time while on his End-to-End one-shot trip, he was all set to bet he had the lightest stove (a 7 1/2 oz. Sterno in a #10 can) with a hiker at Taft Lodge. Seems that this hiker had a 5 oz. Sterno in a salted peanut can.

The writer met Dr. Howard during the mid-1960s when Herb Ogden replaced the bunks at Governor Clement Shelter. Since that time, "Doc" was one of the most avid members of our section. He served on the Board of Directors, the Outing and Trails & Shelters Committees, and was best known for his sturdy, well-built outhouses.

After the 1973 flood destroyed the suspension bridge over Clarendon Gorge, Dr. Howard had all plans finalized to replace the structure. But at the last minute the main G.M.C. took over which resulted in a 300 % increase in expenses.

Dr. Howard will be missed by all of us in the Killington Section and by his many friends throughout the Green Mountain Club.

A HIKER'S PRAYER

God give me hills to climb,
And strength for climbing!
--Arthur Guiterman of Arlington, Vt.

MOONLIGHT HIKE: TUCKER-JOHNSON SHELTER

by Joanne Valente and Judith Hall
December 20, 1980

This beautifully clear, crisp night (10 to 15 below) was perfect for our hike. About 10 of us began the hike at the end of the Robinwood Development in Mendon; four skiing and the rest walking.

(Since this was our first hike with the group, and we did not realize we'd be asked to write this article, we are unable to recall the exact names of the participants. However, the group consisted of "locals" and out-of-staters, which made a good blend.)

We sort of "blazed" the trail to the shelter as the skiers followed behind. The snow was over our knees in some areas and not packed down, which made the walking challenging. The star-speckled sky, moonlight shadows through the trees, and good friendly conversation made the walk very enjoyable and memorable.

At the Shelter we were greeted by two fellows who had gone ahead earlier to fetch and cut wood for the warm fire. Hot beverages were distributed as we "hopped" around the fire, sang Christmas carols, exchanged hiking experiences and checked out the stars.

We know a great time was had by all and are looking forward to another Moonlight Hike. (Next time we'll bring the marshmallows!).

UPPER COLD RIVER TO TAMARACK NOTCH

by W. Churchill Scott
January 4, 1981

This was the kind of day that separates the "fair weather hikers" from the dedicated K.S.'ers. However, no person in his right mind would be caught dead outdoors on such a day. The thermometer ranged all the way down to a minus 25 degrees.

After leaving the car at the junction of "Alcohol Spring," Upper and Lower Cold River Roads, Winnie Shambo, Steve Pulling and I walked through Brown Bridge. Turning north following an old town road well

packed by the snowmobilers, we met a lone rider with her dog.

At the old Parker Homestead we had the choice of crossing Cold River, visiting the Tamarack Notch Camp area or following the trail north. At the Kirk Bridge we hated to make the decision of no fire, no coffee and no lunch, but it was just too cold. We followed the Rousseau Road back to the car, visiting the Wilkins Cemetery and passing the Colvin farm on the way.

The cold weather was just the same as that on the aborted trip the K.S. had up Mt. Hanley in the mid-70's. Cold and windy, but beautiful sun and blue sky.

The leader had five inquiries about the hike so a goodly number of people would have gone. It is hoped that they will all come out with us when the weather moderates.

DANBY QUARRY TO EMERALD LAKE

by Harold Rogers
January 17, 1981

Ten of us met at the fire station along with Bob Badger's dog, Pinon. We were late getting started and were further delayed by waiting for the owner of a private garage at Emerald Lake to give us permission to leave a pickup in his lot. A grain truck stuck on Danby Quarry hill made us still later.

Three of the group traveled by cross-country skis, while the rest of us walked and wallowed although the snow was only about knee deep. We didn't see the skiers until we got to the natural bridge area. Roma led the walking group and she didn't have any pity on the old men of the group -- she set a fast pace and it was uphill all the way. But it was quite cold and a nice sunny day so we didn't mind.

We built a cold fire (it didn't want to burn!) at the natural bridge and had a quick coffee and lunch before it got too cold.

The skiers went back down the road to the quarry the way we had come. Bob Jacobs took a bad spill and broke his skis.

Churchill Scott and one group went down to Emerald Lake one way and I led another group down another road. It was an enjoyable hike and would be fun to repeat in the summer.

WINTER WEEKEND AT MERCK FOREST

by Roma Pulling
January 31 - February 1, 1981

The weather for our Merck Forest outing was ideal with bright sunshine and temperatures in the 20's. A strong wind started blowing, causing considerable drifting, about lunchtime of the second day; but we were leaving, anyway.

Saturday morning four people -- Carol Chapman, Churchill Scott, Harold Rogers and myself -- left for Rupert from the fire station to be joined soon after our arrival by Rob Carey and later by Steve Pulling and Lou Catozzi. Carol, Churchill and Harold skied briefly, ate lunch and then returned to Rutland.

The overnights skied and hiked out Old Town Road and returned to Spruce Lean-to for supper. This shelter, accommodating up to seven people, was constructed last year and impressed us with its comfort and roominess. We spent a restful night warmed by a wood fire which your reporter, being a light sleeper, kept stoked.

Sunday forenoon the four of us skied and hiked to Clark's Clearing out Mt. Antone Road and returned via Schenk and Old Town Roads. It was another fantastic weekend. Merck Forest, you did it again!

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

by Rob Carey
February 14, 1981

Six people (three hikers and three cross-country skiers) came out for this hike. We parked at the "triangle" and followed the road. There was just enough snow for the skiers but not too much for the hikers. Except for one icy spot near the yellow camp the walking was good and the skiing satisfactory, considering there was no snow in Rutland.

We reached the shelter early and got a fire going to heat the water and toast sandwiches. Since it was still early, after lunch we followed a new logging road beyond the shelter. This gave us good views of Mendon, Little Killington and Shrewsbury Peaks as well as a good run for the skiers.

On the way back the skiers went faster, especially as the hikers stopped at the shelter and had another cup of coffee. On the return to Rutland we checked out the starting point for the next hike and also the Wade property at Clarendon Gorge.

NORTH SHREWSBURY TO ROUTE 100

by Steve Pulling
March 1, 1981

If this was the first Green Mountain Club outing that you've ever attended, you probably thought it was sort of disorganized. But as usual everything ended up as planned. The weather forecast didn't scare too many people away as there were eleven hikers and "skinny skiers" who braved the predicted foul weather.

Being the hike leader, I should have met at the fire station to help organize the day's events, but Rod Carey, Lou Catozzi, and I were already in Shrewsbury as we had camped out the night before with Boy Scout troop #105 in that mountain town. As Rob, Lou, and I arrived at the Northam parking lot where the hike was to begin, we found only two people, Roma Pulling and Clay Palmer. Roma and Clay informed us that Churchill Scott had taken most of the skiers over to West Bridgewater to start in from that end.

After hiking approximately three miles our group met up with Churchill's group which included: Bob and Sue Dunn, Ken Stellwagen, and Sue Smyser on skis and Kayleen Gorman hiking. At that point the skiers kept skiing westward to eat lunch at the Stone House while Kayleen and Churchill joined our group as we hiked eastward into Tinker Brook Shelter for lunch. We shared the shelter with six snowmobilers who had also stopped there for lunch. Amazingly, all eleven of us arrived at the cars in West Bridgewater

at the same time. Perfect timing! So ends another successful Green Mountain Club outing. Which way is north? Rob? Lou?

A LETTER FROM NANCY SCHMIDT

Greetings from the Schmidts, who now live in a suburb of Cincinnati. The city is right across the Ohio River from Kentucky, and only about 20 minutes from Indiana.

We've had a cold winter, for Cincinnati, and a good bit of snow, but the snow doesn't stack up high enough to do much in the way of winter sports. Carl takes a ski run in the back yard whenever it snows, and has skied twice at a nearby park (where he impressed everyone with his cross-country skill), but it's not quite the same. We've not been hiking at all yet.

We miss Vermont. But, Carl is very happy with his job, and we're very pleased with the school the children attend. And we've enjoyed being able to spend time with Carl's family in Cincinnati and mine in Tennessee.

It's starting to feel like spring here! We intend to get outdoors and explore the countryside soon. We'll send a report on the Buckeye Trail when we find it; we came upon the southern terminus, which had a sign instructing us to follow the blue blazes, but there were none to be seen.

Keep Smoke & Blazes coming!

DUES ARE DUE

If you have not already sent in your 1981 dues, please do so immediately. You may pay them at the Annual Meeting, or mail them to W. Churchill Scott - Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., Rutland, VT 05701. This is the last issue of Smoke & Blazes that will be sent to the 1980 members. Dues are listed on the membership form.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

Current By-Laws are printed in the April, 1980 Smoke & Blazes. The proposed change is in Section 8, relating to election of Director(s) to the Main Club. It is a housekeeping measure to bring our By-Laws in line with changes made to the Main Club By-Laws several years ago.

The Directors shall elect from their number ~~two Trustees~~ Directors to the G.M.C. as allocated by the G.M.C. By-Laws. In the event that Director candidates for the office of ~~Trustee~~ G.M.C. Director are found lacking, the Directors may seek candidates from the general Section membership.

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Drawings for this issue are courtesy of Mildred Kramer.

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Clarendon River
Gorge



Suspension
bridge

THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND

Recent Killington Section members sometimes ask "What is the Kirk Fund?" or "Why should I contribute to it?"

Mr. Kirk was a newspaper reporter and editor in Rutland for 57 years. An active hiker, he was a man of wide interests -- among them weather observation, botany and ornithology.

Mrs. Dorothy Kirk, Mr. Kirk's widow, established the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelter Fund in January, 1977. Over the past five years Mrs. Kirk has made several substantial donations which when added to the contributions of club members presently total \$4,973.19.

After reaching our goal of \$5,000, the interest earned will be used for the maintenance of our section's trails and shelters. With constantly increasing expenses, our section is barely achieving a balanced budget. Therefore, the Kirk Fund is vital to enable us to meet our responsibilities.

Your contribution to the Kirk Fund is an investment in the future of both the Long Trail and the Killington Section.

HIKING COMPANION WANTED

Winnie Shambo is seeking a hiking companion for a planned nine day trip on the Long Trail from May 16 to May 24. She is hoping to cover a 96 mile section of the LT. If interested, Winnie may be reached by calling (802) 773-9330 in the A.M. or by writing to her at 142 Dorr Drive, Rutland, VT 05701.

ARIZONA HIKING

by Rachael Charland
(excerpt from a recent letter)

I have been hiking some; mostly these people aren't too hepped on hiking; my AGE GROUP, THAT IS. They'd rather watch TV and EAT! It shows too! Went on a hike with the Sedona Westerners; along the Verde River, which, as you may remember, rises between the towns of Jerome and Winslow and ends up in the Bay of Azar near the Pacific Ocean. It is about 200 miles long and I am sure that today it must have

more water in it than when I first saw it a month ago. We drove about 37 miles south of Sedona; took an ungodly, rough road, full of gulches; up and down for about eight miles of that stuff (was really glad I had not taken my car) only four-wheel driven vehicles would have made it, parked cars; then the Trail Boss (hike leader to us) announced Pit Stop with the men going ahead of the female crowd (there were about 27 of us in all) while we attended to our needs. (That is the only way one can do this here as the trees are not that high or numerous to hide behind.) We caught up with the men; journeyed down a dry river bed and over ground that was dry as a bone, littered with cacti (prickly pear variety as well as mesquite -- how that stuff hurts when a hand or arm hits it) to another river bed and finally along the Verde River. I was amazed to see so little water in it. I inquired as to the extent of the Falls that we had come to view and was told about 10 feet. I think I must have misunderstood but I think I heard the Trail Boss say 10'-- it was really more like six to ten inches instead. We sat on dirty, blackened lava bed rocks to eat lunch; stared at an embankment across the river that only had low vegetation; complete with what we had come through-- more cacti and mesquite with a barbed wire fence running down to the river to help keep the cows in from the river.

Another hike was along the Oak Creek near Sedona; as long as I didn't look up I would think I was in Vt. as the ground was covered with oak and aspen leaves ... there were some interestingly shaped rocks! So many rocks surround that area; and I THOUGHT ALL OF THE ROCKS WERE IN MAINE AND VT. It was a seven mile hike; we did look over the fire-ruined cabin that once was owned by Zane Grey and his partner. That was that.

About two weeks ago we did have 3" to 4" of snow and tried to ski; had to travel about 50 miles and up another 1,000 feet in order to find a Forestry Road that we could attempt to ski upon. If we were careful and watched constantly we wouldn't be tumbled foreward by CINDERS that, of course made up the road bed. We went about four miles on FLAT LAND and returned into the North wind that was something to take.Some place, Flag. Wouldn't trade one inch of Vt. for 1 acre of Az.

REPORT OF THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND (12-31-80)
by Churchill Scott, Treas.

Jan. 1 \$1,000 - 6 Yr. C.D.....\$1,162.05	Passbook Account 1-1-80.....\$1,083.10
Purch'd 1-31-78	Gifts 1,748.92
7.75% Interest 95.21	Interest 21.72
\$1,257.26	\$2,853.74
\$1,000 - 8 Yr. C.D.....\$1,062.74	1-22-80 Withdrew to pur-
Purch'd 4-2-79	chase two \$1,000 C.D.s ...\$2,000.00
8.00% Interest 89.99	1-22-80 Balance 853.74
\$1,152.73	*4-30-80 Withdrew to pur-
\$1,000 - 2 1/2 Yr.C.D..\$1,000.00	chase \$500.00 C.D. ....500.00
Purch'd 1-22-80	12-31-80 Balance.....\$353.74
10.40% Interest 104.73	
\$1,104.73	
\$1,000 - 2 1/2 Yr. C.D.\$1,000.00	*To begin second \$5,000 Fund
Purch'd 1-22-80	
10.40% Interest 104.73	
\$1,104.73	12-31-80 TOTAL \$4,973.19

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
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Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1981 Schedule

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DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
April 5 (Sunday)	8:00 A.M.	GREEN PEAK area, Dorset. Visit several old quarries, trip includes steep climbs and some bushwhacking. Difficult, 5-6 mi. Robert Badger, 773-3777
April 12 (Sunday)	10:00 A.M.	COX MOUNTAIN, Pittsford. Good views of the Taconics, Adirondacks, Otter Valley and Lake Champlain. 3 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
April 18 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Repair Clarendon Shelter. Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
May 2 (Saturday)	1:00 P.M.	PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE. Good view of the village and the Otter Valley. 3 mi., easy. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
May 9 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION WALK-THROUGH. By team effort, cover as much of the trail as possible, assess major damage and do light maintenance. Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
May 16 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN. A moderate 5-mile hike up the Old Canty trail for views of Rutland and the Coolidge Range. Rob Carey, 773-7076
May 22-4 (Fri.-Sun.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING at Tamarack Notch. See LT NEWS, Feb. 1981 issue for further info and reservation form. Let's give our Section a good representation.
June 7 (Sunday)	9:00 A.M.	LONG-HOLE, Peru. An area noted for its lovely June pinks. Moderate, 4 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
June 13-14 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACKING TRIP. Postponed from an earlier date. Follow old farm and logging roads in the Devil's Den area between Wallingford and Danby roads. Moderate. Bring your own tent. Anne Mausolff, 875-3631
June 20 (Saturday)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Clear trail between Gov. Clement and Tamarack shelters. Joe Dicton, Sr., 775-4446
June 27 (Saturday)	9:30 A.M.	BOILING SPRING, Chittenden. Moderate, 5 mi. Harold Rogers, 775-4471

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KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

APRIL-JUNE, 1981

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, MAR. 28

by Rob Carey

Over 35 people attended the annual meeting of the Killington Section, Mar. 28, at the Vermont Achievement Center in Rutland. The officers' reports were given. Financially, the most important item was the reaching of the goal of the Kirk Fund. We greatly appreciate the generosity of Mrs. Dorothy Kirk in making this possible. As far as operating expenses were concerned, the club did slightly better than break even. All of the Trail was covered and, with our shelters, is in good shape. A special thanks is in order for the excellent work done by Trails & Shelters Chairman Joe Dicton Sr. Outings attendance held steady with evening events, supper and moonlight hikes proving very popular.

The Club's Wilderness policy was discussed, as well as other political activity by the Club and the Section. No action was taken in any of these areas.

Roma Pulling and Winnie Shambo were reelected as Directors. Rob Badger was elected to a three-year term to replace the retiring Carol Chapman. After a brief Directors' meeting at which all officers were re-elected, there was a fascinating slide program presented by Lou Catozzi featuring mainly shots on the Long Trail. They were organized from South to North as if hiking End-to-End. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments during the show.

NEW CARETAKERS

by W. Churchill Scott

It has been noted in the current Long Trail News that Killington Section members are active in main G.M.C. work.

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Fitzgerald of Middle-

town Springs are caretakers at Little Rock Pond area, one of the more popular and busier spots of the Long Trail system.

Philip Woodbury of Perkinsville is the adopter of Old Job Shelter, located on the alternate trail from U.S.F.S. Road #10 to Griffith Lake.

GMC ANNUAL MEETING

by Ray Catozzi

The annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club was held Saturday, May 23, at the Mendon Methodist Church in Mendon, Vermont. Originally scheduled to be held at the Tamarack Notch Camp in Mendon, with both meetings and camping all in one spot, the Connecticut Section, sponsors of the annual meeting, did some fast and efficient scrambling when both approach roads to Tamarack were dangerously washed out due to recent heavy rains. Campers were transferred to Gifford Woods State Park.

Present from the Killington Section were Rob Carey, Roma Pulling, Winnie Shambo, Carol Chapman, Sue Smyzer, Mauri Winturri, George Reynolds, and Ray Catozzi.

Of interest to the Killington Section is the formation of a committee to plan a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the completion of the original Long Trail. This celebration will, in all probability, take place during the GMC Intersectional at Camp Plymouth the last week in August.

Our own Rob Carey, incidentally, is one of the members of the Intersectional coordinating committee.

Nothing new has developed about the former Wade property at the LT/AT crossing of Route 103 at the head of Clarendon Gorge. The Killington Section announced that it will take over the trail relocation and signing, but more remains to be done about cleaning up the remaining property.

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The GMC budget is back down under \$100,000, but it's not due to a sudden savings in the running of the club, but to the cutting back in Forest Service contracts to do trail work in the National Forest.

Jim Wilkinson, retired Vermont Forest & Parks supervisor, is our new GMC President. Preston Bristow, former GMC treasurer, and National Park Service representative on the AT/LT preservation project, is our new Vice President.

At the end of the general membership meeting, and during the afternoon directors' meeting, the Stowe Rescue Squad delivered a talk about their work, displayed their equipment which included mountain climbing gear, and explained its use. 'Twas very interesting.

A sumptuous dinner was put on by the ladies and gents of the Mendon Methodist Church. Of the roughly 125 attending the meeting, over 100 were at the dinner.

In the evening the members and guests were treated to two slide shows. One was presented by the Vermont Audubon Society about Vermont's endangered species, both flora and fauna. The other was a slide presentation of the GMC expedition to Scotland last year. Both were very enjoyable and well received.

Sunday found hikers heading off in several directions for various hikes. One group climbed Pico; some went up the Bucklin Trail to Killington and visited Churchill Scott. A large group motored to Cavendish and walked down, both through and above, the beautiful Cavendish Gorge.

And thus ended another memorable GMC Annual Meeting, with all the greeting of old friends, the camaraderie of fellow hikers and campers, good eating, fine evening entertainment, and enjoyable hikes the next day. It's too bad more KS members didn't attend, especially when it was held so close to Rutland.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Roma Pulling
March 14, 1981

The 23 sweet-tooths who gathered at the chairman's house this year were welcomed by sunshine and seasonable temperatures

in contrast to last year's dismal snow and rain.

Carol Chapman and I drove to Turnpike Road the forenoon of the party and half-filled a 30-gallon plastic bag with clean snow.

We are truly grateful to Janet Martin for working her magic at the stove again, and the product was done to perfection as usual.

With doughnuts, pickles and coffee to complete the menu, we enjoyed a delicious treat while the fireplace added a cheerful note.

MOUNT AEOLUS (GREEN PEAK) AREA, DORSET

by Robert Badger
April 5, 1981

April 5th. Can one not recall the radiant sunshine, sparkling blue skies and warm spring breezes of that glorious April day? The singing of the birds, fragrance of wildflower buds bursting forth and long dormant plants springing to life? Not likely; certainly not in Dorset, Vermont. On April 5th it rained. It rained all day; and, at least in Dorset, it never let up.

Seven amphibious souls and one soggy dog showed up to have a go at searching through the fog for the summit of Mount Aeolus. Robert and Cathy Jacob, David Hadley, Winnie Shambo, Roma Pulling, Robert and Carolyn Badger and Pinon started the trip by hiking a mile north along the east flank of the mountain into the old Freedley Quarry. From here the hike was to continue uphill to a ridge and south along the ridge to the summit of Mount Aeolus, named after the Greek God of the Winds.

Freedley Quarry is cut into the side of Mount Aeolus, providing an extensive underground cavern. It is truly one of the most impressive abandoned quarries in the state, used in summer for swimming and winter for skating. On April 5th, Freedley Quarry was used as shelter for seven soggy hikers and a wet dog.

A roof over our heads, a fine bottle of wine and good company, we had a delightful morning. The quarry penetrates a good 300 feet into the mountain with a ceiling of 50 feet or more. A portion of the area underground was quarried to considerable depth and is now filled with water. When frozen, this makes for magnificent ice

skating, there being a roof overhead to protect the smooth black ice from inclement precipitation. On this day the ice was still strong enough to support daring souls, though it cracked ominously. We were all impressed -- this was terrific, well worth a trip to Dorset. When the wine was gone, and all corners of the quarry explored, the unanimous decision was to forget Mt. Aeolus. We couldn't have found it in the pea soup fog anyway.

We hiked down the old incline railroad bed, where marble blocks were once transported, to the old county road which led back to our cars. Not being wet enough, we decided to hang in there and hike another mile south along the east flank of Mount Aeolus into the old Folsom Quarry, of which I had pictures showing its operation in 1885. We found the quarry by spotting its waste pile, and actually stood right in the middle of the old quarry without knowing it. The fog was so thick, that only by finding the quarry wall and walking around it could we realize we were walled in on three sides.

By now we were thoroughly drenched and getting cold, so we returned to Rutland in search of a warm fire, warm drink and dry clothes. This trip will be attempted again shortly, hoping for better weather. If you like steep climbs and old quarries, be there; you won't regret it.

COX MOUNTAIN, PITTSFORD

by Steve Pulling
April 12, 1981

Twenty-six people showed up on this clear, sunny Sunday to scale Cox Mountain in Pittsford. There were many welcome new faces on this hike thanks to the weather and especially to Bob Badger who fielded many Vermont Marble employees with their families. Many old regulars made it also including one who left Milford, N.H. that morning after, I repeat after, the space shuttle lifted off at 7:30 A.M. to meet at the fire station on time to go hiking. Rob, the speed limit is 55 M.P.H. in case you forgot.

After leaving the cars on the Sugar Hollow Road we proceeded gradually but steadily upward for approximately 1 1/2

miles with some nice views to the north and east. When on top of Cox Mountain it took us a few minutes to find the advertised good views, but thanks to Bob Badger and Steve Pulling we found them just in time for lunch and the Badger wine and cheese that ages well in Bob's pack. In little protected pockets we ate lunch to escape from the cold, strong wind which developed on top of the mountain.

After lunch we found the best lookout of all overlooking the Route 7, Florence, Otter Creek Valley. A leisurely walk back to the cars completed a very enjoyable hike. How is your pet snake that you found on this hike, Tom Shambo?

CLARENDON WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton Sr.
April 18, 1981

In Spring we always focus on our duties of putting the Long Trail (Killington Section) back in shape for the coming hiking season.

On this cool Saturday morning nine volunteers signed up for the Clarendon Shelter repair and clean-up. Missing boards on the north side of the shelter were replaced by George Reynolds, Ray Catozzi, Joe Dicton Jr. and John Lind.

The clean-up consisted of picking up the trash, broken bottles and raking up the shelter area. This work was done by Roma Pulling, Anna Nyiri, Becky and Steve Pulling and Joe Dicton, Jr.

Special thanks go to the above volunteers for their generous effort in putting Clarendon Shelter back in good order.

The outhouse at this shelter has been completely destroyed. A new metal outhouse will be installed at a later date.

PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE

by Roma Pulling
May 2, 1981

Saturday, May 2, dealt another blow to the credibility of weather forecasts. Partial sunshine had been predicted but was preempted by a light, steady drizzle.

This time we tried an afternoon hike for the benefit of those who think nine o'clock is early. Only one such person showed up; possibly others were discouraged

by the rain.

After parking cars in the lot by the defunct Otter Valley railroad in Proctor, eleven people visited the High Ledge via a gradual climb starting at the end of Cain Street and following an old carriage road. In one place we had to stand aside for a workman who was busy felling trees with a chain saw and dragging them down the road with a large log skidder. We looked for May flowers along the way and found only a few but were able to identify early saxifrage, wild ginger, wild oats and red trillium.

At the height of land by the pole with its weatherbeaten U.S. flag, we sat, had a snack and enjoyed the fine view of Proctor, Otter Valley and the mountains beyond, then returned to our cars by the same route.

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN

by Rob Carey
May 16, 1981

In spite of cloudy skies we had a good turnout of nine hikers. We parked at Tall Timbers Camp and went up the Cauty Trail. Many wildflowers were out, most of which were identified. As we neared the summit, we got into the fog or cloud, depending upon your point of view. During lunch at the top there were a few sprinkles and we had excellent close-up views of the inside of a cloud.

The sun came out on the return trip, warming things up and bringing out the black flies. Apparently they don't know they aren't due until June. Does this mean they'll be gone early?

AT WALK-THROUGH

by Rob Carey
May 9, 1981

Becky, Steve, Alfred Pulling and Winnie Shambo cleared the Trail from Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Everything was in good shape, with just a couple of blowdowns that were taken care of. Roma Pulling and Anna Nyiri checked the trail from Route 103 to Minerva Hinchey. This section of trail was also in good condition. These two

crews took six bags of trash out from the shelter.

George Reynolds and a friend covered the Lower Cold River Road to Route 103. They reported some wet spots just south of the Cold River Road. There had been reports of blowdowns between the Cold River Roads so the Joe Dictons, Jr. and Sr., both attacked that section with a chainsaw.

Rob Carey and Sue Smyser did the section from Route 4 to Pico Camp, including Pico Loop to the summit. This trail was also in good shape, although there was some clipping done on the Loop. The wildflowers, particularly trout lilies, were in full bloom.

FIELD TRIP TO KILLINGTON PEAK

by Carol Chapman
May 6, 1981

On May 6, a balmy spring day, six excited 8-to-12 year old children and four adults from the Vermont Achievement Center headed toward Killington. We were on our way to visit Killington Peak's fire warden, Churchill Scott.

The ride up the chairlift, a new experience for some, took us over small patches of snow where only 12 diehard skiers were coming down that day.

The short hike up the nature trail to the summit proved that the warm jackets, mittens and hats that the teacher had insisted upon were unnecessary.

Soon Churchill came into view with a friendly wave to us all. He welcomed us into his living quarters and told the children briefly about his work there.

Then it was time to visit the fire tower. One of the boys, who later admitted his knees were shaking, was so curious to see what was up there that he didn't need any urging to climb the stairs. Trying to site a fire and locate it on the map, looking through binoculars and going through the trap door were some of the attractions there.

Lunch was eaten at a nearby picnic table. Running around and playing on the rocks was fun for all and the teacher was glad there was no fragile alpine tundra to

protect.

Finally Churchill showed us some of the electrical equipment stationed there by various radio stations, the police and others.

Too soon it was time to head back down the slope. What a delightful day we all had!

KILLINGTON SECTION INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT THE LIBRARY

by Winnie Shambo
May 27, 1981

A year ago the directors of the Killington Section toyed with the idea of a membership drive. Although there was much discussion, not a great deal was accomplished so this writer volunteered herself and Carol Chapman to co-chair this endeavor and we were underway.

Over the course of the ensuing months Carol and I met several times to outline just what should be brought forth at a "drive" and in what order. It occurred to us that we might need to offer something special as a program bonus in order to have any kind of a "turn-out." We discussed where such an event should be held and how it could best be advertised. Various people who could help in presenting the program were contacted, and then winter came upon us.

Both of us were involved with out winter schedules and so the project was left to simmer on a backburner until early spring of this year when we realized time was running out if we wanted to reach those who might enjoy Spring/Summer hiking.

Putting ourselves into second gear, we made arrangements with the Rutland Free Library through a lovely lady by the name of Debbie Ramage, who finalized May 27th as our debut. I arranged to have the Main Club's slide show of New England's Alpine Areas delivered and we arranged to have various GMC articles and pamphlets on hand. The speakers were recontacted to make sure all were still able to help. We met at Carol's to go over the time elements involved and for input from the participants. We passed out posters which were done by Carol and me which several of us placed in shops around the city. Press

releases were sent to both the Mountain Times and the Herald.

Finally, May 27th arrived. Present at the meeting, not counting known Section members, were at least 35 people. None of our speakers were professionals but everyone did a fine job for a first time out. Our slide show was beautiful and if anything could have been improved it would have been a better sound system for the tape.

I'd like to thank Roma Pulling for handling refreshments and our outing book. Our thanks go to the following for their contribution: Steve Pulling (GMC History and Killington Section Programming); Joe Dicton Sr. (Trails & Shelters); Rob Badger (Storyteller and equipment display); Ray Catozzi (day hike equipment needs) and Churchill Scott (membership, dues, Kirk Fund).

All in all, we counted the evening a success and hope to see some of those who attended on our summer hikes.

CLUB ARTICLES AVAILABLE

GMC T-Shirts in gold, beige, blue or white are available. The choice of designs is: "Old hikers never die, they just lose their soles," "Leave nothing but footprints" or the GMC seal. Sizes: small, medium, or large designed by the Burlington Section and a varied selection has been loaned to the Killington Section. For each T-Shirt we sell, our section may keep one dollar.

Bumper stickers reading "Take the High Road - the Green Mountain Club" may be purchased for \$0.75.

If interested in either of the above items, contact Carol Chapman at 775-3545 after 5:00 P.M.

KIRK FUND GOAL REACHED

Through the generosity of Carleton Wilson and Wilbur Weston, the Kirk Fund has gone over the \$5,000 goal.

As of May 1, 1981, the Fund totals \$5,337.33, with the second \$5000 fund reaching \$1,074.21.

At the present time interest accrues at approximately \$50 per month.

GMC
KILLINGTON SECTION MEMBERSHIP ROSTER
MAY, 1981

Badger, Robert & Carolyn	43 Gloria Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
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Blaskowich, Mrs. Wm. J.	Box 367	Dearborn, MI 48121
Broderick, Robert	Old Turnpike Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Broderick, Andrew	Old Turnpike Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Bryant, Harriet	Box 131	Dorset, VT 05251
Cahee, Hedrick	179 Union Street	Springfield, VT 05156
Carey, Robert	7 Milford House Rd. A9	Milford, NH 03055
Catozzi, Ray	103 Bellevue Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Chapman, Carol	39 East Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Charland, Rachael	215 W. Cherry Ave., Apt.#8	Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Conlon, George	Sunset Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
Crowther, John	249 Lincoln Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Culvert, Harry	Plains Road	Pittsford, VT 05763
Cunningham, Tom	Box 218	Chestnut Hill, MA 02167
Daly, John	22 Engrem Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Fitzgerald, Brian & Michele	R.D.#2	Poultney, VT 05764
Frink, Helen	10 Elm Street	Randolph, VT 05060
Frink, Jim	60 Litchfield Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Harper, Stephen	P.O. Box 11	Rutland, VT 05701
Howard, John & Pat	10598 Jason Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Howard, Andrew (Jr.)	10598 Jason Court	Columbia, MD 21044
Hughes, John	18 Rinaldo Court	Rutland, VT 05701
Kirk, Mrs. George L.	8 East Washington St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Lepinski, John	63 Pleasant St.	Ludlow, VT 05149
Mausolff, Anne	R.D.#1	Chester, VT 05143
McWilliam, Gail	7 Westview Drive	Granville, N.Y. 12832
Newton, Doris	26 Boutwell Road	Andover, MA 01810
Nuffort, John	543 Victor Way	Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Nyiri, Anna	c/o W.C. Scott, 132 Maple St.	Rutland, VT 05701
Ogden, Herbert G., Jr.	RD#6, Liberty Hill	Laconia, NH 03246
Partridge, Sanborn	62 Ormsbee Avenue	Proctor, VT 05765
Peet, Harry	113 1/2 Barre Street	Montpelier, VT 05602
Perkins, Crague	c/o Woodstock Stage	Rutland, VT 05701
Perkins, Vera	242 South Main Street	Rutland, VT 05701
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Pulling, Steve	Post Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Reynolds, George	8 Hillcrest Road	Springfield, VT 05156
Rogers, Harold	223 Adams Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Roulier, Bettina	11 West Street	Fair Haven, VT 05743
Russell, Ellen	33 Thayer Street	Providence, RI 02906
Schmidt, Carl & Nancy	1651 Clayburn Circle	Cincinnati, OH 45240
Scott, Churchill	132 Maple Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Shambo, Winnie	142 Dorr Drive	Rutland, VT 05701
Sherman, Jake	48 Morse Place	Rutland, VT 05701
Smyser, Sue	12 Pine Street	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Thelma	93 Killington Avenue	Rutland, VT 05701
Valiquette, Ann, John, Mary, Thomas (Jr.)	Town Line Road	Rutland, VT 05701
Weston, Wilbur	104 Ashley Rd.	Apex, N.C. 27502
Wilson, Carleton	Fairview Wooded Acres	Rutland, VT 05701
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	179 High Street	

TREASURER'S REPORT
KILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance 1/1/80 \$621.54

INCOME -	Gifts to Kirk Fund	\$1,748.92
	Dues	623.50
	Mimeograph Sale	60.00
	Interest	26.94
	Camp Sunrise	20.00
	Merck Forest	18.00
	Sugar On Snow	11.12
		<u>\$2,508.48</u>

Income \$2,508.48

EXPENSES -	Transferred to Kirk Fund	\$1,748.92
	To Main G.M.C. (Dues - 231.00) ...	338.97
	(Fire & Liability - 48.48)	
	(Ins. & Field Program - 59.49)	
	Smoke & Blazes	179.95
	Trails and Shelters	40.60
	Cuting	38.57
	Postage	31.17
	Publicity	15.60
	Mimeo Machine (Ad 5.40 - Cord 7.00)	12.40
	Secretary Expense	23.26
		<u>\$2,429.44</u>

Expenses \$2,429.44

Balance 12/31/80 \$700.58

TREASURER'S REPORT
MILLINGTON SECTION
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

Balance 12/31/50 \$2,700.00

INCOME -	
Cash on Hand	\$1,340.00
Bank	813.10
Millington Sale	50.00
Interest	10.00
Land	10.00
Stock	10.00
Gifts on Hand	11.10
	<u>\$2,508.40</u>

Income \$2,508.40

EXPENSES -	
Expenses in 1951	\$1,340.00
To Main Club - 1951	100.00
Travel & Lodging - 1951	100.00
Club & Field Program - 1951	100.00
Smoke & Dinner	100.00
Travel and Lodging	100.00
Club	100.00
Postage	100.00
Telephone	100.00
Minor Machine and 1951 - 1951	100.00
Secretary Expense	100.00
	<u>\$2,508.40</u>

Expenses \$2,508.40

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DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 9 (Thurs.)	6:00 P.M.	SUPPER HIKE. Bring a picnic lunch and eat with friends near picturesque Falls of Lana on Sucker Brook across the road from Branbury State Park. Easy/mod. 1 mile Churchill Scott, 775-5720
July 19 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE to a destination known only to our leader but guaranteed to be fun. Moderate, 6 mi. Sue Smyser, 773-3269
July 25 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Lower Cold River Road to Vt. 103. Re-blaze trail and lay puncheon in swampy area. Joe Diction Sr. 775-4446
Aug. 9 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	SHREWSBURY PEAK. A moderate climb climaxing in good views from the summit to the east, south and west. 4 mi. Rob Badger, 773-3777
Aug. 15 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MOUNT EQUINOX. A 3-hr. climb to summit of 3,825-ft. peak, highest in Taconic Range. Great views/ hotel on top. Via Burr and Burton Trail - 5.8 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Aug. 22-30		GMC INTERSECTIONAL. A memorable experience for campers or day hikers. Details in May <u>LT News</u> . Camp Plymouth, Tyson. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Sept. 5-6 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:00 A.M.	END-TO-END Arlington - West Wardsboro Rd. to Route 11/30. 16.4 mi., moderate Winnie Shambo, 773-9330
Sept. 12 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	CANOE TRIP on Otter Creek. Some rentals available by advance reservation. Steve Pulling, 775-3661
Sept. 19-20 (Sat.-Sun.)		GMC AUTUMN OUTING. Mountain Meadows Campground in Lincoln. See <u>LT News</u> .
Sept. 27 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	OKEMO MT., Ludlow, from Healdville. A new route for us; come and experience it too. 6 mi., moderate. Rob Carey, 773-3006

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OCT.-DEC., 1981

UNSCHEDULED WORK PARTY

by George Reynolds

June 6, 1981

On Saturday morning, June 6, five hikers, Al and Roma Pulling, Winnie Shambo, Joe Ciccarelli and I met at the Long Trail parking lot on Vt. Route 11. Despite threatening skies, the crew drove up to Mad Tom Notch via the ranger's cabin at Hapgood Pond.

We cleared the trail south to Vt. 11 where there were many blow-downs. We cleared out most of them, leaving only some low ones to impede trail bikes and one which was too large to take out. It was a pleasant surprise to find no trash either on the trail or at the shelters. The trash bags will keep for another trip.

We found that Mad Tom Notch Shelter had been moved from its old location north of the Mad Tom Notch Road to a new spot about two miles south of the road. The shelter has been rebuilt using some of the old boards. We found the outhouse to be rather unique. The throne is a new metal one set on a large wooden platform in its own clearing with probably an excellent view of the west when it isn't foggy. I assume that the Forest Service will soon put a building around it. The Spring was a shallow pool with no obvious movement of water, but it tasted good.

Bromley Camp was in good shape with only one cracked pane which had been patched with gray duct tape.

It was a good trip although it would have been nice if the fog had cleared while we were on top of the Bromley tower. The five-state view was limited. This work trip was the result of an appeal from the main club's Trails and Shelters Committee.

LONG HOLE

by Ray Catozzi

June 7, 1981

Long Hole is a section of Lake Brook, not far downstream from the outlet of Griffith Lake. It emerges from the woods and flows placidly in a 300-yard long straight line through a long, open grassy meadow before entering the woods and tumbling downhill again. It was here that we ventured this day to view the June "pinks" or mountain azaleas.

To arrive at this unique stretch of mountain brook, we took a very circuitous route by car to enable us to walk in easily with very little climbing. After traveling south to Manchester, we turned east on Route 30 to Peru, north in Peru, then west on the Mad Tom Notch Road, and finally north on an unnumbered National Forest Road that dead-ended about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the southwest shore of Griffith Lake.

It was well that we chose to go by the lake en route to Long Hole because it was only around this highest body of water on the Long Trail that we found any "pinks." Not a single plant or bloom along Long Hole. It was interesting exploring down along this unusual stretch of wilderness water. We even scared up a few wild ducks.

After viewing Long Hole, we returned to the lake, followed the LT south along the eastern shore of the lake, and then $\frac{1}{2}$ mile beyond to Peru Peak Shelter, where many had a second lunch. (Our first lunch was on the western lake shore on the way in.) Winnie Shambo, diligently working on her LT end-to-end award, talked three others into going out by the LT south to Mad Tom Notch, about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The rest hiked back around Griffith Lake and returned the way they came in. It was an enjoyable outing in spite of threatening rain.

MIDDLEBURY GAP TO LINCOLN GAP

by Rob Carey
June 13-14, 1981

This backpack trip was changed from the Devil's Den Area to the Long Trail between Middlebury Gap and Lincoln Gap. Five hikers used this opportunity to work on their End-to-Ends, covering about 16 miles.

Unfortunately, there are no shelters near the halfway point. Accordingly, we took tents and planned to camp along the trail. The weather cooperated, giving good views at several overlooks.

We enjoyed a long break at Skyline Lodge on Skylight Pond. This is a beautiful spot, but the Lodge is showing its age. In order to reduce Sunday's mileage, we decided not to camp at Emily Proctor Shelter.

We found excellent tent sites on the trail at the junction of the Clark Brook Trail. One of our group had gotten ahead and stayed at Mt. Roosevelt, but the rest of us camped at the Clark Brook site. There was water a short distance down the trail.

Sunday's hike was uneventful until the end. We spread out and not everyone stayed on the trail on the last mile, resulting in some confusion at the road, but we all got back together eventually.

WORK PARTY BETWEEN GOV. CLEMENT AND TAMARACK SHELTERS

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
June 28, 1981

The work party originally scheduled for June 20th to do trail work between Gov. Clement and Tamarack Shelters was rained out and re-scheduled for June 28.

On this beautiful Sunday morning eight volunteers signed up for this task.

It was decided that we would work in two groups. Group A which included Rob Carey, Sue Smyser, and Anne Mausolff worked the lower part of the trail. From the very beginning at the logging road Group A was busy clearing the buffer zones and painting the white blazes.

Group B had five members: Ray Catozzi, Joe Dicton, Jr., Joe Dicton, Sr., Al Pulling, and John Hughes. Group B hiked ahead about one mile and started clearing and painting the white blazes on the buffer zone.

This section of our trail system hasn't been worked on for years and therefore both A & B Groups had to work hard putting this trail back into good shape again.

At the higher elevation evergreen growth was closing in on the trail and had to be cut back.

On hiking back down the trail, one could see all the necessary clearing and blazing done by both groups.

BOILING SPRING

by Harold Rogers
June 27, 1981

Thirty two trustworthy people met at the fire station to venture into the wilds of Chittenden. Thanks to Mr. Lawrence Copeland who led me to the spring and showed me how to find it, we didn't get lost.

We had the usual mix-up in deciding on who was driving and who was riding with whom but everybody got there and back.

We parked the cars at the junction of the Jeep road and the New Boston Trail, signed the book, counted heads and started.

It was a nice day and the start was easy walking. We passed through an area where the gypsy moths had worked extensively. After that, the road got steeper, wetter, and bushier.

We crossed brook number one and then brook number two as we were supposed to do. We started to follow an old logging road and I left the group and went bushwhacking to brook number three which is the run-off from the spring. I followed the brook up to the spring and yelled to the hikers who met me there.

The spring was not boiling as much as the first time I saw it. I have heard that it sometimes dries completely up. It was quite a disappointment to me but

the other hikers seemed to be fascinated watching the shifting sand.

We ate lunch and returned to the parking area.

My feet were quite wet and I believe a few of the others had the same problem. It was an expected hazard and no one complained.

No one got lost and I believe everyone had a good time.

FALLS OF LANA

by Churchill Scott
July 9, 1981

Twenty-one hikers attended our third annual supper hike on July 9.

The evening started off with a down-pour which stopped our caravan near Otter Valley Union High School for a while.

The Shambo family, already back from the hike, soaked to the skin, met everyone at the parking area.

It was a short hike up the penstock to meet the road and then on to a vantage point overlooking the Falls of Lana and nearby Lake Dunmore.

Already plans are being made for next year's supper hike to Rocky Pond, Muddy Pond, and the remains of the Hermit's shack. Please plan to join us then.

MYSTERY HIKE - THE FLUME IN CHITTENDEN

by Sue Smyser
July 19, 1981

Ten people showed up for the mystery hike on this sunny Sunday. We parked our cars at the East Pittsford Power House and Clifford Bassett figured out that we were hiking the pipeline to Chittenden Dam even before the leader could find the trail there.

In season raspberries grew along the first part of the pipeline. We soon arrived at the only steep part of the trail where a handy steel cable was used for pulling ourselves along. At the top of this short but steep pitch the pipe-

line levels off. Now we had the option of either walking beside the three-foot diameter pipe or on top of it. With foot-bridges over the streams the line seemed like it was made for hiking.

As we neared the dam there were sections of wooden pipe. These wooden parts had leaks in many places, but enough water must still reach the power house for electrical generation.

At Chittenden Reservoir we found a sandy beach which made a nice lunch spot. The watermelon that was brought on the hike made a tasty dessert. Roma Pulling showed off her fishing skills by catching a fish in her bare hands. Being less than one inch in length it was under legal size so she put it back. After lunch we returned along the same route.

WORK PARTY - LOWER COLD RIVER ROAD TO VT. 103

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
July 25, 1981

The originally scheduled work party from Lower Cold River Road to Vt. 103 turned out to be a double affair.

First it was decided to move the trail from the Clarendon Gorge bridge to Vt. 103 back to its original location by the railroad tracks.

At this re-location, trail clearing and blazing were done by John and Emma Hughes, Roma Pulling, Joe Dicton, Jr., Winnie Shambo, and Anna Nyiri.

Re-setting the trail and parking signs was done by Al Pulling, John Lepinski, and Joe Dicton, Sr.

After the above trail work was completed in about 90 minutes, it was time to start on the scheduled work party.

The workers were divided into two parties. Group One, which included John and Emma Hughes, Roma Pulling, Anna Nyiri, and Krissy Nadler started their work at Clarendon Shelter going north. Their work consisted of trail clearing and re-blazing which continued until they met up with Group #2 which was heading south from Cold River Road.

Group #2, John Lepinski, Winnie Shambo, Al Pulling, Joe Dicton, Jr. and Sr. drove around to the Lower Cold River trail location. New signs were made and the trail was re-blazed there. Stepping stones and puncheon were installed on wet sections. Good use was made of the chain saw in clearing the many fallen trees.

Both groups worked hard to accomplish the necessary trail work so that other hikers can enjoy our trail system.

SHREWSBURY PEAK

by Bob Badger
August 9, 1981

We had a terrific turnout of 21 people for the hike up Shrewsbury Peak. Two visitors from Kansas City joined us, one newcomer just moved from Virginia, plus three from Ludlow and one from Burlington. If you really believe Rob Carey lives in Milford, N.H., we had quite a nationwide showing. We also had three members, a sizeable percentage, of the pharmacy team from Rutland Hospital. A really delightful group of people.

The hike started from the Northam Picnic Area in North Shrewsbury. We traveled along at a good clip over moderate terrain until we crossed the boundary into Coolidge State Forest, at which point the trail steepens considerably to the south peak of the mountain. The good views, as noted in the Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont, to the southeast of Mt. Ascutney, Mt. Kearsarge and Mt. Monadnock and views to the south of Mt. Okemo, Bromley Mountain, and Stratton Mountain were not to be had as we were fairly socked in by fog. Occasionally Smith Peak, less than a mile to the east, emerged from the clouds, but otherwise we had to use our vivid imaginations to visualize the surrounding peaks and top-notch views. Churchill Scott had promised to signal us with a mirror from his lookout tower on Killington, two miles to the north, but needless to say with no sun and low clouds, there was no signal to send and none to receive.

After lunch on top, we hiked north a few hundred feet to a sag where the trail branches. Straight ahead, a trail

joins the Long Trail in about 1.5 miles and then reaches Killington Peak. We took the trail to the right, dropping down to a lean-to and spring in about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, and then continuing along old logging roads lined with raspberries until we reached the lightly traveled dirt road that led back to the Northam Picnic Area, thus completing the circle.

MOUNT EQUINOX

by Ray Catozzi
August 22, 1981

This mountain climb, originally scheduled for Aug. 15, was rained out and the leader thought he wouldn't have to report it. But thanks to our Veep, Roma Pulling, it was revived during the first weekend of the GMC Intersectional.

Roma, Ray Catozzi, Bernice Grumm and Greg Bostock drove to Camp Plymouth, picked up a fifth member, John Howard from Maryland, and headed for Manchester and the Burr and Burton Trail. After 2.9 miles of trail and 3,000 feet of vertical climb we knew we had been laboring, but after breaking out into the clear at Lookout Rock it was all worth it. It was a perfect day and we had a gorgeous view of the whole Manchester village and valley.

We lunched at the rock and then ambled another 0.4 miles to the hotel on the summit. Did a little slumming and hobnobbing with the motoring tourists and then we headed back down the same trail. We stopped at a beautiful, cold, clear, gushing spring half way down, about 150 feet off the trail, to fill our radiators.

John drove Bernice and Greg back to Rutland in his pickup truck, while Roma and Ray returned to Camp Plymouth for a most enjoyable campfire of songs, stories, awards and refreshments.

A very rewarding and memorable day!

INTERSECTIONAL

by Rob Carey
Aug. 22-30, 1981

About 116 GMCer's and guests including 10 KS'ers attended the Intersection-

al at Camp Plymouth and stayed from a few hours to nine days. Other than one big thundershower, the weather was satisfactory, allowing for many Long Trail and outlying hikes. Other day trips included canoeing and caving. Popular evening programs included campfires and the auction run by Frenchy Garfield.

END-TO-END BACKPACKING TRIP

by Winnie Shambo
September 5-6, 1981

Six people took part in the scheduled End-to-End outing on the weekend of Sept. 5-6: Al and Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi, Rob Carey, Lily Landerer, a member of the ATC from New York City, and myself.

We might have had a problem with transportation had it not been for Ted Shambo who took all of us in his wagon to the Arlington/West Wardsboro Road after we had spotted both Rob's and Al's cars at Rte. 11/30. We appreciate his help.

It was 10:30 a.m. when we began our hike. The weather was holding nicely and the trail was so gradual a climb it seemed like a pleasant walk in the woods. We arrived at beautiful Stratton Pond at noon where we had lunch and pleasant conversation with the caretakers of the Stratton Pond Area. From the pond to William B. Douglas Shelter, where we spent the night, we hiked the recently completed relocation. This portion of the trail also was in fine shape with easy going.

We shared the shelter with four persons from Massachusetts and a gentleman from Maine. Supper was an occasion we all looked forward to, each of us having something different. Lily had brought a large potato for baking and eating... eventually she was able to do so.

Al had built a large fire which lasted long into the night. Although it was lovely to watch while awake, it was breaking all rules of camping to let it continue to burn. Ray finally got up in the wee hours to extinguish it because the smoke was getting thick within the shelter. We had no animal visitors during the night of any sort, but I did hear

an owl hoot in the distance once camp was quiet.

We began to stir around 7:00 A.M. and finally broke camp at 8:50. Our first destination on this lovely, sunny day was Prospect Rock with lovely, although hazy, views of Dorset Valley and Mount Equinox. From there we hiked on to Spruce Peak for a view of the Taconic Mountains with the town of Manchester in the foreground. Climbing back down to the LT we had lunch before beginning the last leg of our journey to Rte. 11/30. Some of us reached the cars at 1:30 P.M. while the rest of the group showed up an hour later.

Everyone agreed that a stop at Friendly's Ice Cream Shop in Manchester was in order before our car trip back to Rutland.

We hope Lily will have pleasant thoughts of the Green Mountains and the Killington Section after this, her first backpacking trip.

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE

by Roma Pulling

When your Board of Directors learned late last year that Tract 214-03, formerly owned by Chuck Wade, had been purchased by the United States Government as part of their Appalachian Trail protection project, we were elated. Hooray! A chance to return the trail to the direct route from the Gorge! Ample space for an off-road parking area! Right?

W-e-l-l-l, yes. These goals were realized soon after confirmation of acquisition, in July, but at the same time certain other realities had begun to sink in. The Green Mountain Club had been designated to decide what to do with "improvements" on the property and to protect them until such a decision was made, and in this area the Green Mountain Club is us.

Word of U.S. Government ownership spread fast, aided by an April 6 article in the Rutland Herald, and those from the "we are the Government" school of thought descended on the place. Not all of these were responsible, boy-next-door types, and every tour of inspection revealed damage done to the building and trash dumped in the Gorge area. When some of the windows were broken, your Vice-Presi-

dent made a frantic call to your Trails and Shelters Chairman, Joe Diction, Sr., who went to the property, boarded the windows (with boards left behind by Wade!!) and nailed the door shut. Some of the boards have since been pried loose and had to be secured again, and this sort of thing will continue. Joe was assisted in this effort by Al Pulling. I have called the State Police and the Shrewsbury town constable to please help watch the place, but neither seemed concerned or interested. Now we tread water until the main club gives us their recommendations for use or disposal of the structure.

Then there was The Bus. To distinguish it from a better-known vehicle of that name, perhaps we should designate ours The Bus II. TB II is an ancient Reo which in its declining years was parked in the gully south of the Wade house and used as a residence. When Preston Bristow, of the Appalachian Trail Project office in Woodstock, reported acquisition of the property, he advised that we should dispose of TB II. This has not been as easy as it sounds.

Having very limited acquaintance with junk dealers myself, I recruited Al to contact some for me. One wouldn't take it at all; another would take it if we paid to have it towed. We thought we had hit pay dirt when a third offered us \$40 if we hauled it out of the gully to the parking lot, which we have done. At this writing we are still waiting for him to make good.

I must conclude with a word of appreciation to Joe and Al for the many hours spent on this project. These things take time, but eventually our main goal -- that of protecting the scenic Clarendon Gorge from encroachment -- will be realized.

FRONT PAGE STORY

Killington Section's Anne Mausolff, one of our more expert hikers and leader of last year's successful bike trip, is now also the subject of a front page story. An interview by reporter Dick Andrews, complete with picture, appeared on Page A of the July 1 issue of the Green Mountain Tribune, a weekly paper circulating in the Ludlow-Chester area.

In it Anne recounted her experiences on a two-month, 600-mile Appalachian Trail backpacking trip from which she had recently returned.

Anne's goal is to complete the entire 2100-mile length of the trail, and she says that on the whole this journey went well. One exception was the time in Snowden, Virginia, that she stopped to pick up her food package at the post office and found it had closed. By spending her last dollar, she acquired enough food to get her to the next cache. Mice could be a problem too, not only stealing food but also chewing holes in tents and sleeping bags. Anne carried a package of D-Con.

Larger animals seen or heard were deer, bears, snakes and people, who were of the friendly persuasion and not like those who killed two hikers near her starting point in Pearisburg, Virginia. She remembers with great pleasure meeting three Vermont women, including Marion Holmes, of Middlebury, and Shirley Strong, a former president of the main club.

In spite of the satisfaction of a project completed, Anne recounts little annoyances that are foreign to us here: the trail maps which were of no use; carrying quantities of water because of the lack of fresh water along the trail; sore feet from walking long distances on pavement; and the heat, which eventually became unbearable. Anne is quoted as saying: "I became conscious of how much we have here in Vermont."

GOSHEN GALLOP: KS'ers DON RUNNING SHOES by Winnie Shambo

The Killington Section was well represented at the 3rd Annual Goshen Gallop held on August 8 at Blueberry Hill with five brave souls daring to appear on the starting line among 117 runners for this grueling 6.5 mile race.

I entered this contest with the idea that I'd go as far as I could and no one would think less of me if I were to quit somewhere along the route.

I have no idea of what should be going through the mind of the runner as he/she goes along, but for the first three miles

I swore at myself as I kept gasping for breath and wishing for the pain to ease in my lungs; mentally kicked myself those first miles for getting myself into a situation such as this; debated whether to quit and return to Blueberry Hill each time I saw the slightest incline.

Going past Camp Thorpe I remember thinking, almost in tears, that I couldn't go any further. I tried to comfort myself with the thought that no one would care whether I finished or not. No one, that is, but me. At this point I was passing the half-way mark (Time: 36.6 minutes), mentally thinking, "the point of no return."

As I started down the hill, trying to keep the same pace as going uphill, I resolved to finish this race if it was the last thing I ever did. From that point on I blocked everything from my mind, concentrating on putting one foot in front of the other.

Eons later I arrived at the Monster Hill. I ran as long as I could along the paved portion of the roadway, which was only as far as the first curve, before sheer exhaustion forced me to walk.

When I reached the four corners and realized there were less than two miles left, I also came to the realization that I could actually finish this race. I could see another woman about my age quite a way ahead of me and was determined to overtake her. About 7/10 of a mile was left now and with a final burst I passed the woman and crossed the finish line three minutes ahead of her. I finished 113th with a time of 1:16:33. Ironically, the winner finished at 36.6.

Kind of far back in the pack, you say? Kind of took my time, you say? Believe me, I did much better than even I expected to do for a first-time runner.

The other members of the Killington Section to enter and finish were: Joe Dicton Jr. and Sr., and Carolyn and Rob Badger. Ask them their stories of the Goshen Gallop. Better yet, if you enjoy pain, enter the race yourself next year.

The illustration on the following page was contributed by Millie Kramer of New York City.

NOTES FROM ARIZONA: A HIKE IN THE GRAND CANYON

by Rachael Charland

It was about 10:30 A.M. when a group of five individuals started descending Hermit's Trail. For the first few yards it was brick paved and rather wide for trails in this locale. Then you wouldn't believe it until you actually saw it -- a path, a trail -- not as wide as a cow-path and a good Holstein would be insulted if one should say she made such a narrow pathway. Gingerly, I plodded down this narrow space, hoping I wouldn't slide on the cinders and pitch down the embankment that didn't have one tree to stop my fall -- only mesquite and cacti. We only made 1,000 feet in an hour so you can see even the hikers who are used to this canyon area do not take chances. It leveled off for only a few feet and then upward.

The trail was infested by weeds and begging squirrels -- Ponderosa type with a bushy tail that stood taller than the animal itself as it stood up on its hind legs. Those squirrels seemed to like to eat most anything and packed all they grabbed in each pouchy cheek.

We were en route to Dripping Spring and indeed it did "drip" -- one drop per hour it seemed as we gazed at it. The fact that there was any water was a big miracle as water is not usually found in that part of the Grand Canyon.

The whole hike was only three miles in its entirety but 3,000 feet into the Canyon was felt by all when we started on the return trek. Can you imagine it was over 100° at about 3:30 P.M. when we began our ascent? Needless to say, I had a very difficult time trying to breathe -- my legs were fine, but gasping for breath took its toll on me. Female and male rangers very efficiently monitored my blood pressure every so many feet of elevation. They were finally convinced that my blood pressure elevation was due to the effort I was making to climb upward and out of the canyon. I literally crawled in many places -- my breathing was so labored. Yes, it was frightening, but there was nothing to do but try as quickly as possible to get to the topside. Though wearing a hat and a long-sleeved shirt I still burned the back of my neck (didn't know this at the time as the Ranger kept cold

neckerchiefs around my neck). Rested at last for about 30 minutes when I reached the car. Then we all tried to go to Bright Angel Snack Bar for refreshments, but couldn't get near the area because of tourists! Went to Babbitt's Grocery Store and I purchased a pint of lime-flavored sherbet. Boy, what that did for my parched throat and general disposition!

I took only three hours to make the trip out of the Grand Canyon but you would have thought that was the very "end" -- But, sweet helpful ranger let them know (for once I was too exhausted to fight) that all hike leaders should acquaint their group beforehand concerning the proposed trail for the day's hike so that such pressure would not be brought upon those out-of-state hikers who are not used to the elevation here in Arizona. She really let that hike leader have it, and if I had not been so weary I would have enjoyed a real good bellylaugh.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We are very grateful to F.W. Webb Company, of Randbury Road, Rutland, for their generous donation of three lengths of stovepipe and an elbow to replace the worn pipe at Minerva Hinchey Shelter in Shrewsbury.

Thanks go also to Steve Pulling, who teased the parts into position, inserted the damper and leveled the stove, and to Al Pulling, who assisted him.

Those of us who remember the loss by fire of the old Sunnyside Camp at this location in 1967 are dedicated to taking "a stitch in time."

THE GEORGE L. KIRK FUND

On September 1, 1981 the George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund totaled \$6,702.25.

In January of 1981 the first \$5,000 fund reached its goal and according to the terms of the agreement, interest earned will be used for trails and shelter maintenance. Therefore, our overall financial standing should be much brighter in 1981.

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view from a shelter at Night

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1981 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 3 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY. Repair Pico Shelter and outhouse, work on water bars. Joe Diction, Sr. 775-4446
Oct. 11 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	GRANDPA'S KNOB, Hubbardton. Easy ascent along a gravel road to the site of the wind turbine experiment of the 1940's and the former ETV station. Good views of autumn foliage. 4 mi. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Oct. 24 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	STAR LAKE, Belmont. Easy walk on narrow dirt roads. 2 mi. Anna Nyiri, 775-1789
Nov. 1 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE. Climb East Mountain by an easy route. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 7 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M.	WHITE ROCKS CLIFF VIA KEEWAYDIN TRAIL. 2.6 mi. COOKOUT AT WHITE ROCKS PICNIC AREA. Come to each one or both. Bring food for cookout and flashlight. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Nov. 21 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER. Watch HERALD for further details. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	GLEN LAKE. Follow old woods roads in the Bomoseen area. Moderate, 4 mi. Mark Krebs, 775-0773
Dec. 12 (Sat.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE. Short, easy hike under a full moon to Tucker-Johnson Shelter. 1.6 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Dec. 20 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	ICE SKATING PARTY, Freedley Quarry, Dorset. Bring lanterns and headlamps. Rob Badger, 773-3777

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OTTER CREEK CANOE TRIP

by Steve Pulling
September 12, 1981

Have you ever heard the old saying, "If you don't like the weather in Vermont, just wait ten minutes?" Well, this example of Vermont wit and humor surely held true on the second annual Killington Section canoe trip on Otter Creek. With the gracious help of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davies and Camp Betsy Cox our canoe trip was a great success.

Starting at the covered bridge just off the Florence truck route, we proceeded north with four canoes and twelve miles to go. At first, the pace was quite leisurely because we had some inexperienced paddlers with us including one individual who had never before set foot in a canoe. As the day wore on, however, the pace picked up considerably and before we knew it it was time to find a place to dock for lunch.

If you have ever canoed on Otter Creek, you know it's difficult to find a place to dock because of the muddy, steep, slippery river banks. Thanks to Sue Smyser and Rob Carey we found a near perfect place to stop and eat lunch just south of the village of Brandon. While eating lunch we heard a thunderstorm approaching, so we ate fast and quickly started paddling again.

It wasn't quick enough!! The skies opened up and we were caught in a cloudburst thunderstorm. Luckily, we had just canoed under a covered bridge, so we made a U-Turn, docked the canoes, and stood inside the bridge to wait out the storm. We received lots of funny stares from cars passing through the bridge, but who cares, we were semi-dry.

While boarding the canoes after the storm, Carol Chapman was determined to go swimming, but she changed her mind after she got in up to her waist. Like I said

previously, the river banks were slippery especially after a storm, right, Carol?

Soon after we left the bridge the sun reappeared and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. The remainder of the trip was just perfect in every aspect as we followed the Creek along Route 73 to a fishing access where Charles Davies met us and drove us back to Florence.

Canoe trip participants were: Rob Carey, Rob Badger, Sue Smyser, Sue Tumlin, Roma Pulling, Carol Chapman, Steve Pulling and Audrey ("Dizzy") Whiteside from England. See you all on next year's trip.

AUTUMN OUTING - LINCOLN, VT.

by Winnie Shambo
September 18-20, 1981

Joe Dicton, Sr., Ray Catozzi and I represented the KS at the 1981 Autumn Outing held at Mountain Meadows in Lincoln.

Upon our arrival Friday afternoon there were plenty of sites to choose from. We opted to use the same site and had our tents up and were settled in in short order.

Ray's goal for the weekend was to visit Cantilever Rock. According to the guidebook: "Cantilever Rock is a horizontal obelisk-like rock 60 feet above the ground and wedged into the vertical face of a 100-foot cliff. It is 40 feet in length, 31 feet of which extend beyond the cliff." Ray's last visit to this unusual sight was with a group of Boy Scouts some years ago. Joe was there to enjoy whatever was offered and my major goal was to hike a portion of the LT from Appalachian Gap to Birch Glen Camp in my endeavor to complete my End-to-End.

Some of the scheduled hikes had no established leaders so there ensued discussion regarding which hikes would actually

take place. With some compromising, hikes were arranged and I joined Ray and four others as Keith Edson led us to Cantilever Rock on Saturday. An impressive sight which could have been improved had there not been a half dozen youngsters upon it who refused to descend so that others could explore and had the weather been a bit brighter. At this point we had to don our rain gear and decided to hike to the top of Mansfield which we found a bit windy and chilly. The ranger, when we encountered her, was wearing her winter hat, scarf and mittens as well as her parka. Many other individuals and groups were also visiting Mansfield that day. the fog and drizzle cleared off enough for us to have a blurred view of the surrounding landscape.

Back at the campgrounds, our neighbors, Andy Squires and his wife, Carlene, invited us over for AA (attitude adjustment) hour. It turned into an impromptu potluck supper with someone donating meatballs in sauce, another some bread, and, of course, the wine and cheese and crackers. Good company and conversation passed the time quickly.

Before we knew it, it was time for the evening program. Slides and commentary of the GMC expedition to Yellowstone were presented and very well received. A great bonus before the slide show and during "intermission" were hot mulled cider and a variety of cookies, courtesy of the Burlington Section.

Sunday, Joe and Ray joined a group to Snake Mountain before heading back to Rutland; I enjoyed beautiful sunshine while doing my little section at App Gap.

Although the total number participating in this year's Autumn Outing was small, we shared the fellowship of a common interest.

It is hoped the 1982 Outing can be held in Central Vermont with more club members from both north and south taking the opportunity to participate in one of the few events where everyone shares hiking information and experiences.



OKEMO MOUNTAIN

by Rob Carey

About 10 people turned out for this six mile hike. The air was hazy and the weather threatened showers but held off. Too bad we couldn't have had the clear day that I had when I checked the trail.

We followed the route from Healdville as described in the Day Hiker's Guide. The trail was fairly well marked with orange diamonds most of the way. Although Okemo is not a high mountain, we climbed almost 2,000 feet. As a result, some of the group did not go all the way. At the top the haze restricted the view, but we all climbed the tower anyway. Due to the wind we had lunch on the ground. On the return trip it looked like we were going to get wet, but other than a few sprinkles the rain held off.

GMC DIRECTORS' MEETING

by Rob Carey

October 17, 1981

The major item of interest to the Killington Section was the Clarendon Gorge (Wade) property. The Board approved the same general plan as the Section has recommended, except the Board would like to put a caretaker and information center in the building next summer. The Section has reluctantly recommended removal of the building. Both agree on the need to designate a parking area and restrict vehicles to it, and to keeping the site clean. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

The proposed power line in the Rutland area was discussed. The Board made a general policy recommending use of existing corridors and visual impact softening techniques where practical. In this case it supported the Route 4 corridor.

Your mind and body can take more than you think. Don't cheat yourself by giving up -- in mountaineering, in life.

--Willi Unsoeld

PICO WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
October 10, 1981

Because of rain the scheduled work party was postponed until Oct. 10, which turned out to be an ideal day. Necessary repairs to Pico Camp as well as work on the trail leading to Pico were accomplished.

Trail crew work consisted of cutting back the growth and cleaning out the many water bars leading up the mountain. The above work was carried out by Roma Pulling, Anna Nyiri, Bernice Grum, Al Pulling, and Rob Carey.

Carrying the repair supplies needed for Pico Camp and the outhouse was done by Mark Krebs and Joe Dicton, Jr. and Sr. We were fortunate in having Mark, a professional woodworker, doing most of the repairs on the Shelter caused by porkies to the door and bunks. A broken window on the north side of the Shelter was temporarily closed with sheet metal.

To our big surprise, we have never seen so many hikers both on the trail and making use of Pico Shelter. It was a pleasant surprise to know that our trails and shelter are being put to good use.

GRANDPA'S KNOB

by Harold Rogers
October 11, 1981

With the best weather possible, 27 hikers set out on this easy and enjoyable fall hike. One of those who completed the hike was a very proud Mauri Winturri.

Thanks to Roma Pulling we had obtained the necessary written permission to hike the mountain. We hiked slowly up the road which passed mostly through woods and was not very steep.

At the top there was some wind but the sun was warm and bright. On our arrival it was a little bit hazy but it cleared off before we left providing fine views of the surrounding countryside. Although we could see Killington and Pico, Church-ill didn't flash us any signs.

We had an uneventful walk down to the car. Using a topographical map we estimated that we had walked about one and a

quarter miles with a rise in elevation from about 1100 feet to about 2100 feet.

STAR LAKE, BELMONT

by Anna Nyiri and Krissy Nadler
October 24, 1981

On a crisp Saturday morning thirteen hikers, among them Judith Paul Kypragoras and son Andros, three and a half, on a visit from Cyprus, parked near a field with a view of Star Lake and a backdrop of Mendon, Pico, Killington, and Shrewsbury Peaks and Saltash Mountain to gladden the eye and the soul.

We walked a loop of approximately three miles on a snow-sprinkled country road, to Route 155, and up another country road back to the village and a cottage porch warmed by the sunlight, where we ate lunch.

A memory to store in our brain computers -- the view, the day, the walk, the company.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE

by Joe Valiquette
November 1, 1981

On Sunday afternoon, November 1, a group of 25 hikers met on South Main Street by the Fire Station for the annual Harold Valiquette Memorial Hike to the top of East Mountain.

We parked the cars on the Wheelerville Road near the Powers and Gillespie Camps.

It was a fairly nice day. We hiked up the old logging road past Dyers Meadow. When the logging road ended we bushwhacked it from there to the top. From the summit we had a very good view of the city of Rutland, although it was a bit hazy.

The remains of a red flag placed there a year or two ago could be seen in one of the trees.

After a good rest, we started down the mountain. There was a bit of surprise when Harold Rogers stepped in a fox trap. No damage was done except for a scratched boot and we proceeded down the mountain to the cars.

Some stopped on the way back to Rutland to view McLaughlin Falls.

WHITE ROCKS CLIFF AND CANDLELIGHT SUPPER

by Ray Catozzi
November 7, 1981

The comments about this outing at the beginning, as we started slipping and sliding our way up snowy Keewaydin Trail, compared to those spoken around our cozy campfire at supper, were as different as the weather that day compared to the weather we should have had. Now that's a profound statement, but it covers the situation.

What should have been a reasonably seasonably fall day with bare ground and possibly some sunshine turned into the area's first winter storm. Fourteen winter hikers showed up (minus skis or snowshoes) and off we went to Wallingford, and up into the Green Mountain National Forest, for an expected beautiful view of the upper Valley of Vermont. Most of the gang made it all the way to the cliff top, and braved a bitter northwest wind out there in the open, to look out into a near whiteout. Even the tree tops at the bottom of the cliff were nearly invisible. Comments: "Should have stayed home"; "What are we doing out here in this weather?", etc., were heard.

But hiking and climbing is invigorating and we were all well dressed for it. By the time we arrived back at the picnic area, with Churchill's fire burning brightly, we were all in good spirits and looking forward to an evening's winter picnic.

An inch of snow was on our picnic table, but we hardly bothered to brush off the table and benches. Nearly everyone cooked and ate while standing around the cheerful campfire. Only three left without supper. Comments: "This is fun!"; "Why don't we do this more often?," etc., were sprinkled among the busy supper chitchat.

Candle lanterns made from plastic gallon milk jugs, brought by Anna Nyiri, were a big hit. What a nice glow two or three of these give out.

So, what could have been a miserable, cold, wet outing, turned into a warm congenial, neighborly gathering in the dark pine grove at White Rocks.

The Cadells, Jean and Ralph, with us

for their last outing of the year, were leaving for Florida the next day. Even after much joking about their leaving us up here in the cold while they bask in Florida's warmth, they seemed sad in leaving us as they said their goodbyes.

The weather that day reminded me of a mystery hike I led up Nickwackett Mt. on Oct. 8th three years ago. That year we got a heavy early winter snowstorm the night before. So, folks, if you see my name listed as leader of a hike in the fall in the future you can mark that day on your calendar as the first day of winter. But come, anyway, we are going to have fun!

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Sue Smyser
November 21, 1981

Twenty-seven people attended the covered dish supper which was held in the Rotary Cabin at Tamarack Notch Camp. When we arrived a light snow was falling, but the advance party had warmed the cabin with a blazing fire in the wood stove. I don't think that anybody was uncomfortably cold.

With everybody bringing a different dish we had a great variety of food. There was plenty of good food plus enough for seconds.

To top off supper we had two beautiful slide presentations. John Lepinski showed us slides he had taken on the Long Trail, at Mesa Verde, and at other locations in Colorado. Mark and Nancy Krebs also showed slides taken last summer when they hiked the LT north to the Canadian border.

Rob Carey, Ray Catozzi and I brought sleeping bags. We spent the night in the cabin and cleaned up the next day.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL
OUR READERS!

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THE KIRK FUND

The George L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund has reached more than \$5,000.00. Therefore the expenses of the Trails and Shelters Committee will be paid by the interest earned by this fund.

The second \$5,000.00 fund started by Mrs. George Kirk in April, 1980, has now reached \$1,829.16.

--W. Churchill Scott
Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

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SECTION MEMBERSHIP DECLINING

A review of Killington Section membership figures for the past four years indicates a decline of approximately 25 per cent. The drop in the adult and senior citizen categories has been particularly noteworthy. Let's urge all those interested in our beautiful surroundings to join!

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
ADULT	42	45	48	61
SPOUSE	7	11	12	10
SR. CITIZEN	17	21	27	28
JUNIOR	2	10	0	3
FAMILY JR.	6	6	15	13
LIFE	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	76	95	104	117

ENJOY A LANTERN

Note: After seeing these lanterns on the White Rocks outing, several people asked Mrs. Nyiri to share directions for making them.)

1. Make a lantern using a plastic milk or cider jug and a candle.

--remove cap and cut a 3" x 4" (or so) flap in the side of the jug

--thru flap attach lighted candle to bottom of jug candle drippings.

2. Make a bottom-up one with a jug, candle, 5" x 5" x 1" (or so) piece of wood and a 2" nail

-- cut a 2" round hole in bottom of jug...hammer jug cap to wood so that nail protrudes on inside of cap i.e. thru wood first - spike candle on nail - light - screw jug to bottle cap - stand or use handle to hold.

--A. Nyiri

THE LOAFER AND THE GOOD CITIZEN

If a man walks in the woods for love of them half of each day, he is in danger of being regarded as a loafer. But if he spends his day as a speculator, shearing off those woods and making the earth bald before her time, he is esteemed an industrious and enterprising citizen.

--Henry David Thoreau



*Shelter in
Merck Forest*

OATMEAL BARS

1/2 c. sugar
 1/2 c. oleo
 1 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. honey
 1 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. syrup
 2 c. + 1/8 c. oatmeal
 1/4 c. peanuts or almonds, chopped
 1/4 c. + 1 Tbsp. soy grits
 1/8 c. dry powdered milk

Mix all ingredients in bowl.
 Pat into greased 9 x 9 pan.
 Bake at 350 F. for 20 min.
 Remove from oven.
 Cut into squares.
 Remove from pan when cooled.

Winnie Shambo contributed this
 recipe for granola bars which
 she adapted from the
New Healthy Trail Foodbook
 by Dorcas S. Miller



PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
 W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
 132 Maple Street
 Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1982 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader: Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford, NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 2 (Sat.)	8:00 A.M.	CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP, Utley Brook Trail, Landgrove and Peru. Expert Skiers, no hikers or snowshoers. Difficult. Rob Badger, 773-3777
Jan. 10 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	PINE HILL, Rutland. Time to visit Rocky Pond again, also Muddy Pond and waterfall. 3 mi., easy. Sue Smyser, 773-3269
Jan. 23 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	BIRD MOUNTAIN, Castleton. Hikers and snowshoers; not recommended for skiers. Great views from summit. 6 mi., difficult. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Feb. 6-7 (Sat., Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEK-END, Merck Forest, Rupert. Come just for a day or stay overnight in a shelter with stove. Hike, ski, or snowshoe. Reservations required. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Feb. 20 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	TAMARACK NOTCH TO BROWN BRIDGE, Shrewsbury. Hike, ski or snowshoe. Easy to moderate, 4 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Mar. 7 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP, Plymouth. Hike, ski, or snowshoe. 5 mi., moderate. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Mar. 13 (Sat.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY, Pulling Manor. Forget your diet and join us for our annual binge on Jan Martin's unbeatable maple delight accompanied by pickles, donuts and coffee. Phone for details. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 20 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	JUGGERNAUT TRAIL. East side of Killington. Hike, ski or snowshoe along old logging road. Moderate, 5 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006

Coming on the spring schedule!!

Apr. 3 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. Meeting Room at VAC. Refreshments and program. Mark your calendar now!
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PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA.

HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

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KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Killington Section Annual Meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, April 3rd, at the Vermont Achievement Center.

VAC is located on Park Street, north of the Rutland Fairground. Park your car in the parking lot in front of the playground and enter the door on the far left (the Pediatric Convalescent Unit). Signs inside will direct you to the meeting room downstairs.

Make plans to attend this important meeting at which three Directors will be elected and current issues discussed.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served and a program to be announced in the Rutland Herald will be presented.

GLEN LAKE WALK

by Mark Krebs
December 5, 1981

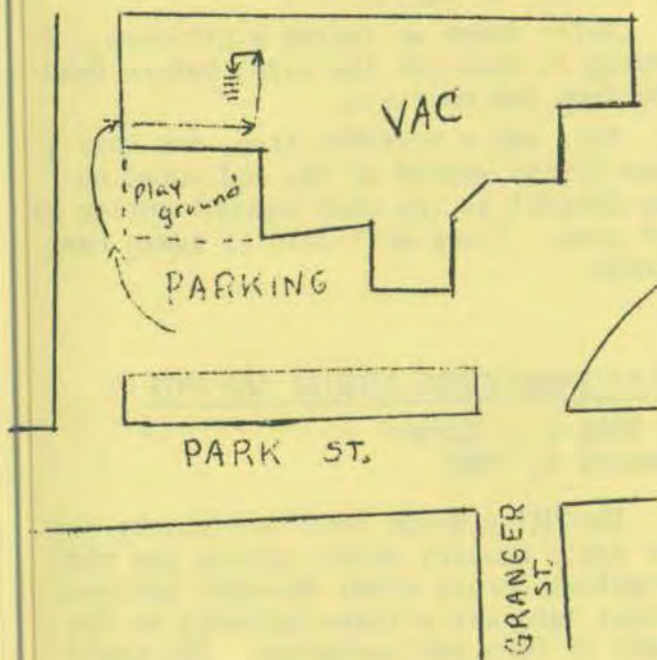
This report is a little late, and I don't know how much I can remember, but as I recall it was a rather cool morning as 19 eager fellow hikers gathered together for a quick jaunt around Glen Lake.

The first 3/4 mile was on a gravel road and made quick footing. Then the trail split off to the left into the woods toward the lake, mostly on old logging roads. Just beyond the Moscow Pond cutoff we all paused for a break and soon were joined by Churchill Scott and two other fellows, making our group a total of 22.

Shortly after noon, and after losing the trail only twice, we found a decent spot for lunch and we all scurried around looking for a place to sit. Several of the group took off up the hill in the woods to eat their lunch by a frozen water flow. A fire was soon started, and a kettle of water was put on to boil for some hot drinks, which was a nice treat!

After lunch we headed on through the woods at a pretty good clip, taking time to eat some wintergreen berries that Winnie Shambo brought to our attention. The rest of the trail around the lake was easy and everyone seemed to enjoy the pleasant four mile walk.

On the way back to the cars, Churchill Scott pointed out an interesting old slate mill just off the road in the woods. Nice to have so many observant people on a hike!



MOONLIGHT HIKE

by W. Churchill Scott
December 12, 1981

On a bright moonlit night in December the Killington Section had its annual "moonlight hike" with over 35 people participating.

A quick trip by some to cut firewood followed cross-country ski tracks from Willard Gap to our destination, the Tucker-Johnson Shelter. Around 6:45 P.M. everyone arrived to find a group of skiers bedded down for the night. Soon a good fire was going, hot beverages served all around and our differences regarding the use of the shelter resolved to most everyone's satisfaction.

As we raised our voices in Christmas caroling, the clouds parted and the full moon peeked through for a minute or two.

It was enjoyable to see folks of all ages get together for a few hours to enjoy each other's company, talk over old times, and, despite the cold hands and feet that had to be endured for a short time, carry on this annual KS tradition.

FREEDLEY QUARRY ICE SKATING PARTY

by Robert L. Badger
December 20, 1981

Freedley Quarry is an old marble quarry cut into the side of Dorset Mountain, creating an underground cavern sheltered from the elements. During winter, the rooms that are flooded--two adjoining rooms to the left of the main entrance and one large room on the right--become covered with a crystal clear glassy layer of ice unperturbed by wind, and free of snow. By late winter the ice becomes cluttered with small rocks dropping from the ceiling and chunks of ice from broken icicles; but in the early winter the ice is perfect for skating.

On December 20, ten of us skied, snowshoed or walked the 0.9 mile from Dorset Hill Road to the abandoned quarry. A new snowfall and clear day made for a perfect trip in. Once inside the quarry entrance, most of us inspected the ice surface by foot testing for ice thickness and marvel-

ing at its clarity. A lantern, brought by Steve Pulling, was placed in the darkest room within a clump of ice stalagmites, formed by water dripping from the ceiling. This created an intriguing pattern of light and shadows reflected off the ice. After assuring ourselves the ice was plenty thick, the skaters in the party--Sue Tumlin, Steve Pulling, Sue Smyser, Rob Carey, Carol Chapman, Chris Salinder, Carolyn Badger and Rob Badger, donned skates and tendered our versions of Dorothy Hamill, Bobby Orr and Bonzo, the chimp.

Several times as we glided around our natural underground skating rink, the ice gave out great vibrating quakes as water, expanding during its transformation to ice a few inches below our feet, caused the ice to crack. While we skated, our two non-skaters, Roma Pulling and Ray Catozzi, built a fire so when lunch time rolled around we had a place to cluster, roast our hot dogs, and try to stay warm.

During our lunch, 25-30 members of the Manchester-Dorset Snowmobile Club motored in, set up camp outside the quarry entrance north of our own encampment, built a huge fire with charcoal and gasoline, ate a quick lunch and roared off into the afternoon, hopefully never to be heard from again.

After lunch we skated a bit more, trying to fend off the cold, before heading down the mountain.

This was a terrific trip, one that I have always wanted to do, and voted by Ray Catozzi as the most unusual outing of the year. I may well lead it again next winter.

UTLEY BROOK CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP

by Robert L. Badger
January 2, 1982

The Utley Brook Trail was cut by and for cross country skiers during the mid-seventies across Green Mountain National Forest land and private property in the towns of Peru and Landgrove. The trail begins in Landgrove on the east side of Utley Brook, follows the brook for a while, then climbs very steeply to skirt

along the west flank of a ridge, drops steeply to cross a small stream, then rises moderately to a ridge cleared during a lumbering operation about 10 years ago. From here there are good views to the west of Peru Peak and Styles Peak. After the clearing, the trail returns to follow Utley Brook until it encounters an old road, maintained for fire access, that crosses Utley Brook and joins Forest Road 10. Here the trail enters the woods and goes through several long uphill with accompanying long winding downhill. The trail ends on the west side of Utley Brook about two hundred yards away from its beginning, after covering a distance of approximately nine miles.

Four of us - Joan Tomasi, John Lepinski, my wife, Carolyn, and myself set out on a perfect cross country day of green wax and sunshine. Six inches of new snow the night before resulted in perfect conditions, and conveniently one skier had preceded us, breaking trail.

Skiing along at a brisk pace to keep warm, we finished the trail in a little under four hours. We then set off on a short tour at the other end of Landgrove on a trail that passes the lone outpost of the Landgrove & Northern Railroad. Along this trail we found a beech tree with bear claw marks climbing at least 20 feet up the tree. But the bear was gone, and shortly so were we after a fantastic day of skiing.

PINE HILL PARK

by Sue Smyser
January 10, 1982

On this beautiful sunny day, seven people (five hikers and two skiers) showed up for the hike in spite of below zero temperatures. We started at the Evergreen Road entrance. Because the trail had been hardpacked by snowmobilers, the hikers could easily keep up with the skiers. The route crossed frozen Rocky Pond and overlooked Muddy Pond. The outlet stream from Muddy Pond wasn't frozen so we made a detour over Muddy Pond to get to the other side. We stopped beside the waterfall to build a fire and eat lunch.

During the entire trip we saw no other skiers, hikers, or snowmobiles. Ray Catozzi was in the area during the day, but we didn't see him during our outing.

Conditions were very good for skiing with little or no wax and the snow was hard enough for good walking. We had to keep moving to keep from getting cold so we arrived back in Rutland before 1:00 P.M.

BIRD MOUNTAIN (ALMOST)

by Sue Smyser
January 23, 1982

This proved to be not a very good day for climbing Bird Mountain. Even with blizzard conditions Churchill Scott, Rob Carey, Steve, Becky, and Roma Pulling and I decided to attempt the hike. It was when Rob's Rabbit got stuck in a snow-drift that we decided to turn around. We spent the rest of the morning eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate in front of a blazing fire at the Pulling homestead.

NEW BOSTON AREA

by Steve Pulling
February 7, 1982

Due to technical difficulties, the original schedule had to be changed from a weekend of skiing and hiking at Merck Forest in Rupert to skiing and hiking in and around the New Boston area of Chittenden. The hike leader did his homework and found that there was no loop trail negotiable in New Boston with the exception of a trail around Chittenden Dam.

If you can remember, Feb. 7 was a bright, clear, sunny, COLD day. After some slight confusion in spotting cars, we started our hike at the Mountain Top Inn and headed down the road toward New Boston. Thanks to the snow machines packing down the snow, we didn't need skis or snowshoes to make the going easier.

Lacking four of our original group of 14, who went on their own little hike (Churchill, Harold, Olga, and Virginia), we proceeded around the Chittenden Dam at an unusually fast pace in an attempt to combat the cold breeze. At noontime we stopped, built a fire, and had the usual Green Mountain Club winter lunch huddled around the fire.

Soon after lunch we came upon the dam at Lefferts Pond and then we followed the fishing access road out to the cars that we had spotted on the Chittenden Road.

So ends another chapter of the Killington Section's Winter of '82.

TAMARACK NOTCH TO BROWN BRIDGE

by Steve Pulling
February 20, 1982

Before I start describing this hike, I would like to recognize one of the participants. Mrs. Dorothy Kirk, an old-time Killington Section member, a friend of us all, and founder of the Kirk Fund which supports the maintenance of the section's trails and shelters, was present today. Mrs. Kirk hiked with us until lunch and showed great courage and determination to attempt this feat. Thanks for joining us and showing your support to our section. It was nice seeing you again, Mrs. Kirk.

We parked our cars at the Tamarack Notch Church Camp and leisurely walked down the road toward Shrewsbury's Brown Bridge as Churchill Scott showed us points of interest along the way. With his atlas and topo map Churchill showed us where old buildings, farms, and school houses had been scattered around the countryside. All but deserted now, the area was once a small community.

Passing by many old hunting camps and receiving occasional lessons in tracking from Jim Griffin, we found our way to Brown Bridge. By following the North Branch of the Cold River we made it back to the Quirk Bridge which completed our loop. From there it was only a short walk back to the cars. Thank

you again, Churchill, for your interesting commentary.

POSTPONEMENT

Due to scheduling complications, the Merck Forest weekend originally planned for February 6 and 7 will now be held March 27 and 28. The same conditions apply. Participants will meet at the Main Street park at 9:00 A.M. on the 27th and those spending the night should be prepared for backpacking. Day hikers are welcome either Saturday or Sunday. Reservations must be made in advance by over-nighters by calling Roma Pulling, 773-6997.

PUFFING, STRAINING, AND BIGHORN SHEEP

Several hikers have been overheard discussing the best pace to set when backpacking, and a member of the staff of Smoke and Blazes decided to do some research. Following are three quotations which may help to shed some light on this subject:

The Sierra Club's guide to backpacking called Walking Softly in the Wilderness (1977) has this to say:

"Usually the members of a group hike at different rates-- some go faster, some slower. Should the slower hikers puff and strain, or should the faster ones slow down? It's important to have some agreement, not necessarily explicit, among companions. It can be miserable to be the one slow member of a group that is moving at racing speed; the only one who can't take time to look around and enjoy. So sort things out in advance."

From the lovely Joy of Nature (1977) published by the Reader's Digest Association:

"At the start of your hike, set a moderate pace that will allow the slowest (youngest, oldest or least experienced) member of your group to keep up without undue exertion. About two miles an hour is a good pace for the average hiker. A moderate pace also means you will have to make fewer rest stops."

Finally, Colin Fletcher, author of The New Complete Walker (1978), which has been referred to as "The Hiker's Bible," says:

"Even on trails, two miles an hour is good going. Over really rough country the average can fall below half a mile."

So, in summary, the experts seem to advise a pace comfortable for everyone in your group, not more than two miles an hour, and time for appreciation of the "joy of nature" or, as Fletcher says, "conversations withbighorn sheep," if that is where your interest lies.

CONGRATULATIONS

You are blinded by a sudden brilliant flash of light. You fumble in your pack for your colored glasses. But no, it wasn't the sun. And you are sure it wasn't lightning. What....? Ah yes, there--on Sue Smyser's left hand. A sparkler that wasn't there on the last hike!!

All best wishes to our President Rob and Sue at this very important point in your lives. And when you desert us for that foreign country east of the river, in 1983, don't forget us. Come back and visit us often.

MAURI WINTTURI

It was with sadness that members of the Killington Section learned of the death of Mauri Wintturi on January 18th. An article about Mauri will be included in the next issue of Smoke and Blazes. A donation to the Heart Fund was made in his memory by the section.

DUES ARE DUE

If you have not already sent in your 1982 dues, please do so immediately. You may pay them at the Annual Meeting or mail them to W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple St., Rutland, Vt. 05701. This is the last issue of Smoke and Blazes

that will be sent to the 1981 members.

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KIRK FUND REPORT

The George L. Kirk Trails and Shelter Fund has grown to \$5,126.42 enabling the Trails and Shelters expense of \$130.82 to be paid by the Fund.

Also Mrs. Dorothy Kirk purchased a \$500.00 certificate of deposit at 12% enabling the second \$5,000 fund to reach \$1,669.95.

The next Smoke and Blazes will contain a complete financial report.

LOVELIEST OF TREES, THE CHERRY NOW

One of the loveliest of the spring poems, written by A.E. Housman about Shropshire in his native England but just as apt for Rutland County:

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
 Is hung with bloom along the bough,
 And stands about the woodland ride
 Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
 Twenty will not come again,
 And take from seventy springs a score,
 It leaves me only fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
 Fifty springs are little room,
 About the woodlands I will go
 To see the cherry hung with snow.

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FINANCIAL REPORT -- 1981Income

Balance - 1/1/81.....	700.58
Dues	482.50
Kirk Fund	307.35
Sugar on Snow	70.70
Interest	27.82
Sale of Guidebooks	24.75
Merck Forest Receipts	9.00
Sale of Patches & Rockers	6.00
TOTAL	928.12

Expenses

Kirk Fund	307.35
G.M.C.	237.60
Dues	198.00
Books	39.60
Smoke and Blazes	201.22
Sugar on Snow	42.05
Postage	35.27
Secretary Expense	32.80
Publicity	27.42
V.A.C. Donation	20.00
Outings	10.37
Typing Expense	10.00
Annual Meeting	7.48
Dues Rebate	4.00
TOTAL	935.56

Balance - 12/31/81.....\$693.14

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BELOW

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the **LONG TRAIL NEWS** (Main Club publication), and **SMOKE AND BLAZES** (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
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 Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$10.00	Spouse	8.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Jr. (under 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	4.50		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1982 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information, contact your hike leader; Robert Carey, President, 7 Milford House Road A9, Milford NH 03055, 603-673-6395; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Avenue, 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, 132 Maple Street, 775-5720.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Apr. 3 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	QUIRK BRIDGE TO McLAUGHLIN FALLS, Mendon. Follow old town road past hermit's residence. 5 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Apr. 3 (Sat.)	7:30 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING. VAC meeting room, Park St. Refreshments and program.
Apr. 17 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, Rte. 140 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Clear and blaze trail, clean shelter. Joe Dicton Sr., 775-4446
Apr. 24 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, Clarendon Lodge to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. Clear and blaze trail, clean shelter. Joe Dicton Sr., 775-4446
May 8 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION. Tamarack Notch and Bald Mountain area, Mendon. Bring flower guide if available. Easy, 3 mi. Janet Martin, 773-8621
May 15 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION WALK-THROUGH. Cover as much of our trail as possible in teams, do light maintenance and assess major damage. Joe Dicton Sr., 775-4446
May 23 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	McGINN BROOK FLUME, Mt. Tabor. Cascade over a high rock ledge. Easy, 2 mi. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
May 29-30 (Sat.-Sun.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING. Norwich University. Further details and registration blank in <u>Long Trail News</u> .
June 5 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	BRIDGEWATER CHATEAUGAY. Moderate hike to delightful pond, good views. Swimming optional. 4 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076 Sue Smyser, 773-3269
June 11-13 (Fri.-Sun.)	4:00 P.M.	Rte. 9 to Williamstown Station. Bring tent. 17.7 mi., moderate. Al Pulling, 773-6997
June 19 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	BIKE TRIP. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bike!). Through the Clarendon area. Approx. 18 mi. Leave from the parking lot of College of St. Joseph the Provider. Rob and Carolyn Badger, 773-3777
June 26 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	MT. INDEPENDENCE, Orwell. A flashback to Revolutionary War days in Vermont. 4 mi., easy. Roma Pulling, 773-6997

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

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KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING & STATE OF THE SECTION REPORT

by Ray Catozzi, President

Rather than repeat, or compete with, a very fine article written by Churchill Scott on our annual meeting, which appeared in the May issue of the Long Trail News, I am going to attempt to add highlights, reflections and analyses of that meeting, blending these with how we are doing and where we are headed.

This is the third year that this annual affair has been held in the spring, as a result of a change in the Killington Section by-laws. This was brought about by very low attendance at our last two January annual meetings, caused by snowstorms. In spite of the change to spring our attendance at these meetings remains low, running in the mid to low 20's.

But when one compares our membership of 140 in 1972 to less than half that number this year, the attendance is probably good, percentagewise.

Some good news was reported by Outing Chairman Roma Pulling, though, and that was that in spite of much lower membership, the attendance on our 1981 outings was up 40% over the previous year.

This is due, I feel, to several reasons. First, we now have greater variety of outings than we ever have had. The committee has been working very hard to get balance in length, interest, and degree of difficulty. Second, our publicity has been interesting, very inviting, and very widespread due to the untiring efforts of Winnie Shambo, our publicity chairman. Winnie has gotten news releases published simultaneously in the Rutland Herald, the Mountain Times, the Rutland Shopper, and the now defunct Rutland Calendar, as well as getting announcements of our outings on both local radio

stations.

Thirdly, and this may not be nearly as much a deciding factor as the first two, is the stabilization of inflation and therefore gas prices. For quite a long time now we have scheduled our outings close to home to save gas, but we are now traveling further more often. This also makes for increased interest.

It is felt that this increase in attendance can't help but improve our membership, as many of these persons attending are not members, but could easily be if we all do our part in talking up the benefits of membership in the Killington Section. At this time I would, as your president for the coming year, ask each and every member to try to sign up a new member. Invite your friends on our hikes, get them to see the pleasures of the great outdoors that we enjoy, and remember that, even though we advertise that membership is not required to attend, we shouldn't be bashful in asking them to join.

Thanks to a most wonderful job done by Joe Dicton, Sr., our Trails and Shelters Chairman for the past three years, plus all the many hours of trailwork done by our relatively low membership, the 21 miles of Long Trail assigned to us is in good condition. Some work is yet to be done on the trail this year and some shelter work remains, but, all in all, the chairman's job inherited by Mark Krebs for the current year shouldn't prove to be a burdensome one.

The Kirk Fund for Trail and Shelter maintenance has matured and is now providing the necessary funds for the job to be done each year.

Interest and a sense of duty is running high in the active membership of our section aside from taking on hike leadership. The GMC Intersectional, in August, and

the GMC Autumn Outing Weekend, both club-wide activities, are to be chaired this year by KS members. Rob Carey is heading up the Intersectional and Winnie Shambo is making the plans for the Autumn Outing, to be held at Otter Creek Campgrounds in Danby. Incidentally, the Intersectional is also being held near Rutland, at Camp Thorpe in Goshen.

All in all, I feel we, as a section of the GMC, are in good shape with prospects for the future even better. You will note, in looking over our summer schedule of outings (last page of this newsletter) that we have planned more outings than ever. In the past the average number of outings per month was 2+. This summer, due to the high interest in the hard core of our membership for wanting to lead hikes to new, unusual, and distant places, we have left very few weekends untouched.

Finally, I want to thank Rob Carey for his excellent leadership as president of the section for the last two years, along with all the other hard working section members. You have made my job for the coming year much much easier. Onward and upward we'll go!

MAURI WINTTURI REMEMBERED

The thing I remember best about Mauri is the very strong feeling he had about the correct way to blaze a trail.

"It should always be possible to see two blazes in front of you and two behind you. Each blaze shall be as high as possible and exactly two inches wide by six inches high and never, I repeat, never on both sides of the same tree for this tree may die, blow down, get hit by lightning or otherwise disappear."

And that is good advice from a professional.

--Churchill Scott

To some people Mauri was the paunchy, red-faced man with a cigarette in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other; but he was more than that. Mauri was sensitive, astonishingly well-read, and

appreciative of flowers and everything he found in the outdoors that he loved.

Mauri would stop in for a chat whenever he was in the area; and as I was usually busy in the kitchen, he was content to perch on the kitchen stool while we talked. Often he passed on reports of repairs needed at one of the shelters, either from personal observation or from conversations with other hikers. The last time I saw him, in October, he had pored through a collection of old VERMONT-ER magazines in a used book store and found three with articles on the Long Trail and Green Mountain Club. He was as pleased as a child at Christmastime and wanted to share his find with me. This is a pleasant memory to file away.

--Roma Pulling

One of the many things I remember about Mauri is paint blazing. He did it with great attention to detail. Of course this means he couldn't do it very fast, but when criticized about speed, or lack of it, he'd say: "It's better to paint one good blaze than ten lousy ones. I don't do lousy ones." And he didn't.

He'd go out with a two-inch brush, paint scraper, brush clippers and paint. It would take about five minutes per blaze. Mauri picked his trees very carefully, making sure it could be seen easily from the direction he was painting for. This might require clipping several branches. Then he would scrape the bark smooth where the blaze would go. Next he'd take his two-inch brush and measure off a 2" x 6" rectangular blaze, making sure to get the corners neat and square as he painted. Most housepainters aren't as careful drawing around trim as Mauri was painting a blaze on a tree! Any unnecessary blazes were scraped off, while ALL blazes to be kept were repainted, not just the ones wearing out.

It took a lot of patience to go blazing with Mauri, but no one can say the work wasn't top quality. He really gave the trail his all.

--Rob Carey

DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

by Roma Pulling

March 6, 1982

Actually our dash was nearer a crawl with frequent rest stops, there were two horses instead of one, and the vehicle was what, in former days, we called a sledge. So much for romanticism, but would you believe the seven people who went on this unscheduled outing had a great time? Krissy Nadler, the only representative of the junior set, even got to drive Jim and Judy, the Belgian horses. Some people held that the best part of the ride was the hot chocolate and homemade cookie session in the cozy kitchen at the Bruce farm just before we left for home. A perfect way to end a winter outing!

We tried to organize a sleigh ride last year and found only a man who could take three people at a time and another who wanted \$100 and could take 20. The difficulties of getting 20 people together via phone calls sank that plan. A short while ago a wistful comment by Sue Smyser and an ad in the Rutland Herald set things in motion again. Ginny Young helped with the calling, and we were on our way.

Incidentally, before these spur-of-the-moment activities we try to call everyone we think might be interested. If we missed you, just call your chairman (773-6997) or any of the numbers at the top of your hike schedule and ask to be included. Please excuse the oversight.

NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP

by Harold C. Rogers

March 7, 1982

In spite of rain and wind, eleven hikers turned up at the park. Things started to go wrong on the drive to Shrewsbury as I drove into a water hole and my pickup stalled. We had quite a few mechanics with us. Bernie Donahue did the dirty work. Rob Carey was the one who found the trouble which was soon fixed and we were on our way.

When we got to Shrewsbury the roads

were slippery and we couldn't drive as far as we had planned.

After we had walked about a half hour we came to a fork in the road. The left road was our intended route to the ski area and Route 100. The right hand road was a dead end road that headed toward Saltash Mountain. There was a wood pulp and logging operation down this road about one quarter of a mile which we wanted to check out. We intended to bush-whack back to the left to the other road which was possible because two weeks earlier Churchill Scott and I had walked it. But this time we walked in a circle and got lost in a way, because in about 10 minutes we were back at the pulpwood pile. At this time the hike leader felt very foolish because anyone who can't go two hundred yards in a straight line isn't very smart. Then we decided to backtrack to the original road.

After we arrived at a lunch spot, we decided to build our fire under softwood for protection from the rain. The trees were heavily covered with snow and we built a real hot fire. The coffee water heated quickly but the heat melted the snow on the trees which, combined with the rain, got us very wet. We found after lunch that it wasn't raining very hard out in the open.

Our original destination was Magic Mountain Ski Area on Route 100 but as we were drenched we decided to quit and come home.

The trip back was fast and uneventful.

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY

by Roma Pulling

March 13, 1982

We met again at the VP's house--
The third year in a row--
To feast on coffee, doughnuts, pickles,
and
Of course, sugar-on-snow.

In number we were twenty-one.
Ray was late again!
Outings Committee, what shall we do
To make the schedule plain?

(continued)

Now we owe a vote of thanks
To two Martins, Jan and Jack.
Your syrup was unbeatable!
We hope you will come back.

Thanks also goes to Dexter Shoes
For granting us the right
To park our cars across the way
In a convenient site.

Outside it rained; we didn't care.
The fireplace spread its glow.
The food was good, friends gathered
'round;
So let it storm and blow.

There were a few who never yet
Had partaken of this treat.
I'm sure they will agree with us:
This party can't be beat.

JUGGERNAUT TRAIL

by Ray Catozzi
March 20, 1982

A perfect sunny winter day greeted nine hikers this March day as we met in Main Street Park. Then off we went to the trail head on the Hadley Hill Road in Bridgewater, two of us skiing, one snowshoeing, and six just walking. Snow conditions proved ideal for all as we climbed higher and higher up the eastern approach to Killington Peak.

By lunch time the Juggernaut Trail had disappeared, or rather was swallowed up by a new downhill ski trail on Sherburne Corp.'s new Bear Mountain Area. So we backtracked to a little clearing beside the trail and got a woodfire going for hot water. Soon all were engrossed in an enjoyable lunch hour with the usual friendly and humorous flow of conversation.

On the way back down the trail the two skiers had numerous good runs scattering the foot hikers with shouts of "Track." A great day, a grand outing!

QUIRK BRIDGE TO MCLAUGHLIN FALLS

by Churchill Scott
April 3, 1982

On Saturday, April 3, we again drove to the Tamarack Notch Aitken Forest area. This time after hiking past the old swimming hole in Cold River North Branch and over the Quirk Bridge we turned north toward McLaughlin Falls. Under darkening clouds we passed the barway to the Quirk Farm and Fritz Gould's last residence on the mountain.

The walking conditions were not too bad for snowmobiles had packed the snow, but, sure enough, as we stopped for lunch a bit short of the falls the rain began. A good hot fire soon had our hot drinks ready and this time we knew enough to build our fire in the open. The old coffee pot is always welcome especially at this time of the year.

After a last look at the falls, a spectacular sight, winter or summer, we headed back on the Wheelerville Road. We passed by an old lumber road leading to the tarpaper shack of a Polish immigrant who watched over the many summer camps in the area and who relied on the writer's father, Dr. Scott, to doctor him in return for a nice catch of trout or field strawberries, blueberries or raspberries in season.

At the end everyone felt that this hike was not quite as wet as the recent Northam one.

WORK PARTY

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
April 17, 1982

On this cool spring morning 12 volunteers signed up for the first work party of 1982. Harold Rogers, Churchill Scott, and Mark Krebs blazed and cleared the trail from Route 103 to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. The going was very difficult as there was still plenty of snow on the ground.

Winnie Shambo, John Lepinski, and Joe Dicton, Sr. drove to the trail head on Route 140 to start their task of clearing

and blazing to Minerva Hinchey Shelter. With all the snow on the trail a snowshoe hike would have been more appropriate.

Marie Roby, Roma, Al, and Steve Pulling, Bernie Donahue, and Ray Catozzi took over the big task of cleaning up the Minerva Hinchey Shelter and surrounding area. Repair work on the shelter was also done by the above volunteers.

WILDFLOWER WALK

by Jan Martin
May 8, 1982

Nineteen people gathered for the Wildflower walk in Aitken State Forest led by Jan Martin. Due to a mix-up on starting times with the Physical Fitness Group, Roma Pulling volunteered to wait at the park for anyone who might arrive at 10 o'clock. Unfortunately no one showed up and Roma ended up hiking home instead of having a pleasant walk in the woods...for which the leader is very apologetic! Dedicated individuals like Roma are what keep the Section going.

Because of this starting time mix-up, the group spent the first hour walking around Tamarack Notch Camp where we saw painted and red trillium, windflowers, wild oats, and blue cohosh among other flowers.

After waiting for Roma and deciding something went wrong and leaving her a note, we proceeded up the Bald Mountain Trail. The side of the mountain was literally carpeted with spring beauties with occasional adder's tongue, four or five different kinds of violets, and Dutchmen's britches and squirrel-corn (growing together so we got a good look at the differences in their blossoms). There were plenty of flower guides on hand to verify our findings and to keep the leader on her toes. Most of the group made it to the first ledge where lunch was eaten and some with afternoon commitments returned home. About seven continued on up the mountain, over the first summit, made a brief stop at the bog, and went on over the second summit to the Rutland lookout and back down to the camp. On the second summit a clump of arbutus was finally located that was still in bloom.

It was a beautiful day and apparently much enjoyed by the participants. We had picked the right weekend for a wildflower walk which can be a tricky business as the arrival of spring can vary two to three weeks from year to year.

WALK THROUGH

by Joe Dicton, Sr.
May 15, 1982

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for this annual event. Six volunteers signed up for this task and were assigned to their sections.

Ray Catozzi and Mark Krebs took over the big job of repairing Governor Clement Shelter. The center support beams were damaged due to the heavy snow this past winter. After about five hours of hard work the Shelter was made usable again.

Emma and John Hughes cleared the trail from Route 103 to the Cold River Road. Winnie Shambo and John Lepinski took over the task of cleaning up the Clarendon Shelter and vicinity. Every spring this area requires a thorough cleaning.

Yours truly started trail clearing from Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter. Work on this section of the trail was light as there weren't any blowdowns.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH MULLIN

by Churchill Scott

It is with a great deal of sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Ruth LaBrake Mullin. A long-time member of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club, she was especially noted for her bountiful vegetable gardens and beautiful flower gardens she managed to cultivate each year.

She was born in Florence on March 14, 1897 and graduated from the Elliot Community Hospital in Keene, N.H. For many years she practiced at the Proctor Hospital, then private duty and finally as a receptionist for Dr. J.J. Tomasi, Sr.

Many members will remember her as a gracious hostess at the family's camp on the Fire Hill Road and the many enjoyable outings we had there.

A donation has been made in her memory to the Vermont Heart Association.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nancy and Mark Krebs on the birth of Joshua, born May 6.

NEW HOSTEL FOR HIKERS

On May 23rd the Sherburne Pass Hostel was opened. Owned and operated by Mark Krebs, this resting place for the weary hiker will accommodate 18 people. It is located 100 yards off the Long Trail in the yellow building directly across from the Inn at Long Trail. Kitchen facilities and two showers are available.

Fees are: \$4 per night, \$3 per night without use of kitchen facilities, \$1 use of shower only.

On June 19th there will be an Open House with day hikes in the surrounding area. Bring a dish and come to enjoy a pot luck supper.

We wish Mark every success in this new venture.

LETTER FROM SALT LAKE CITY

by Rachael Charland

Our hike to the East Rim of Deer Creek Canyon got underway about 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot of the Shriners Hospital. I met two people who knew of the state of Vermont and had actually been in the state. The first one had gone to visit the Joseph Smith Monument in Sharon and the other one had lived in Brattleboro and Newfane.

Cars were finally moved from the Shriners parking lot to a very steep down-grade, where we parked with wheels turned inward to sidewalk....Access to the trail (actually a deer track) was through the backyards of some very ex-

pansive and expensive newly built homes--very odd shapes and sizes and many of them empty.

A dry creek loomed up before us which turned into a mad running Wet Creek! It was either scramble to the left and right of it through thickets of stunted scrub-oak or walk in the water. After we reached the 5,000 foot level, a short, short rest period was taken. Only two of us were in the "60's" group, the leader, Carl Bauer, and myself. He admitted to me that it had been years since he had made this particular climb -- sound familiar???

Most of the group made a wrong turn and as we reached the rim we could see them sunning themselves near Little Black Mountain whereas they should have been with us on the rim of Deer Creek. It didn't take them long to get to us; they had had their lunch so waited for us to have ours. The scenery was a mixture of more scrub-oak lined mountain area and snow! A German girl was quick to point out that the scenery wasn't much as she remembered around Sharon, Vt. Sitting and eating on the rim was very enjoyable because the wind ceased for a while -- actually received my first wind-sunburn (today it smarts - last night it burned!). About 15 in the group -- they seemed concerned for my welfare as I was new to the group. The altitude again mastered me on the climb -- the actual rim was a little over 6,000 feet (two thousand more than where I live in SLC).

Five yearling deer carcasses were spotted as we stomped along in the stream that finally gave out at the rim. My inquiry as to the reason for the carcasses brought the reply "the winter was fiercer than usual" (the worst in 30 years the papers proclaimed) "making forage for the deer, mature or young, impossible to find because of the deep snow." If you could see the area we hiked in, you'd agree and still wonder just how the deer manage to feed during the summer months.

Tufts of grass helped us climb the mountain; no leaves on the scrub oak yet; spring beauties very, very small, mostly pink; mustard varieties just visible and some type of lily that resembles Vermont's trout lily. Most of the hikers were only interested in climbing up and getting down,

not interested in nature. We trekked through a small patch of snow toward the jeep road that we were to use going down the mountain (you never saw a jeep road like it) and the leader and a couple ahead of me disappeared from view (probably when I took a tumble down the graveled, lop-sided road) so I continued by myself toward the sidewalk I could see as I went sliding down the road. Managed to reach my car ahead of everyone although the paths they took were supposed to have been shorter. The whole trip was a little over six miles. Returned home, after giving the leader a ride home, about 2:30 P.M., somewhat smarting from the sunburn and the scratches from the thickets (through my long-sleeved flannel shirt!) but mighty happy I had made the effort. Before the next hike, however, I'm going to question the leaders as to the altitude jumps and terrain.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAILS

by Roma Pulling

From a pen pal in South Africa, I received several booklets and mimeographed sheets describing hiking trails in that country's national parks. The booklets are well-illustrated and all language is English and Afrikaans, the country's two official tongues.

Trails bear such interesting names as "Springbok, Otter, Klipspringer*, Rhebok*, Mountain Zebra, Wolhuter, and Nyalaland. (*According to INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE ENCYCLOPEDIA, species of small antelope.) Day hikers are shown on grasslands ob-

serving elephants, white rhinos and a hippo but on these trips are accompanied by a guide with a rifle. Trails for backpacking seem to be in hilly terrain or along the seashore.

Overnight accommodations are called "huts" and in one picture resemble a Long Trail camp like Bromley. Another group is pictured cooking a meal outside an open shelter with a thatched roof.

Distances of some typical hikes run up to 17 km (10.2 mi.) a day and seem quite structured, with the route, overnight stops, and number of hikers specified. Fees are charged. Hikers are warned to boil water and are cautioned that a trail is exhausting at one point "because of its undulating character."

Sound like a lot of fun? Excursion Committee of the GMC, take note!

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KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Summer 1982 Schedule

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DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
July 6 (Tues.)	5:30 P.M.	DEER LEAP, Sherburne. Bring your supper and meet at <u>Sherburne Pass</u> . Watch the sun set. Very steep, 3 mi. Rob Badger, 773-3777
July 10 (Sat.)	7:00 A.M.	BIRDING WALK jointly with Rutland County Audubon Society. Meet at <u>West Rutland Grand Union</u> . Variable mileage, easy. Bring binoculars. Roy Pilcher, 459-2851
July 17 (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	Raspberry picking at FOX LOT, swimming at Clarendon Gorge. Bring your supper. 1 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
July 21 (Weds.)	6:00 P.M.	PINE HILL PARK. Bring your supper and eat on the site of former hermit's cabin. Easy, 3 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Aug. 1 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	STOVE PIPE CITY. Abandoned lumber camp in Mendon. Moderately difficult, 6 mi. Sue Smyser, 773-3269
Aug. 6-8 (Fri.-Sun.)	6:00 P.M.	WHITE MOUNTAINS, N.H. Franconia Ridge Trail. Difficult, 9 1/2 mi. Additional mileage optional. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Aug. 15 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	ORIENTEERING, Tamarack Notch. Bring map of the area and compass, if possible. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Aug. 21-29		GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Thorpe, Goshen. Join us for a day or a week. See LT NEWS for details. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Sept. 10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)	4:00 P.M.	END-TO-END, Arlington-West Wardsboro Road to Rte. 9. Bring tent. Difficult, 19.1 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Sept. 18 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON PEAK to visit Churchill in the fire tower. Ascend the east side, 9 mi. Moderate to difficult. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Sept. 24-6 (Fri.-Sun.)		GMC AUTUMN OUTING, hosted by the Killington Section this year!! Details in LT NEWS, or call or offer your services. Winnie Shambo, 773-9330

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McGINN BROOK FLUME

by Ray Catozzi

May 23, 1982

It was a cloudy, cool, and rain-threatening day when 20 hikers showed up at Main Street Park. Soon after we parked our cars at the trail head for the Griffith Lake Trail, and walked back down the road apiece to enter the woods on a short stretch of logging road, it started to rain. (What else! with this ill-weather-fated leader in charge!). But hikers don't readily give up when it rains; they just keep plodding along towards their goal, hoping it will make up for the discomfort.

Our goal, this day in late spring, was a 100-foot high cascade on McGinn Brook in Mt. Tabor, as pretty a cascade as you will find anywhere in Vermont. It's a small brook, one most hikers can easily step or jump over in the summer-time, but in the spring run-off, going over this high rocky ledge, it is quite a sight! A few scaled the ledge to view the cascade from the top while the rest tried to find shelter from the light rain while eating lunch. Some left for the return trip without bothering to eat.

The hike into the cascade was short, as hikes usually go, probably about three quarters of a mile with very little climbing, so the hike was listed as EASY. However, a few found the footing difficult, as we had no established trail to follow over the leaf-covered, rock strewn ground. To these few, I apologize for the EASY labeling, with a promise to be more accurate on future hike descriptions (I shall not guarantee the weather, however).



CHATEAUGUAY

by Sue Smyser

June 5, 1982

Even with the cool, damp, wet weather, seven people showed up for the hike. We wound our way through the back roads of Chateauguay until we reached the Appalachian Trail. It was a short hike up the trail to a small man-made pond. Since last year beavers had taken over the pond. The water level was up about a foot and a half. This made the walk around the pond very soggy. We didn't see any beaver, and because of the cold nobody swam around hunting for them.

We hiked up the mountain where on a clear day there are good views of Pico, Killington and Chateauguay. We only saw the inside of a cloud.

Back down from the mountain, we ate lunch at a lean-to shelter near the pond. We returned to Rutland slightly damp.

ROUTE 9 (WOODFORD) TO WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.

by Al Pulling

June 11-13, 1982

Our party consisting of Roma Pulling, Sue Smyser, Steve Pulling, Ray Catozzi and myself left Rutland Friday about 4:00 P.M. Rob Carey met us at Woodford. We spotted two cars in Williamstown and started down the trail from Rte. 9 about 6:20.

When we arrived at Harmon Hill, we decided it was too late to make it to the primitive camping area mentioned in the guide book as planned; so we set up camp on Harmon Hill. There was a very good view of Bennington, and we watched the stars and the lights in Bennington until about 9:30 P.M. The porcupines must have known we were going to be there.

They hung around our tents -- at least this writer's tent -- all night. Needless to say, I got very little sleep.

Anyway, next morning (Saturday) we were up and on our way at 7:30 a.m. With a nice, warm day and a good trail, we made it to Seth Warner Shelter at about 2:45 p.m. We decided to stay there for the night. Some people were tired, had sore feet, and so forth. It was a nice shelter with a good water supply nearby. We had an early meal, then some of the group played cards. Steve had some popcorn, and that was a good after-supper treat.

Sunday morning we were up about seven and started our day -- breakfast, repacking backpacks, and so forth. Actually, we were on our way by 8:15. After a few "knobs" to go over, we arrived at the state line at 10 a.m. After a little break and some picture taking, we continued on to our destination, soon arriving at the Pine Cobble Trail and down, down, down to our cars.

We all enjoyed the hike and are looking forward to the next end-to-end hike in September.

BICYCLE TOUR -- CLARENDON AREA

by Rob & Carolyn Badger
June 19, 1982

If anyone remembers June, they will remember that it rained almost the entire month. But the leaders prearranged for the rain to hold off on June 19, and we had a delightful ride. Seven of us -- Rob & Carolyn Badger, Randy & Cynthia Roberts, Patty Stanley, Paula Stanley, and Barb Linnehan -- met at the parking lot of the College of St. Joseph the Provider. From there we peddled to West Rutland, down Route 133, then followed Walker Mountain Road to Clarendon Springs where we stopped for a respite and drink from the old spring house.

Resuming our ride, we made the long gradual ascent over Walker Mountain, then the very steep descent to Creek Road. Here we made a unanimous decision to skip out to Clarendon Gorge at its intersection with Route 7B where we stopped for lunch. Not a good day for swimming

so we had the gorge to ourselves. We didn't swim either.

After lunch we peddled back through Clarendon to Creek Road and followed it back to our point of origin.

MT. INDEPENDENCE

by Roma Pulling
June 26, 1982

Rain was almost a sure thing the day of my hike. Ray wasn't there (!), but it had rained every other day that week; so why not? Even so, seven other people showed up; and one lady was even heard to remark that she liked walking in the rain. This has been her year!

I was happy to see Bob West, editor of Rutland in Retrospect, who went as the sole male member of our group. All historic questions were relayed to him.

In Mill Village we were detoured around the tragic double auto fatality, which had occurred just minutes before, but reached our destination without further incident.

At the Mount we were met by Tony Soper, this season's guide, who seemed to be just arriving even though it was already 11 o'clock. He passed out brochures, and then we were on our own. Of the three trails, I chose to start with the orange-blazed one (2 1/2 miles) as the most interesting with a large marker at the site of Horseshoe Battery, possibly erected (the battery, not the marker) by Kosciuszko, the famous Polish patriot, and with a tall obelisk near the Lake Champlain shore erected by the D.A.R. There is a lovely view across the lake to Fort Ticonderoga from the battery. We ate our lunch, in the rain, on a rock outcropping at the foot of the obelisk.

When we returned to our starting point, some people had had enough walking without attempting the Red and White trails (see Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont) so we stopped for a brief look at the S.A.R. marker erected in 1976 near the entrance and returned home.

As luck would have it, on the way home the sun came out!

DEER LEAP

by Rob & Carolyn Badger
July 6, 1982

July 6 was hot. Very hot in Rutland. Hot and humid. A good excuse to climb a mountain in search of cool air. This evening hike was led by Pinon Badger with fourteen homo sapiens trailing behind: Rob & Carolyn Badger, Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi, Dave Hadley, John Blittersdorf, Olga Laird, Jim Griffin, Sue Thomas, Mike & Martha & Bernard Donahue, Mary Jane O'Horn and John Gillespie (all the way from Ontario just for this hike!). We were delighted to meet the elusive John Blittersdorf, attending his first hike after three years as a GMC member.

We hiked north from Sherburne Pass along the Long Trail for 1.3 miles to where the Deer Leap Trail branches off to the southwest. This trail ascends to pass near the summit of Big Deer Leap, then down into a small valley, then over Little Deer Leap summit before descending to the ledges overlooking Sherburne Pass. Here we had dinner and watched the setting sun, a great glowing red sphere through the hazy atmosphere, augmented by volcanic dust from Mexico's El Chichon volcano.

Contrary to the Rutland Herald's editorial of that morning, we did not encounter any oil exploration drill rigs, nor did we find a seismic exploration station on top of Deer Leap. All we found was a good trail through beautiful hardwood forest, refreshingly cool air, and a brilliant sunset.

As soon as the last sliver of our closest star disappeared behind the western horizon, we headed down the steep trail that descends below Deer Leap's rocky face to Sherburne Pass. Several of us stopped along the way to look at some small caves, but did not hesitate long as darkness was rapidly approaching.

At the pass, we all paid a visit to Mark Krebs' new hostel for hikers and bicyclers. Great to have a hostel in Vermont, especially on our section of the trail.

BIRDING WALK -- WEST RUTLAND MARSH

by Roy Pilcher
July 10, 1982

By the second week in July the expectant days of spring have yielded to the lazy contentment of summer, the frenzied pace of bird breeding activity has slackened, and the territorial ring of bird song has given way to intermittent fledgling feeding calls. Nevertheless, sixteen members of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club gathered at 7:00 a.m. to explore the West Rutland Marsh area for any signs of avian activity.

Even before leaving the Grand Union parking lot a family of killdeer had been identified and an American robin and a starling were seen gathering food for their young while a pesky English sparrow hopped around taking advantage of whatever edibles parking lots yield.

A brief ramble down an old road presented the opportunity of listening to several American goldfinch flying overhead and giving their courtship song. The bushes and trees nearby yielded a pair of concerned common yellow-throat, a blue jay, a pair of song sparrows, a flicker, and a house wren, while a pair of Eastern phoebe were seen nesting in an old pump house.

After viewing an abandoned black-billed cuckoo nest we were lucky enough to both see the bird and hear its peculiar call. We also viewed a yellow warbler nest and a northern oriole nest, seeing both male and female of the former species. Other birds identified included the warbling vireo, gray catbird, red-winged blackbird, and several cedar waxwings busily hawking insects over the marsh, a pair of nesting kingbirds, swamp sparrow, long-billed marsh wren, least flycatcher and two or three glimpses of a least bittern as it flapped from one feeding area in the reeds to the next. A Virginia rail responded to a recording of its call but not sufficiently close for us to see. A red-tailed hawk, however, gave us an excellent object lesson

aerodynamics as it gracefully and garrulously spun spirals in the thermal overhead. On another occasion a platoon of chimney swifts put on a fine display of formation flying, and while at the Route 4 rest stop, a family of blue-winged warblers was identified along with a rufous-sided towhee and a field sparrow.

A wood thrush, a veery, a black-and-white warbler, and a chestnut-sided warbler were heard only and not seen, while a waterthrush (northern) was seen and heard but only briefly. Several barn swallows were seen contentedly sitting on a sagging telephone line, reminding us that it would not be long before they would be gathering up their recently fledged offspring and heading south for a rewarding respite.

FOX LOT/ CLARENDON GORGE

by Ray Catozzi
July 17, 1982

Two years ago on the 15th of July a Killington Section mystery hike ended up on Fox Lot in Shrewsbury. This open field, straddling a low ridge top near Clarendon Shelter and overlooking the Rutland Airport, is a delightful spot with views all the way from the south around to the west and north to Rutland City. Another delight that day was the discovery of large patches of raspberry bushes, with ripe red berries there for the taking. Thus was born the idea of a berry-picking hike there this July.

To allow more time for picking, I led the drivers to the extreme north end of the Lottery Road and parked in the yard of an abandoned tumbled-down farmhouse, only about half a mile from Fox Lot. Most of the eight who came to pick (and eat) berries got about one quart apiece before we left for Clarendon Gorge for Part II of the day's activities.

Back down to the Long Trail crossing on Route 103 the group, with the late addition of Rob Carey and Sue Smyser, making 10 in all, parked at the Wade property, hiked west along the top of the gorge's wall, then descended into the river bed. There we all had a refreshing swim in the Mill River and ate supper to

the merry tune of the rippling river, while basking in the late afternoon sun. It was a 90 degree plus day -- a little warm for berry picking, but perfect for the supper-swim.

Two footnotes to this outing: (1) On our Pine Hill Supper Hike four days later, a number of hikers agreed to a second berry-picking expedition the following Sunday. But we did our picking around some old cellar holes just 200 yards from our parking spot. Everyone picked in excess of a quart of berries each. (2) Your writer subsequently made six or seven trips back to the same berry patch and ended up with about 20 quarts in all, half of which have been frozen to enjoy next winter.

PINE HILL

by W. Churchill Scott
July 21, 1982

About 14 hikers began our third annual mid-week supper outing the destination of which was decided at the 1981 meeting. Leaving our cars at Evergreen Avenue, we proceeded on an easy road walk to Rocky Pond where Mr. & Mrs. Donahue gave a very interesting history of the short-lived swimming area. Passing Muddy Pond we continued on a trail which led to the end of McKinley Lane where at one time Mr. and Mrs. Fostman frequently hosted Killington Section outings.

There was a bit of confusion as we went toward McKinley Lane, but then the correct wood road was located and soon we arrived at our eating spot, a nice ledge with large pine trees, plenty of rocks to sit on, and no bugs.

A vote was taken that decided no fire and no coffee. Even before our lunch bags were opened, John Hughes and Sue Smyser had found the remains of the hermit's home built in the 1930's.

A cistern with water pipe, much cement work, and a fireplace were still standing after all these years.

The group broke up at Muddy Pond. The drivers went for their cars to pick up the hikers at the country club so they could return by a different route.

P.S. - The writer learned that this hermit is still alive in California, studying at Hanover for the summer. His local friends said that if he visited Rutland he would contact me but as yet I have not heard a thing.....well, what can you expect from a hermit?

STOVE PIPE CITY

by Sue Smyser
August 1, 1982

During the early 1950's there was an extensive lumbering operation to the west of Killington. The logging camp was called Stove Pipe City because of the many stove pipes in the lumbermen's shacks.

We talked with a landowner in that area who remembered when Stove Pipe City was in operation. He told us about Reggie Birmingham from Bridgewater and his Maine lumbermen who lived in tarpaper shacks in Stove Pipe City. Reggie and his men were rather rough characters. The landowner's camp was burned down by drunken lumberjacks returning from a night off in Rutland. The logging operation lasted for three years and landowner waited until the lumbermen left before rebuilding his camp.

On August 1, 1982, ten hikers from the section went looking for Stove Pipe City's remains. Starting at the Wheelerville Road at Brewer's Corners, we followed an old logging road, noticing several log loading areas along the way. We came upon a pile of "coal logs," logs that weren't good enough to use. The logs had a diameter of two to two and a half feet. If lumbering operations were going on today, they would have value. Right after the "coal logs" we found our first and only stove pipe. Also in the area were parts of a shack, truck parts, refrigerator parts, beer cans, pipe, chains, a mug and a peanut butter jar still containing moldy peanut butter.

One half mile further we found the remains of a large building. This was probably the mess hall. Beside the mess hall was the dump. They must have subsisted on coffee, Dinty Moore stew, and beer.

Further on, there were several one or two room shacks still standing. We even found linoleum and window screening in some of them.

Of the ten who started, six intrepid explorers decided to try to find the log slide which can be seen from Killington and try to signal Churchill. After some bushwhacking through heavy spruce we found the slide and started up. Before we reached the top of the slide we saw the firetower. This is the most primitive view of Killington. The only man-made structures visible were the firetower and some radio antennas. We signalled with a mirror and an electric camera flash. Churchill signalled back with a mirror. Three continued to the top of the slide where we found sundew, an insectivorous plant. Coming back down we avoided the spruce, then returned the way we came.

FRANCONIA RIDGE BACKPACKING TRIP (WHITE MTS.)

by Mark Krebs
August 6-8, 1982

First of all we encountered fantastic weather during the whole trip, so eat your heart out Ray! We had a total of three people show up for the hike including Rob & Carolyn Badger and myself, small but full of energy! Leaving Rutland at 5:00 P.M. we drove to Kinsman Notch, N.H. where the A.T. crosses Rte. 112, and hiked 0.2 miles to Beaver Brook Shelter where we spent the night.

In the morning we drove another 20 minutes to Franconia Notch and again picked up the A.T. and headed up to Liberty Springs Campsite. After setting up camp we headed out to climb Mt. Liberty where we sat for a couple of hours eating, resting and soaking up the bountiful sunshine. While looking at maps we then decided to hike over to the Flume, another 1.2 miles away. On the summit we again just laid around taking in the view and talking to other hikers before heading back to camp. After supper we gathered on a huge rock with about 20 other hikers from the camp and exchanged various stories

as the sun set silently behind the Kinsman Range. Just beautiful!

The next day we rose fairly early, ate breakfast, packed up, and walked along the Franconia Ridge to the summit of Mt. Haystack where we broke above timber line. The skies were clear with only a small layer of clouds over the summit of Mt. Lafayette, which cleared by the time we arrived there. Crossing the open ridge we walked on the trail which was bordered on both sides by a curb of rocks, similar to those in a groomed rock garden. The trail above timber line in the Whites is marked by stacks of rocks, usually about three to four feet high, called cairns. These cairns are spaced close enough together so one could find his way over the ridges in dense fog and snow. There were also many varieties of alpine plants that only grow in altitudes above 4800 feet. We ascended Mt. Lincoln (5089 ft.), then crossed a bit more ridge before the final ascent of Mt. Lafayette (5,281 ft.), the high point of the Franconia Ridge. A spectacular view surrounded us: the Kinsman Range to the west, Cannon Mountain with its 1000-foot vertical wall, Mt. Washington and the other Presidentials to the east, Mt. Moosilauke and hundreds of other peaks in the wilderness of the White Mountains.

From the summit of Lafayette we descended to the A.M.C. Greenleaf Hut where we managed to consume a few leftover pancakes and sip on hot coffee.

From the hut we followed the Old Bridle Path down to Agony Ridge (a very steep ride indeed!), then continued down the trail back to Franconia Notch where we had Rob's car spotted at the state park. The view from the Notch looking at Cannon Cliff was awesome! Cannon Cliff is climbed by hundreds of expert rock climbers from all over the U.S. and is considered to be one of the toughest climbs in the East. High on one side of the cliff is a rock projection that resembles an old man's head, which gave the rock its name "Old Man of the Mountain," New Hampshire's well-known symbol. New Hampshire, don't take it for Granite!

ORIENTEERING

by Steve Pulling

August 15, 1982

"I don't see that on my map!"

"How do you read my compass?"

"What arrow on this compass did you say I should follow?"

"I can't follow that bearing, there is a tree in the way!"

Now, how would you like to be lost in the woods with thirteen people asking you questions and making statements like the above. Actually it wasn't all that bad, and if you were going orienteering with a group of first-timers, August 15th was the perfect day weatherwise to do so.

The Killington Section fielded a great bunch of interested outdoorsmen to try their hand at orienteering. This event took place at Tamarack Notch which ended up being a perfect place for such an activity. The morning was spent getting familiar with topographical map symbols and compass needles, etc.

Directly after lunch we started out bushwhacking with compass in hand. We never did arrive at our destination which was Bald Mountain outlook, although everyone was on the right track when John and Emma Hughes found a summit labeled Bald Mountain. However, after some discussion we decided it wasn't actually the summit we wanted.

At this point everyone was kind of tired so we called it a day.

"Miller Time!"

MERCK FOREST

by Carol Chapman

March 27-28, 1982

Icy arctic winds, white birches against a deep blue sky, the comforting warmth of the wood stove, the slap, slap of cards being discarded, a bright starry sky, and the laughter of friends are some memories of this year's weekend at Merck Forest.

Bitter March winds swirling and drifting the snow made it seem that this must be the originally scheduled Winter

Weekend (postponed because the shelter wasn't available in February).

After leaving the parking area we hiked or skied the 1 1/2 miles uphill to Spruce Shelter where we found that someone had kindly built a fire in the wood stove. Four came just for the day: Jim Griffin, Olga Laird, and Jack and Greg Crowther who left soon after lunch. Five others came prepared to spend the night: Roma Pulling, Ray Catozzi, Rob Carey, Sue Smyser, and I.

That afternoon we made several trips out for firewood and hiked a short distance up a road beyond the Lodge until snow, which broke through to our knees at every other step, forced us to turn back. With the wind chill factor undoubtedly around 0° we decided to retreat indoors where we spent some pleasant hours playing Crazy 8, Casino, and Canasta while snacking on shared goodies.

Before bedtime Ray did such a good job of stoking the fire that when Rob got up to refuel it at 1 a.m. it was roaring and there was no room for more wood. By morning there were still hot coals, but the cabin had cooled off enough so that Ray's milk had frozen and there were little paths of snow that had blown through the few cracks that weren't stuffed with newspaper.

On Sunday morning Rob, Sue and Roma set out in 11° temperature to climb Mt. Antone. It was a fine, sunny, clear day which allowed for excellent viewing of the Taconic and Adirondack ranges. Ray and I stayed at the cabin where we relaxed in the warmth of the stove and were entertained by the chickadees feeding on a stump outside the cabin window. Besides a group of friendly black caps there was one boreal chickadee (brown head, reddish breast), rare in the area. When the hikers returned at 11:30, we had lunch and headed back down the hill.

Though a novice at backpacking and winter camping, I found this to be a most enjoyable outing and recommend that you sign up early if you'd like to share in the fun of next year's Winter Weekend at Merck Forest.

(Ed. Note: My apologies to those of you who looked for this report in the June

issue. After a reminder from Roma, I found it buried deep in my Smoke and Blazes drawer where I put it last March.)

1982 GMC INTERSECTIONAL

by Carol Chapman

August 21-29, 1982

Thirteen Killington Section members attended a day or more of this year's Intersectional, very conveniently located at Camp Thorpe in Goshen. The excellent facilities at the camp -- cabins, a field for tenting, a dining hall, available kitchen, showers and a swimming pool -- and its mountain location made it an ideal site for this event.

KS members participated in hikes to Silver Lake, Middlebury Gap to Brandon Gap, Chittenden Brook Campground to Brandon Gap, Sucker Brook to Brandon Gap, and exploring the caves in Bristol and Weybridge.

The latter hike was an adventure for those of us unfamiliar with spelunking. At the Bristol Flat Rooms Cave in order to enter a deeper cave with a high dome it was necessary to squeeze through a 20 foot long tunnel on your belly. Spooky! No bats were disturbed, but a couple of mice scurried to find safety from the giant invaders.

One highlight of the week was the annual auction with entertaining auctioneer French Garfield. Hotly contested items were homemade jams and jellies and Pat Howard's dried flower arrangements.

Other popular events of the week were the square dance and the excellent dinner of ham, corn on the cob, salad and watermelon prepared by the Meade brothers.

Our thanks to Rob Carey and all the others whose efforts made possible this grand finale to summer vacation.

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THE KIRK FUND (9/13/82)

On July 22, 1982, two \$1,000 C.D.s
at 10.40% matured and the money was rein-
vested at 14.00% for 30 months.

Donations of \$105.50 have been re-
ceived this year.

\$5,000 Fund #1 totals.....\$5,428.07

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SECTION MEMBERS ARE HIKE LEADERS

The Killington Section is recog-
nized--justifiably so--as the authority
on hiking and the Long Trail in this
area. We have received two requests re-
cently to recommend Long Trail hikes for
groups of non-hikers and to act as guide.

On July 12 Al and Roma Pulling led
a group of 23 Italian students who were
visiting and studying in the area plus
their hostesses and adviser to Deer Leap
via the circle route. Amid the babble of
Italian, one fellow was heard to say in
English that he was enjoying it very
much; and a subsequent thank you note
from the adviser said it was spectacular,
a "worth suffering for" experience.

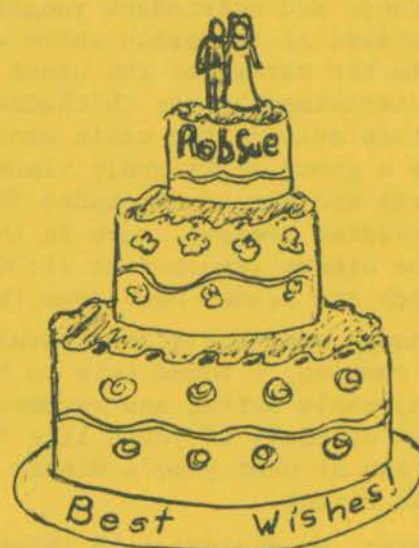
On August 9 Carolyn Badger led a
group of about 16 Girl Scouts and their
two leaders, all inexperienced hikers, up

Killington Peak via the Bucklin Trail.
Their leaders' instructions to wear sun
hats and not too short shorts were not
applicable on this rainy day; however,
one girl dutifully showed up with sun-
hat. At Cooper Lodge the group lunched
and listened to trail pointers given by
a man passing through on the Appalachian
Trail. Pinon, the Badgers' dog, found it
a worthwhile hike as he flushed at least
a dozen partridge during the day. The
girls descended by way of the Long Trail,
a rather long hike for first time hikers,
but they arrived back at the cars tired
but undaunted.

MR. PRESIDENT?????

Has a KS member ever entered public
service? We have had a pol or two who
have joined the club, but now Rob Badger
(KS board member and hike leader) is a
candidate for public office for the
first time. Rob will be unopposed on the
September 14 Republican primary ballot
for the Vermont House of Representatives
from Rutland Town and will oppose the
Democratic candidate in the November
general election.

Good luck, Rob! We need a person
with your concern for the environment in
Montpelier.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1982 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., 132 Maple Street, 775-5720

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 2 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	FALL FOLIAGE HIKE up Mt. Moosalamoo, Salisbury, moderate, 7 mi. Rob Carey, 773-7076
Oct. 9 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	CANOE TRIP, destination to be announced. Some rentals available. Reservations required. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Oct. 16 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY, clearing trail - Tamarack Shelter to Gov. Clement Shelter. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Oct. 23 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, an easy 2-3 mi. Churchill Scott, 775-5720
Oct. 31 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	HALLOWEEN HIKE in the Devil's Den (shudder) area of Mt. Tabor. Bushwhacking over steep terrain, difficult. We dare you!! Rob Badger, 773-3777
Nov. 7 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE up East Mt., Mendon. Easy to moderate, about 3 mi. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 20 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER at Tamarack Notch camp. Members and invited guests only. Bring hot dish, salad or dessert and your own place setting. Program follows. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 5 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	FIFIELD POND in Wallingford, 4 mi., easy. Ski or snowshoe if conditions permit. John & Emma Hughes, 775-4078
Dec. 11-12 (Sat.-Sun.)	7:00 A.M.	MT. MANSFIELD on snowshoes. Follow Long Trail from Rte. 108, overnight at Taft Lodge. 7 mi., difficult. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Dec. 19 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	ICE SKATING PARTY. A repeat of last year's popular outing in Freedley Quarry, Dorset. Ski or snowshoe 1 mile to quarry, bring skates and lantern. Rob Badger, 773-3777
Dec. 30 (Thurs.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE, Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Cuttingsville. Members and invited guests only. 1 mi., hike, ski, or snowshoe under the full moon. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO HIKING AREA. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR HIKE LEADER.

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ARLINGTON-WEST WARDSBORO ROAD TO ROUTE 9 BACKPACK

by Rob Carey
September 10-12, 1982

Six Section backpackers, Sue Smyser, Roma, Al, and Steve Pulling, Ray Catozzi, and I made this trip. We spotted cars Friday night and hiked into Story Spring Shelter. The faster hikers made it just before dark, planning to pick tent sites, expecting the shelter to be full. We were surprised to have it all to ourselves, saving us from setting up tents in the dark!

Thanks to Roma's wake-up call we got off to an early start. We had nice hiking, with mostly moderate uphill. We reached Glastonbury Tower about 3:00 p.m. and enjoyed the view for an hour before heading to Glastonbury Shelter. Here some stayed in the shelter, while others tented.

Sunday's hiking had several good views, including one at a powerline crossing, and a lunch stop at a stream. We also descended the extensive footway improvements put in when this section of trail was relocated.

KILLINGTON PEAK BY WAY OF THE CARRIAGE ROAD

by Ray Catozzi
September 18, 1982

This mountain climb was originally scheduled to follow the Juggernaut Trail up the eastern flank of Killington, starting in West Bridgewater. On a winter outing up the Juggernaut a winter or two ago, we only got as far as the new Bear Mountain Ski Area and ran out of hiking trail by merging with a new ski trail. This fall our intent was to see if more or all of the Juggernaut was obliterated by a still newer ski area put in by the

Sherburne Corporation.

John and Emma Hughes came up with an that sounded better and so we abandoned the Juggernaut (in more ways than one -- it's now officially abandoned by the GMC). The Hughes have done a tremendous amount of hiking all over Vermont on their own time, and on two separate trips they pinpointed the old carriage road going to Killington from Wheelerville, a road that serviced the mountain hotel on Killington before World War I.

So we switched routes from the east to the west. After going out of Brewers Corners to the south on a well-traveled camp road, we swung around to the east, following a brook and going past a camp or two.

Soon we left the brook and started climbing up on to the ridge. The road got rougher and fainter in places, and we lost our way a couple of times, but John scouted on ahead and found it again. Further up on the ridge, the trail swung around over onto the north slope, and for a stretch of probably a mile or more the road was in almost perfect condition, covered with evergreen needles and grass. A delight to walk on.

The last mile or so before the road joined the Bucklin Trail was washed badly and many, many fallen trees blocked the route, causing us to detour constantly around or over or under them.

At Cooper Lodge we met Bob and Carolyn Badger who started later, came up the Bucklin Trail and arrived ahead of us. As a matter of fact, they had already been to the top, visited with Churchill in the fire tower, and had come back down to Cooper. Some ate lunch at Cooper; some waited until they were at the top.

After a very pleasant, but crowded visit with our secretary-treasurer in his

summer hut atop Killington Peak, we moved back down to Cooper where a decision was made to return by the Bucklin Trail, which ends (or starts) right where our cars were parked. By contrast the Badgers went down the Carriage Road.

The lunch and visit in Churchill's cabin turned into a birthday party as Sue Smyser pulled a cake and candles out of her pack. It just happened to be your leader's 39th birthday that day. But we also saluted two other Virgos whose birthdays had just recently passed -- Rob & Sue -- and two to come in the next few days-- Olga Laird and Churchill. We all thank you, Sue, for the pleasant surprise.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR ROB CAREY AND SUE SMYSER

by Carolyn Badger
September 19, 1982

On the lovely fall day of Sept. 19th, we gathered to celebrate the up-and-coming wedding of Rob Carey and Sue Smyser.

Sue arrived expecting to help staple together the Smoke and Blazes, and was surprised to find herself instead at a shower in her honor. Rob, on the other hand, knew of our plans for a shower for Sue but was not expecting to be included in the festivities. Surprise to you both!

The buffet was a delicious affair and we ate with relish as hikers will. We certainly thank Ilse Vergi for hosting the event at her home. It was a delightful afternoon shared with good company--truly a celebration.

Following is the recipe for the carrot cake served at this shower. Recipe is originally from the Hardy House Restaurant in Reno, Nevada.

Sift together: 2 cups sugar
3 cups flour
1 tbsp cinnamon
1 tbsp baking soda
1 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp salt

Add & mix well: 1 cup oil
1 1/3 cup crushed pineapple
1/3 cup chopped walnuts

1 large grated carrot
6 beaten eggs

Bake at 300-350° for about 1 hour

Frosting: Let soften to room temp., then beat together 1 stick of butter and 6 oz. cream cheese. Add 1 tsp. vanilla and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Add powdered sugar a little at a time to taste, being careful that it does not get too sweet and lose the cream cheese flavor.

AUTUMN OUTING -- OTTER CREEK CAMPGROUND

by Ann Reynolds
September 24-26, 1982

For the less than 20 people who turned out for the annual fall outing at the Otter Creek Campground near Danby on Sept. 24-26, the weekend was a total success. For all of you who stayed home, eat your hearts out!

The weather was absolutely superb, despite Ray Catozzi's dire warnings that any event he was connected with was bound to be accompanied by rain. Thanks go to Ray for stepping in at the last minute to coordinate the event, when the original coordinator had to bow out.

Not only did he make sure everyone got the accommodations they wanted, etc., he led a hike Saturday up Dorset Peak, for the four people who were feeling especially ambitious. For the rest of us, a much easier, but no less satisfying, hike to Little Rocky Pond was led by George Reynolds. We especially enjoyed meeting the caretakers, who had only recently arrived after hiking on the AT all the way from Georgia. They seemed mighty glad to take time out from their journey to enjoy autumn in Vermont.

When the hikes were over Saturday afternoon, one polar bear in the party insisted on going in the campground's new in-ground swimming pool, with its lovely view of mountains to the west. Everyone else sat around the pool soaking up the sun, while the swimmer shivered! That night Sanborn "Sandy" Partridge came down from Proctor with his slides of rafting on the Colorado River, accompanied by fresh cider and lots of homemade cookies provided by Killington Section

members.

Sunday morning found two of the fairer sex out paddling a canoe on the Otter Creek while the mist still hung over the water. Later on, six of us rode in the Pooles' van to a road south of Danby, parking the vehicles at the entrance to the trail leading to Baker Peak. Ray again was our guide, directing us to an unmarked lookout which afforded a spectacular view in nearly every direction. (We did not climb Baker Peak.)

None of those still around by early afternoon wanted to leave, knowing that another weekend such as this was not likely until next summer, if then.

MOUNT MOOSALAMOO

by Rob Carey

October 2, 1982

Driving to this hike pointed out the importance of staying with the leader, even before the hiking starts. One car took a different route to the start of the hike, without telling the leader. This resulted in the leader driving to Mt. Moosalamoo Campground to look for the other car. Finally both cars were at the parking lot for Silver Lake and Mt. Moosalamoo, across from Branbury Beach. We all got together near the Falls of Lana. Then we were ready for the real climbing.

At the first, and for some only, lunch stop at Rattlesnake Ledges, we realized that fall had arrived. It was cool, bordering on cold! There were good views from there, especially to the south, including Silver Lake. We continued on toward the summit, and found a good view to the east just before the top. By that time the sun had come out, warming us up and improving the view.



On our way back, we detoured to Silver Lake. Here we met several others, hikers and fishermen, but not swimmers. For the return to the cars we took the short, steep route by following the pipeline, and all eight returned safely.

KILLINGTON SECTION'S MARVELOUS ALL-GIRL CANOE EXCURSION

by Roma Pulling

October 9, 1982

Robert Burns said "the best-laid schemes....gang aft a-gley," and ours started going that-away two days earlier when our leader, Steve Pulling, came home with all the symptoms in an Alka-Seltzer commercial: fever, chills and that ache-all-over feeling. He took two Extra-Strength Tylenol, or something, and went to bed but two days later was still in no condition to go canoeing in the rain.

And it did rain, but not soon enough. A pre-investigation showed that the water in Tinmouth Channel, our hoped-for destination, was too low to chance launching our canoes there. We headed for Chittenden Reservoir instead, and Jean and Charlie Davies, who are good enough to let us use their canoes, met us there.

This was the first outing I remember where all the participants were women. The one fellow who registered failed to show up, but all seven of the girls put in an appearance: Sue Tumlin, Johnna Jackson, Kim Faulkner, Carol Chapman, Peppin and Ilse Vergi and myself. Our plan was to circle the reservoir, but for some reason Kim and Peppin headed for the boat landing in more of a semi-circle. Were you tired, girls, or just wet? By that time we had made a stop on the island and explored it and beached our canoes near Lefferts Pond, walked around and had our lunch.

As we were out of the water earlier than expected, several of us walked over the dam and went for a short distance on the opposite side of the reservoir, admiring the cottages, which were mostly closed for the winter. In spite of our somewhat dampened condition, it was declared a good day as we hurried home to dry out.

WORK PARTY

by Mark Krebs
October 16, 1982

This party consisted of Al Pulling, Joe Dicton Sr., Joe Dicton Jr., and myself. We drove up to Gov. Clement Shelter, and noticed that one of the three posts that holds up the roof in the front of the shelter was gone. We had to cut down a small tree for the new post and used a smaller limb as a lever to raise the roof while putting the new support post in place. I thought I had forgotten the nails, so we managed to pull a few out of the roof to nail the post into place. However, I did find them in my Scout after we finished. After that repair we packed up and worked on removing several blowdowns on the way to Tamarack Shelter. The weather was cool and drizzling and turned to snow as we approached Tamarack Shelter. When we arrived at the shelter area there was about an inch of snow on the ground.

We all gazed at the new ski trails put in by the Sherburne Corp. in the vicinity of the shelter. Not a pleasant sight, but what can you expect nowadays?

We ate our lunch at the shelter, then packed up and headed back down to our car. On the trip down we met three backpackers on their way to Cooper Lodge. Good to see people using the trail as it was intended to be used!

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Illustrations and the new masthead for this issue are done by Sue Thomas. Thank you, Sue, and welcome to the staff.

MYSTERY HIKE

by W. Churchill Scott
October 23, 1982

This mystery hike was a mystery even to the leader for about 15 years ago the route was easy (as I remembered), but they say time dims all memories.

Well, anyway, on a beautiful fall day more than 25 of us drove to the Silver Bridge in Mt. Tabor, picking up Barbara Tinney on the way. A number of handicapped persons from area group homes also went with us.

We all started up the original road to the Town of Griffith. Soon it became apparent that due to high water and erosion the route was too difficult for many.

Thanks to Barbara's suggestion, a number of hikers decided to return and hike an old road north of the Silver Bridge. This was an easy walk, slabbing up the grade and coming out near the Big Branch Picnic Area.

The rest of us went upstream, crossing the stream a number of times, struggling all the time. At every crossing were remains of the cement bridges spanning the river before the 1927 flood.

Time ran out so we built a fire, had a bite to eat, and retraced our steps, but not before Sue tried to go swimming.

Upon our return the other group told all about the enjoyable trip they had on a road that this writer never knew existed.

The next time a hike listed as easy will truly be an easy one even if it means going over it alone beforehand. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this hike a success.

HALLOWEEN HIKE -- DEVIL'S DEN

by Rob and Carolyn Badger
October 31, 1982

Having spent the entire week bushwacking, I was tired of having branches in my face so had an alternate plan for hiking an old road from Weston to the Devil's Den. This idea was agreeable to hikers Roma Pulling, Rob Carey, Sue Smyser, Winnie and Ted Shambo, Jerry Meiskey and Jean Lloyd. We left two cars at Devil's

Den and drove around to Weston to the end of Trout Club Road. From here we began our hike.

Several farms and a small mill were once located along this road; a school house was not far away. Largely abandoned by the early part of this century, as sheep farmers moved west to flatter, more tillable land, the area is now mature hardwood forest. One old farmhouse not far from here had been bought by my grandfather in 1910 to be used as a hunting camp. During the late 1920s and early 1930s the government purchased all of the land in this area for the Green Mountain National Forest.

A good walk on moderate terrain, we found ourselves too soon on Forest Road 10, and not at the Devil's Den. Winnie and Ted had noticed what looked like an old road branching off to the north about a mile back, so we retraced our steps and found the road we sought. This road was quite overgrown so we got our promised bushwacking, perhaps two miles worth, coming out at the Devil's Den.

In pairs of two we climbed into the Den, a small cave that leads back to a stream which is the origin of Utley Brook. The rock is dolomite (magnesium carbonate), a frequent host for caves, with quartz veins and crystals which have been the pursuit of many mineral collectors.

Next we climbed down the steep west bank of Forest Route 10 to an overhanging glacial cirque known as the Devil's Horsesheds. I will not recount the ghastly story that took place at this site 191 years ago on Halloween night that led to the naming of the mysterious cave and precipitous rock cliffs after its onetime-rumored occupant, the Devil.

VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE--EAST MOUNTAIN

by Ray Catozzi
November 7, 1982

A pleasant fall day, and once again a large crowd turned out for this annual easy, but enjoyable outing. And once again the leader lost the route (temporarily). Joe Valiquette himself did it last year -- I did it this year. But, of

of course, the roads we are supposed to follow on the east side of East Mountain, as we approach the ridge line south of the peak, are faint and hard to follow.

Our party had stretched out in a long line half way up and, because we were out of sight from each other, three different routes were eventually used that day by three different segments of our group.

But we all made it to the top where we found the spotting flag still flying in its treetop. Many had brought along snacks, or even lunch, in spite of the fact that it was an afternoon outing, so there was much munching going on with the viewing of Rutland, and talking with fellow hikers.

All in all, a very pleasant hike with a very congenial group.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Roma Pulling
November 20, 1982

If there hadn't been any other reason to gather at Tamarack Notch that evening, viewing Mauri Winturri's slides would have been enough. They were stupendous. Mauri may have been an amateur in the sense that he didn't get paid for what he did, but his slides are of professional quality. He had the skill of an artist, the ability to recognize the most picturesque subjects and to position his camera and tripod at the right angle to portray the subject at its best. When Mauri willed his slide collection to the GMC, we acquired a valuable asset.

I may have relegated the supper to second place, but it was definitely not second rate. The 13 members and four guests who showed up brought a variety of delicious foods topped off by Jim Griffin's popular contribution of ice cream. We even gained a new member -- Nancy Sugarman. Welcome to the gang, Nancy!

With a warm fire started early by Churchill Scott and plenty of wood donated by Al Pulling, there was only one complaint: lack of room. After squeezing between tables all evening and ducking to avoid being doused with cups of hot coffee, one dreamer longed for money enough to

build our own place. Long Trail Lodge II??

FIFIELD POND

by John & Emma Hughes
December 5, 1982

It was cloudy when we left Main Street Park and it started raining lightly as we parked our cars on the jeep road to the pond. The sixteen hikers didn't take long to get to the pond. The ground was bare when we had expected to have snow by this date. You could see an old beaver dam and an old boat which had fallen apart by the shore.

On the next part of the hike we ran into a swampy area so we turned around to take a different route. A little later we found out that Steve Pulling, Rob & Carolyn Badger and Harold Rogers had decided to keep on going and were not with us. At this time we didn't think that we would see them for lunch. Just as we were coming to the place for lunch Pinon came running up and we knew that they would soon be with us. Churchill Scott had made some trail markers to show the others which turns we had taken. We had lunch on a hill with a clearing, but the clouds cut the view.

Then we hiked a short distance to Wallingford Pond. You can see only part of the pond because it has different sections hidden by the peninsulas along the shoreline. As we returned to our cars it seemed good finally to see the sun peek through the clouds.

SIX WEEKS AT STRATTON POND

by Winnie Shambo

My stay at Stratton Pond, Sept. 3rd to Oct. 17th, was of too short duration, six weeks plus a few days, and I'm sure my arrangements of time spent away from the pond were quite different from those of other caretakers. My first day off I got as far as Bondville, collected my mail, which was being sent General Delivery, and picked up what few supplies I needed from the small grocery store located across the street from the post office. Then I called Rutland to see how "things" were, called a friend who was

able to come for a visit and was back at the pond by mid-afternoon the same day. My next day off and most others were spent in Rutland, catching up on laundry, supplies and much-enjoyed showers. My supervisor, Ray Auger, filled in during the Autumn Outing, which worked out fine, as I didn't feel well that weekend and spent it in Rutland, rather than camping and hiking.

Having been used to taking baths in small amounts of water during the "lean years" of childhood, I found it not a problem to do so at the end of most days, especially so after checking out a length of trail or cutting blow-downs (I only had to do two during my stay). Hair care was not a problem either. I used pond water -- well away from the pond -- and it was cold going and hard to work up a lather, but if one is determined, anything is possible.

My duties were curtailed due to the time of the year. I did not have to clean water bars or ditches which were continually filling in with falling leaves. My assigned trails were: the Stratton Mt. Trail to Webster Shelter, the LT to Story Spring, the LT to Winhall River Bridge, and the Lye Brook Trail to the Wilderness boundary. I made loop hikes out of these assignments with mileage ranging from 10.8 to 12.5 miles. I found I was able to hike these distances in three to four hours, not including stops for lunch, views, or a swim at Bourne Pond. Of course, the only steep portion I had to cover was the last mile up Stratton Mountain to the tower. I did what little maintenance was required along these trails; mostly "brushing" about a half mile of trail to Story Spring. The dedicated work of the two young men, whom I replaced, made my time at the pond so much easier and more enjoyable. I thank them. I cleaned out shelters and privies after each heavy weekend use, and continually checked the tenting area for "bootleg" firepits. Few were found.

The most important aspect of being at Stratton was personal contact with hikers. I feel that, on the whole, I had fantastic people to deal with, whether they were passing through or staying overnight. The first week of my stay, there were

eight people who either forgot their money or refused to pay. Of that number, half eventually did send payment. Other hikers more than made up for any unpleasantness by giving more than they needed to, which meant I must have been doing something right or they appreciated the work GMC does to maintain the trails. I never felt people were asking questions "for the sake of asking questions." They really wanted to know about the trail, the area, and my reason for being at Stratton Pond. It was surprising how many knew little or nothing of the Caretaker Program. I never tired of talking with day-hikers, new backpackers, "old hands" and the AT/LT thru' hikers. So many personalities! So many walks of life! The encounters were all special and interesting.

(to be continued in next issue)

A TRIP TO MOUNT KATAHDIN

by Jake Sherman

August 5-7, 1982

(held over from last issue)

The summer of 1982 was the time I was finally able to fulfill a desire to hike Mt. Katahdin. It involved over two full days of driving through the wilds of Maine to climb one mountain, but there's no question it was worth it.

Via the Maine Turnpike you can get to Katahdin, which is located about 90 miles northwest of Bangor, in about eight to nine hours. This, however, is a fairly dull ride, and my companions, Peter Osterhoudt and Dick Adams of Shrewsbury, who have started up a logging operation, preferred the north woods route.

We reached Roaring Brook Camp at the eastern base of Katahdin at 5 p.m. on Aug. 6 and settled into a lean-to for the night. Reservations are essential, by the way, and you must pay in advance by mail for your bunkspace. Before reaching the campground, we spotted charging off into the woods what at first appeared to be a rather clumsy horse but proved to be the first and only moose we would see on the trip.

Next morning at 6:30 under a clear blue sky we were off to the summit. The

Helon Taylor Trail brought us in two hours to tree-line at the 3200-foot level. Continuing up a rocky ridge over reddish granite boulders, we reached in another hour and a half the top of Pamola Peak, the mountain's easternmost point.

From this summit, which according to legend was the abode of the Penobscot Indian god Pamola, the view is exceptional. To the north stretch the mountains of Baxter State Park while to the south is a seemingly endless expanse of forest and lakes. What takes the breath away, however, is the mighty rock wall to the west. This face, about a mile distant, makes a sheer plunge of about 2,000 feet to the floor of South Basin. This wall is the eastern side of Baxter Peak, to get to which it is necessary to traverse the famous Knife Edge. No wonder legend had it that Pamola was jealous of his home!

Being a bit afraid of heights, it was with some anxiety that I ventured out onto the Knife Edge. This narrow, up-and-down trail is 1500 feet above South Basin on one side and the valley of the Penobscot West Branch on the other. Good footing is the key, and as long as good weather prevails there should be no problem. Trail signs sternly warn hikers not to attempt the trail in bad weather.

Gray skies, breezes, and some rain did in fact sweep in as we approached the summit. Here, congregated about the sign marking the northern end of the AT, were dozens of hikers, lunching, snapping photos, or donning raingear. From this vantage point, the Knife Edge appeared a succession of jagged teeth, while to the west was the gently sloping "Tableland," across which Thoreau came in 1847 and AT hikers, on their last mile, do today.

It was down the Cathedral Trail, which drops 2300 feet in 1.7 miles, that we made our descent, often inching on our backsides over rain-slicked boulders. It was distressing to find at this hour of the afternoon a lot of young people, clad only in sneakers and light clothing, heading up to the top through the rain, obviously unaware of the steep going ahead. No wonder accidents happen!

At Chimney Pond, which is set in the heart of South Basin, we stopped awhile to appreciate the semi-circular mountain before us, then returned to Roaring Brook Camp.

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 * CONGRATULATIONS *
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 * Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Carey *
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 * November 27, 1982 *
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To the Killington Section: 11/6/82

We would like to thank everybody for the shower and gift. Both of us were very surprised that it turned out to be a shower for the two of us. After all, who would expect Carol Chapman to fib about a "Smoke & Blazes" collating session.

We are planning a spending spree at EMS with the gift certificate. We'll

check to see if they have any "Jesus' boots."

Carolyn Badger's carrot cake was delicious. Those cookie feet hiking together were cute.

Thanks for a great party.

Rob & Sue

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KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1983 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 7736997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., RFD 1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 9 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	PATCH HOLLOW loop; start on unplowed roads near Minerva Hinchey Shelter, return by Long Trail. Hike, ski, or snowshoe. 4 mi., moderate. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Jan. 15 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	ICE SKATING. If our Freedley Quarry trip had to be postponed due to lack of ice, we will go today. Same specs: ski or snowshoe one mi. to quarry, bring skates and lantern. Robert Badger, 773-3777
Jan. 22 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	PINE HILL PARK to Proctor on snowshoes, skis <u>not recommended</u> . Coffee afterward at Carey's. 5 mi., moderate. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
Feb. 6 (Sun.)	9:30 A.M.	NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP, ski or snowshoe. 6 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Feb. 12 (Sat.)	9:30 A.M.	HALF MOON STATE PARK, suitable for snowshoes, skis or sleds. Variable mileage, moderate. Robert Badger, 773-3777
Feb. 26,27 (Sat., Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEKEND at Merck Forest, Rupert. Hike, ski or snowshoe; day hikers welcome. Weekenders must make reservations. Fee charged. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 6 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	BELLEVUE AVENUE EXT. to Post Road via unplowed roads and power lines. Hike, ski or snowshoe. Coffee at Pulling's. 4 mi., easy. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Mar. 12 (Sat.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY at Pulling's. <u>Members and guests only</u> . Fee will be charged. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Mar. 20 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	CHASANNA DRIVE along penstock to Glen Dam. Easy, 3 mi. Churchill Scott Virginia Young, 775-1494

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: THE STATE OF THE SECTION

As we near the vernal equinox and the reawakening of mother earth in these northern parts, it is a perfect time to look back on the past year, to reflect on our accomplishments, our problems and goals, and to consider our approach in the future.

All in all, 1982 was a good year for our Section. Not a vintage year, but a good one. There was an increase in scheduled outings, the activity designed to carry out our club's purpose -- to make the mountains and the outdoors play a larger part in the lives of the people. In many months outings were scheduled every weekend, and even though the average attendance dropped a little per outing, the overall attendance was up.

Many new mountains were climbed and new locations visited. Canoe and bicycle trips are increasing in popularity. We are doing more backpacking -- mostly on end-to-end quests on the Long Trail. A bird watch outing was a first last year. All this is to the good, and to the credit of those many members who work to keep the schedule so varied.

Our shelters have been getting our attention where needed most and most of our assigned 21 miles of the Long Trail is in good hiking condition. Many member

and non-member hours were spent last year in these endeavors, for which we are all grateful.

Our outings, and our "innings," as I like to call our indoor activities, have been getting good timely displays in the Rutland Herald. We know that many folks, especially non-members (new people) look forward to seeing these notices, and getting people out is the name of the game.

Our financial picture, which is detailed elsewhere in this issue and will be presented at the annual meeting, is not the rosiest, but neither does it present real thorns. We would be just about breaking even between our normal income and expenses, but the presence of the two Kirk Funds for Trails & Shelters maintenance takes the pressure off an area where we have been known to spend several hundred dollars in a year. Fortunately, the last two Trails & Shelters chairmen were men who hated to spend a nickel when they could use scrap and make-do.

Therefore, at a time when we have a special fund to amply take care of these costly needs, we have ended up spending mere pennies. Shelter insurance is an item that is now included in Kirk Fund disbursements, and because of that, and because maintenance costs now are separate from our normal section expenses, our unrestricted cash balance is now on a healthy upswing.

In conclusion I wish to extend my thanks to all the directors for the various jobs they are doing so well, and for all those others who have worked so hard at their assigned tasks. Many have contributed their time over the years, and for this we are grateful. It has all gone towards making a friendly and successful year for the Killington



Section in 1982.

May we all continue on this course for 1983, changing and improving our image and impact on the outdoor and hiking community.

Ray Catozzi

DIRECTORS' MEETING

by W. Churchill Scott
March 2, 1983

Present at a Board of Directors meeting at the Pulling home at the beginning of March were Rob Badger, Rob Carey, Ray, Steve, Winnie, Mark, Roma and myself. Guests were Carolyn Badger and Sue Carey.

Outings Chairman Roma Pulling reported members have responded well to her request for more hike leaders which in turn allows more outings to be scheduled.

Landowners in our Section were recently polled about continuing on the Smoke & Blazes mailing list. We have felt that this helps with public relations and are pleased to report that 21 out of 27 said "yes" and a number added favorable comments.

The new Killington Section "End-to-End" certificate was on display and will be available at the annual meeting, March 26, for those who have earned it.

A chain saw purchase was turned down. The stove has been removed from Minerva Hinchey Shelter again and the possibility of an open shelter was discussed. Mark Krebs reported on Trails & Shelters. Pico and Tamarack Shelters are in good condition, while Cooper has some skier trash. The main club has recommended that the Wade property building be removed. A number of offers to remove it for lumber have been made but cleanup is questioned.

The Kirk Fund was discussed. A caretaker at Cooper was suggested at a minimum cost of \$300. Rob Carey is to

contact the main club office for information and possible financial help.

Pres. Catozzi offered a number of possible by-law changes but no action was taken. A membership drive brochure, library informational meeting, and slide collection were discussed. Members should be reminded of \$1.00 rebate for signing up new members.

The tarpaper building astride the trail relocation near Gov. Clement Shelter is to be removed and the Pullings will explore this later.

It is with regret that we learned that John Lepinski, a director, is resigning. Also director and Trails & Shelters chairman Mark Krebs has an employment offer out of state and we are sorry that he too will leave us soon. We will miss both of these individuals and appreciate the help they have given us. Olga Laird was elected by the directors to fulfill the remaining two years of John Lepinski's term.

Winnie Shambo was appointed to head the nominating committee. At the Annual Meeting positions for three directors need to be filled and Olga's election approved.

IN QUEST OF LIEUTENANT SMALL: A CLIMB OF SALT ASH MOUNTAIN

by Jim Frink
December 9, 1982

I just had an interesting experience that I thought might be of interest to the Killington Section.

Mr. Sanborn Partridge has a copy of a letter written by Lieutenant John Small to General (Lord) Jeffrey Amherst in 1790 regarding his journey with troops from Fort #4 on the Connecticut River in New Hampshire to a point about several miles short of the Great Falls of the Otter -- what we know as Sutherland Falls, the falls behind the marble company in Proctor. In this letter he is not too explicit about his path through the mountains on this journey and Sandy remarked to me that he would like to climb Salt Ash Mountain and search out the

possible routes through the mountains and take pictures from the summit. I said I'd like to go with him, so we did it on Tuesday, Dec. 9 -- a beautiful sunny day.

We drove to the Pierce Country Store in North Shrewsbury and discussed what route we ought to follow to the summit. (Neither of us had been on this mountain before.) With the knowledge of Mr. Pierce we plotted a route up to the abandoned Sugar Bush Venture, and then bush-whacked to the summit.

If your car is in front of Pierce's Store and facing toward the north (past the gas tank), take the first left turn, follow the road past the Herb Farm - down the hill to the bridge where a sign says "Road Closed."



We parked on the road at the short branch which goes up to the abandoned and torn down buildings of the Sugar Bush Venture.

We could see the summit so we bush-whacked straight up through some pretty rough territory. We passed through many long lengths of sap tubing which had been left on the trees. The summit is 3200 or 3600 feet (I can't remember which), and the top is so covered with spruce and balsam that no decent photograph of the surrounding country can be made. We traveled all around the summit looking for view points but found none good enough to the north where the passes lay - one of which the lieutenant had taken his troops through.

Sandy did not want to give up so he climbed a tall spruce tree on the north side and took several pictures, all of which were too much obscured by the branches of other trees.

On the way down, while we were still close to the top, we found some fine viewpoints to the north and Sandy got the pictures he wanted.

He brought along two fine special compasses, one for each of us, and two very accurate altimeters, measuring every foot of our climb.

On the way down we found the remains of a faint trail which we followed until it petered out. Then we got to the sap tubing once again and came out on a road (a lot higher than the one on which we had parked the car). We figured that the road would take us to the car eventually if we went to the right, but decided that if we went to the left, the distance might be shorter. We came out on the road we had come in on, about 200 yards from the car!

It was a tough climb for me since I had not done any climbing for a long time, and I developed some very painful leg cramps on the way home, and again after I got home, but a hot bath and rest soon cured me.

Maybe some of your young ambitious climbers might want to try it!

MOONLIGHT OVER MINERVA

by Ray Catozzi
December 30, 1982

The weather bode well for this next to last night of 1982, with a 50-50 chance that we would see a nearly full moon on our annual holiday trip to either Tucker-Johnson Shelter or Minerva Hinchey Shelter. This year Minerva's camp was our choice, and 17 of the faithful walked in the short half mile from the parking lot above Spring Lake Ranch.

Your leader went in early, alone, in the daylight hours of mid-afternoon, to clean camp, gather firewood, and to build fires, one in the outside fireplace and one in the boot-leg stove inside. The Killington Section has opted to remove all stoves from their camps, and after Steve Pulling removed what we all thought was the old, worn-out regular stove from the camp last fall he discovered, on clo-

ser examination, that he had removed a newer replica of the old one. Someone didn't like this idea of no stove, so they brought in a second one, made from a 55-gallon drum. A lot of good work went into this second boot-leg stove, but it nevertheless had to come out....after we used it for that night, of course.

Clouds moved in during the darkening evening, but a slight breeze kept clearing the sky. I was fortunate enough to be tending to the outside fire when the moon popped up over the hill to the northeast of camp. A wonderful, never-ending thrill.....

As the darkness deepened and the time approached when the gang would be arriving, I stoked up the outside fire and put lighted candles in the window to make a warmer welcome. I know I hate to approach a dark, cold and empty shelter on the trail at night.

It wasn't long after their arrival before they all settled down, either around the outside campfire, or around the table and on the bunks inside. A party atmosphere soon prevailed as cheese, crackers, cookies, cakes, dips, candy, breads, and home-made and store-bought wine were spread over the entire camp table and on the large bunk platform.

Sue Carey had brought copies of Christmas carols and winter songs, and while many were still smorgasbording a few girls started singing. Others continued to join in as they paused between snacks, or as soon as they got their courage up. The fact that it was five days past Christmas didn't seem to dampen their enthusiasm one bit.

All that is, except Steve Pulling and Rob Badger. I don't know which it was, their dislike of singing Christmas carols after Christmas, or the fact that neither one of them can carry a single note (my guess), but the two of them disappeared from the area, not coming back to the shelter until long after the festivities were over and many had left for home. It was revealed that they had hiked in the full moonlight north to Spring Lake Clearing and back, about a 1 3/4 mile walk. Can't really blame the lads, though, with mild weather and a

bright moon. I envied them, in a way...

But even after they returned, the remaining six or eight of us stood outside the camp in the moonlight, and talked, and talked, and talked. Like an hour, it seemed. It was so pleasant and peaceful, with congenial folks, we all hated to go home. All good things must come to an end, they say, and so they did, as we slowly walked back down to our cars, and then home.

....AND THE EXTRACURRICULAR OVERNIGHT TRIP

by Sue Thomas

After the more intelligent club members had finished their hot chocolate and gone home to their nice warm beds, six of us, Rob & Sue Carey, Rob & Carolyn Badger, Piñon and I settled in to spend the night. We opted not to use the bootleg stove due to the smoke, so we retreated to our sleeping bags fairly early.

Room service arrived early the next morning (Steve & Becky Pulling with donuts and coffee!) and found us still in our bags (shame, shame) but we redeemed ourselves by hiking out via the Long Trail instead of the road, after first enjoying the donuts and dismantling the stove.

On the way out Rob Badger spotted an ermine, all white except for the end of his tail, so he stood out with no snow on the ground. He seemed as interested in watching us as we were in watching him, so we observed each other for quite a while, (and I hope he wrote up a more interesting report than this on the incident!). All in all, it was well worth the colder moments.



PATCH HOLLOW

by Harold Rogers
January 9, 1983

As usual it was a good hike after we got organized. I called Roma on Saturday, the day before the hike, for the coffee pot but she said she didn't have it. I thought whoever had it would probably bring it with him on the hike. No

such luck. We decided we needed one so I took Roma home and she donated a cooking pot to heat water.

In spite of clear and warm weather, we only had thirteen hikers. After our late start, we left the cars above Spring Lake Ranch near the barns and the road that goes to Spring Lake. We had a slow, enjoyable walk to Patch Hollow.

While the group was looking over the sights of an ice-covered swamp in the woods, Churchill and Virginia started collecting wood for a fire. I looked for water, but couldn't find any so we decided so we decided to backtrack down the road about one half mile to a small open stream. We heated a small amount of dirty water and had hot drinks with our lunch. We ate by an old log road on the side of a hill in open hard woods with a small frozen stream down below us.

The ground was bare in Rutland but snow-covered where we had lunch. The weather was crisply cold but pleasant with no wind.

After lunch seven of the group went back to the cars, while the others returned to Patch Hollow and headed west up an old steep log road for about a quarter of a mile. We then bushwhacked north until we came to a logging operation and followed log roads back to the Long Trail. We guessed we had walked about five miles on this part of the hike. The others were still at the cars, having taken some short side hikes and watched the sheep and pigs for a while.

It was a short hike but an enjoyable one.

FREEDLEY QUARRY, DORSET

by Rob and Carolyn Badger
January 15, 1983

Repeated by request after last year's successful skating party, we again had a great day skating at Freedley. The original outing had been scheduled for December, but warm weather resulted in thin ice, so we rescheduled and am glad we did. Ten days before our trip I

visited the quarry, driving in on the still bare ground, and found quite a few rocks on the ice from kids throwing them on to "test the ice." I left a sign requesting that no objects be thrown on to the ice since some of us skate on it, but upon returning for our party, we not only found more rocks, but also my sign on the ice. But no problem, as there is a back room to the quarry that is not accessible except across another section of ice, and this was smooth and clear.

We placed a lantern in the center of the ice and skated around, dodging a few ice stalagmites. Without the lantern, the room is almost totally black, but with the weak light emanating from a Coleman, an eerie light is reflected around the room and through the ice that enhances the atmosphere considerably. We had a great time that hopefully will encourage the three newcomers who joined us to come with us again. Skaters were Sue Tumlin, Richard Van Marten, Anne Kohler with her daughter Karin, Sue Thomas, Nancy Sugarman, Sue Carey, Carol Chapman, Dave Hadley and Rob and Carolyn Badger. Roma Pulling built the fire with help from late arrivals John and Emma Hughes.

After lunch, we skated a bit longer, then headed out from the quarry to find the winter's first major snowstorm in progress.

PINE HILL PARK: RUTLAND TO PROCTOR

by Rob Carey
January 22, 1983

This trip was planned as a snowshoe hike exclusively. Since we weren't going to follow snowmobile trails or old roads it wasn't planned for walkers or skiers. However there wasn't enough snow for snowshoes, so all 10 of us walked.

We followed the road up to Rocky Pond. As we crossed the ice of Muddy Pond there were ominous cracking sounds and wet spots, but no one fell through. Then we followed a compass heading of 320° Magnetic.

Just before reaching the ridgeline we stopped for lunch. There wasn't any

water or much snow to melt, but we found some ice and melted that. After lunch we came onto an old road and followed that down to Proctor, where cars awaited to return us to Rutland and coffee at the Careys.

NORTHAM TO ROUND TOP

by Steve Pulling
February 6, 1983

This trip was a second attempt by the Killington Section to climb Round Top Mountain in less than a year. The first attempt, led by Harold Rogers, was "mysteriously" rained out while the group was eating lunch. I don't think anyone on that hike will admit he knew where the rain came from!!

The morning of the second attempt saw no rain, but it was a cold and crisp day. To speed things up a bit, ten people packed into the back of a pickup truck and experienced a cramped, bumpy drive up the Great Roaring Brook Road to the intersection of the Saltash Road, where shouts of joy were heard as all unpile out of the truck to stretch and rub their sore rear ends. Not so for the twofortunates who were up in the front, right, Steve and Anna!

The hike started out to be uneventful as we walked up an old logging road among beautiful large spruce trees and plentiful animal tracks. Then we came to the treacherous ice-covered river crossing. After the leader made the maiden crossing and declared it semi-safe, everyone else made the slippery crossing, one at a time. Luckily no casualties were suffered and we gave ourselves a cheer.

As we progressed up the logging road we surprisingly came upon a little village of ski chalets and condos, not on any map, mind you! After walking through this village we found the ski trail and hiked to the summit.

After lunch and some great views to the north of Killington Peak and the Route 100 valley, we returned to Northam in the reverse fashion of that just described.

HALF MOON POND STATE PARK

by Carolyn and Rob Badger
February 12, 1983

At Half Moon Pond we were blessed with one of the few weekends of this winter that had really good snow conditions. The sun was shining and all were ready to enjoy some of the season's best. An advantage of Half Moon State Park is that it has something for everyone at this time of year. Some skied, some snowshoed, and others hiked. (And, I suppose, if there had been no snow, we would have had the entire pond to skate on). The unplowed road around the park is fun for all levels of skiing ability and great for snowshoes. One long downhill is a favorite of many, especially since it has a long runway at the end if out of control. We climbed this several times to make another run.

After playing on the roads and pond, we ate lunch at a lean-to site complete with a dry picnic table and warm fire thanks to Jim Griffin whom we were glad to welcome back after his recent heart attack. Joining us also were Roma Pulling, Olga Laird, Anna Nyiri, Rob and Sue Carey, Carol Chapman, Nancy Sugarman, George Reynolds and Sue Thomas.

Afterwards, the adventuresome went on a trek to High Pond. It was a bit more technical, but well worth the climb.

WINTER WEEKEND AT MERCK FOREST

by Ann Reynolds
February 26-27, 1983

"It beats staying home and mopping the kitchen floor," declared Roma Pulling, as the group mushed in (or slid in) to Spruce Shelter on a cold, blustery Saturday morning.

By afternoon the wind had abated, the sun was shining brightly, and a weekend at Merck Forest and Farmland Center in Rupert beat not only mopping the floor, but most anything else one could think of.

Veterans of former winter weekends, including three at Merck Forest, declared this to be the best of all, with the largest participation by far. The stalwart crew included Roma and her son, Steve,

Carol Chapman, Sue Thomas, Ray Catozzi, Rob and Sue Carey, Rob and Caroline Badger and George and Ann Reynolds, plus Churchill Scott, who came for Saturday daytime only. And there was also our mascot, the Badgers' dog, Piñon, who carried her own food supply in miniature saddlebags.

The weather was not conducive to either skiing or snowshoeing, as the snow had melted, then frozen over, making the going somewhat rough in spots. The Careys, however, were on skis most of the time -- that is, when they weren't sliding downhill on them. Everyone else relied on hiking, and hike we did -- at different times, in different combinations of people, and on many different trails of the miles that Merck has to offer.

Although we met several groups, mostly skiers, on our way to the shelter, we saw very few of these people later, because the forest and shelters are so spread out there is little chance of meeting anyone. We were glad, however, to be occupying a cozy shelter with a glass front, rather than one of the open lean-tos, where we saw bright orange tarps hung across the front as windbreaks.

Shortly after our noontime arrival at the shelter, we had a good fire going in the stove, and everyone had more or less staked out their territory" for sleeping and stowing gear. With seven bunks for 11 people, there was a bit of jockeying for position. Roma and Carol quickly claimed the two upper bunks, knowing that heat rises. Rob and Sue, the newlyweds, shared one of the wider bunks, while Steve and the Badgers ended up sleeping on the floor. Several threw logs on the fire during the night, but we all admitted it was COLD in the morning when people began to stir around 7:30. Someone confirmed that it was 12° outside.

A hike to the sugar house occupied most of Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday morning quite a few made the climb to the summit of Mt. Antone. But the best hike of all, some thought, was Saturday night, in full moonlight. What started out as a "little walk" took us to Clark's Clearing and back. On the way we spotted distant lights and tried to guess where they were. Some said Granville, some Whitehall and

others Glens Falls. A talk with the caretaker, Beth Tucker, next day confirmed that we were indeed seeing the lights of Glens Falls.

In between hikes, several brave souls tried out George's toboggan on the slope in front of the shelter.

One of the best parts of any outing, of course, is the EATING, and club members once again proved that individual tastes vary greatly. When we started to prepare supper, out came everything from Roma's can of spaghetti to the Badgers' tempting concoction of rice, mushrooms, etc. -- or was that the Careys'? Ray shared with us a bottle of his homemade elderberry wine, vintage 1979 (a very good year, Ray), and the Badgers provided popcorn before we turned in.

On Sunday morning, which dawned very bright and clear, everyone packed up after eating, then took off in various directions, as mentioned before, for one final hike. By noon, we were all headed back to our cars and our scattered destinations.

All agreed we should make reservations at once for next year, and hope that our positive experience will encourage even more people to come out another year -- though we might have to make more room on the floor!

SIX WEEKS AT STRATTON POND

by Winnie Shambo

(continued from last issue)

...I also enjoyed the time spent alone, for then I could really listen to nature. Even the rainstorms were exciting! I listened to the rain pounding on the tent while the wind, like a bellows, moved the tent walls in and out, sometimes with great force. When the wind abated I listened to the slap of the water against the shore. I had one very spectacular thunder and lightning storm! When there wasn't rain -- when the night was still -- I'd listen to the spring as the water flowed from the pipe or I'd hear the Barred Owls calling to one another or hear other creatures as they walked through the forest near the tent.

Unfortunately, from early morning to late afternoon, I could also hear heavy equipment and chain-saws of the two logging operations in the area.

Known and sighted animal life in the Stratton Pond area were: a magnificent moose (who appeared the evening of Labor Day and was sighted at various locales throughout September and October); two baby coons; two pairs of beaver who lived in the pond; numerous chipmunks, red squirrels and chickadees, a hermit thrush, woodpeckers, one grouse, kingfishers, hummingbirds, great blue herons (along Deerfield Brook), flocks of geese taking a rest on the pond from their flight south for the winter, and one male loon whose cry was exceptionally touching, especially when combined with one of Stratton's beautiful sunsets. And although I never saw him or her, there were bear tracks about 20 feet from my tent. One hiker from Bourne Pond reported seeing a snowshoe rabbit being chased by what he believes was a fisher.

I hope I represented the GMC and Killington Section well while at Stratton Pond. This was my first experience at such an endeavor and I thoroughly enjoyed my stay.

Morning temperatures ranged from 42 to 58 degrees. Toward the end of my stay, they were dropping down into the low 30's. Pretty chilly and I sure could have used some handwarmers (and feet warmers!). To cap this adventure, my last weekend was cold, wet and blowy. During the night of Oct. 16, the rain turned to snow and by morning we had a good covering, making it difficult to dismantle the tent. My last action, before packing out, was to walk to the west end of the pond for a final view of Stratton Mountain swathed in snow and clouds.

A person can become very possessive after spending so much time at one place and I'm no different. I refer to Stratton as my pond. It's such a lovely area and I hope to return as Fall Caretaker again in 1983, God willing.



KILLINGTON SECTION 1982 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1982.....\$693.14

INCOME

Dues.....	\$590.50
Kirk Fund.....	142.00
Sugar on Snow.....	63.00
Interest.....	39.85
Guide Books.....	10.50
Autumn Outing.....	8.00
Patches.....	2.00

Total \$855.85

EXPENSES

G.M.C.	\$288.94
Dues 226.50	
T&S Ins.62.44	
Smoke & Blazes....	223.49
Kirk Fund.....	142.00
Publicity.....	34.78
Sugar on Snow.....	33.73
Donations.....	30.00
Trails & Shelters.	26.69
Secretary.....	20.34
Postage.....	20.10
Phone.....	17.68
Autumn Outing.....	10.00
Outing.....	8.97

Total \$856.72

EXPENSES paid by Kirk Fund

T & S Insurance.....	62.44
T & S Expense.....	26.69

Total \$ 89.13

1982 Income..... \$855.85

1982 Expense..... 767.59
88.26

Balance Jan. 1, 1982.....693.14

Balance Dec. 31, 1982..... \$781.40

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A MORE FITTING TRIBUTE TO MAURI

Many of you out there in Killington Section land knew Mauri Wintturi quite well; some of you not so well, and some are wondering just whom I'm talking about. From Fitchburg, Mass., where he worked, Mauri came to Vermont nearly every week-end for years on end, even spending much of his vacation time up here in Vermont, his adopted state. After his heart attack, he restricted himself to just the good weather, staying home during most of the bad winter weather. But his heart was here, as always, even if his body wasn't.

Mauri has been gone up in the greener hills of heaven for a year now but he is not forgotten, not by a Long Trail mile he isn't. Many a Killington Section outing saw his smiling face and his paw wrapped around a can of cool liquid lunch. I'm sure that members of the Worcester, Pioneer Valley and the Ottauquechee Sections saw him often also. Mauri, believe it or not, was a member of four sections, the GMC itself, as a member-at-large, as well as belonging to the Appalachian Mountain Club.

It was at Mauri's suggestion that our former Sunnyside Shelter was renamed in honor of long-time GMC secretary Minerva Hinchey. This shelter was one of Mauri's favorites. Also a favorite of his was the Gulf Shelter on the Appalachean Trail north of Woodstock. That was in his last year or two when he couldn't hike very far, and the Gulf Shelter was within sight of his parked Volkswagen.

As Mauri more or less adopted the Gulf Shelter as his own, a movement is now afoot to have this Gulf Shelter renamed in his honor. In a letter from a member of the Pioneer Valley Section to Preston Bristow of the Ottauquechee Section, which Preston passed on to me recently, this suggestion came forth. Preston answered her letter by saying that since Mauri was a member of four sections, we all should be consulted about this renaming. Many folks in the Green Mountain Club have voiced this idea and now it seems that it will come to pass.

At a recent Killington Section board meeting this idea met with favorable reaction. I shall also bring it up at our annual meeting. This is a good idea, this renaming in honor of Mauri, one that should be done expeditiously by whoever is empowered to carry it out.

But what this story is really about is that Mauri was more to us in the Green Mountain Club than just placing his name on a wooden structure in the forest. Much has been written about him since his death, and much of that was because he became such a pleasant surprise to so many after he was gone, leaving a tremendous and completely unique legacy for the club to enjoy.

Oh, he was irascible to many who came in contact with him; an irritant at the annual meeting and board meetings. He seemed to be the devil's advocate to many. But Mauri really had a heart of gold, would do most anything for anybody (well, almost). His lack of tact in dealing with people was really just that he couldn't or wouldn't find the words to hide the painful truth of a matter, as he saw it.

And because Mauri meant more to all of us who knew and liked him, more should be done. As Preston Bristow said in his

letter there has been talk of a more fitting memorial other than the naming of a shelter.

One of Mauri's bequests to the club was hundreds of excellent, professional quality slides. I'm sure much has been thought of along these lines; to make several slide shows to be available for GMC publicity, and indelibly stamped with Mauri Wintturi's name.

Another idea that has come to my mind, which must be somewhat kept secret, due to the nature of my idea (not to gain notoriety or dubious publishing rights -- heaven forbid!), involves a request for me to carry out. Some will probably guess what I'm up to, but if they do, I hope they have the good sense to keep it to themselves.

What I am requesting is a good copy of a color print or color slide of Mauri arguing a point at a meeting, or wherever, or one of Mauri drinking his favorite drink, or both. The results of this request I would like to present to the club members and officers at the GMC annual meeting in Northfield this May. The nature of the finished product is what I hope to keep secret.

These are still somewhat inconsequential ideas to be carried out in Mauri's honor. I'm sure others have thought of some, and it is hoped that they will come forth with them. Someone, I can't remember who, suggested that we erect a full size statue of Mauri on the top of Mansfield, holding his permanent can of beer and greeting all the future climbers to reach that summit. Maybe it's not such a bad idea at that.

--Ray Catozzi

MINI END-TO-END CERTIFICATE

For those of us who set our sights on something less ambitious than hiking the whole Long Trail from end to end, an alternate goal could be to hike the 21 miles of trail for which our section is responsible (between Routes 4 and 140). To reward those who accomplish this goal, Winne Shambo has designed a certificate. If you are eligible and would like to receive one of these cer-

tificates let Churchill Scott or Ray Catozzi know before the annual meeting on March 26.

HIKING COMPANION WANTED

Wanted one or more hiking companions with car to hike on Long Trail south of Arlington-West Wardsboro Road or north of Middlebury Gap after black fly season. Have two man tent, stove and car which I will share. Interested in day or overnight trips. Hiking speed about 5 to 7 miles per day with full pack. If interested, please contact George Reynolds in the evening at 885-5416 or write to 8 Hillcrest Road, Springfield, Vt. 05156.

ACHIEVER

Why has one of Killington Section's quieter members and not one of our more outspoken types been in the news again? I think that question can be answered in one word--ACHIEVEMENT.

In July, 1981, Anne Mausolff, of Andover, was the subject of a story in the Black River Tribune after completing 600 miles in two months on the Appalachian Trail.

More recently she was honored in the Rutland Herald of December 28, 1982, as the owner of Ski Tours of Vermont. The article describes a typical cross-country trip led by Anne lasting a total of four days with five nights spent in country inns.

Good luck, Anne!

ANNUAL MEETING

Don't miss Killington Section's Annual Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 26. Notice the new location at the Methodist Church on Williams Street. This is your chance to learn more about our section's activities and to share in its decisions.

Rob Badger will show slides of a week-long trip to Mt. Katahdin. Refreshments will be served.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Spring 1983 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, President, 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Roma Pulling, Vice-President, RFD #2, Woodstock Ave., 773-6997; or W. Churchill Scott, Sec.-Treas., RFD 1, Chasanna Dr., 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Mar. 26 (Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING followed by slide show and refreshments. Methodist Church, Williams Street. Don't miss it!
Apr. 9 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	Mystery CAVE TRIP, suitable for beginners. Bring flash-lights and old clothes. 2 mi. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
Apr. 16 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WORK PARTY at Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Cuttingsville. Mark Krebs, 773-4116
Apr. 24 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	MAURI WINTTURI MEMORIAL HIKE at one of his favorite spots. Gulf Shelter to Luce's Lookout on the Appalachian Trail, North Bridgewater. 3 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
May 7 (Sat.)	8:00 A.M.	NORTH POND, Chittenden. Extremely difficult, 6 mi. For info, call 775-3361 Mike Shortsleeves
May 15 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	HISTORICAL HIKE at Mt. Independence, 3 mi., easy. Jim Griffin, 773-3463
May 21 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION WALK-THROUGH. In teams cover as much of our section as possible, assess winter damage and do minor maintenance. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
May 28 (Sat.) May 27-30 (Fri.-Mon.)		GMC ANNUAL MEETING, Norwich University, Northfield. We need more people representing our section. Camping, hiking, entertainment, dinner by reservation for all members. See Feb. <u>LT News</u> for details and registration blank.
June 4 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MT. ASCUTNEY, Windsor, via Weathersfield Trail past Crystal Cascade. 5 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
June 5 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	BIKE TRIP, Proctor, Pittsford area. <u>Meet at parking lot at College of St. Joseph the Provider.</u> 36 mi. Rob Badger, 773-3777
June 10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)		END-TO-END backpacking trip, Appalachian Gap to Rte. 2. Phone leader for details. Rob Carey, 773-3269
June 18 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY NATURE HIKE, easy, low mileage Sue Carey, 773-3269/Carol Chapman, 775-3545
June 26 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	TACONIC CREST TRAIL, Pownal to Mass. Rte. 2, moderate, 7.8 miles. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING. THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSES WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA.

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EAST MT. VIA TENNEY BROOK AND
THE DUG WAY

by Ray Catozzi
March 6, 1983

If you were looking for an article on skiing or snowshoeing from Bellevue Ave. Ext. to the Post Road, you will have to wait a year or so. The mild winter we've all enjoyed has melted what snow we needed for such a venture, so the scene was shifted to another area close by, but one that your leader knew would be more picturesque.

As it turned out we were walking in crusty snow, and following some other previous hiker's frozen footsteps most of the trip up til lunch time. It was a morning of brilliant sunshine (can't figure my luck on this one) and warming temperatures.

Starting from a point on Rt. 4 east of Rutland, and opposite Santa Land, up a road leading to the so-called Mead Castle, we all enjoyed easy bare road walking. A short side trip brought us in sight of the castle built by Janet and Brad Mead in the late thirties, just before they started the Pico Ski Area, and gave birth to their daughter Andrea Mead (Lawrence), as many of you will remember, became the first American girl skier to win 2 gold medals in Olympic Skiing in 1952.

Continuing along a flat below the castle, through which flows Tenney Brook, we picked up the Dugway Road which wound its way steeply uphill, above a sharp steep cut in the mountain

slope. Below, in the cut, Tenney Brook takes a spectacular splashy tumble in the summertime. But even though the valley below was bare and warming, up there winter ice blanketed and muted the falls.

Above the cut, the brook and road leveled off and wandered slowly uphill, in a now southerly direction, on the east side of the ridge. The walking in about 4 inches of snow became very easy and most enjoyable.

At the point where Tenney Brook and its adjoining wood road started bearing south-east, we turned right onto another wood road that soon led to the crest of the ridge, with a limited but nice overlook of the northern half of Rutland. Here we built a fire and had a very enjoyable lunch, sitting on bare logs and rocks in the warming sun.

Soon a few started back, while your leader led the rest further up the road, and up the ridge looking for a certain large boulder he had spotted up on a knob on a lone trip last November. We never found it so we returned and soon caught up with the first bunch. Along the way out we picked hobble-bush to force the bloom at home, a first for a few of the group.

Going on a different road from the flad below the castle, we soon came out on the Town Line Road. Coffee, donuts, and pleasant conversation awaited us at the Pulling's house. A great day with a good group of people.

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Because Jake Sherman was unable to type this issue of Smoke and Blazes, Roma Pulling, Nancy Sugarman and Cynthia Roberts graciously

agreed to do the typing. A hearty thank you to you ladies for making this issue possible for our readers! (The typists reported, "This experience makes us realize how much we appreciate Jake.")

SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY - A DIARY
by Roma Pulling - Coordinator/
Hostess

Tues., March 8, 1983 - It rained yesterday and is forecast to rain off and on for the next few days. I got uneasy about gathering snow for our sugar-on-snow party set for Saturday, the 12th, as the ground is bare here. What will several days of rain do to the snow cover even on the mountain? Alfred and I drove to the end of Robinwood, filled three plastic bags with snow and stored them in our freezer. The snow was crusty but still quite deep.

Friday, March 11 - It has rained some every day, but the forecast for tomorrow is for a cold blustery day with snow flurries. Shouldn't be too bad either for getting here for the party or for parking.

Sat., March 12 - What a shock when I got up to see the ground blanketed with snow and heavy snow still falling! Churchill hiked over from Chasanna Drive to deliver the two gallons of syrup. The driving on the road past our house was pretty bad for a while in the morning with a bus and several cars temporarily unable to make the grade. Probably city slickers with summer tires! Janet got here at 11:30 and started boiling syrup. A little past 1 p.m. Rob and Sue arrived to help set up chairs and tables and fold napkins. With all the fresh snow outside, we decided not to use the stuff from the freezer, and the Careys filled the plastic boxes with the new snow.

I was pleased that 17 people (counting ourselves) actually got

here. By afternoon driving had improved, but we were disappointed that Carol got stranded in Rutland. Ray was late again but had an excuse this time. He skied up over the track he would have used for the March 6 hike - if we had had the foot of snow a week earlier.

The food was delicious. Lao Vang, a guest of the Martins, had his first sugar-on-snow and seemed to like it. Rob Badger showed us slides of Mt. Katahdin and a few added attractions - an unexpected treat.

Sun., March 13 - In retrospect, I think the party was a success. We really appreciated the help, especially Janet's with the boiling and Rob's entertainment. That added a new dimension to the program. I'm already looking forward to next year's party.

NEW BRIDGE OVER COLD RIVER

During the "Walk-through" those who hiked the section between Governor Clement Shelter and Lower Cold River Road found that to cross the stream it was necessary to get at least one foot wet. Consequently the recommendation for a bridge was made.

Anxious to resolve the problem and not finding any other volunteers for the job, Trails and Shelters Chairman, Steve Pulling, and Al Pulling did the work themselves on Sunday, June 5.

Three cheers for you, Steve and Al! When we cross the bridge we'll think of you and thank you for our dry feet.



GLEN DAM

by Virginia Young
March 20, 1983

On a nice bright Sunday morning about a dozen members of the Killington Section and friends walked up the penstock to Glen Dam. Next we came to one of the early reservoirs used for the city water supply.

Nearby was a larger body of water used as a reserve while the main water supply dam was being cleaned. Finally we came to the present reservoir which was a beautiful sight in a beautiful spot.

A side trip took us up Mendon Brook to the chlorine house and to where we could see the bridge on Meadow Lake Drive.

From here Pres. Raymond Catozzi, having spent many years camping, hiking, picnicking, and fishing in this area, led the group.

Following one of the pipe lines we continued cross country to a lunch spot. From there we passed the town dump and the ball field and soon returned to Chasanna Drive.

Again it was good to see a number of new faces.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

by Ray Catozzi
March 26, 1983

This once a year gathering of the membership was held in the Methodist Church, with one of the largest turnouts we have had in years, 33. All were members with the exception of five guests.

Guests included Preston Bristow of the big "O" section in Woodstock, along with his wife and child, Ann Reynolds of Springfield, who wrote

such a nice Rutland Herald article of our winter campout in Merck Forest, and Harry Peet, GMC's executive director from Montpelier. Harry is a member of the Killington Section, but we treat him like a guest. It's no big deal -- he's a member of all the GMC sections!

The usual reports of Treasurer, Churchill Scott, 23 years at the post, our director Rob Carey, and all the other committees were presented. Committee chairmen had been doing great work in their particular areas: Roma Pulling for Outings, Winnie Shambo for Publicity, Carol Chapman for Smoke & Blazes, and Steve Pulling for Mark Krebs on the Trails & Shelter Committee.

Of particular interest was Roma's report of increased overall attendance on our outings, due partly to the larger number of outings scheduled now; one nearly every weekend. We think this also is reflected in our increased membership, which now stands just short of 100. It's been many years since the KS has numbered more than 100.

The KS Slide Collection was mentioned, its whereabouts pinpointed. This collection has had many personal additions by Janet and Jack Martin, the most recent collection caretakers. A committee will be formed in the near future to update and round out the collection, making it suitable for public showing.

Some recent changes in KS directors were announced and confirmed by the membership. According to KS by-laws, vacancies in directors are filled by the remaining directors subject to approval by the membership. John Lepinski's and Mark Kreb's resignations left two openings which were filled by Olga Laird and John Hughes.

Sue Carey is our new Long Trail

News reporter.

Harry Peet brought us up to date on the negotiations between the GMC, the Sherburne Corp., and the National Park Service concerning an easement for a relocated Long Trail section between Gov. Clement Shelter and Cooper Lodge. Preston Bristow also added his comments on the same theme as well as other developments in his job as Park Service Coordinator in the Appalachian Trail Preservation Project.

Three directors were re-elected to 3-year terms, Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi, and Rob Carey, and during a recess of the regular meeting the directors elected Ray Catozzi President, Rob Badger Vice President, Olga Laird Secretary, Churchill Scott Treasurer, and Rob Carey GMC Director.

During the refreshments which followed the meeting's adjournment, some people renewed acquaintance with each other after a year's absence.

MYSTERY CAVE TRIP

by Rob & Sue Carey
April 9, 1983

We went to Nickwacket (Old Bat) Cave, located on the northwest slope of Chaffee Mountain in Chittenden. Despite no advertising in the newspaper, fifteen people came on the trip including several new people. We hiked about a mile to the cave along an old dirt road. This cave is unusual for a small cave because it has three entrances. Inside we split into 2 groups to make exploring easier. Everyone (including Piñon

Badger) went at least partway into the cave. Those who continued on their bellies through a moderately tight crawlway were rewarded by seeing some excellent flowstone (water-deposited limestone). There were several other interesting tight squeezes and hands and knees crawlways. Besides the occasional human and canine visitors there are some real cave dwellers. We saw several bats hanging upside down from the ceiling and daddy-long-legs crawling on the walls.

It was still early after we had explored the cave and eaten lunch so most of us climbed Chaffee Mountain. It was a steep bushwhack to the top and seemed steeper on the way down. From the top there were good views of Killington and Pico Peaks.

If there is continued interest in spelunking in the club perhaps we could schedule a fall trip to one of the larger caves in our area.

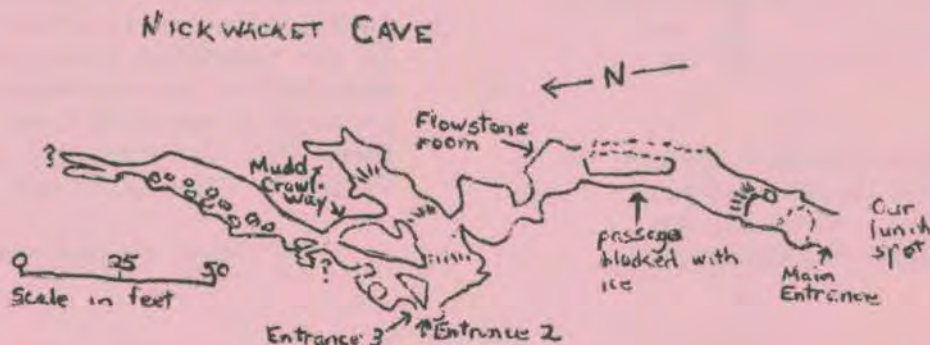
WORK PARTY

by Becky Pulling
April 16, 1983

"Here goes!" eleven GMC members exclaimed as they set out on the foot path to Minerva Hinchey Shelter.

Armed with rakes, saws, hammers, and chisels, garbage bags, and shovels, all were intent on cleaning up unwanted debris around the shelter.

It had already been determined that having woodstoves in the shelter carried a danger of fire burning the wooden structure itself. The first decision was to merely remove the stove out of the shelter. Well, folks, three stoves later, it was decided that the best way



to stop the mysterious person from putting the stoves there was to dismantle the cinderblock chimney. The chimney had many cracks which made it hazardous. Various calls could be heard by Rob Badger and Steve Pulling, such as, "Cinder block, anyone?" "Going once, going twice." "Look out below...!" "Timber!" "Crash!"

The leaves and dead wood were raked into a pile and burned. A human chain was formed to load up the cinder blocks onto a four-wheel drive truck to be hauled away. Saws could be heard cutting the bigger logs into smaller sizes to be taken to the fire. The doors of the shelter were removed to discourage vandalism.

After all the hustle and bustle was through, someone hollered, "Lunch time, you guys, anyone hungry?" Upon surveying the site, one could conclude that the shelter and its grounds were as close to being "squeaky clean" as dirt and grass could be. All eleven sat down to what I'd say was a well-deserved lunch.

MAURI WINTTURI MEMORIAL HIKE

by Stephen Pulling
April 24, 1983

We all know how much time Mauri spent in the Gulf Shelter - Luce's Lookout area of North Bridgewater, but I think even Mauri would have stayed in his yellow Volkswagen on the day of this hike. However, the cold temperatures, heavy rain, fog, and knee-deep wet snow didn't stop seven brave (?) hikers from trying to wallow up to Luce's Lookout.

Because of the weather, I was very surprised to meet four other people at the fire station ready to hike. Rob and Sue Carey, Winnie Shambo, Anna Nyiri, and I piled into Rob's car and rode to Woodstock where we met Bob Cochran and Janet Farley from the Ottaquechee Section. The ride from Woodstock to the A.T. was the last we saw of any dry clothes.

The short walk to Gulf Shelter wasn't

bad although we were all pretty damp. After scaling Cobb Hill we encountered knee-deep wet snow which only devoted hikers would push themselves through. After sloshing down the back side of Cobb Hill we came upon a plowed dirt road which we followed for about 200 yards until the trail turned off to the left. We stopped to make a decision about climbing Luce's Lookout and not seeing any view because of the fog and rain, or returning to Gulf Shelter for lunch. Of course we made the latter choice and returned to the shelter for lunch and fellowship.

So ends a wet, soggy saga. Let's schedule this hike later in the season next year.

NORTH POND

by Roma Pulling
May 7, 1983

From the time I saw North Pond in Chittenden on the topo map, it held a kind of mystique for me, as though North and South ponds were a set and my exploration wasn't complete until I had seen both of them.

I had first seen South Pond twenty years ago. Then on May 7 I was able to satisfy my curiosity when I hiked to North Pond with seven other people. The day was a real rarity in this season of gloom -- a warm, sunny interlude.

On a brief stop at South Pond after climbing the trail from Lefferts Pond, someone asked if we wanted to see a "\$150,000 house". This had to be a joke, right? WRONG! They led us to a place just up the hill from the pond that must have been really lovely once but has been abandoned by the owner and trashed by squatters. It was really sad to see such senseless destruction.

North Pond is slightly smaller than South Pond but picturesque and quiet. Ice lingered on one side the day we were there. Our leader, Mick Shortsleeves, and Steve Pulling tried fishing, without success. In spite of its location, seemingly remote from established trails, the usual

litter showed that the world had beaten a path to its shore.

After lunch at the pond, we took a different route on the way back which seemed a little easier than the "extremely difficult" approach, although with my terrible sense of direction I wouldn't be able to find either one again. With a little luck, I can join another guided tour to this spot, because it really does warrant repeating.

MOUNT INDEPENDENCE HIKE

by J. E. Griffin

May 15, 1983

Despite the early morning rains, a small group of enthusiastic hikers turned out: Rob and Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, Anna Nyiri, and myself departed from the Fire Station and picked up Ruth Gibbud and her neighbor's son, Steve, in Fair Haven.

We began our hike along the western ledge of Mount Independence and made one or two stops at locations where Indians had quarried the quartzitic and flint-resistant rock for the forming of projectile implements. A lot of chips were observed and young Steve did find one good projectile point.

We continued our hike along the northern ridge and came down to a small bay. Along the way the ladies found many varieties of wild flowers and we also observed a dead cow and one other animal which none of us could identify.

At the northern-most tip of Mt. Independence we looked across the lake to Fort Ticonderoga and then hiked along the eastern perimeter of the mountain looking at some of the historic markers, trails, and encampment foundations.

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KILLINGTON SECTION WALKTHROUGH

by Stephen Pulling

May 21, 1983

If I had to sum up the 1983 Killington Section walkthrough in one word, it would be "fantastic". The weatherman predicted rain for the weekend (what else is new?), but he was wrong for once, thank goodness. You people of the Killington Section pulled through and did a great job cleaning up our section for the onslaught of hikers to come.

Most hikers don't appreciate the hard work it takes to maintain a section of trail such as ours. I know you people that made the effort to go out and saw limbs, prune branches, toss brush, tug on heavy logs, and haul garbage from our five shelters are the people who cherish our lovely section of trail. From deep down in my heart I want to thank the 17 people who gave up a little of their time on this one nice weekend to help accomplish this important task.

Here is a list of the people and the section of trail they cleared: George Reynolds and John Daily, Route 140 to Minerva Hinchey; Sue Thomas, Becky and Steve Pulling, Minerva Hinchey to Route 103; Carol Chapman, John and Emma Hughes, lower Cold River Road to Gov. Clement; Al and Roma Pulling, Gov. Clement to Cooper; Rob and Carolyn Badger, Cooper to Route 4; Rob and Sue Carey, Pico Camp to Route 4.

My very special thanks go to brand new members Ira, Irene, and Lorraine Hawley who cleared from Route 103 to the lower Cold River Road earlier in the week. Ira even made a special trip to clean out our neglected garbage can near the Lottery Road.

We also should recognize the Sherburne Corporation for free passes up their chairlift. Roma, Al, Carolyn and Rob Badger rode the chairlift to the summit on Sunday, May 22nd. This saved many hours of hiking time that we used as trail clearing time. It is really nice being the Trails & Shelters Chairman for a super bunch of people. You are the ones who made this walkthrough so successful.

BEST SUPPORTING ROLE

by Jack Crowther

Trivia Question: Who won the academy awards for best supporting roles in 1972?

Answer: Cloris Leachman for "The Last Picture Show" and Joel Gray for "Cabaret".

Question: Who should have won?

Answer: In my opinion, the award for best supporting role in a dramatic production should have gone not to a person but to a tent -- our tent.

On a night in early June 1972, our blue and yellow umbrella tent withstood the storm that flooded Rapid City, South Dakota, the worst flood in the U.S. in over 30 years in terms of lives lost.

Frankly, our intrepid tent didn't keep my wife and me dry. Rain swirled in around the flap like attacking hornets and doused us. But blown and battered by everything mother nature had to offer, our tent held its ground and gave us a measure of protection.

We had been stranded in Custer, S.D., about 30 miles southwest of Rapid City near the Wyoming border. We were headed leisurely back to Vermont after a camping vacation as far west as Colorado when the timing gear on our car broke. Until then, I didn't know such a part existed. And it's not the sort of item stocked by your local mechanic in a place like Custer, which had a population then of around 1600.

My recollection of the place is of a short main street with a few businesses and an Indian who would ride his horse up and down the road listening to a transistor radio.

I considered us lucky to find a mechanic who was able to diagnose the problem. But sending away for a part and having the work done involved a wait of a few days.

We were staying in a place called Flintstones Bedrock City & Campground, inspired, if you could call it that, by the Stone Age characters of Fred Flintstone and family. You might describe it as mock primitive camping. Despite the prehistoric theme, the place had showers, flush toilets, a playground and hookups for trailers. But when the storm broke, there wasn't much civilization between us and the elements. Thunder, lightning, wind, rain battered us in an elemental outrage.

I think we would have been more comfortable in the campground showers, even with the showers turned on. But our car was gone and I think we wanted to stay with our

gear and keep it from blowing into the next county.

We survived the night and so did our tent, and I'll always be impressed that it held up under the stresses of the night. Since then, we haven't done much camping -- one night at Half Moon State Park with the kids. We erected the tent once in the back yard and loaded it once to friends.

You might say the old tent made its last tough stand in Custer -- and won.

GMC ANNUAL MEETINGBOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

by Rob Carey

May 28, 1983

At least five section members attended part of the annual meeting in Northfield. Members enjoyed the opportunity to purchase books from Mauri Wintturi's collection at very reasonable prices.

The club's financial position is stable. Last year ended with a \$132 surplus. The budget for this year is over \$112,000.

The Sherburne Corporation negotiations were discussed for about an hour. No action was taken. No one is satisfied with the Park Service agreement that the GMC helped negotiate, but Harry Peet, Jim Wilkison (then GMC president) and the Executive Advisory Council all feel it was the best that could be arrived at. No other organizations volunteered to help with legal costs for an appeal of the Act 250 permit for the ski trail at Tamarack Shelter. The agreement allows eight ski trails 35 feet wide to cross the Long Trail in 1.2 miles. A lift crossing 200 feet wide as well as other development are also permitted. Some members of the Board of Directors incorrectly interpreted the action taken in September as requiring final approval of any agreement by the Board.

A draft of the Long Trail management plan was presented. Input can be made until August 1st. It will be acted on by the GMC Board in September.

Preston Bristow was elected President and Neil Giroux was elected Vice President. An auditor has not yet been hired.

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DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
June 29 (Weds.)	5:30 PM	DEER LEAP, Sherburne. <u>Meet at Sherburne Pass</u> , eat supper and watch the sun go down. 3 mi., steep. Rob & Carolyn Badger, 773-3777
July 6 (Weds.)	6 PM	SUPPER HIKE, White Rocks picnic area, Wallingford. Churchill Scott, 775-1494
July 9 (Sat.)	9 AM	WORK PARTY, Pico Camp. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
July 10 (Sun.)	10 AM	BELMONT area, 3 mi., easy. Anna Nyiri, 775-1789
July 15-17 (Fri.-Sun.)		END-TO-END for experienced backpackers, Rt. 108 to Rt. 2. Difficult, 22.5 mi. Phone for details. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
July 23 (Sat.)	9:30 AM	CHIPMAN POND, Tinmouth, following old roads. 3 mi., easy. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
July 31 (Sun.)	9:30 AM	MYSTERY HIKE, 3 mi., moderate. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Aug. 6 (Sat.)	9 AM	PLYMOUTH CAVES, suitable for all ages. Bring old clothes and flashlights. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269
Aug. 14 (Sun.)	9:00 AM	KILLINGTON PEAK following old carriage road, visit Churchill Scott in the tower. Mod., 7 mi. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Aug. 20-28		GMC INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Thorpe, Goshen. Come for a day or a week. See LT NEWS for details.
Sept. 10 (Sat.)	9:00 AM	MYSTERY CANOE TRIP. Reservations required. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Sept. 17-18 (Sat.-Sun.)	8:00 AM	STRATTON MT. and GROUT POND. Climb Mt. with day packs, visit Winnie at her caretaker station. 5 mi., moderate. Overnighters will backpack two miles to the pond. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Sept. 25 (Sun.)	9:00 AM	ABBEY POND and COBBLE CAVES, 5 mi., moderate. Wear old clothes and bring flashlights. Rob & Sue Carey, 773-3269

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MT. ASCUTNEY VIA THE WEATHERSFIELD TRAIL

by Ray Catozzi
June 4, 1983

Six stalwarts showed up on a rainy Saturday morning, June 4th, ready to hear of a cancellation of the day's outing. Your leader was determined to go, however, rain or no rain 'cause he wanted to see the Cascade Falls on this trail.

Off we went, Steve Pulling, Rob and Carolyn Badger with their dog Piñon in the younger group, and Anna Nyiri, Bev Davis and your leader in the older group, hereafter referred to as the junior and the senior groups.

The rain had almost stopped as we started out of the parking area at the trail head, just off Vt. Rte. 131. The junior group soon left the senior one far behind, as they bolted for the top of the mountain. The seniors like to think they enjoyed the climb much more than the juniors, because they went real slow to observe all of Mother Nature's reawakening on the forest slopes. Admit it, kids, you didn't really stop along the way and smell the flowers, did you?

Crystal Cascade on Ascutney Brook was one of the reasons for taking the Weathersfield Trail, and we weren't disappointed. Billed as an 84 foot high waterfall, I conceded it, indeed, was a wonderful sight coming over the lip of a sheer cliff, even if the water free fell only about 50 of those 84 feet. The rest was cascading over rock breakdown to the pool at the bottom. Well worth visiting and photographing, which we did.

Before the senior group was three fourths of the way up, the junior group

had reached the top, eaten lunch and were on their hurried way back down. See you next trip, kids!

We three seniors finally found the top of Mt. Ascutney blanketed with clouds, with its small clearing almost completely filled in with TV towers and metal buildings. Beyond the installations should have been views of the Connecticut River Valley to the east and the Green Mountain Range to the west, but nothing could be seen -- a whiteout. Even the tallest TV tower's top disappeared into the soup above.

After a quick lunch and look around, we started back down.

Many, many wildflowers in bloom made the misty day a great success. Starflowers, purple and painted trilliums in abundance, violets, and hobblebush in lush profusion near the top of the mountain were all admired and enjoyed. Bad weather, or good, early June is a pleasant time of the year to be in the woods. It was particularly nice in that there were very few bugs out to bother us on this climb of Mt. Ascutney.

PROCTOR-PITTSFORD BICYCLE TRIP

by Rob & Carolyn Badger
June 5, 1983

Rain in the early morning cleared by our 10 A.M. departure time, but not soon enough to cause potential bikers to make other plans for the day. Who wants to bicycle in the rain? So we were joined by only one other bicyclist, Mary Jane O'Hara, who drove up from Ludlow to be part of our Pedal Power contingent.

Our meeting place was the parking lot

of St. Joseph the Provider, which allowed us to start our trip avoiding Rutland City traffic. From St. Joe the Pro, we headed along Clement Ave., crossed Route 4, then had a leisurely ride along West Proctor Road. In Proctor we stopped at the Vermont Marble Exhibit where my connections got us in free.

After a nice respite we left Proctor along North Street taking a route to Pittsford that crosses two covered bridges, Gorham Bridge and Cooley Bridge. From Pittsford we turned left at Keith's Store and down Depot Hill. The covered bridge at the bottom of Depot Hill is closed to vehicular traffic due to structural problems, but the weight of our bicycles did not make a sway as we pedalled through our third covered bridge of the trip.

We passed through Florence and down Creek Road to Hadley Farms where we stopped for lunch. Dining in the back yard, we were joined not only by Dave Hadley, occasional attendee at GMC outings, and his girlfriend Iben Steinsvik, but also by Edgar the lamb and Cita the baby goat.

A long lunch in the sun made us reluctant to leave; it also caused us to stiffen up a bit. But we climbed back on our bicycles, returned to Florence along Creek Road, then took the Florence-Proctor Road. A long uphill along this stretch reminded us that "Vermont ain't flat," but it was also along this uphill that we saw several Baltimore orioles.

From Proctor we had planned to travel Route 3 back to Rutland, but this was the day of the Frank Crowley Memorial Road Race which takes place along Route 3, so we returned via West Proctor Road, the more scenic and less traveled route.

Pedal Power forever!

NATURE HIKE

by Carol Chapman
June 11, 1983

"Would you say the stem is hairy or hairless?"

"Will I get sick from eating all these wood sorrel leaves?"

"It doesn't seem like any plant should be called false something else. It should have a name of its own."

"If this cherry branch gives off cyanide, then why are we smelling it?"

"What would people say if you told them 'This is skunk currant jelly'?"

These were some of the questions raised on our nature hike on Shrewsbury Peak.

The shared knowledge of all the participants and an assortment of field guides helped us in our quest to identify the plants and animals we observed. Several unseen birds were recognized by their songs: the white-throated sparrow, the oven bird ("Teacher, teacher!") and the black-throated blue warbler ("I am lazee!").

Sue Carey, hike co-leader, passed around a hand lens so everyone could examine a variety of insects and a tiny brilliant red spider. Sue has a broad fund of information about insects and other living things which made our hike a learning experience for us all.

Some insects, however, were not so welcome. The black flies, as you know if you hiked this spring, hatched out in swarms. We couldn't decide whether Off, Old Woodsman's Jungle Formula, or Citronella was their favorite. Anna Nyiri with her bug net seemed to be the only one left in peace.

More than 20 flowering plants were identified. Gold thread, sarsaparilla, rose twisted stalk, dwarf ginseng and jacks-in-the-pulpit were a few. At that elevation spring beauties and other flowers usually seen at an earlier date were in bloom.

The hike, listed as an easy one, proved not quite so easy for the six who decided to continue on to the summit. Clusters of painted trillium and views of Killington and Mt. Ascutney made the climb well worth the effort.

The nature hike brought satisfaction to all -- both those who like to inspect things along the way and those who were out for the exercise.

CAMEL'S HUMP BACKPACK

by Rob Carey

June 17-19, 1983

There were six members on this hike. Roma, Al and Steve Pulling, Sue Thomas, and Rob and Sue Carey. Difficult but fun was the universal assessment of this 20 mile section of trail, especially with the heat and blackflies. I also discovered the curative powers of chicken soup.

We got an early start Friday evening and stayed at Birch Glen Camp which we had to ourselves. On Saturday we hiked about eight miles to Montclair Glen Lodge. We shared the shelter with the caretaker, the caretaker's friend, and a strong smell of creosote put on a month earlier by the Annual Meeting work party. After the heat and humidity of the day, the evening thunderstorm promised clearer views on Sunday.

We had ten miles to hike on Sunday including going over Camel's Hump and Robbins Mountain. We had excellent views from the Hump, but didn't linger with a long day ahead.

I didn't feel just right when I woke up, and got sicker as we hiked from Camel's Hump. Roma was similarly affected. I don't know if we drank contaminated water. Fortunately, Thomas' Pharmacy was well stocked. I took two Pepto Bismal tablets at Honey Hollow and started to feel better. We took an hour's rest at Wiley Lodge. The combination of rest and chicken soup from Thomas' Pharmacy really cured me. By Robbins Mountain I could even enjoy the view! From now on, we'll always carry chicken soup!

DEER LEAP

by Rob & Carolyn Badger

June 29, 1983

The second annual (?) Deer Leap hike left from Sherburne Pass on a very pleasant Wednesday evening, after one of those perfect summer days that we all long for and enjoy. In attendance were hikers Winnie & Ted Shambo, Rob & Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, leaders Rob, Carolyn & Piñon Badger, and Kay Story, who drove all the way from Warren just to join us.

Steve Pulling, Churchill Scott and Virginia Young joined us in the parking lot, but only for a visit. Steve was still working, the dedicated traveling salesman always with just one more client to see, and Virginia was bringing Churchill down from the mountain for the evening.

Leaving the parking lot, we headed up the Long Trail, passed the Appalachian Trail junction, and hiked on to the junction with Deer Leap Trail. This trail led us over the south peak of Deer Leap Mountain, around the west side of Big Deer Leap, and finally down to the ledges overlooking Sherburne Pass. Here we had dinner, tried to identify the surrounding ridges, and watched the sun set behind the Adirondacks.



A warm day turned chilly quickly, so as soon as the sun was down, we climbed the steep descent to the pass. Along the way several of us went into the small cave at the base of Deer Leap ledges. Sue Carey, alias Cavewoman, followed the cave through a narrow constriction, emerging from further down the base of the ledges in the woods below the trail.

This is the last trip Carolyn and I (and Piñon) will be leading for the GMC, at least for a few years, as we head off to Virginia. I like mid-week evening trips; a nice way to end a summer day. So the question is, will there be a 3rd annual Deer Leap trip?

WHITE ROCKS SUPPER HIKE

by Churchill Scott

July 6, 1983

On Wednesday, July 6, our annual summer supper outing almost turned into a bust. First of all the threatening weather and possible thundershower held the attendance down to about a dozen.

Next when we arrived at the White Rocks picnic area Winnie and Ted informed us the whole area had been closed that day for the protection of the young falcons being raised again on the cliff area.

However, Winnie and Ted led the group upstream to a series of falls and cascades just a short distance off the Kee-waydin Trail.

Returning to the picnic area we enjoyed a good hot supper over a fire already kindled by our guides.

Next we took a walk up the Cliffside Trail overlooking the White Rocks and tumbled talus slopes. A short distance beyond the overlook our guides again explained the process of raising the falcons and pointed out their homes and even some movements. To tell the truth this writer could not see any, but I will take the others' word for it.

Thanks, Ted and Winnie, from all of us for making this outing so enjoyable and informative.

WORK PARTY

by Rob and Sue Carey
July 9, 1983

On Saturday, July 9, seven Killington Section members gathered for a work party. The work party was originally scheduled for Pico Camp, but we forsook the Pico Camp outhouse for the Bucklin Trail. With tools freshly purchased not more than an hour before, we started at the Wheelerville Road and worked our way up the trail. The trail was cleared and reblazed up to Cooper Lodge. Several people went to the top to visit Churchill. The view from the summit was spectacular with Mt. Washington visible in the distance.

The work party participants included Joe Dicton, Joe Dicton, Jr., John and Emma Hughes, Jake Sherman, and Rob and Sue Carey.

BELMONT AREA

by Krissy Nadler
July 10, 1983

The day couldn't have been better. Twelve enthusiastic hikers under the leadership of Anna Nyiri set out under a clear blue sky with a cool breeze blowing and warm sunshine.

First we went up a shady dirt road. The continuous trees lining it were most welcome as a shield against the blazing sun. About three-fourths of a mile up this road, we came face to face with a herd of curious cattle. There were about 15 of these cows, and most of them came right up to the fence to be petted and fed. It was also here that we discovered



that this was the end of the road.

So we all turned around and met back at the Nyiris' summer cottage. Outdoors we relaxed and ate lunch, enjoying the beautiful view of Mendon, Little Killington, Killington, and Shrewsbury Peaks to the north of Star Lake as well as Salt Ash Mountain which can be seen to the northeast.

After a leisurely lunch, all 12 of us started out on a second hike. This time we went in the opposite direction. We walked about a mile on a paved road, then, taking a turn to the left, continued on a dirt road. Someone said we walked about two miles, but I don't think it was that much. After a few feet on the dirt road, it became obvious that a couple of the little ones wanted to turn back. So Jake Sherman, his two young daughters, Deborah, 7, and Rebecca, 4, and Peter Nadler, 4, and I turned back. We spent the remaining time catching toads, frogs, and pollywogs.

All in all, this proved to be an excellent hike. The weather was superb and so were the people. Others who partici-

pated were John and Emma Hughes, Shirley Parker, Sue Thomas, Mary Jane O'Hara, and Bernard Donahue.

MOUNT MANSFIELD BACKPACK

by Rob Carey
July 16-17, 1983

Three hikers, Sue Thomas and Rob and Sue Carey, took this hike. This was originally planned as a 20 mile trip leaving on Friday night. We found out that it really would have been a 23 mile trip (there is a misprint in the guide-book) and we were unable to leave until Saturday morning. Accordingly we shortened the trip to twelve miles making it a very relaxing, enjoyable hike.

On Saturday by the time we climbed to the Chin, the morning clouds had dissipated giving us excellent views. With the ranger's binoculars and a little imagination we could see Montreal. We saw Killington easily with just our eyes, but could not see Churchill.

We were disappointed to find the summit station closed having looked forward to ice cream during the climb. After some interesting trail including several ladders on the Forehead, we reached Butler Lodge by supertime. The Careys made shepherd's pie for the main course and Sue Thomas supplied dessert in the form of strawberry shortcake. From the lodge we had good views of the sunset and the lights of Burlington. We enjoyed talking with the caretaker and were her only guests that night.

Sunday's hike was pleasant and uneventful. We passed several beaver dams but did not see any beaver. The backpack ended at the Lake Mansfield Trout Club. We stopped for ice cream at a restaurant with a view of the profile of Mansfield. Afterwards I had time for a nap while Sue and Sue walked the road through Smuggler's Notch for their End-to-End.

There were two other groups of section members on the Trail this weekend. George Reynolds and Roma and Al Pulling

finished a week of hiking. Also, Rob and Carolyn Badger took a long weekend hike.

CHIPMAN POND

by Harold Rogers
July 23, 1983

I was surprised that so many were interested in this hike. The weather was good, clear and cool with a light breeze. Maybe that was why 20 people showed up.

About a week beforehand I had gone up and checked out the area. I got permission to park the cars near the old Rogers' farm. My request to walk up a lane to a high hill in back of Tinmouth Pond for a view of the Tinmouth area was denied because of horses in the pasture. I had expected about three cars for our transportation, but there were seven.

After we arrived at the parking area, we proceeded down a very steep stony road for about one quarter of a mile to Chipman Lake (Tinmouth Pond). The roads don't continue completely around the lake so I had asked a couple of residents if we could walk around the lake on private property and they said we wouldn't have any trouble.

Most of the hike was in woods and everyone seemed very impressed by the number of camps on the lake as well as by the quietness and solitude of the area. We also noticed that very few of the camps were for sale so everyone was satisfied with the area and human population, mostly Vermonters.

After we got around the lake about half the group decided to return to the cars for lunch. For extra mileage, the rest of us walked out the access road to the west which joins the Danby Four Corners-Tinmouth Road. We arrived back at the cars about 12:30 P.M. and had our lunch. We were in back and above the lake but we couldn't see it, however we did have a good view of the mountains to the west. It was a very nice area for a picnic.

The experts (GMC members) guessed that we walked about four-and-one-half

miles.

In spite of my pessimistic thoughts before the hike, it turned out to be a very enjoyable hike.

PLYMOUTH CAVES

by Sue Carey
August 6, 1983

Sixteen people showed up for this outing including several new faces and three children. It was a short hike from the cars to the caves. The first cave was very small--about 100 yards long. It contained several rooms and



some crawlways. The second cave was even smaller. The most challenging part of the second cave was getting in and out of it. The kids really seemed to have a good time and anybody else who liked to crawl around in dark places enjoyed it too.

We got out of the caves around 11:30 and decided to visit Plymouth Five Corners. I had heard that there was an abandoned asbestos mine in the area. Supposedly the mine could be reached by following a path along a stream. We checked several maps and found no indication of any quarries in the area, but tried following some paths anyway. We had no luck finding it so we walked to the old cemetery. Along the way we passed through a field of blueberries. They were delicious. While driving out of Plymouth Five Corners we saw a blue-blazed trail that may lead to the asbestos mine. We'll have to return there and explore some more.

KILLINGTON PEAK

by Stephen Pulling
August 14, 1983

For the second year in a row the Killington Peak Hike, the Carriage Road Hike, the Go-See-Churchill Hike, or whatever you want to call it, was a great success. Some old familiar faces along with a few new ones walked up the surprisingly easy Carriage Road from Brewers Corners to the summit of Killington Peak.

The second annual Carriage Road hike required a scouting mission by John Hughes and Steve Pulling a few weeks in advance to mark the beginning of the road which is quite difficult to find. After finding the road it is easy to follow although it was overgrown with brush. For this reason a few of us carried saws and pruning shears to open the old road up a bit.

Led by Sue Carey, alias "Clippers," Rob Carey, John Hughes and Steve Pulling cleared a path so everyone else could follow at a leisurely pace. Before you could believe it we had cleared a path right to Cooper Lodge where we found some hooting partiers having a grand ole time. At the summit we found an onslaught of flatlanders carried up by the gondola wearing high heels and their Sunday best.

After soaking up some of Churchill's hospitality, a few of us ventured up the fire tower while others were satisfied to stay on the ground and enjoy the great views. As the day was relatively clear, we could enjoy a panoramic 360 degree view of southern Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and Massachusetts including Mounts Washington, Monadnock, Ascutey and others.

As soon as a short photographic session was completed we broke up into three groups to descend the mountain. One group took the Bucklin Trail, others went back via the Carriage Road, while another group took a ski trail to Tamarack Shelter, the Long Trail to Cooper Lodge and the Carriage Road to the cars.

I hope everyone who went on the hike enjoyed it as much as I did.

MAURI WINTTURI SHELTER DEDICATION

by Jake Sherman

August 21, 1983

About 50 GMCers turned out on a sunny afternoon a few weeks ago to mark the dedication of the Mauri Wintturi Shelter. This will be the official new name of the former Gulf Shelter, which is located on the Appalachian Trail about two miles west of Route 12 north of Woodstock.

Two contingents joined forces to make up the party attending the ceremony. The first consisted of people who drove in from Vt. 12, lugging the refreshments the half mile or so up from the cars. The second group consisted of about 18 GMCers --mostly individuals attending the Inter-sectional at Camp Goshen-- who hiked over the AT from Stony Brook Shelter.

Rob & Sue Carey and this writer, representing the Killington Section, were part of the hiking group. We had perfect weather for the 8-mile eastward trek which began in a now-defunct settlement known as No Town. Highlights en route included the warm juicy blackberries, the wildflowers (identified by the encyclopedic Henry Budgen) and the views from Luce's Lookout. Here from north-facing rocks below an abandoned fire tower our eyes could follow vast sweeps of both the Green and White Mountains.

At the shelter, following some reviving lemonade and cookies, thoughts turned to Mauri. Incoming GMC president Preston Bristow introduced Doug Teschner who offered a moving recollection of this long-time GMCer who died in January of 1982. Mauri's first loves, said Teschner, evoking smiles, were hiking, hikers, the state of Vermont, and beer, not necessarily in that order.

As to Gulf Shelter, it had become one of Mauri's favorites particularly after his heart attack forced him "to learn every shelter in Vermont one mile from the highway." In his legendary yellow bug with the missing passenger seat he would often drive up from Fitchburg to spend the weekend. For although, said Teschner, Mauri had scaled all the major mountains (often spending hours waiting for just the right light for a photo-

graph), he was also at home in "this more subtle terrain" and liked to keep a six-pack chilling in the nearby brook.

A swig of beer in a paper cup provided an appropriate toast to Mauri. More fitting, however, is that his name will now be permanently part of the AT system and of the state he affirmed was "God's country."

A FOND FAREWELL

by Rob Badger

With fear and trepidation, Carolyn and I embark upon a new chapter of our lives. In August, we will be moving to Blacksburg, Virginia so that I can pursue a PhD in geochemistry at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

The past 4 1/2 years in Vermont have been terrific, enhanced considerably by hikes with the Green Mountain Club. Our first GMC hike was just two weeks after moving east, when we accompanied Carl Schmidt and crew on the moonlight hike to Minerva Hinchey Shelter (still Sunny-side at that time) in December, 1978. Since then we have hiked into and around ponds, up and down mountains, crawled through a few caves, backpacked in sub-zero weather, and generally experienced the outdoors in places and at times we would not normally have ventured on our own.

The essence of an outing club is for its members to share in the enjoyment of its outings, to learn of new places and to try new endeavors (winter backpacking!). In each category the Killington Section of the GMC excels. It has indeed been a pleasure to be associated with this group of people, and we eagerly hope to be associated with a similar outing club in Virginia. Blacksburg is only 25 miles from the Appalachian Trail, so if any of you are down in southwestern Virginia or hiking through on the AT, give us a call and pay us a visit. We'll be in the phone book.

Our farewells are not final. I am

leaving the door open to return to Vermont Marble/OMYA upon completion of the PhD in four years. Even if we do not return full time, we will always have family ties that will bring us back and give us chance to once again join you on a hike.

Happy Trails.

HELPING HANDS

by Al Pulling

About a month ago, plans were made to relocate the outhouse at Gov. Clement Shelter. My son Steve and I went down with all the necessary tools. We did not need jackets, for sure, that day!

We encountered several good-sized rocks while digging. They had to come out, or at least we thought so. While we were tugging on two good-sized ones, two hikers came along and very graciously helped us. With the four of us, we got them out. These hikers' names were Joe Pugana, from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Tony Parise, from Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Thanks again for your help, Joe and Tony!

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PADDLING AND PORTAGING

by Carol Chapman

I had often thought I'd enjoy an Outward Bound experience. This summer's GMC excursion, a canoe trip in Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park, was a close second. The prospect of eleven days of canoeing through this wilderness of big lakes and spruce woods was more than I could resist.

Early in the morning of July 30th 24 excited GMC'ers set forth from the Essex Junction Amtrak station for the first leg of our journey. We ranged in age from 31 to 65 and represented a variety of occupations, among them secretaries, a plumber, teachers, a doctor and nurses -- people brought together by a mutual love of the outdoors and canoe camping.

The train ride gave us the opportunity to get acquainted and to view the scenery from the Vista Dome car. Our anticipation grew as we passed lakes Ontario and Superior and vast expanses of forests and lakes with ducks and loons the only visible inhabitants.

Two days after leaving Vermont as we paddled across French Lake, our put-in site, we were greeted by a bald eagle who swooped low overhead and a pair of loons who swam nearby before disappearing into the water.

Two days of canoeing and portaging convinced us we needed to separate the "men from the boys." Eight of the more ambitious and stalwart members of the group chose a longer, more difficult route.

I was relieved that we wouldn't have to keep pace with them. The remaining 16 of us traveled a loop of about 60 miles and made 15 portages.

Even though I had spent the month of July trying to get into condition with push ups, aerobic exercise and several canoe outings, I found the portaging very difficult. In studying the map before the trip, those little "P's" (portages) dotted along our route looked so insignificant, but in reality they were a challenge. My portaging practice on a

smooth, dirt road on Burton Island was a far cry from the rocky, slippery, muddy, uneven ground of the portage trails.

When one of the men offered to carry my canoe at the first portage I gratefully said "yes." Even so, the job of carrying our packs was a formidable one. The food packs, which gradually lightened, started out at 60 to 70 pounds.

Once, because I couldn't see the corduroy road beneath the mud, I sank in up to my knee. My canoe partner had to take off my pack before I could extract my leg from the mire.

One weary man, carrying a heavy load, commented "How much are we paying to do all this work?"

But the rewards were there to compensate....The families of loons swimming close enough to photograph, the tasty pickerel caught just before supper, lake water pure enough to drink, blueberries ripe and ready for picking, the colorful carpet of a variety of mosses and lichens, day after day of sunny blue skies, frequent swims to cool off, evening song-fests with readings of Robert Service's poems, a spectacular display of northern lights, and the camaraderie with others who share a love of nature.

By the tracks and droppings we knew that moose and bear were present. One determined man who arose at five and paddled to a clearing was rewarded by seeing a cow moose, the only one sighted on our trip.

Mosquitoes, however, were not so elusive. You could set your watch every evening by the arrival of the 8:30 battalion.

The cooperation of everyone in the group was vital in portaging, cooking, and clean-up and in selecting campsites -- the last causing the most controversy. It wasn't always easy to find the required number of tenting spaces and we learned to be less fussy about the slope and rockiness of the ground.

On August 11th, the final day of our canoeing, there were mixed feelings as we paddled back across French Lake. We were eager for a glass of ice water, a cold beer, ice cream, a hot shower and a

comfortable bed, but sad and reluctant to give up the beauty and peace of the lake country, the joys of simple living close to the earth, and the warm fellowship we had shared.

TACONIC CREST TRAIL IN VERMONT, N.Y. & MASS.

by Ray Catozzi
June 26, 1983

This is the first time in all the many years of leading hikes that I have started out from Koltonski Fire Station all alone. That's what I said -- all alone! I was the sole entry this day for the Killington Section.

So what options does a hike leader have when there are no hikers to lead? Well, he could cancel out, or he could go it alone, or he could be lucky as I was. I had invited members of the Bennington Section to join us on this hike as we would be right in their territory, and on the night before I called one of them to find that two of them were eager and ready to go.

So off I drove to Bennington and then to North Pownal, where Donna Kirk of Hoosic Falls, N.Y. and Holly Wilson of No. Bennington pulled in by the country store just as I did. Leaving one car at the Hoosic River, we proceeded to Petersburg Pass, doing most of our climbing this day by car.

The Taconic Crest Trail runs about 30 miles from No. Pownal, Vt. to Berry Pond, Mass. We were doing the northern 7.8 mile segment, with the northernmost 1 1/2 miles in Vermont.

The trail had very few ups or downs as it followed the ridge north, and many views were to be had along the way. One to the west overlooked Petersburg, N.Y. on N.Y. Rte. 22. To the east views of Mount Greylock, Massachusetts' highest mountain, and the greyhound racetrack in southwest Vermont were enjoyed.

A short side trail led down the east slope to a sink hole at the base of a ledge. Called Snow Hole, it really did have snow still, way down at the bottom.

But the biggest and most delightful surprise of the whole trip was coming down off the ridge into Vermont, where we hiked through 3/4 of a mile of head-high mountain laurel in full bloom. A most beautiful sight, one not to be easily forgotten.

So folks, you missed a real good one, all that is except one from the Killington Section and twice that from the Bennington Section.



MYSTERY HIKE

by Ray Catozzi
July 31, 1983

About 20 hikers showed up for this one, which was 19 more than on my Taconic Crest trip. I guess a lot of folks still like a little mystery in their life. Even two visitors to Vermont that week joined us for the day. Florence and Phil Weiss said they belonged to a hiking club in New York City but not the G.M.C.

Where did we go? Over to Sherburne on Route 100, then up the Doubleday Mt. Road, rather steeply for one half mile or so. Then onto an abandoned development road that led, at rather easy grades in most places, to just under the summit of Wolf Hill, an outlying mountain of modest height of about 2500 feet.

At a couple of switchbacks near the top of the road, we had nice views of Killington and Pico Peaks, just as we crossed over the town-county line into Stockbridge of Windsor County. This line goes right over the top of Wolf Hill.

Berry picking, mostly raspberries, was an extra treat, both going up and coming down after lunch. Some even picked enough to take home, for pies no doubt.

An afterthought to this one is that we should have more mystery hikes to get the folks out!

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POEMS ON FIREWOOD

by Jack Crowther

Some of you have probably seen this poem by Celia Congreve, but it's a nice one to reread every now and then. Informative too.

FIREWOODS

Beachwood fires are bright and clear
If the logs are kept a year.
Oakens burn steadily
If the wood is old and dry.
Chestnut's only good they say
If for long it's laid away.
But ash new or ash old
Is fit for a queen with a crown of gold.

Birch and fir logs burn too fast --
Blaze up bright but do not last.
It is by the Irish said,
Hawthorne breaks the sweetest bread.
But ash green or ash brown
Is fit for a queen with a golden crown.

Elm wood burns like churchyard mould,
E'en the very flames are cold.
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.
Apple wood will scent your room
With an incense-like perfume.
But ash wet or ash dry
For a queen to warm her slippers by.

When this was posted on the bulletin board at work, a few of the poetically inclined added their own wooden verses (pun intended) as follows:

Wood wet or wood dry
Does it matter to I?
Just as long as it is wood,
You bet your booties, it burn good.

This one was titled "Paeon to Trees," but it has a grudging note to it:

Oak, pine, fir, beech, birch, poplar,
elder, alder/ Maple, elm, apple, cherry,
dogwood, redwood, peach/ Plum pear,
cedar, hemlock, hornbeam, linden, hickory
You can burn every (expletive deleted)
one of them.

I'd like to give credit to the authors of these lines, but for some reason none signed his name.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Fall 1983 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD 1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Oct. 1 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	GREEN MT., Mt. Tabor, via Long Trail from Black Branch. 5 mi., moderate. John & Emma Hughes, 775-4078
Oct. 9 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	FALL FOLIAGE hike on Dorset Peak. 6 mi., some steep ascents. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Oct. 15-16 (Sat.-Sun.)	7:30 A.M.	END-TO-END, Lake Mansfield Trail to Rt. 2, 17 mi. Bring tent. Rob & Sue Carey,
Oct. 22 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	SLACK HILL, Plymouth, 3 mi., easy. For information, call 773-6997.
Oct. 30 (Sun.)	8:30 A.M.	CHATEAUGAY TO RIVER ROAD on the Appalachian Trail, 7 mi., moderate. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Nov. 5 (Sat.)		DORSET CAVE, for experienced spelunkers. <u>MEMBERS ONLY</u> . Call for specific instructions. Rob & Sue Carey,
Nov. 6 (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	ANNUAL VALIQUETTE MEMORIAL HIKE, East Mt., Mendon. Moderate, 3 mi. Joe Valiquette, 773-8745
Nov. 19 (Sat.)	5:00 P.M.	COVERED DISH SUPPER, Tamarack Notch. <u>MEMBERS ONLY</u> . Bring hot dish, salad, or dessert and your own place setting. Program. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Dec. 4 (Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	INMAN POND, Fair Haven. 4 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-1494
Dec. 10 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	YOUNG'S CAMP, Blue Ridge. 3 mi., moderate. Snow shoes, not appropriate for skis. Virginia Young, 775-1494
Dec. 17 (Sat.)	6:00 P.M.	MOONLIGHT HIKE, Clarendon Shelter, 2 mi., easy. <u>MEMBERS ONLY</u> . Skis or snowshoes. Sue Thomas, 773-2185
Dec. 31 (Sat.)	10:00 A.M.	FREEDLEY QUARRY, Dorset. Third annual ice skating party. Ski or snowshoe one mi. to quarry, bring skates and lantern. Rob & Sue Carey,

PLEASE BRING LUNCH UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. WEAR STURDY, WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

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MYSTERY CANOE TRIP

by Steve Pulling
September 10, 1983

For those of you who don't know me, I am a sales representative for a local concern. Last week we had a sales meeting which was comprised of many different subjects, one being a poorly disguised pep talk. During this talk our area manager told us, "You have to enjoy your job to be good at it, but you must love your job in order to succeed."

I've related that statement to our canoe trip; you'd have to love canoeing before you could enjoy the trip we took!

Actually the canoe trip wasn't all that bad, but the weather forecast scared some people away.

Sept. 10th was a chilly day, but nine of us braved it out and drove to Wallingford where we launched our canoes in Otter Creek and headed for Rutland.

I had figured that the heavy rain the night before the trip would raise the water level for some good canoeing. WRONG! The water was shallow! We did almost as much pushing and poling as we did canoeing.

The shallow water did a number on our time schedule. We had to pull the canoes out of the water at 4:30 P.M. only half way to our destination.

For the nine of us that went (six Killington Section, two Breadloaf Section, and one member-at-large), we had a good time laughing about the real shallow parts and the log jams we had to work through.

The panorama included waterfowl, good views of Pico and Killington Peaks, large schools of fish, and two crows which were noted to be pestering a poor old owl.

All in all it was a fun trip despite the obstacles and chilly weather.

This year, although 14 people had signed up to go, only nine showed up in the end. It took a lot of unnecessary time, planning and arrangements to transport the extra canoes. For next year's canoe trip it'll be required to pay in advance to reserve the canoes so that we may spare any one person an inconvenience.



ABBEY POND AND COBBLE CAVES

by Rob Carey
Sept. 25, 1983

Six hikers came out for this double attraction trip. We hiked up to the pond at a fairly steady pace, but stopped at a bridge with a view of a cascade for a while. The first part of the trail was all uphill, while the last part was mostly level. During our leisurely lunch at the pond we heard other hikers. When they arrived I recognized them as Burlington Section members. They too were on a section outing. After hiking back to the cars we were ready for the caves.

Cobble Caves are a short steep climb up from the road. The Flatroom caves were almost high enough to stand up in. Bristol Cave had several small crawlways to work through. Only one person got stuck and we were able to get him out. We could go far enough in to be completely in the dark when all lights were turned off. On the hike down we had excellent views of the surrounding area. Caves are a lot of fun to visit, but I would not like to live in one.



GREEN MOUNTAIN

by John and Emma Hughes
October 1, 1983

The weather was cloudy and misty when the group of nine hikers met at Main Street Park. We drove to the Long Trail parking lot on U.S.F.R. #10 in Mount Tabor.

The trail to Little Rock Pond is much used and we saw other hikers and fishermen along the way. We went along the east side of the pond to the outlet on the north end. A small foot bridge crosses the outlet and the trail is marked by blue blazes for the rest of the way.

The climb to Green Mountain starts here and becomes steep. In some places there are open ledges which give views to the north and east. We had lunch at one of these areas. Cloudy weather dimmed the usually bright colors of the autumn leaves. After lunch we continued the climb to the top. The views were to the east where the ledges are. The trail then gradually descends down the other side through thick softwood trees.

I think this part of the trail was not very old and was very well cleared. The blazes seemed far apart when we reached the hardwoods and I had to look for them even though Rascal seemed to know the way. There was one more clearing near the end of the hike which offered a good view of Mt. Tabor.

The hike turned out longer than estimated and Ira Hawley had a pedometer which recorded a few extra miles which I hope were enjoyed by all.

DORSET PEAK

by Harold Rogers
October 9, 1983

The weather looked discouraging on the morning of the hike. We would probably have had a much larger turnout if the sun had been shining. Seven of us left the fire station soon after nine in the morning. I picked up two teenagers in Clarendon, one of whom was my grandson. Bob and Sue Carey joined us in Wallingford making a total of eleven for the hike.

We drove to Dorset Hollow which is south of Dorset Peak. We left our cars near the end of the road.

The first part of the hike was easy walking on a log road with very little incline for about three-quarters of a mile. We were in a wooded area, but the leaves hadn't turned at all.

The road got rougher and steeper. The loggers had bulldozed a road nearly to the saddle from which we could look north and see Danby Four Corners. This was very steep walking. The cool, cloudy weather was good for walking but poor for visibility. At the saddle there is a road down to Danby Four Corners and another leading east to Dorset Peak. We followed the steep Dorset Peak road from which we had some good views of Danby Four Corners.

When we came to a small board with an arrow burned into it, we turned to the path to the peak. It was well traveled so we had no trouble following it. We were in an area of stunted evergreen trees with no view.

When we reached the top the sky was still cloudy. We had hoped to be able to signal Churchill Scott on Killington, but the weather did not cooperate. The sun did break through for a minute, but Sue Thomas got to it first and used it all. The top of the peak has trees on it, but there are some good views of other mountains on a good day.

While we were on our way down the sun finally did come out to stay and we enjoyed some good foliage views. About half way down we had a good look at the

rock or mud slide which lies to the west of the road. The slide is still bare near the top but has some growth near the bottom.

After seven hours we arrived back in Rutland at 4:00 P.M., having walked about five and one half miles and climbed to a 3700-foot elevation.

A nice hike and lots of fun.

LAKE MANSFIELD TO JONESVILLE BACKPACK

by Rob Carey
October 15-16

Seven members enjoyed this moderate two day hike. They were Roma, Al, Steve and Becky Pulling, Sue Thomas, and Rob and Sue Carey. We planned it as a last trip of the fall and the weather confirmed those plans. Saturday started out cool, almost downright cold with the wind at Lake Mansfield. Fortunately we had a steady uphill to start to warmup. By the time we reached the Long Trail at Taylor Lodge it was time for a snack.

During the afternoon's hike we passed several areas of beaver activity, but didn't see any beaver. We did get some good views, including one excellent view of our starting point at Lake Mansfield. By our afternoon stop at Puffer Shelter it had turned colder. So much so that it was starting to snow and stay on the trees! We pushed on over the top of Bolton Mountain and then reached the recent relocation. Good tent sites are non-existent due to the rough ground at that elevation, but we found a usable area at about 5:00 P.M. Maybe we got less fussy? Although Al got a fire going, it was too cold and smoky to sit around it long, so we all went to bed by 7:30 P.M.

Sunday morning was cool but comfortable for hiking. At Harrington's view it was warm enough for some to take off their long johns. We made good time all morning as the trail was almost all downhill. We stopped for lunch in a field at the Bolton Notch Road. With the sun out it was warm and pleasant. Sue

Thomas brought out the bottle of champagne that she had carried to celebrate Steve and Becky's anniversary. Steve was amazed that she had carried it all that time. It was too cold to have it Saturday night.

Later Sunday afternoon we had spectacular views of Camel's Hump and Robbins Mountain. There was still some foliage at the lower elevations. We stopped at one viewpoint for about 3/4 of an hour to fully enjoy it.

Fall is definitely a good time for backpacking, just take along an extra sweater.



SLACK HILL--PLYMOUTH

by Ira and Irene Hawley
October 22, 1983

It was a clear crisp 25 degrees when 17 enthusiastic hikers met at the park. Forty-five minutes later all were fitted with packs to start a walk which was not billed as having spectacular views. At a clear stream Churchill Scott filled two gallon jugs which he toted for future hot chocolate and coffee.

At midday we reached a picnic area complete with tables and grilles. Soon a small but hot fire was burning. A near casualty occurred as the wood handle on the teapot caught fire. It appeared the walk had sharpened appetites and good conversation followed.

It was all downgrade from here. As we arrived back at our cars all agreed it had been an enjoyable and interesting day. Not too long and not too short.



CHATEAUGUAY TO RIVER ROAD

by Churchill Scott

October 30, 1983

It was a good day to hike on the A.T. and almost 20 folks took advantage of the typical fall weather.

The road above Briggs looks much different after a lapse of many years, so it took us a bit to find the A.T. parking area. A good early start enabled us to reach Stony Brook Shelter shortly after 11:00 P.M. At this point we had come just less than two miles and 4.1 to go.

After negotiating a log crossing of a small ravine and after several of the party nearly got themselves lost, we reached the top of the last ridge where we found a good spot to lunch. During the final downhill stretch of the hike we enjoyed good views of Kent Pond and later of Pico and Killington Peaks, the latter already snow covered on the upper trails.

At the end of our trip on the River Road, while waiting for our cars to be picked up at Chateauguay, was perhaps the only uncomfortable part of the day, for with the sun going down and the north wind increasing it had grown rather cool.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

by Roma Pulling

November 19, 1983

Finding something different to write about the recurring events on our schedule, or perhaps a different way of writing it, is always a challenge for the reporter. But that's what inspires us to return year after year, isn't it? The familiarity of it all.

We returned to Rotary Cabin at Tamarack Notch for our annual supper. We need a larger place but have none in mind and are grateful to the Congregational Church for making it available.

The first step on arriving at the cabin is to get a fire built in the

stove. We're indebted to Steve Pulling for going up early to attend to this chore and for furnishing some of the wood.

The food, contributed pot luck style, was delicious as always. After eating we recognized some people celebrating November birthdays and an anniversary and got comfortable for the slide show. Ted and Winnie Shambo showed pictures of their trip to Katahdin and some of their hikes in Vermont, a most excellent presentation. Thanks, Ted and Winnie.

See you all at next year's supper.

EXCERPTS OF A LETTER FROM RACHELCHARLAND

I went on my second and last hike in Utah this month on August 16th. A young Mormon couple and their fifteen month old daughter, Ember, accompanied me for 1.5 miles on the steep side of Timpanogos, a 12,000 foot snow-capped mountain. It's name means "rock river."

Any hiking beyond the 6,000 foot level is at one's own risk and hikers must have special equipment because of the numerous small glaciers that look lovely but are treacherous. Two hikers had to be rescued from the top last Saturday. Many legends are told regarding various parts of the mountain.

There are three caves connected by man-made tunnels. The first cave was discovered by Martin Hansen in 1887. Believe it or not, he followed a cougar into this cave. The other two caves were not found until 1921. Three hours are needed by the best of hikers on a PAVED route. The caves are 1,000 feet above the canyon floor. So people are really standing and "ahing" at 7,000 feet as they wind their way assisted by a volunteer guide throughout the caves.

You'll have to ask Rob Carey about those ice-like shapes that hang from the roof of a cave and also come up from the floor. There were clusters of ice-like

formations also. As we started early, by noontime we were down at the base where we enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch.

Editor's Note: Rachael wrote a longer, detailed description of the geology of the cave. If you would like to read it, please call Carol Chapman.

In her latest letter Rachael tells us that she has moved to Duluth. Guess you were homesick for Vermont's cold and snowy winters, huh, Rae?

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING

by Roma Pulling, Chairman

Several people have expressed ignorance of our method of planning hikes; so perhaps a report of a typical meeting will clear this up.

The Outings Committee of the Killington section of the Green Mountain Club held their regular quarterly meeting at the home of the chairman at 7:30 in the evening on November 29, 1983. Thirteen people were present.

Rob and Sue Carey offered to lead a mystery hike with four to five miles of moderate hiking. This was set for Saturday, January 14, 1984, at 9:00 A.M. at their request.

Steve Pulling arrived late, but volunteered to lead a hike on Clark Hill in West Rutland on Saturday, Jan. 21. This trip was estimated at seven miles; so it was decided to rate it as difficult because of the high mileage and to start at 8:00 A.M.

Churchill Scott's contribution will be a hike in the Pinney Hollow area of Plymouth, ending at Crooked Shelter. This was deemed to be four miles of easy hiking and scheduled for January 29 at 9:30 A.M. When it is convenient for the leaders, we try to alternate Saturday and Sunday hikes to accommodate as many hikers as possible.

Next, the chairman announced two outings that were arranged before the meeting. Our winter week-end is an annual event and has been held at Merck

Forest in Rupert for several years. This was arranged by letter and phone for the weekend of Feb. 4 and 5. On February 11 we welcome a new hike leader, Krissy Nadler, whose grandmother, Anna Nyiri, has led several hikes for us. Krissy will start near her home in West Rutland and follow a power line to the West Proctor Road. Snowshoes are recommended for this easy three-mile hike.

John and Emma Hughes volunteered to lead a six mile hike up Wilder Mountain in Wallingford on February 18, starting at 9:00 A.M. This is a moderate hike for snowshoers only.

On February 26 Ray Catozzi will attempt the easy, two-mile hike from Bellevue Avenue Extension to the chairman's house that had to be abandoned last year because of wet conditions. He will start at 1:00 P.M. and will climax with refreshments at the chairman's in front of the fireplace.

Harold Rogers' offering is a moderate, 6 mile hike, starting at Rte. 103, passing Clarendon Shelter and on to Fox Lot in Shrewsbury, returning the same way. This was set for March 10 at 9:00 A.M.

March 17 was set as the date for another of our annual events, the popular sugar-on-snow party. This will be held at the chairman's house with Janet Martin boiling the syrup again. Sorry--Members Only!

The last date on the winter schedule will be for the Killington Section annual meeting, being held at 7:00 P.M., March 31 at the Methodist Church on Williams Street.

All the hikes will be for hiking, skiing or snowshoeing unless otherwise indicated and as conditions permit.

Their work completed, the members enjoyed hot beverages and freshly baked brownies before dispersing.

We welcome new hike leaders at any time, also suggestions for activities may be made by calling 773-6997. The next meeting will be held February 28, 1984, same time, same place.

A BELATED THANK YOU

Oops, I goofed. When I wrote the article in the last issue of Smoke & Blazes about relocating the outhouse at Governor Clement Shelter, some names were omitted.

Rob and Sue Carey came down Sunday morning and very graciously helped us with the "refreshing" part of the job. Thanks to you, Rob and Sue, for your help also.

--Al Pulling

THE HIKES THAT WEREN'T

If anyone is looking for reports on Stratton Mountain, Dorset Cave or the Valiquette Memorial Hike, you will not find them. This is not because of negligent writers but rather the bad weather which caused all three to be cancelled.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Ruth Gibbud, Drake Road, Bomoseen, VT 05732

Robert Gunn, 48 Chestnut Ave., Rutland, VT 05701

Linda Krasner, R.R. 194, Wallingford, VT 05773

New address:

Rachael Charland, c/o YWCA Room 204,
202 W. Second St., Duluth, MN 55806.

SEEN AND HEARD

Good luck to longtime KS member and past president Janet Martin, who has been nominated for Vermont Mother of the Year. No one deserves the title more.

And did everyone recognize the two girls on the front page of the Dec. 1 HERALD as Smoke & Blazes Asst. Editor Jake Sherman's charming daughters?

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

I (we) hereby apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I understand that I will receive a membership card, the LONG TRAIL NEWS (Main Club publication), and SMOKE AND BLAZES (Section newsletter), which includes a schedule of Killington Section outings, work parties, and social events. My dues and efforts aid in maintaining trails and shelters within the Killington Section (Rte. 140 to Rte. 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

Killington Section, GMC
W. Churchill Scott, Sec./Treas.
c/o V. Young -- R.D.#1
Rutland, VT 05701

Name(s) _____

Address _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adults	\$12.00	Spouse	\$10.00
Family Jr. (under 18)*	1.00	Individual Junior (to 18)	2.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	6.00		

*Junior members do not receive all GMC benefits.

I would also like to make a contribution (tax deductible) to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund in the amount of _____.

THANK YOU!

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
Winter 1984 Schedule

All hikers meet at Main Street Park near Koltonski Fire Station on the day and hour listed. For more information about activities or membership, contact your hike leader or: Raymond Catozzi, Pres., 103 Bellevue Ave., 773-3006; Olga Laird, Sec., Chasanna Drive, 773-7448; or W. Churchill Scott, Treas., RFD #1, Chasanna Drive, 775-1494.

DATE	HOUR	DESTINATION OR EVENT
Jan. 14 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	MYSTERY HIKE, 4-5 mi., moderate. Rob & Sue Carey, 446-2830
Jan. 21 (Sat.)	8:00 A.M.	CLARK HILL, West Rutland, 7 mi., difficult. Steve Pulling, 775-3361
Jan. 29	9:30 A.M.	PINNEY HOLLOW area, Plymouth, hike to Crooked Shelter, 4 mi., easy. Churchill Scott, 775-1494
Feb. 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)	9:00 A.M.	WINTER WEEKEND, Merck Forest, Rupert. Day hikers welcome. Those staying overnight must register in advance and will be charged a fee. Roma Pulling, 773-6997
Feb. 11 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WEST RUTLAND to West Proctor Road, Rutland, following power line right of way. Snowshoes recommended. 3 mi., easy. Krissy Nadler, 438-5298
Feb. 18 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	WILDER MT., Wallingford, 6 mi., moderate. Snowshoes only. John & Emma Hughes, 775-4078
Feb. 26 (Sun.)	1:00 P.M.	BELLEVUE AVENUE EXTENSION to Post Road, 2 mi., easy. Coffee at Pullings. Ray Catozzi, 773-3006
Mar. 10 (Sat.)	9:00 A.M.	ROUTE 103 to FOX LOT, Shrewsbury, past Clarendon Shelter, 6 mi., moderate. Harold Rogers, 775-4471
Mar. 17 (Sat.)	2:00 P.M.	SUGAR-ON-SNOW PARTY, Pulling home, <u>Members only</u> . Fee will be charged.
Mar. 31 (Sat.)	7:00 P.M.	KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, Methodist Church on Williams Street. Don't miss your one chance each year to participate actively in your club's organization. Program and refreshments.

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PLEASE BRING LUNCH ON THE DAY HIKES. WEAR STURDY WATERPROOF FOOTGEAR AND BRING EXTRA CLOTHING.

THOSE WHO RIDE WITH OTHERS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD CAR EXPENSE WHEN THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE HIKING AREA. HIKING DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE AND REPRESENT ROUND TRIPS. PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR LEADER.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GMD
132 MAPLE STREET
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A Note About Numbers

Smoke and Blazes started in 1948 as a monthly publication and continued so until about 1959 when it became a bimonthly. In about 1967 it switched to quarterly publication. Occasionally issues were skipped, especially in 1970 and 1971.

In general each calendar year was assigned a new "Volume" and "Numbers" were assigned consecutively from "1" through each year.

There is some lack of consistency in the months of publication, and there are some out-and-out errors in the numbering.

The following Table of Contents lists the issues in this binder showing the Volume, Number, and Date as printed, and, where different, what the Volume, Number, and Date probably should have been.

Dedication

This set of copies of Smoke and Blazes is donated to the Rutland Historical Society in memory of my parents, Mary and Craigie Perkins and my aunt, Vera Perkins. They conceived the idea for a Killington Section newsletter in 1948 and served as editors and publishers for the first several years of its existence, cutting stencils, and running mimeograph copies in our living room. They continued as frequent contributors to the publication and as active members of the Club for over a half century. Fortunately, Dad had a pack rat proclivity which I seem to have inherited. By combining his collection of Smoke and Blazes with mine, I have been able to put together this complete run of the publication.

Bob Perkins
Rutland, VT
April, 1999

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