

**ELFIN LAKE SKATING PARTY**

19 January 1992

by Sue Carey

It was a very cold day with a high of 8 degrees so we didn't have to worry about falling through the ice. Eight people came on the outing: my family plus Jerry Parker and Sue Thomas. Walt and Sally Deinzer came later with their two dogs.

The ice had been cleared off in spots, but with shovels Sue and Jerry were able to make a maze of skating paths through the snow. In places the ice was crystal clear. You could look down and imagine shapes in the ice: sleeping cats, stars and jelly fish. In the cold temperature the ice was constantly freezing. Throughout the afternoon you could hear the low rumbling of pressure cracks breaking the ice.

Rob had started a fire so we were able to warm our toes and toast marshmallows and drink hot beverages.

OLD BRANDON ROAD

25 January, 1992

by Roma Pulling

On a frigid winter day when the afternoon "high" was 12 degrees, twelve daring people ventured out to hike an old road in Brandon. The name of the road, which wasn't publicized as it is on private property, is, fittingly, the Old Brandon Road. Access is from Carver Street on the northern end and from the

athletic field at Otter Valley School from the south. We parked at the school and after a brief conference decided it would be easier and just as quick to walk the entire distance, which we estimated to be about a mile, up and back rather than spotting cars.

We didn't have to ponder whether to ski, snowshoe or hike as the decision had been made for us. A few days before, there had been rain followed by freezing temperatures, rendering the trail either bare or a sheet of ice. Some of us took to the woods frequently to avoid the more treacherous spots.

Our route led into the area of the oldest settlement in Brandon, then known as Neshobe. To this part of town came Amos Cutler, a blacksmith, in 1772, closely followed the next year by John Ambler and wife with their daughter and her husband, David June. The Amblers and Junes are buried in a cemetery on Hawk Hill on this road, and we visited it. Jean Davies told us of the connection by marriage between the Junes and the Cox family, early settlers of Pittsford, commemorated in the naming of a mountain in that town and by Camp Betsey Cox.

We inspected one cellar hole, and there must be others. Jerry Parker will lead another hike in this area April 26, at which time we may be able to explore further under better conditions.

Jean and her husband, Charlie Davies, invited us to stop at their house in Pittsford on the way home for coffee, and we all

accepted enthusiastically. With a fire in the wood stove, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, sandwiches we brought with us and cookies supplied by the hostess and another cook, as we browsed through books from their library, it was the perfect ending to a grand outing. Thanks, Jean and Charlie.

TEXAS FALLS - HANCOCK

22 February 1992

By Phil Johnson

Nine people turned out for our hike/ski north from Texas Falls off Rt 125 between Hancock and Middlebury Gap. We started at the falls but found so much ice on and around the falls that only the braver (read less wise) of us walked down to see the falls. The ice formations in the ravine were beautiful. From the falls we took the Texas Brook Trail following the brook right up to Texas Gap, a trip of about 3 miles one way. During the winter this is used as a snowmobile trail and sure enough, we did meet a few snowmobilers. Two of these came whipping around a blind corner in front of us causing quite a scare, but no injuries.

At the top of the gap we stopped for lunch and one of our group promptly built a nice little fire and pulled out his hot dogs for lunch. It was rather pleasant to be able to enjoy the fire at the mid-point of the hike.

After lunch we started the trip back down to the cars. Two people had chosen to ski the day and spent all morning struggling up the valley, but on the way back they got their fair reward. The whole trail is a relatively even grade which seemed perfectly suited for skiing down. The biggest hazard seemed to be the two dogs hiking with us who kept jumping in front of the skiers and trying to bite the skis.

Back at the picnic area by the falls we started a fire, heated water for coffee and cocoa and roasted marshmallows. The perfect way to finish a winter hike.

STONE HUT - NORTH SHREWSBURY

29 February 1992

by Roma Pulling

Our Leap Year hike didn't have much going for it at the beginning. It was a bitterly cold and windy day with snowy roads in Shrewsbury, but four intrepid people met us at the park at the appointed time and we were off. It was nice to have Christine Cahee back with us, and George Reynolds drove up from Springfield to join us along with two of our regulars.

A short distance from our goal, our small car wasn't negotiating the snowy roads well; so Jerry Parker came to our rescue. He found us an alternative parking space and ferried us to the trail head in his 4 X 4.

There was snow on the ground in Shrewsbury! We didn't take an exact measurement, but when Sue Thomas stepped off the snowmobile track she sank in up to her knee. The scenery on the CCC road (North Shrewsbury to West Bridgewater) was fantastic.

On our way to our destination we paused briefly at two landmarks. The first was Meetinghouse Rock, where starting in 1818 church services were held until an appropriate building could be erected. The second was the site of the former picnic pavilion in Calvin Coolidge State Forest. This structure also used to be a popular destination for hikers but unfortunately burned a few years ago. Only the tall stone chimney still stands.

A short distance beyond the pavilion site our trail veered to the left and we were soon at the attractive stone building which I have heard referred to

as the "stone hut". I was recently told that it was built as a cottage for the caretaker of this part of the state forest. Now, with windows broken out and the inside trashed, it is a favorite hang-out for snowmobilers, 14 of whom were there when we arrived. At least they had a fire going in the fireplace, and it was a short job to heat water for coffee, cocoa and instant soup.

After eating lunch we hiked back to Jerry's truck for a return to our cars and an early trip home.

Annual Meeting

11 April 1992

By Phil Johnson & Herb Ogden, Jr

After a great deal of excellent food and too many desserts Rob Carey brought the meeting to order. Wally Rogers provided us with a treasurers report, a copy of which is included in the newsletter. With our current dues schedule we will be drawing upon cash in our checkbook to cover the section expenses. This sparked a lively debate on what the dues schedule should be. It was finally resolved that a committee would be formed to evaluate the due schedule and bring the topic back up at the fall potluck meeting.

Herb Ogden reported on meetings of the GMC Directors and the Executive Advisory Council, and the successful move to the new headquarters in Waterbury Center. After last year's budget woes forced cancellation of the Long Trail Patrol, the Directors are happy that there will be two Long Trail Patrols this year, plus a roving duo. The ski development plans for Pico Peak continue to cause concern; watch for release of the National Park Service's Environmental Impact Study, which may say which route the Park Service prefers north of Pico.

Sue Carey covered the Trails

and Shelters explaining that she had recruited Tim Welch to help coordinate the maintenance of the trails. They have split our section so that Sue will be covering from Rt 140 to Upper Cold River Road and Tim will cover from there to Rt 4. They both expressed interest in finding someone interested in covering the side trails.

Publicity Committee Chair Bernie Donahue mentioned the publication of the hike schedule in the newspapers. The Rutland Herald has been very helpful in getting our schedule into the calendar section.

Outings Committee Co-Chair Linda Pellerin spoke about hike scheduling. Over the last year we have had no difficulty filling the three month schedule.

Herb Ogden, editor of Smoke and Blazes, noted that, in response to his pleas for help, Phil Johnson has done a fine job taking over most of the work. He also said he has given up reminding hike leaders to turn in articles, and that he welcomes non-standard articles and letters to the editor.

Rob then gave his last president's report as he is finishing up his last year after serving as president for the last six years or so. Outgoing Board members; Rob Carey, Churchill Scott and Ray Catozzi were thanked for their service to the club and three new board members were elected: Sue Carey, Sue Thomas and Phil Johnson.

The Board of Directors then had a short meeting to elect officers. Elected for the next year were: President - Phil Johnson, Vice President - Linda Pellerin, Secretary/Treasurer - Wally Rogers. In addition, Herb Ogden resigned as a Main Club director (in his role as main club secretary he maintains a seat on the main club board and Executive Advisory Council) and the Board elected a new Main Club director to represent us: Wally Rogers will serve for Herb's remaining one year.

KILLINGTON SECTION-GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 1991

1/1/91 Balance

inventory	???
savings	1404.76
checking	772.10
KS life member CD	600.00

 2776.86

INCOME

interest on savings	71.28
interest on CD	61.19
inventory sales	5.40
member dues	
57 adult	22 senior
14 spouse	10 junior
owed to Trail and Shelter	1098.00
	62.92

 1298.82

EXPENSES

Smoke and Blazes	479.28
meeting rooms	85.00
dues return	6.00
main club assessment	690.00
treasurer expenses	61.24
owed from Trail and Shelter	160.64

 1482.16

12/31/91 BALANCE

inventory	?????
savings	1476.04
checking	490.77
life member CD	661.19

 2628.00

1991 G.L.KIRK TRAILS AND SHELTERS FUND

1/1/91 SAVINGS 8.09

1991 INCOME

gifts	205.00
passbook interest	40.40
CD interest	878.76
CD principal	350.50
owed to KS-GMC	160.64

1635.30

1991 EXPENSES

L T Protection Fund	1008.00
trail and shelter insur.	138.38
trail/shelter materials	261.09
due from KS-GMC	62.95

1470.42

12/31/91 SAVINGS 172.97

CD #	matures	interest earned	face value	yield	term
6306	1/12/92	200.70	4000	5.35	3 mon
6305	1/21/92	351.19	4000	7.84	2 yr
3704	8/19/92	285.25	3500	8.02	2 yr
4868	3/8/91	41.62			
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KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the listed trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Saturday 9 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

Bristol Notch. This is a repeat of Jerry's hike behind the Bristol Cliffs, to the site of an old WWII airplane crash. Easy 4 mile hike.

Saturday 16 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

Work Party - Rt 140 to Upper Cold River Rd. This will combine moderate hikes of 2-4 miles with the opportunity to remove winter blowdowns, clear waterbars and trim the trail. For those interested in trail maintenance, the Section has clippers, saws, axes, weed cutters, paint and paintbrushes. Come along and enjoy a fun day!

Sunday 31 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

Mt. Ascutney. Up the Weathersfield trail, and down the Brownsville trail. 6.1 mile hike up through several sometimes steep sections past the Flume, the 80 foot Crystal Cascade, Gus's Lookout, the hang gliding platform and the Norcross Quarry. Moderate difficulty level

Saturday 6 June, 8 a.m. (Meeting begins at 9:30.) Contact for rides: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

Annual GMC Meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Quechee this year. See the Long Trail News for details.

Sunday 7 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085

Work Party - Rt 4 to Upper Cold River Rd. This hike or hikes will focus on any trail maintenance required for the northern half of the section. For those interested in trail maintenance, the Section has clippers, saws, axes, weed cutters, paint and paintbrushes.

Saturday 20 June, 9 a.m. Leaders: Phil Johnson 287-9607 & Linda Pellerin 775-7779

Middlebury Gap to Skylight Pond. Starting from Rt 125 over Burnt Hill, Kirby Peak, Mt. Boyce and Battell Mountain to Skyline Shelter and then down Skylight Pond Trail. 7 miles moderate.

Thursday 25 June, 7 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368; Linda Pellerin 773-7779

Outings Committee Scheduling Meeting at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Saturday 27 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830
Trail Maintenance. Miscellaneous trail work on Long Trail or side trails as required.

Saturday 11 July, 8 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997
Clark Brook Trail - Granville. A 7 mile moderate to difficult hike from Granville west to the peak of Mount Roosevelt.

Saturday 18 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Trish Handly 775-4806
Mystery Hike. Moderate difficulty and length.

Saturday 25 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
Oak Ridge - East Middlebury. Hike on Moosalamoo up to Rattlesnake Cliffs. 6.6 miles, difficult.

Sunday 2 August, 9:30 a.m. Leader: W.C. Scott 775-1494
Inman Pond - Fair Haven. Possibly including a side trip to Rattlesnake Ledge depending on time, weather and terrain. Moderate 4 mile hike.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

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!!! SEND COPY BY 26 JUNE 1992 PLEASE !!!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your write-up directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot.

Wish List for New Headquarters

If you can donate any of the following (tax-deductible) or know someone who might, please contact **The Green Mountain Club**, RR1 Box 650, Waterbury Center, Vermont 05677 (802) 244-7037

- 10-15 8' folding tables
- 100-150 folding chairs
- Fax machine
- Copying machine
- Office chairs
- Merlin/AT&T Multi-line telephones
- 3 computers (IBM compatible 386SX 33MHz)
- HP Laserjet III printer w/ dual tray
- Desk lights
- Small storage cabinet (for office supplies)
- Informational display boards
- Message board (erasable surface)
- Drafting style table
- Dehumidifier (for storage area in barn)
- Lumber (for various projects)
- Paint (for exterior of barn and office building)
- Riding lawn tractor
- Push lawn mower
- Vacuum cleaner
- Bulbs, shrubs, seedlings, etc. for landscaping
- Refrigerator
- Flip chart easel (for presentations)
- Grounds tools: rakes, shovels, etc.
- 50 mail slot pigeonhole unit

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
Adult Spouse	11.00
Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
Institutional	25.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund to support the ongoing maintenance and preservation.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From your 1993 dues (due on 31 Dec. 1992), you may deduct \$.50 for each month in 1992 during which you were **not yet** a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Wally Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
RFD 1, Box 363
Castleton VT 05735

TO:



The Green Mountain Club, Inc.

Since 1910

May 29, 1992

Dear Fellow GMC Member:

We need your help on a critical trail protection issue! On May 4, the National Park Service (NPS) released its *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* for the Killington/Pico section of the Long/Appalachian Trail across the Coolidge Range. **We need you to become an active participant in the EIS public-comment process and to speak out for the Trail!**

The Park Service has identified a preferred alternative that contains provisions that may be opposed by members of both the conservation and local business communities, but does satisfactorily protect the LT/AT. NPS **must** receive strong, clearly-stated support for the preferred alternative from AT/LT users during the public comment period, which ends July 15. **Your participation is crucial** to the effort to protect the Trail across the Coolidge Range. Please review the enclosed map and position statement and support Long/Appalachian Trail protection by:

- Attending one of the public hearings and **speaking out in support of the preferred alternative**. Even if you prefer to submit written comments, attend a hearing to show your support for the Trail.

June 10 in Rutland, 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (Route 7 south of town)

June 11 in Bennington, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennington Free Library (Corner of East Main and Silver Streets)

- If you cannot attend or don't speak at a public hearing, please send your written comments **by July 15, 1992** to:

John F. Byrne, Project Manager
Appalachian National Scenic Trail
National Park Service
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Please send a copy to:

Dennis L. Shaffer
Green Mountain Club
RR 1, Box 650, Route 100
Waterbury Center, VT 05677

The draft EIS evaluates eight separate protection alternatives for the 8-mile section of the Trail between the Mendon/Shrewsbury town line (south of Little Killington) and Maine Junction (north of Sherburne Pass). The alternatives range from no additional protection to prohibiting any development near the present Trail. Several alternatives combine trail relocations (to avoid existing or proposed ski development) with varying levels of ski development across or near the Trail.

Two alternatives would prohibit any ski development across the Trail or within a 1,000-foot protective corridor that the Park Service would purchase. One of these is Alternative 3, which would protect the existing LT/AT from any development. While this is the most desirable option from a hiker's standpoint, it would prevent Pico Ski Resort from developing any of their property on the northeast side of Pico Peak. Pico's management feels that they must develop this area in order to survive, and they will surely challenge any attempt by the Park Service or the trail community to limit their options in this area. Other alternatives that keep the Trail in its current

location north of Pico Peak limit ski development and are unacceptable to Pico, or allow excessive development along the Trail and are unacceptable to the GMC.

The second alternative that prohibits ski area development near the Trail is Alternative 5, the Park Service's preferred alternative. Under this alternative, the Park Service would protect the Trail in a high-elevation, remote location south of Pico Peak. The northern portion (from Pico Peak to Maine Junction) would be relocated to the west side of Pico ski area and cross Route 4 about one mile west of Sherburne Pass. NPS would purchase a 1,000-foot corridor around the Trail that would exclude any ski development. Pico Camp would eventually be relocated to a site on the new route. NPS would also seek a permanent easement to maintain the existing LT/AT as an access trail from Sherburne Pass, through proposed ski development, to Pico Peak.

The Green Mountain Club supports Alternative 5. In the best of all possible worlds, we would prefer complete protection of the existing Trail, which provides the best hiking experience of any of the alternatives. However, we believe that for most of its length, the preferred alternative offers a remote, scenic, high-quality hiking environment, and does not interfere with most ski development plans. Support for the preferred alternative demonstrates to NPS, our members, and the ski industry that we are eager to work for solutions that preserve the hiking experience while recognizing the concerns of local communities.

Our support for Alternative 5 represents a significant compromise on our part, but one that we believe is in the best long-term interest of the Trail, provided that the Park Service achieves the protection described for this alternative in the draft EIS. A fully protected, 1,000-foot corridor for the entire LT/AT between the Mendon/Shrewsbury town line and Maine Junction **and** an easement that would keep the current LT/AT available as an access trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Peak **must** be part of the final protection package. Other conditions outlined on the enclosed position statement are also critical for this alternative to be acceptable to the GMC.

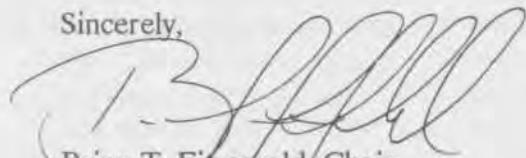
We cannot overemphasize the necessity of **your** support. The Park Service **must** receive a strong message that the protection called for in Alternative 5 must not be weakened, but rather should be **strengthened** by adding the points discussed in the position statement.

GMC and Appalachian Trail Conference volunteers and staff have spent countless hours working on Trail protection issues in the Killington/Pico region since the early 1980s. *The Long Trail News* has carried several articles since 1989 detailing the various government actions, discussions with the ski areas, agreements, lawsuits and hearings. More time, money and energy has been devoted to this matter than any other single trail protection issue. This compromise offers our best chance of protecting the Trail where it crosses the Coolidge Range.

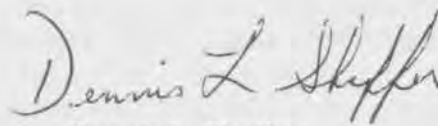
In order to more fully involve you and others in our discussion of trail protection at Killington/Pico, we will make a presentation during the GMC Annual Meeting on June 6. We expect to begin at about 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Friendship Inn at Quechee Gorge in Quechee, Vermont. We hope you can attend.

Thank you for **actively** participating in this very important Trail protection effort.

Sincerely,



Brian T. Fitzgerald, Chair
Killington/Pico Committee



Dennis L. Shaffer
Executive Director

Green Mountain Club Position Statement on Killington/Pico Draft EIS

The Green Mountain Club and Appalachian Trail Conference plan to support the National Park Service preferred alternative (Alternative 5) in both oral and written testimony during the public comment period. However, our support depends on several important conditions, which will be reflected in our testimony:

- **No new ski development should be permitted near or across the Trail south of Pico Peak.** The section of proposed Trail from Pico to south of Little Killington offers some of the finest, roadless, high-elevation hiking in Vermont. New ski development in this area, such as that reserved by Killington in the 1989 easement agreement with NPS for the 1.2 mile Killington-Little Killington section, would have extremely negative impacts on the hiking experience. NPS purchase of Killington's outstanding rights is extremely important, and Killington has already stated its opposition to the NPS position. Consequently, support for the NPS position (under all EIS alternatives except "no action") -- to expand the corridor to 1,000 feet in width and purchase rights reserved in 1989 by Killington for ski development between Killington Peak and Little Killington -- is a critical requirement to GMC.
- **The existing, historical route up Pico must be protected.** Access to Pico Peak from Sherburne Pass on the current Trail must continue through grant of a permanent easement to NPS. If the western route is chosen, such an easement will ensure that one of the oldest sections of the Long Trail System will continue to be open to hikers. The existing Trail will provide a direct route to Pico Peak and the ridgeline south of Pico, as well as new loop-hiking opportunities in this popular and frequently-visited area.
- **Permanent protection for a Trail route across the Rutland City Forest must be obtained.** The National Park Service does not have the authority to purchase municipal land if the municipality does not wish to sell. Therefore, some commitment from the city to sell adequate land for the Trail must be received before the western route is officially sanctioned. GMC and ATC have been working closely with city officials on the possibility of such a purchase.
- **Funds to pay for construction of the new route must be found.** After many days of fieldwork exploring options for the western route, we have concluded that approximately 7.6 miles of new Trail

would have to be constructed if the preferred alternative is selected. The Trail will cross difficult terrain in some areas, and the cost of construction will be very high. A source of funds must be identified to assure that the new Trail is properly constructed.

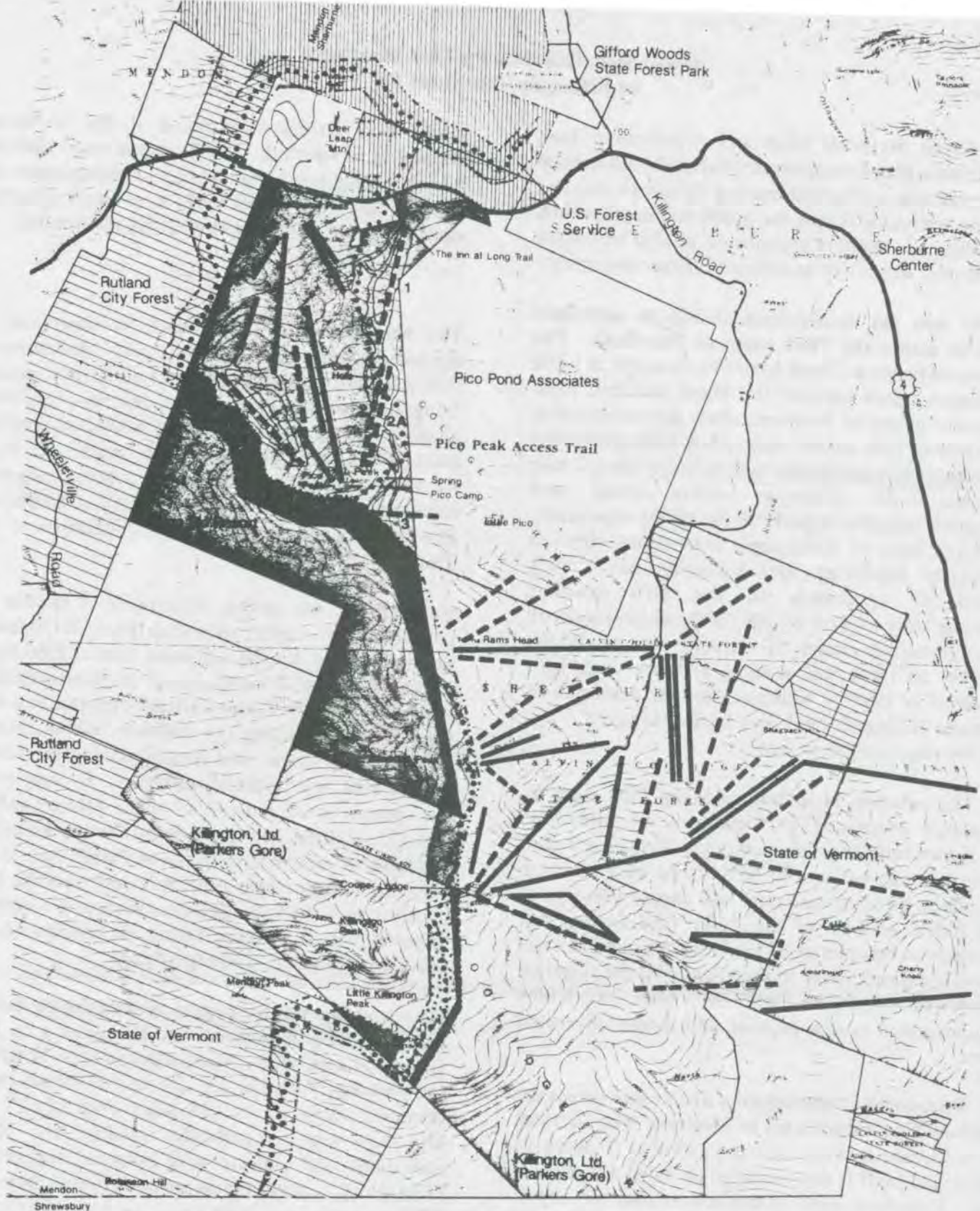
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The western route (Alternative 5) represents a significant compromise. The superior alternative is NPS Alternative 3, which protects the highest-quality Long/Appalachian Trail environment by prohibiting all ski area development within a 1,000-foot corridor surrounding the existing Trail north of Pico. Alternative 3 would preserve the historic, ridgeline route and the long history of the Trail at Sherburne Pass and provide the most direct connection to the Trail north of U.S. 4.

Nevertheless, we realize Alternative 3 creates an unreconcilable conflict with Pico Peak Ski Resort's expansion plans for the northeast side of Pico Peak, where the current Trail is located. Implementation of Alternative 3 by NPS would virtually guarantee a long legal battle, stretching the decision-making process well into the future, and possibly taxing the Club's limited staff and financial resources. By supporting the western route, we will minimize future conflicts with Pico ski area, demonstrate the Trail community's flexibility in establishing the permanent route of the Trail, and recognize the economic desires of the local community at the same time that we secure a remote, undeveloped, and scenic hiking experience on the northern end of the Coolidge Range.

We encourage you to prepare oral testimony for the public hearings in Rutland and Bennington on June 10 and 11 **and** submit written comments directly to the National Park Service during the formal public comment period on the EIS, which ends July 15. We also ask you to carefully consider the above conditions and indicate your personal support for GMC/ATC's compromise position (Alternative 5). NPS needs to hear from you -- as a member of the community of hikers who use the Long/Appalachian Trail -- and how you feel about the protection alternatives that are outlined in the EIS.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Dennis Shaffer at the GMC office at (802) 244-7037.



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| Existing Lifts | Present NPS Easement |
| Proposed Lifts and Runs | U.S. Forest Service Land |
| Pico Ski Area | Other Private Lands |
| Killington Ski Area | Public Lands (Rutland City Watershed and State of Vermont Unleased Land) |
| Trail and Trail Corridor | |



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ALTERNATIVE 5 PREFERRED

Western Relocation (No crossings)

Appalachian Trail - Pico/Killington Section
U.S. Department of the Interior / National Park Service
632-0000 April 92

**OLD BRANDON ROAD**

26 April 1992

by Jerry Parker, Leader

The day started with rain with no letup in sight. The hike was scheduled at 1 p.m. I left home in the pouring rain thinking no one would show up. As I got into Rutland the sky toward Brandon was blue and no rain was in sight. There were six hikers waiting.

We parked in the Otter Valley High School parking lot and walked across the baseball field until we came to the trail. Some wildflowers were in bloom: spring beauties, yellow violets, and bloodroots.

The two youngsters who were along really appreciated the early rain, as they didn't miss a single puddle to step into; they were wearing "rubber boots."

We visited the cemetery on Hawk Hill as we did on a previous hike led by Roma. She wrote a nice report on its history in the April Smoke & Blazes. It was a coincidence we both scheduled "mystery" hikes in the same area.

When we started down, Rosie, the youngest, had to be carried by no one but Mommy. So we had to take several rest stops and finally the other three hikers proceeded on their own. It turned out to be a beautiful day, and Rosie's comment was "Mommy, this was a real nice hike."

LILY POND, CASTLETON

2 May 1992

by Sue Thomas, Leader

I'm sitting at home listening to the thunder crack and the rain pour down and thinking how fortunate we were to finish our hike a mere half hour before the storm hit!

We were also fortunate to have among our 14 hikers several experts on various subjects, which added a great deal to the day. Frank and Libby Thorne showed us ferns and club mosses, Jerry Parker identified raccoon and turkey tracks and found an area where the turkeys had scraped under the fallen pine needles for food, and Jean Davies told us Indian and colonial uses for many of the plants we found, even treating us to a taste of day lily shoots. With the aid of binoculars and a field guide we identified a Northern harrier (a large hawk), flushed a grouse, and had to tread lightly to avoid stepping on red efts.

Because of our unusually cold spring, wildflowers were scarce, so that those we found were enthusiastically appreciated -- coltsfoot, several kinds of tiny violets, and one trillium bud. The first hepatica was spotted when we had to detour around an area where beavers had flooded the trail, so I guess we can thank them for it.

The first hikers to reach the pond flushed six ducks, but apparently they didn't like the looks of our group and hadn't



returned before we finished our lunch. A heron was spotted flying overhead and peepers sang (yelled) for us.

We took a vote and decided to make a short side trip past a beautiful little waterfall to a place where beavers have recently done some landscaping, transforming a footbridge into a dam and building their lodge in the newly flooded area. On the way, we found a pile of feathers where a grouse provided a meal for some hungry critter.

We finished the hike at the Bomoseen float bridge, where most of the hikers settled under a tree to wait for the rest of the cars to be ferried over from Glen Lake. All in all it was a very productive hike, considering everything that we saw and learned in a distance of only 2 1/2 miles. Thanks to everyone for making it so much fun.

BRISTOL NOTCH

9 May 1992

by Jerry Parker, Leader

I couldn't believe it: another hike of mine and another rainy morning with rain forecast all day!

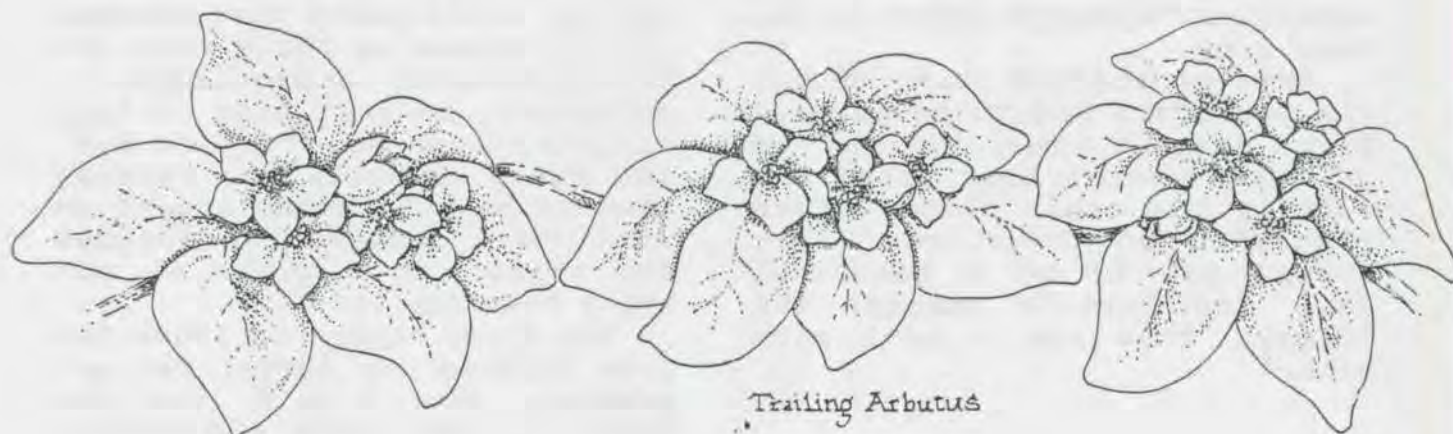
We had a misprint in the schedule: "Easy 4 mile hike." I anticipated a fairly large crowd, all expecting an easy hike. I guess the weather helped in this respect.

Six hikers were waiting, of which two were prepared for that easy hike. Entering Middlebury, we were greeted by clear and sunny skies and enjoyed this lovely weather all day.

I decided first to go to Gilmore Pond, where we stopped for lunch. Nina and Margaret then went back to the cars; they were able to have their easy hike. Sue offered to walk them down but they assured us they could make it OK. This section of the trail is well-traveled. Linda was puzzled by the picture window in the outhouse. I explained the reason but she wasn't impressed.

Five of us proceeded. We saw several beaver dams. I did not have the problem finding the plane wreckage that I did last year when we went in June and the area was overgrown and I missed it within fifty feet of the site. We walked around inspecting the plane parts. Phil was busy taking pictures. On the way down we stopped at the lookout. We could see Lake Champlain and as far as New York.

As we were nearing the road, I spotted some trailing arbutus that were almost gone by. We continued down to where we parked. Nina and Margaret left us a note assuring us they made it back and, yes, I'm proud of you both.



Trailing Arbutus

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Saturday 8 August, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
MAURI WINTTURI SHELTER TO NOTOWN, Stockbridge. See the new relocation of four miles of the AT through the backwoods of Barnard, Bridgewater and Stockbridge. Moderate to difficult 8 mile hike.

Saturday 15 August, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350.
MOUNT ASCUTNEY. Up the Weathersfield trail, and down the Brownsville trail. 6.1 mile hike up through several sometimes steep sections past the Flume, the 80 foot Crystal Cascade, Gus's Lookout, the hang gliding platform and the Norcross Quarry. Somewhat difficult.

Saturday 22 August - Saturday 29 August. See Long Trail News for details or call Rob or Sue Carey 446-2830 **before** the event.
INTERSECTIONAL Campout for the whole Green Mountain Club, Camp Ondawa, Sunderland, Vermont. Events include Herb Ogden, Jr.'s slide show on bicycling in Germany at 7 p.m. on Saturday 29 August.

Saturday 5 September, 9 a.m.. Leader: Ruth Gibbard 468-2287 or Jerry Parker 775-6208
OTTER CREEK CANOE CRUISE. Call the leader if you need a canoe.

Saturday 12 September, 6 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208.
BALD MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT. Hike from near Tamarack Notch in Mendon to Bald Mountain. Bring supper to eat on Bald Mountain. We'll view Rutland City lights from the Rutland Overlook and descend by moonlight. 3 mi. easy.

Saturday 19 September, 9 a.m. Leaders: Phil Johnson 287-9607 & Linda Pellerin 773-7779
MIDDLEBURY GAP TO SKYLIGHT POND. Starting from Rt 125 over Burnt Hill, Kirby Peak, Mt. Boyce and Battell Mountain to Skyline Shelter and then down Skylight Pond Trail. 7 miles moderate.

Saturday 26 September, 1 p.m. (after lunch) Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982
THIRD ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. Easy (a little shorter than last year). Rain date: Sunday 27 September. Call the leader if in doubt or if you want directions direct to the starting point.

Thursday 1 October, 7 p.m. Co-chair: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350.
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Sunday 4 October, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350.
DORSET PEAK from the north (near Danby Four Corners). Foliage season views from the top should be good. Return may be via the east trail depending on interest. 7 mi. difficult.

Sunday 11 October, 12:30 p.m. (after lunch) Leaders: Sue and Rob Carey 446-2830
DEER KNOLL, Manchester. Nice views. 2 1/2 mile moderate hike.

Saturday 17 October, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.
COOLEY GLEN, LINCOLN. JOINT HIKE WITH BURLINGTON SECTION. Long Trail from Lincoln Gap over Vermont's scenic Northern Presidential Range to Cooley Glen Shelter, then down Cooley Glen Trail. 8.1 mi. moderate.

Saturday 24 October, 10 a.m. Leaders: Sue and Rob Carey 446-2830
NICAWATIC CAVE, Pittsford. Bring your flashlight for a bit of spelunking. 2 miles, moderate.

Sunday 1 November, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350.
BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN WORK PARTY to put the Cauty Trail in Mendon to bed for the winter. Clear waterbars and remove any blowdowns, or just come along for a 4.8 mi. round trip of moderate difficulty. Views!

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SOUTHERN HALF WORK PARTIES

16 and 17 May, 13 and 27 June
by Sue Carey, Leader

Route 140 to Upper Cold River Road, 16 and 17 May: Maintenance on the Trail in rainy weather is uncomfortable. When Saturday dawned as a dreary day with rain likely, I decided to postpone the work party. Anyone who called was told that we would meet on Sunday. Just in case anybody came to the park wanting to work, I brought tools. Five people decided to risk getting wet and came to the park willing to work. The next day five more people arrived, so we got all of the southern part of the Killington Section brushed and cleared.

Clarendon Gorge Suspension Bridge, 13 June: Various people from the Killington Section have been warning the main club about the poor condition of Clarendon Gorge Bridge for years and finally they started to listen. Robert Freis (now former but at that time current GMC Field Supervisor) was able to obtain a grant from the National Park Service for repairs to the bridge. Fred Gilbert volunteered to supervise a work party, and all that was left was to find people to work.

Even though the Clarendon Gorge Bridge is not part of the Killington Section's duties, it was left to the Section to find volunteers. The date was arranged after Smoke & Blazes was mailed with the outing schedule, but with an informational letter sent to the membership and Bernie Donahue's good publicity, enough volunteers arrived to complete the task. The workers replaced some rotten support beams, installed a higher cable for a hand railing, fenced the open space under the railing, and greased the cables.

The bridge is much safer.

Within the next several years more work will be needed.

Clarendon Shelter area Long Trail relocation, 27 June: Three years ago, when the Long Trail in Clarendon was relocated to the land bought by the National Park Service, a section just north of Clarendon Shelter was missed. On 27 June we relocated the remaining 200 yards or so of trail into protected trail corridor land. The new section runs straight across the abandoned town road, crosses the brook, passes a small cascade, and heads sharply east to join the old route above Clarendon Shelter. The shelter, not on protected land, is now on a blue-blazed side trail. Everything was finished, including blue and white blazes. [Signs to Clarendon Shelter were still needed; one AT through hiker told me he missed the shelter altogether. --Ed.] We left and walked down the old road to our vehicles just before it started to rain and hail.

VARIOUS HIKING ADVENTURES

by Roma Pulling

From the time I read about the new Bear Hollow Shelter in the November issue of Long Trail News, I knew I had to go there. It was May 5 this year before all systems were "GO" and we were headed north toward Morristown.

Bear Hollow is an open-front shelter constructed in 1991 by the Sterling Section about a mile south of the old French Camp, which was still standing in May and sheltering hikers as it has since 1931. We camped there on July 6, 1984, on our way south to Smugglers's Notch.

Because of spring road conditions, we couldn't drive all the way to the gate on the road branching south from Route 15. Walking was easy and the

wildflowers, including colts's foot, spring beauties and dog tooth violets, were beautiful along the way. The crossing of French Hill Brook was as difficult as I remembered it, and we spent several minutes finding a safe crossing in that season of high water.

The new shelter was worth the effort to get there. It is well constructed on a shelf above a stream with a railing across the front. The round trip was about six miles.

Our other outings were all short ones in National Parks on our recent trip through the Midwest, starting with the Empire Bluff Trail at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, in Michigan. It led us through the forest to a lookout 400 feet over Lake Michigan. It afforded a lovely view of the dunes further north on the shore. Before leaving we drove to another vantage point and climbed a dune.

Our next opportunity to stretch out legs came on our visit to Isle Royale National Park. This park is part of Michigan but closer to Minnesota, and we drove there to catch a boat to the island. No cars are allowed on the island; one either walks or doesn't get around. Seven of the sixteen people on our boat were backpackers who planned to stay several days. We got off the boat, after a 2 1/2 hour ride, at the ranger station on the southern end of the island, called Windigo. After a very quick lunch, we had two hours before catching the boat back to Grand Portage, and we made the most of it. After completing a loop trail, we headed for the campground on the lake shore and learned from another hiker that a moose was plainly not to be missed! We succeeded in sneaking up for a good view and were mostly ignored by the big fellow.

Three days later we were on a trail in Pipestone National Monument in southwestern Minnesota. This area is administered by the Park Service to protect quarries used by Indians for hundreds of years. The stone quarried there was carved into peace pipes. Today Indians are the only people allowed to quarry the stone, and we watched them working on it. The trail led us past several places where quarries have been worked in the past.

In Blue Mound State Park in south-central Wisconsin we hiked the Mound Trail to see the herd of about 30 buffalo. Then we continued on to inspect the mound, which is actually a long ridge constructed of blocks of stone by people in the past. No one knows why or by whom.

In the hilly area of north-eastern Iowa near Marquette we took a guided hike in Effigy Mounds National Monument. There both conical and effigy mounds constructed by Hopewell Indians are protected. The ranger led us past a number of them and explained that the rounded mounds were used as burial sites while no one knows the purpose of those shaped like animals. We saw one shaped like a bear. Another highlight of this hike was a lookout with a gorgeous view of the Mississippi River Islands, a wildlife refuge.

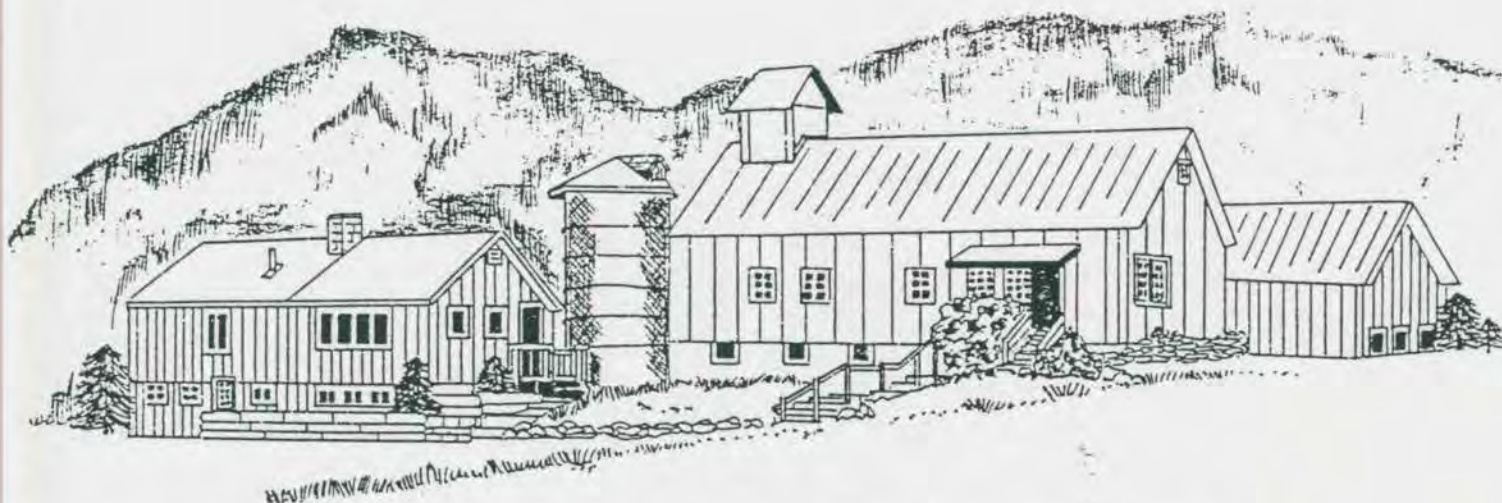
Our last hike was at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore on Indiana's Lake Michigan shore. We enjoyed a short hike on a woodsy trail near the Visitor's Center. While being appreciative that 13,000 acres of woods and shoreline have been preserved, I never lost a feeling of claustrophobia. It is squeezed between a nuclear power plant on the east and the overcrowded maze that is Chicago on the west.

Two days later we were winging our way home to the familiar hills of Vermont.

Wish List for New Headquarters

If you can donate any of the following (tax-deductible) or know someone who might, please contact The Green Mountain Club, RR1 Box 650, Waterbury Center, Vermont 05677 (802) 244-7037

- 10-15 8' folding tables
- 100-150 folding chairs
- Fax machine
- Copying machine
- Office chairs
- Merlin/AT&T Multi-line telephones
- 3 computers (IBM compatible 386SX 33MHz)
- HP Laserjet III printer w/ dual tray
- Desk lights
- Small storage cabinet (for office supplies)
- Informational display boards
- Message board (erasable surface)
- Drafting style table
- Dehumidifier (for storage area in barn)
- Lumber (for various projects)
- Paint (for exterior of barn and office building)
- Riding lawn tractor
 - Push lawn mower
 - Vacuum cleaner
 - Bulbs, shrubs, seedlings, etc. for landscaping
 - Refrigerator
 - Flip chart easel (for presentations)
 - Grounds tools: rakes, shovels, etc.
 - 50 mail slot pigeonhole unit



The New Green Mountain Club Headquarters, Waterbury Center, Vt.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

<u>DUES*</u>		NAME: _____
Adult	\$14.00	
Adult Spouse	11.00	ADDRESS: _____
Junior (under 18)	2.50	
Family Junior	1.00	_____
Senior (over 65)	7.00	
Life	200.00	TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
Institutional	25.00	

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From the dues that are due on 31 December, you may deduct \$.50 for each month in this year during which you were not yet a member.

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CLARK BROOK TRAIL

11 July 1992

by Roma Pulling, Leader

At an early (8:00) hour on Saturday morning five other people arrived at the park and headed north toward Granville with Alfred and me in three cars. Like so many days this summer, it was cloudy and cool.

Clark Brook Trail started out easy but required increased effort as we neared the LT. Even some of the younger hikers took more frequent rest stops. Several crossings of Clark Brook were spanned by bridges. One of these caused comment as the hand rail was in the middle.

We arrived at the junction of the Clark Brook Trail and the LT near lunchtime so paused to eat. Two people returned to their car at that time, but five of us continued north on the Long Trail to the summit of Mt. Roosevelt, .4 mile further on. The summit was enveloped in fog, but we stood where there would have been an excellent view to the east on a clear day.

We passed beds of violet wood sorrel, and I stopped to admire a cascade and a flower that was new to me - a shinleaf.

One hiker suffered a painfully sprained ankle on the return hike but has survived to lead another hike.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, BRIDGEWATER

8 August 1992

by Roma Pulling, Leader

For the first time, we planned a hike and no one came. It wasn't the weather because it was nearly ideal for hiking. Unfortunately, it was equally ideal for many other activities.

While the hike was still in its planning stage, we discovered that the road to No Town, where we planned to have a family member meet us and whisk us back to our trail head in Bridgewater to pick up our car, was blocked by a "Bridge Closed" sign. So we had to activate Plan B, which was to hike as far on the Appalachian Trail from North Bridgewater as possible and return the same way.

On the way along Route 4 I watched the Ottauquechee River for signs of wildlife and discovered a herd of six deer on the opposite bank. A thrilling sight!!

After having driven as far as possible on the access road, we parked and walked up an abandoned road to the Appalachian Trail crossing and headed south. In about a half hour we passed the side trail leading to Wintturi Shelter but continued on over a knob. By lunch time we reached what is known as The Lookout but when I lived in that area was a wooden tower called Lucy's Lookout. Now it is a frame camp, locked, but with a ladder leading to an observation platform on the roof. The view is outstanding and encompasses

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nearly 360 degrees.

A lot of the trail there followed old roads and we could zip along, but we soon encountered another knob, steeper than the first. Further on we crossed a bridle trail and then came to a brook. A glance at our watches told us we should turn back.

Some of this trail had been relocated since my last outing there so was much new to me. We saw some late-blooming violet wood sorrel, a pink flower I have yet to identify, and ghostly Indian pipes. We met one through hiker and one out for a shorter period.

BALD MOUNTAIN - MOONLIGHT HIKE

12-13 September 1992

by Jerry Parker, Leader

What a night! What a moon!
What a hike!!

You couldn't have asked for a better night. It was clear and cool with a full moon. We started at 6:20 p.m. on the Bald Mountain trail toward Red Rock Vista. There were eleven hikers and after a short distance I realized it was going to be a slow hike. The trail was not well maintained and hard to follow in daylight, and when it started getting dark it was almost impossible.

Some of the hikers expected an easier hike, but we had several steep places to climb. We had to take several rest stops along the way.

We made it to the Red Rock Vista after 8:00 p.m. where we ate supper overlooking the City of Rutland all lit up, an impressive sight. We could hear the noise from the fair but the trees obscured our view. While we ate we decided on a easier decent which was longer. We started down after 9:00 p.m. and really had to look for the trail. I went ahead to search for the trail on one occasion

and found a partly chewed deer antler which mice eat to get their calcium.

We came to the airport lookout next. The runways were all lit up and flashing. It was beautiful. After this our troubles began. It was 10:00 when we came to a sign stating "Trail Closed Logging"! There wasn't much we could do but continue on. There was no trail to follow, so we headed down the logging road. After a slow trip we came to a logging header which I recognized from a previous hike. By then our flashlights were getting dim. Phil let me use a spare one he had in his pack. We were on the logging road that went between Cold River and where we parked.

It was now 11:00 p.m.. Some of the group weren't sure whether I knew where we were, but Joann recognized the area from a spring hike with Churchill and assured all that we were not lost. When we got into clearings the moon gave us light we sorely needed.

We continued finally getting to the fire road that circles Bald Mountain. It was almost midnight. As we came to our cars I expected someone waiting for us (like the rescue squad). One comment was "This sure was a real adventure." I think it will be talked about for some time.

What started out to be a easy three mile hike as scheduled was almost five miles and six hours.

NEW ROOF ON COOPER LODGE

3 October 1992

by Sue Carey

Ruth and Sandy Lamb, caretakers of Cooper Lodge, were the instigators of this work party. Ruth is a descendant of C.P. Cooper for whom the lodge is named. Ruth's uncle, C.P. Cooper's son, donated money for the new roof.

The new roof was definitely needed. Water was leaking into the lodge and was damaging one section of the structure. The work party was arranged after the schedule was mailed, but through word of mouth, the US mail and the Rutland Herald, enough people were notified for a crew of eleven to be formed.

We drove two trucks up the steep and winding Killington service road. The new roofing was carried approximately 75 yards to the lodge and the old roofing was carried back to the trucks. These ten feet by three feet pieces of metal were not only heavy but awkward.

The weather was very dreary. The entire day was spent in a cloud. Occasional wind gusts made working treacherous. One sheet of metal was blown off the roof and hit John Ruppe in the head.

The roof removal and replacement took the entire day with the majority of the crew not leaving the mountain until 6:00. Originally we had hoped to also reconstruct the outhouse at Pico Camp, but roof work took the entire time. If you are interested in outhouse construction, contact Tim Welch.

It was a hard job but the roof should last for decades. Ruth and Sandy would like to thank all the Killington Section "laborers" who helped complete this project.

We would like to thank Ruth and Sandy for their super effort as caretakers of Cooper Lodge!

DORSET PEAK

4 October 1992

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This hike began with my version of the old riddle about the river, the boat that can hold only three people and a dog (or whatever), the seven people, three dogs, and one cat that

must get across, and the question how many trips are necessary. When I absentmindedly let a hiker meet us at the Danby trailhead instead of at the North Dorset trailhead, I added a round trip between these two places. At least the trips up and down the Great Valley of Vermont were unusually pretty, just before the peak of foliage season, and we did finally get started up the mountain.

The Danby trailhead is almost exactly due south of Danby Four Corners, beginning at the 1410' elevation shown on the USGS Dorset 7.5 min. quadrangle. The top is about 3760' and that yields some 2350' of climb, plus a little more in the saddles between the various peaks.

We headed about due south from the Danby trailhead and soon crossed a small brook on a well-maintained woodroad that appeared to be on Smoky House Project land. Before we left the fields, we had a beautiful view north over the fall colors and the mountains on this wonderfully clear, crisp day. The woodroad climbed steadily and sometimes quite steeply to the gap between the 3515' west peak of Dorset Mountain and the higher east peaks, right on the Danby-Dorset town line. This is where the trail from Dorset Hollow comes in. It is the only Dorset Mountain trail described in the club's Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont. From the gap, we again had nice views to the north and northwest.

From the gap, the woodroad, which I had billed as "relatively level," actually climbs pretty steeply in places before the trail leaves it and heads south to the site of the fire tower. There was a little good-natured grumbling about the way lawyers use language from those who hadn't grasped the full significance of "relatively level."

We lunched at the fire tower site, enjoying the views to the west and north till the cold west wind drove us off this 3730' knob and on to the actual Dorset Peak, elevation 3770'. The true peak boasts a nicely carved sign, the lower five feet or so of a cabin nicely made of logs squared off at the ends, and an Appalachian Mountain Club "New England Hundred Highest" register. There is a limited view back to the fire tower site from just southwest of the true peak.

Driven by my recollection of a view from the northernmost peak (3690'), our group of eight went thither. After the summit ridge trail hit the old woodroad, the trail became pretty indistinct, but we did find the final peak and the remains of another log cabin there. The view, however, turned out to be in the same category as the gold that the old Spaniard is supposed to have hidden at Wallingford's White Rocks.

We retraced our route to about 700' southwest of the true peak, then turned south at a junction marked by signs. There was a "North Dorset" sign pointing back the way we had come. We concluded it had fallen off the tree and been nailed back up pointing in the wrong direction.

At first, our trail down was a little-used snowmobile trail that moonlighted as a brook in places, descending at a moderate grade. Almost all of it shows on the USGS map; just the very top is missing. At the 3350' elevation, this trail joins a woodroad that the USGS map shows as coming from near the fire tower site. After a very pretty and nearly level quarter mile, the woodroad suddenly pitches down very steeply and loses about 800' in only half a mile. This was slow going, but pretty.

At the saddle between Dorset

Peak and Netop Mountain, we paused to consume the goodies that we had passed up at the windswept fire tower site. They were most generously shared by our excellent bakers while we admired the view of Dorset Mountain and The Mettawee to the west.

From here, the woodroad had been used very recently for logging. The skid tracks went south up toward Netop; we took them downhill and, after two switchbacks, reached the old Dorset-Danby County Road described in the Day Hiker's Guide. I was glad to see the County Road, for I had never hiked down to it from Dorset Peak before and was not absolutely sure the woodroad I had spotted earlier this summer was the same one the USGS map showed coming down from Dorset Peak.

We crossed the County Road and headed down what the USGS map calls a "jeep trail," soon crossing an old power line evidenced by a huge downed pole. Pretty soon, a blue-blazed road came in from the north. This hits the County Road a little farther north than we did, and is an alternate route to the Natural Bridge. We followed the trail, now an old public road, downhill and across Gulf Brook to the poorly-marked junction with the Natural Bridge Trail. After about 400' the road became passable. We walked past an old dam and a few houses, and soon we were in North Dorset at our cars.

This is a strenuous but very pretty way to go up and down Dorset, and nicer than the route from Dorset Hollow, which is extremely steep before it hits the Dorset Mountain gap. I've described it at some length because it is not in the Day Hiker's Guide. With this description and the USGS map, an experienced hiker should have little trouble following it.

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EAST MOUNTAIN, Moderate 4 mile hike. Beautiful views of Rutland.

Saturday 14 November, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.
FORT TICONDEROGA & CROWN POINT, an easy, short historical walk around this revolutionary work site and Crown Point's ruined forts. Ferry charge.

Saturday 21 November, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Phil Johnson 287-9607
POTLUCK AND SPECIAL MEETING Location this year will be the Econo Lodge - Mountainside (previously the Pico Manor) on Route 4 east in Mendon. Please bring your own utensils and placesetting as well as your favorite dish of course. Herb Ogden will be presenting his slide show titled Cycling in Germany.
 Special meeting will include acting on Board of Directors' recommendation on dues structure and/or increase.

Sunday 6 December, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
ABBEY POND, Ripton/Bristol. This will be a 3.8 mile moderate hike to a highland pond near East Middlebury.

Saturday 12 December, 9:00 a.m. Leader: John Ruppe 228-8694
PLYMOUTH BACKROADS SURPRISE, in the area of Five Corners. 5 miles moderate.

Thursday 7 January, 7 p.m. Co-chair: Herb Ogden 775-1350.
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Saturday 9 January, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
PINE HILL PARK TO PROCTOR, 5 miles moderate, past Rocky Pond, Muddy Pond and along the ridge.

Saturday 16 January, 10:00 a.m. Leaders: Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
CASTLETON RAIL ROAD BED, south of Castleton State College. 4 +/- mile easy hike past fields, farms and ponds.

Saturday 23 January, 9:30 a.m. Leaders: Phil Johnson 287-9607; Linda Pellerin 773-7779
SNAKE MOUNTAIN, near Addison. A 4 mile moderate hike with views of the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks to the west from the summit ledge.

Sunday 31 January, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462
GREAT ROARING BROOK, Shrewsbury - Plymouth. An easy 3 mile hike along
 the old road to Plymouth Union.

Sunday 7 February, 1:00 p.m. Leader: W.C. Scott 775-1494
GLEN DAM, Rutland. A 2 mile easy traditional favorite.

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11 October 1992

by Rob Carey, Leader

Let's go some place different. How about Deer Knoll on Mt. Equinox? Sure, we can scout it out at the Intersectional before leading it in October. Thus began the adventure.

At the Intersectional, we discovered that Deer Knoll had been dropped from the newer Day Hikers Guide (note that this is not the most current one). After spending some time looking for the Burr and Burton Trail we finally got started. After the Trail started getting steep, it was time to bushwhack. Just as we neared "turn-around-time" the advance members of the group spotted a promising opening and we arrived at the destination and enjoyed the view. The return trip suggested several roads that would reduce the bushwhacking.

The day of the Section's Hike was at the height of the foliage season, a fact we were reminded of as we drove into Manchester. Traffic was backed up about a mile either side of Malfunction Junction. Starting the hiking from Burr and Burton, and following the Burr and Burton Trail got us off to a good start. Branching off we followed several roads, until none seemed to be heading the right direction. It was time to start bushwhacking. The plan was to hit another old road and follow it awhile. Unfortunately, we never ran into any of the other roads. As our "turn-around-time" approached, we decided to retreat and enjoy the hike back. The foliage, although a little past peak, was still beautiful.

We did see some promising roads leading toward Equinox Pond, where the old guidebook describes the Deer Knoll Trail beginning. Perhaps we'll try again next year. The view is worth it!

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - ENVIRONMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

Wally Rogers is the area-wide representative for the environment on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The Commission is developing a regional plan at this time and also reacts to town plans and other regional activities. The Long Trail, AT, Catamount Trail, open space, water quality, bike trails and land use are all important issues that may be affected by the Commission. He wishes to develop a list of Rutland County residents interested in these topics: people who want to learn more about the issues and be able to take part in town or regional meetings and promote the importance of these environmental issues.

Please send a note with your name, address, telephone number and particular interests to:

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KILLINGTON AND PICO UPDATE

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

During the National Park Service's comment period on its draft Environmental Impact Statement, about 50 GMC members wrote to the NPS and sent the GMC office a copy. All but about 5 took the GMC's position of support for Alternative 5 (west of Pico, rejoining the LT at Willard Gap) with some protection for the current LT. The local Appalachian Trail Conference staffer is negotiating with Pico and the City of Rutland to get this combination. Success appears possible. Meanwhile, the final NPS Environmental Impact Statement will probably come out in January and will probably continue to choose Alternative 5.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$14.00
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Junior (under 18)	2.50
Family Junior	1.00
Senior (over 65)	7.00
Life	200.00
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I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

* The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If you first joined the Killington Section during last year, the month of joining is on the label to the right of your name. From the dues that are due on 31 December, you may deduct \$.50 for each month in this year during which you were not yet a member.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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Dear Members of the Killington Section-Green Mountain Club:

The following minutes for our meeting, November 21, 1992 has the approved dues schedule for the section. Please check this notice when you send your dues during January, 1993. If a date appears on your mailing label because of joining late in the year, you may deduct \$0.25 for each month in the year you were not a member--if your label says 8/92, deduct 8 times 0.25 or two dollars.

Twenty-three members of the Killington Section met at the Econo Lodge in Mendon on November 21, 1992 for a pot-luck supper and special meeting which was duly warned. The business meeting was opened by President Phil Johnson at 1845 hours. Sue Carey, "Trails and Shelters", announced an environmental training meeting to be held Jan 23-24. Herb Ogden described the pro and con views of the National Scenic Trail designation for the Long Trail. Discussion followed. The members present voted unanimously to endorse the directors motion "The Killington Section Board of Directors oppose deciding National Scenic Trail status until more complete information is obtained and urge that any proposal acted upon by the Main Club Directors be presented to the Members at the next Annual Meeting for ratification before action is taken." Members are urged to pass on their views.

Wally Rogers presented the dues proposal. Our local household costs are currently \$6 per year. The main club assessment has gone from \$5.50 three years ago to the present \$12/18. We have local funds to temporarily soften the increased dues impact. The following dues categories and fees were unanimously approved.

	1993	1994 and future
individual	16.00	18.00
family(members at at one address)	24.00	24.00
individual under 18 yr	6.00	6.00
individual 65 and over	10.00	12.00
life member-Kil Sect	400.00	400.00

Group consensus was to thank our Econo Lodge Hosts.
Herb Ogden presented a program titled Cycling in Germany.
Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

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OTTER CREEK CANOE TRIP

5 September 1992

by Ruth Gibbud & Jerry Parker,
Leaders

On a sunny Saturday morning, ten varicolored canoes with 20 adults, four children and one dog put into Otter Creek at the West Salisbury covered bridge and headed north for Middlebury. On the way we got a history lesson when we stopped at the marker commemorating Ann Story. The river was high enough for us to enjoy the many remaining wildflowers and avoid the mud common along much of the rest of the river at this time of year. We took out for lunch at a railroad trestle that provided photographers with some interesting perspectives on the river and the rails as well as the beginning of the color changes along the mountains.

This reporter heard no complaints and enjoyed the trip tremendously.

LONG TRAIL - LINCOLN GAP TO COOLEY GLEN

17 October 1992

by Sue Thomas, Leader

The forecast was awful the day we set out for this hike, but as it was one of three pieces I needed to finish my end-to-end, I was determined to go anyway. It was a joint hike with the Burlington Section which made it lots of fun. Hope we'll be able to do more of that in the future. We started up

from Lincoln Gap (and I mean UP!), a great way to get your heart started! After all the ugly predictions it turned out to be a beautiful day, tho cold, we weren't tempted to linger at the viewpoints. Late fall is such a great time to hike ridgetops, with the leaves down you can see so much more, and the light is especially nice for taking pictures. We had a long ridge to traverse before climbing to the summit of Mt. Grant, and it was very beautiful.

We had a quick lunch at the summit, the wind and cold inspiring us to eat quickly, and descended to Cooley Glen shelter. From there we followed the Cooley Glen Trail along a beautiful river down to our cars. It was a long hike but one I'd like to do again in warmer weather when the views are more appealing.

We missed the Pullings, whose car we spotted in the parking lot. They were off on the Emily Proctor Trail showing off in front of some feeble young folks, and had already left by the time we got back to our cars. If you want more details, ask them- that is if you can keep up with them long enough to hear it!

PLEASE SEND 1993 DUES TO THE SECTION TREASURER NOW!

Please see the article on page 7 and the form on page 8. Thanks!

NICKWAKETT CAVE - PITTSFORD

24 October 1992

by Sue Carey, Leader

The day was very cloudy with scattered showers forecast. This didn't seem to deter many because nineteen people came on this hike including eight children. I advertised this hike in my Brownie schedule so two of the families who came have girls in my troop.

Nickwakett Cave is a mile up an old town road. It is a small cave with three entrances, but there are several long passages to explore. It also has bats, spiders, and several nice formations of flowstone and ribbons.

The following is a story about the trip by Laura Daubenspeck, a second grade student:

Today Im happy becas im going in a cave. Evre bute went in except me I went alittl ways it was dark. at the end it was rainy we fond sheltr. I was rel rel cold and wet the shetr was dry I got in the shetr I got rel dirty my dad got dirty to it was fun.

The following is a story by Mara Carey, also a second grade student:

Today Im happy becus im going to a cave it is dark. When I came in I was clean. When I came out I was dirty. I liked the cave.

CANTY TRAIL WORK PARTY, BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN

1 November 1992

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

On a wonderfully clear day, five stalwarts gathered to put the Canty Trail to bed for the winter. In Mendon, a sixth hastened up the trail to join us.

We began by clearing blow-downs on the fairly level stretch before the first big brook crossing, leaving one evergreen stump cut in a way we think will puzzle future hikers. (Its present position is not

that in which it was cut.) After the first crossing was a skid road, new this year. It has obliterated the old road from there to the biggest brook crossing and made the trail wetter. Fortunately, the loggers spared most of the blazed trees. Unfortunately, they used blue to mark their trees to cut.

We crossed the major brook on a new log bridge, deviating from the trail, which crosses a few feet upstream on rocks. The skid road finally stopped a few yards short of the National Forest purchase boundary. We couldn't do much about it except open a few waterbars.

Once we entered National Forest and were back on the old woodroad, most of our work was drainage. We dug out all the old waterbars and added several new ones. We also cleared spur trails to the top and bottom of the cascade and improved the summit trails a little.

A little snow lingered in shady places above the 3000' level, but we were warmed by the sun as we lunched at the Rutland Lookout. Ray Catozzi told us about the old Hellebore Trail that connected Blue Ridge with Willard Gap until the 1930s, and we speculated about where it deviated from the top of the present trail. I noted that the woodroad that crosses the Canty Trail above the cascade continues across the brook on a ruined log bridge and eventually (after many briars) comes back into the Canty Trail somewhat above where the Canty Trail turns northeast, away from the old Canty place. Maybe the Hellebore Trail branched northeast from that woodroad?

Ray confirmed that long-time member Craigue Perkins, who owned Tall Timbers at the bottom of the Canty Trail, has sold it to his son in North Carolina. He may want the trail moved. Ray will write to him to try to keep access to Blue Ridge, one of our prettiest hikes.

LACHUTE RIVER INTERPRETIVE TRAIL
14 November 1992
by Sue Thomas, Leader

Our annual effort to avoid being shot at during hunting season took us to Ticonderoga this year for a short hike along the LaChute River. Armed with a very detailed pamphlet we passed the sites where a succession of mills once operated, beginning with the first sawmill built by the French in 1755, lumber in the 1800's, graphite (remember those yellow "Ticonderoga" pencils you used in school?), iron, paper and pulp in the 1900's, and today's hydroelectric turbine. The pamphlet also explained the geology of the area, and even though we lost track of where we were some of the time it was very interesting.

We'd planned to roam around Fort Ti after that but the gates were locked up tight, and rather than demand entry "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress" (or the Green Mountain Club!) we went on to Chimney Point for lunch amid the ruins of the fort there. Much of the barracks is still standing and the kids had a wonderful time running from room to room.

I have some extra copies of the LaChute interpretive pamphlet if anyone would like one. It is a short hike but worth the trip for history buffs.

POTLUCK AND SPECIAL MEETING
21 November 1992
by Phil Johnson, President

At our annual "Hunting Season" potluck last November twenty three members showed up to enjoy a pleasant evening of eating, drinking, eating, talking, eating, listening and a little more eating. The minutes of the meeting were mailed out to all members along with a copy of our current membership list.

Sue Carey gave an update on Trails and Shelters status, Herb Ogden lead a discussion of the possible designation of the Long Trail as a National Scenic Trail. Members approved the Section Directors' request that the GMC gather more information before voting on this. We evaluated and unanimously approved a proposal from the Board of Directors to change the dues structure. This new dues structure simplifies the old structure by eliminating two of the seven categories. It also increases the total amount of dues which will be received to partially offset increases in Main Club assessments. Please note the new dues listed on the back page of the Smoke and Blazes when paying your 1993 dues.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Herb for his slide show tour of bicycling in Germany and our hosts, Ross Almo and Susan Doane of the Econo Lodge for providing the facilities free of charge to our section.

ABBNEY POND, RIPTON
6 December 1992
by Roma Pulling, Leader

This lovely little woodland pond used to be a favorite destination for KS members but had been selected for several years. The day Alfred and I chose to make up for this omission was a good day for a winter hike - not too cold and at least partly sunny.

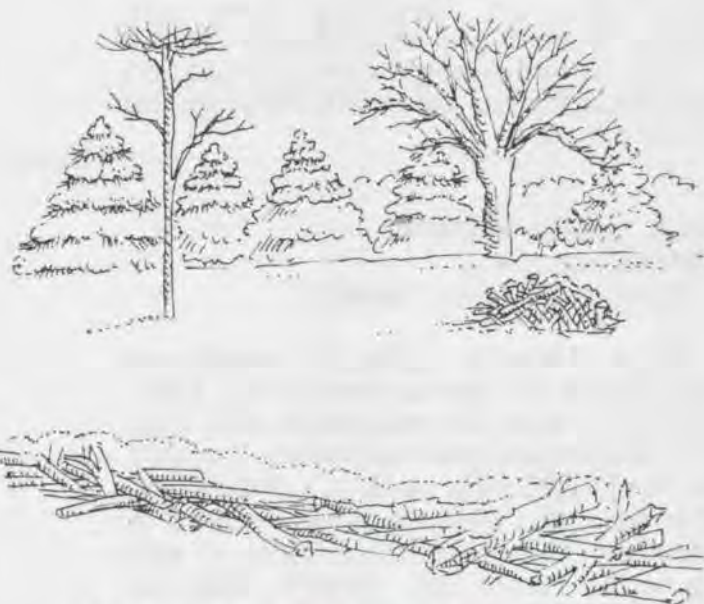
Four people met us at the park, and we were off to our parking area a short distance east of Rt. 116 in East Middlebury. The trail which starts here is easy at first except for a tricky crossing of Muddy Brook, which is the outlet of Abbey Pond. From here the trail rises more steeply, and on this stretch we lost two of our hikers, who returned to their car.

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The blazing caused some momentary confusion, but we arrived at the pond at lunchtime only to find a brisk, cold wind which discouraged us from lingering. We found a spot which offered some shelter and ate a quick lunch and left rather hurriedly but not before admiring the beaver lodge and two blue heron nests in the tree tops. We were told that access to the pond is controlled during nesting season.

On our return to our cars, we found our two companions waiting for us, and after agreeing that it had been a pleasant outing, we headed home.

On the trail we met four hunters (muzzle loaders) and four other hikers.



PINE HILL PARK TO PROCTOR

9 January 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

On a mercilessly cold but, luckily, mercifully only slightly breezy forenoon, the Leader was astonished and delighted to find that thirteen other people had decided to brave the icy air and try a new hike. One very small dog also participated in the outing, peering out of a Snugli while

trying to keep his ears from freezing and, doubtless, wondering what the humans were up to.

After spotting cars near the end of Ormsbee Avenue in Proctor, we began our hike at the north end of Evergreen Avenue in the City of Rutland, entering Pine Hill Park. After enjoying the view along the power line from near the old stone crusher, we hiked one of the few still-open parts of the Pine Hill Park Trail System, up to the road to Rocky Pond. As we gained elevation, we encountered a slight dusting of snow.

We paused briefly to enjoy the view over frozen Rocky Pond. Some of the hikers reminisced about the days when this was a city swimming area with a parking lot, refreshment stand, and fireplaces. Then it was on to Muddy Pond, much prettier than its name. Turning westerly at the junction on the south side of Muddy Pond, we soon passed the last view of Rocky Pond and tramped through pleasant woods to another power line, which we followed for some distance. We took the second trail to the north from the power line and followed a woodroad along the west side of Pine Hill. Near what appeared to be an old orchard, we found numerous oblong holes in the ground, probably for percolation tests.

By now our thermometers showed an average temperature in the mid-teens Fahrenheit. The lunch stop was appropriately short. We then began a long downgrade, avoiding the trails to the east that go higher on Pine Hill. We skirted Reynolds Reservoir, passed a Proctor water storage tank, emerged onto Proctor streets, and were soon enjoying the welcome warmth of our cars.

Apparently the wildlife found the cold even less appealing than we did. Nothing seemed to be stirring, though we did see some deer tracks and what appeared to be a raccoon track.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Outing Schedule

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.
Non-members are welcome!

Sunday 14 February, 1:30 pm Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997
VALENTINES FIREPLACE PARTY. Short hikes in the eastern Rutland Town area and refreshments around a cozy fire.

Sunday 21 February, 9:00 am Leader: Wally Rogers 468-3210
GALICK PRESERVE AND BALD MOUNTAIN AREA. Enjoy hiking or skiing if snow permits on Nature Conservancy land over looking the south end of Lake Champlain. Possible hike to top of Bald Mountain. 5 miles, moderate difficulty.

Saturday 27 February, 10:00 am Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
HALF MOON POND - BOMOSEEN. A short 2 mile easy hike/ski with the opportunity to skate on the pond.

Saturday 6 March, 6:30 pm Leader: Phil Johnson 287-9607
MOONLIGHT HIKE TO TUCKER JOHNSON SHELTER. Join us for a walk in the moonlight. 2 miles moderate. Please bring flashlights.

Saturday 13 March, 8:30 am Coordinator: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350
SNOWSHOE ON MT. ASCUTNEY. This will be a joint hike with the Ascutney Trails Association to snowshoe up the west side of Mount Ascutney. Difficult 5 miles.

Sunday 21 March, 2:00 pm Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779 or Phil Johnson 287-9607
SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY. Our annual Sugar on Snow get together, sure to be a sweet time. This will be held in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 117 West Street in Rutland. \$3.00 fee.

Saturday 27 March, 10:00 am Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
SHERBURNE PASS TO PICO CAMP. Following the Long Trail up to the Camp and then possibly to the top of Pico, this will be a 5 mile moderate to difficult hike depending on the snow depth.

Thursday 1 April, 7:00 pm Co-chair: Herb Ogden 775-1350.
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Refreshments!

Sunday 4 April, 2:30 pm Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006
SUPPER HIKE TO PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE. Eat supper with the group on Proctor High Ledge. Fine view to the east. An moderate 2-3 mile hike.

Saturday 17 April, 5:30 pm Contact: Phil Johnson 287-9607

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK. The annual meeting this year will be held at the Econo Lodge Mountainside (previously the Pico Manor) on Route 4 east in Mendon. Please bring your own utensils and placesetting. Wally and Delight will have program on a visit of theirs to the Grand Canyon.

Saturday 24 April, 8:30 am Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

WALLINGFORD POND TO LITTLE ROCK POND along old town road. Moderate 6 miles.

Saturday 1 May, 9:00 am Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

SPRING TRAIL WALK THROUGH. The first work party of the year will be a walk through between Route 140 and Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Moderate hikes of 2-4 miles to include removing of blow-downs, clearing waterbars, and trimming the trail. Tools will be provided by the Section.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

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Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your write-up directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot.

Don't know what to do with old issues? Please leave them for a doctor's office or other place where they will be seen.

G.M.C. DIRECTORS REJECT DRAFTING U.S. SCENIC TRAIL LEGISLATION; APPROVE NEW TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN IN DAY-LONG MEETING

by Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.,
Club Secretary

After considerable debate and an amendment to treat logging on the Appalachian Trail the same as on the LT, the Directors adopted an over forty page LT System Management Plan, with more specifics than the former one. This will guide Club staff and volunteers in dealing with what happens on and near the Trail.

A proposal by the Land Protection Committee to draft legislation making the LT a National Scenic Trail, so that federal eminent domain authority could be used to deal with landowners who refused to sell a trail corridor (as on the Appalachian Trail), was defeated 20-9 after intense debate and a dramatic appearance by a landowner who closed the LT.

Talks with Pico and the City to reroute the LT/AT west of Pico Peak and rejoin the present route at Willard Gap continue. North of Pico, the present LT will likely become a side trail.

PLEASE SEND 1993 DUES TO TREASURER WALLY ROGERS NOW!

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SNAKE MOUNTAIN HIKE

23 January 1993

by Phil Johnson, Leader

The weekend before the hike, Linda and I went to Snake Mountain to scout out the starting point for the hike. While we were driving around the icy backroads, slipping and sliding in my 4 wheel drive truck, we were somewhat suprised to be passed by a person on a mountain bike, effortlessly pedaling up the hill. I'm convinced that this person could have also ridden that bike straight up Deer Leap.

We followed the directions in the Day Hiker's Guide and found what we thought was the starting point for the trail. Unfortunately the land was posted and we were unsuccessful in contacting the landowner. Sue Thomas had mentioned that she had a friend who lived in the area and that if needed, Sue could contact her to see if there was another access to the mountain. We did take Sue up on her offer, and were informed of a trail that starts on the east side of the ridge and works its way up a steeper path.

On Saturday morning we met four others at the park, and started north. We picked up Nina, Margret, and Nina's daughter

Joanne in Middlebury. Near the trailhead we met Gordon and Helen Cawood of the Breadloaf Section.

We found the trailhead with no trouble approximately straight east of the summit. The eleven of us started hiking in light fog and under cloud cover, but were hopeful that the weather forecast for sunny skies would grace our hike. The temperature was just right at around 40 degrees. The ground was snow covered and slippery and wet at times. Throughout the hike we found many animal tracks that Jerry was able to identify: deer, raccoon, squirrel, turkey, partridge, rabbit, and maybe even a bobcat.

We hiked north, we hiked west, we hiked south and we hiked east. We found ridgelines, a beaver pond and even a summit, but we never found Snake Mountain summit, or any trail we could identify as the trail noted in the Day Hiker's Guide. After a couple hours of wandering and the requisite lunch stop with cookies, we decided to give up our quest for the top and head back to the cars. Although the leader received much good natured ribbing about his orienteering skills, everyone had a good time.

For future adventurers I will note here directions to the trailhead that we used on the east. Take Route 23 northwest out of Middlebury and follow it through Weybridge Hill. About 1.5 miles past Weybridge Hill, when Otter Creek appears on your right, take Prunier Road to the left. Go over a one lane bridge over Lemon Fair River and take a right. Follow this road for about a mile and you will see a red house on the right and the trailhead on the left. There's a red steel gate across the trail. I will not attempt to advise how to get to the summit from there!

The Day Hiker's Guide also notes that the trail formerly started on the west side of the ridge across from Willmarth Road. This will be my next try on the mountain.

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VALENTINE'S FIREPLACE PARTY

14 February 1993

by Roma Pulling, Leader

The weather was better than predicted on Valentine's Day with partial sunshine. With two cars and the six hikers who met us at the park, Alfred and I headed for the end of Bellevue Avenue, where we were joined by the lone skier. There, assisted by Ray Catozzi, who had hiked this route several times before, Alfred started hiking toward our house, cutting across lots, following paths through the woods and then power lines.

While the hikers got under way, I volunteered to ferry our car back to our house, where we would need it for transportation later. That done, I strapped on the snowshoes, took Sitka on her leash, and started back along the route the group would be taking. After being slowed down twice when Sitka and I disagreed on which way to go -- including once when she thought it was her duty to chase a snowmobile -- I met the group coming through what our neighbor calls the Cedar Swamp. It should have been frozen -- we had had several below-zero nights -- but two people got wet feet. We think high water this year was the reason it failed to freeze solid as on previous hikes. I still feel guilty for leading people into a quagmire.

Back at the house, Alfred had the wood ready in the fireplace and in minutes we were sitting cozily in front of a roaring fire with cups of coffee or hot chocolate. To complete the menu there were cookies of several kinds contributed by the hikers, and Valentine candy. It seemed like an ideal way to spend a winter afternoon.

WEST HAVEN SKI TRIP

21 February 1993

by Wally Rogers, Leader

Five of us had a great day for a five mile ski trip in West Haven. It was a glorious sunny day, starting at 8 degrees and warming to 18 by the end of our three hour trip. We crossed snowy fields along the Poultney River and then climbed to the gap at the base of the Bald Mountain cliffs and the home of the talus slope rattlers. All snake were in their dens, but we saw many rabbit, deer, partridge and turkey tracks and kills in the snow. Skiing back to Lake Champlain, we ate our lunches and then had a flat two miles on the lake back to our cars. Intermediate skiing skills were important and everyone did very well.

SHERBURNE PASS TO PICO CAMP

27 March 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

I had expected only a couple of people to show up for this challenging snowshoe hike, but several times more than that showed up on this bright, warm morning. That was good, because some people could trade positions and benefit from the track the first hikers had trodden down in the three to four feet of snow that still blanketed the north slope of Pico Peak.

The biggest challenge was overcoming the snowbank at the end of the old Long Trail Lodge parking lot. I figured since everyone made it --

even the hiker with five-foot snowshoes with tails -- we would do all right on the rest of the hike. We did, though of course many had the usual need to readjust snowshoe bindings after a little while.

The Sherburne Pass register, located where the Long Trail leaves the old Pico Pond road, was barely above the snow. When I had scouted the route a few days before, the bottom of it was below the snow. Pretty good for late March!

Once we gained the ridge, we sometimes found it hard to follow the trail, because the wind had sculpted the snow in ridges that ran across it. Those of us who were Killington Section members noted to our chagrin that our blazing was too old and too sparse, also. Of course some blazes were probably hidden beneath the snowdrifts.

One sees things in the snowy woods that one doesn't notice at other times of year. We spotted several of the insulator posts for the old telephone line to the former Pico fire tower, though I'd never noticed more than one in other seasons. Also, of course, we spotted skiers -- not only at Pico Junction, but also on the way up there. In several places, the ski trails are closer to the LT than any of us had imagined. Wildlife was scarce, however: few small creatures, and no large ones, had left tracks in the snow.

Coming out on the edge of the ski trail at Pico Junction, we lunched and enjoyed the view and the spring skiing spectacle. By then it was so warm that many skiers came by in shorts, and one borrowed some sun screen from the Leader. Another skied over to us, intrigued by what we had on our feet. "Snowshoe" soon entered that person's vocabulary.

After assessing our strength and the time of day, we decided to press on to Pico Camp. The slabbing path to the camp was the hardest snowshoe, but we dug in our edges and made it to the camp without much side-slipping. The camp was in fine shape; the Lexan windows that Phil Johnson and Linda Pellerin put in last year had survived the winter intact, and trash was at a minimum. We read the old register, enjoyed the sun some more, and marveled at the view of Ascutney and the New Hampshire mountains before heading back down the Long Trail.

PROCTOR HIGH LEDGE

4 April 1993

by Ray Catozzi, Leader

After suffering (?) the great blizzard of '93, we welcomed a nice warm balmy Sunday afternoon for an easy walk up to a high vantage point looking out over the peaceful village of Proctor and the Green Mountains to the east. We did have three to four inches of wet slushy snow to walk in, but the ledge lookout was bare and dry. It was pleasant to sit around and view the scenery while eating a picnic supper, all 15 of us, including 6 young, somewhat boisterous children. These short afternoon walks prove to be popular. We should have more of them.

ANNUAL MEETING

17 April 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

About 22 Killington Section members and a half-dozen guests attended the Section Annual Meeting. The Econo Lodge Mountainside again generously put its fireplaced meeting room at our disposal for the potluck and meeting.

After enjoying the traditional variety of good food, we conducted our yearly business. Treasurer Wally Rogers's report appears elsewhere in this issue; we are in good shape financially.

GMC Director of Field Programs Lars Botzjorns reported that the National Park Service has transferred responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the U.S. Forest Service, and that the USFS Manchester, Vermont, District is now responsible for the AT/LT north to the Mendon-Sherburne town line. North of there, it's the USFS Rochester District.

GMC Southern Field Assistant Dave Hardy announced that the Deer Leap Trail from Sherburne Pass to the top of the cliff will be closed on 6 June. The USFS is responsible for this trail and may make a new access trail from the south. In the meantime, the only access will be on the Deer Leap Trail south from near Willard Gap on the Long Trail. The Killington Section welcomes the abandonment of the dangerous trail up the cliff.

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING (continued from page 2)

President Phil Johnson asked GMC Secretary Herb Ogden, Jr., a member of the Killington Section board of directors, to report on main club activities since neither Director Wally Rogers nor Alternate Ray Catozzi could make it to the last GMC board meeting. Herb urged members to respond to a questionnaire that will probably be sent out on organizational review and to consider whether those Section members who contribute (or have in the past contributed) neither work nor anything more than dues should essentially get a bargain membership in the GMC while At-Large members pay more and get less.

Herb also described the two factions that have formed around the question of National Scenic Trail status (the Appalachian Trail is a National Scenic Trail) for the Long Trail north of where the AT leaves it. He said one faction has concluded that we must own outright a thousand foot wide corridor for almost all of the LT. Because several landowners refuse to deal with us, that faction says we must get federal condemnation authority. That faction also says it may cost \$5-10,000,000 more to finish buying the LT corridor, and that we can't raise that amount until at least 2010. Therefore, we should try to get federal funds through some sort of National Scenic Trail status.

The other faction questions whether we really must have a thousand foot wide corridor as long as we can keep a decent footway. It also thinks we should try to buy fairly non-restrictive easements from landowners rather than push outright purchase. It thinks some landowners would like this better, and that it might cost less than buying a thousand foot corridor outright. It also fears that, if we ask Congress for condemnation authority, more landowners will join the one who has already kicked the LT off his land to protest our even considering National Scenic Trail status. This faction is not convinced we need federal condemnation authority and wants to see more evidence before deciding. Herb said he was in this wait-and-see faction.

GMC Executive Director Dennis Shaffer and Land Protection Committee Chair Roger Sternberg spoke in favor of National Scenic Trail status. Sternberg pointed out we could seek this status

without condemnation authority. He assumes that, at the 6 June meeting, the GMC board will vote on whether to ask him committee to draft federal protection legislation for the LT. Shaffer said the GMC had never turned anyone down for lack of a thousand foot easement. He also noted that most land had been bought outright because the owner was selling the whole property; we had been dealing only with willing sellers until recently. President Johnson invited members to comment. Jean Davies said that concern for the LT landowners made her side with the wait-and-see faction.

President Johnson and Dave Hardy presented a proposal to fund a Cooper Lodge caretaker this summer. Total salary for 16 weeks would be \$575, but some of that would be recouped from overnight user fees. It is hoped that a caretaker will reduce vandalism and be able to get a reliable count of how many use this part of the trail. (Since the National Park Service and Killington, Ltd. have not agreed on the route of the LT in that area, statistics may be important.) Killington Section members voted to take from the Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund the necessary money to pay the part of the caretaker's salary not covered by overnight fees.

President Johnson thanked this year's committee chairs for their work. They were Sue Carey and Tim Welch for Trails & Shelters, Linda Pellerin and Herb Ogden for Outings, Bernie Donahue for Publicity, and Herb Ogden for *Smoke & Blazes*. Herb then thanked Phil for doing most of the work on the newsletter.

Bernie Donahue, Linda Pellerin and Wally Rogers finished their second three-year terms as Killington Section Directors and were thus not eligible for reelection. President Phil Johnson thanked them all, especially Wally, for their service to the club. New directors elected were Ray Catozzi, Larry Dodds, and W. Churchill Scott. The Directors then met to reelect Phil Johnson as President and elect Larry Dodds Vice-President. They also elected one of their absent members as Secretary and Treasurer, but she has reportedly declined to serve and **a replacement is sought**.

The meeting ended with a slide lecture by Wally Rogers and Delight Gartlein on their winter trip into the Grand Canyon. Members enjoyed this different view of the canyon and the comments by Wally and Delight.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from South Main Street Park in Rutland just south of the Fire Station and Center Street, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 8 May, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

MYSTERY HIKE ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL. Enjoy a moderate 2 1/2 - 3 mile hike, near Rutland, to one of Mother Nature's natural beauty spots at the halfway point.

Saturday 15 May, 9:00 a.m. in Waterbury (refreshments and registration 8:00 a.m.) Contact: Lars Botzjorns 244-7037

TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP. Learn trail maintenance techniques through seminars and trail work at the GMC headquarters in Waterbury. More info in the Long Trail News or call Lars for details.

Sunday 16 May, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LYE BROOK FALLS. Hike in the Lye Brook Wilderness area near Manchester to one of the higher waterfalls in Vermont. A moderate 4 mile trip.

Sunday 23 May, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

BAKER PEAK, via the Lake Trail. Moderate 6-7 mile route with a few steep pitches. Views of the Valley of Vermont and Dorset Peak. Possible side trip to 100' cascade on McGinn Brook.

Saturday 29 May, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Guy Wallis - Breadloaf Section 453-5600

COOLEY GLEN TO EMILY PROCTOR. This is the first of a set of hikes scheduled between Breadloaf Section, Burlington Section, Montpelier Section and Killington Section intended to allow members to cover significant portions of the LT. 12.8 miles difficult Call Guy for the meeting point for this hike.

Saturday 5 June, 8:30 a.m. (at Waterbury) Contact for info: Phil Johnson 287-9607

ANNUAL GMC MEETING. The Main Club annual meeting will be held in our new Waterbury headquarters this year. Registration is at 8:30 and the meeting begins at 9:30. See the Long Trail News for details.

Saturday 5 June, 6:30 p.m. Leader: Ira Hawley 775-4149

MOONLIGHT HIKE. 2 miles easy mystery hike. Please bring a flashlight. Rain day Sunday, June 6th.

Sunday 6 June, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

DEER LEAP TRAIL CLOSING WORK PARTY. We'll be closing the steep and dangerous southern access to Deer Leap.

Saturday 12 June, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 773-1350

MOUNT ASCUTNEY. Hike up the Weathersfield Trail and down the Windsor Trail. Trail passes by the Flume, the 80' Crystal Cascade, Gus's Lookout, the new summit observation tower, and Gerry Falls. 6 miles moderate difficulty.

Saturday 19 June, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085

NORTHERN SECTION WALK THROUGH/WORK PARTY. This walk through will cover from Rt. 4

to Upper Cold River Road. Moderate hikes to include removing of blowdowns, clearing waterbars and trimming the trail. Tools will be provided by the section. Rain day is Sunday, June 20th.

Sunday 20 June. Contact: Dot Myer - Burlington Section 863-2433

PARKER CAMP TO ROUTE 118, EDEN, INTER-SECTIONAL HIKE. 11.2 mi. moderate to difficult. Contact Dot for details and meeting point.

Saturday 26 June, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

OUTHOUSE REBUILDING DAY. We'll be rebuilding the outhouse at Pico Camp and possibly also the Snodgrass Memorial outhouse at Governor Clement shelter. Tools will be provided.

Thursday 1 July, 7:00 p.m. Co-chair: Herb Ogden 775-1350

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Saturday 10 July Contact: Dave Morse - Montpelier Section 223-7126

CODDING HOLLOW TO PARKER CAMP, BELVIDERE. LT inter-sectional hike with Montpelier Section. 6.3 mi. moderate to difficult. Contact Dave for details and meeting point.

Sunday 11 July, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

WORK PARTY ON BUCKLIN TRAIL. A 6.8 mile moderate hike through to clear and trim the trail. Tools to be provided by section.

Saturday 17 July 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

BIRDSEYE MOUNTAIN. A 3.5 mile difficult historical hike up to and along the ridge of the mountain and the peak.

Saturday 24 July 8:00 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997

HEDGEHOG BROOK TRAIL, North Fayston to Burnt Rock Mountain. A 6.2 mile moderate to difficult hike to the summit of Burnt Rock which is regarded as one of the best viewpoints on the LT.

Sunday 1 August 9:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 773-1350

SHERBURNE PASS TO GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER. The fourth in the series of joint hikes with other sections to cover the LT, this will be a 9.9 mile moderate to difficult hike over the northern portion of the Killington Section portion of the trail.

Saturday 7 August 1:00 p.m. Leader: Ira Hawley 775-4149

SHAW MOUNTAIN IN BENSON. 3-4 mile easy hike to the summit of Shaw Mt.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Phil Johnson, President RR 2, Box 1690, Poultney, VT 05764 287-9607

Larry Dodds, Vice-President 3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777 438-5473

QUARTERLINE ROAD\BOARDMAN HILL - CLARENDON

24 April 1993

by Larry Dodds, Leader

Originally scheduled as the Wallingford Pond to Little Rock Pond hike, the location of the hike had to be changed due to the late Spring wet and muddy conditions in this area. The hike was relocated to the Quarterline Road area.

We were blessed with a warm, sunny, clear spring day with temperatures hovering in the uppers 60's by mid-day after a chilly morning start. Eleven people gathered for the hike including five brand new hikers (three adults and two children) whose cheerful faces I hope to see again on future hikes. We really enjoyed your company.

Off to the hike!! We parked our cars south of the Boardman Hill/Quarterline Road intersection. We hiked up the Boardman Hill Road toward West Rutland to the hill's crest and took in a beautiful encompassing view of the surrounding hills including Big Hanley to the West and a series of peaks that runs north from Big Hanley, one guessed to be Grandpa's Knob. The east provided a grand view of the Killington, Pico, and Mendon Mountain peaks. The clear weather and lack of foliage made all views of valleys and peaks spectacular.

We turned back toward the Quarterline Road, hiked back to the intersection, and began walking south along the Road. AL PULLING had begun his own personal "green-up" crusade by collecting various bottles and cans along the road. AL was an inspiration!!! Soon everyone began plucking beverage containers from the roadside and carrying them along the route.

Jerry Parker pointed out assorted wildlife as we walked including a weasel, red and grey squirrels, partridge, chipmunks, frogs and frog eggs. A male cardinal's bright red profile was seen flashing across the Road and his song soon pierced the morning stillness. One of the children, Christina, begged Jerry to capture some frog eggs for home study which Jerry gladly did, dropping a cluster into a large juice container that he had collected. When Jerry presented the prize to Christina she exclaimed, "YUK!! I don't want 'em any more!!". Jerry made several hapless attempts to convince Christina that she really did want the eggs. Each

was met by a flat "NO!!"

We spotted a patch of bright yellow coltsfoot in full bloom mixed in with dandelion plants. For a moment, there was some confusion as to which flower belonged to which plant, but we got it sorted out. Helen Cawood took notice of Bird's Eye Mountain off to the West and I pointed out Herrick Mountain.

Noontime approached. By then we had hiked along the Road about two miles. We decided to turn around and hike north back toward the cars and stop to have lunch where the Velco 115kv transmission line crosses the Road. Clearance for the line had left a nice, sunny, open spot atop an embankment where we could take in a beautiful view of the Otter Creek Valley and points south toward Wallingford.

After lunch we hiked back to the cars for a total trip of about 4.5 miles. Everyone was mellowed by the sunny spring day as well as the cordial friendship that developed between new and pledged participants of this GMC-Killington Section hike. It was a great day-hike!!!

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Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

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1/1/92 Balance		
Inventory	????	
Savings	1476.04	
Checking	490.77	
Life mamber CD #1141	661.19	
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INCOME		
passbook interest	78.24	
interest from CD # 1141	29.01	
member dues	1325.13	
70 adult 21 senior		
18 spouse 5 junior		
Sugar on Snow income	71.00	
		1503.38
EXPENSES		
Smoke and Blazes	322.72	
meeting rooms	115.00	
main club assessment=984.00 paid in Jan 1993		
treasurer expenses	58.00	
meeting expenses	48.65	
transfer to T & S from 1991	85.22	
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BALANCE 12/31/92		
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savings	2754.28	
checking	747.51	
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G. L. Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund-KS-GMC 1992

Balance	1/1/92				
savings					172.97
INCOME					
passbook interest			33.93		
CD interest.			653.33		
gifts from members			71.00		
gift of Michelle Mansfield Fund			732.00		
transfer from ks-gmc 1991			85.22		
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Trails and Shelters insurance			175.75		
Trails and Shelters-maintenance			283.47		
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6305	1/21/94	209.28	4000	4.88	2 yr
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JULY 1993

KILLINGTON SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

27 May 1993

by Larry Dodds

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club Board of Directors meeting began with Phil Johnson, our previous President, informing the rest of the directors that his resignation would be effective at the close of the meeting. We will miss Phil and wish him GOOD LUCK. Phil promised to come back and hike with us as soon as he can.

Sue Thomas was nominated for Secretary, but she respectfully declined. Herb Ogden was nominated for club President and he as well respectfully declined. Sue Carey was nominated for and unanimously elected our new President. Roma Pulling was nominated and unanimously elected Treasurer. Jean Davis was nominated and unanimously elected as Secretary. Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers!

Herb Ogden led a discussion about the Killington-Pico Formal Agreement which will protect the access of the Long Trail over PICO property. Herb projects that the access will be granted. Herb then raised a question on where the Deer Leap Trail will end, at the first or second lookout? It was suggested that the trail blazing stop at the first lookout. The most desirable course of action would be to find and build a new trail from the Maine Junction to the Peak. A work day has been scheduled to close off the trail up the face of Deer Leap.

Sue Carey informed the group that the Sheriff's Patrol will be on the look out for campers at Clarendon gorge. The Sheriff will notify the Man-

chester Ranger's District. Sue also mentioned that the Pico Camp outhouse needs to be replaced.

Sue Thomas suggested that we add a "near Firehouse" to the outings announcement which appears in the Rutland Herald to clarify the location of the meeting place.

It was resolved that the start of term service for each member of the Board of Directors is:

1991: Herb Ogden, Tim Welch, Roma Pulling

1992: Phil Johnson, Sue Carey, Sue Thomas

1993: Churchill Scott, Ray Catozzi, Larry Dodds

Jean Davis will serve out the remainder of Phil Johnson's term.

Phil Johnson mentioned that volunteer labor is available from General Electric employees for rebuilding or relocation of the Clarendon Shelter. Our contact at GE is Ex-Killington Section member Ray Dube. A discussion of moving the shelter to a trail north away from the main trail ensued. It was agreed that the shelter's current location is too accessible.

Tim Welch expressed his concern over the National Scenic Trail designation or any other State or Federal funding creating additional difficulties or "red tape" for the Club. He was also concerned about the potential regulation of trail and shelters.

This reporter will be volunteering his time to help Herb with typing up the Smoke & Blazes.

At 9:10 PM Ray Catozzi made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. It was seconded by this reporter and the meeting was adjourned. We all bid Phil Johnson a hearty farewell and good luck.

SPRING WALK-THRU

1 May 1993

by Rob Carey, Leader

About a dozen members and other interested workers came out to get the lower portion of our Section of the Long Trail in shape. By splitting up in to groups of two or three, we were able to cover all the Trail from Rt 140 to Gov. Clement Shelter.

It took a few minutes at the Fire Station to decide who was going where, and with whom. It was also important to make sure that cars would be spotted properly, so no one came out to an empty parking lot at the end of the day.

Dave Hardy, the new Southern Field Assistant, was able to join us. We had reports of a washout between the Cold River Roads. After helping with several car shuttles, Seth Carey, Dave Hardy, and Herb Ogden drove into Gov. Clement Shelter. There was some trash there, including some odds and ends of metal and a car tire. We cleaned up the area and brought out the refuse. There were two large barrels also, one for returnables and one for garbage. The maintenance of these is uncertain.

After lunch, Dave Hardy and Seth and Rob Carey drove out to the Upper Road and started working south. Other than a few wet spots, the Trail was in good shape. We were able to clear all the blowdowns. As we neared the Lower Road, we began to wonder if the washout was a phantom report. We soon discovered it was not. The Trail footway is about eight feet from the bank. Whole trees have been uprooted. It will be necessary to check how wide the Trail Corridor is and move about 200 feet of Trail. The current footway should be stable for the rest of this season.

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Please send material to the Editor at

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Non-members are welcome!

Saturday 14 August, 1:00 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

FOURTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. Easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date 15 August; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 21 August through Saturday 28 August

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL, Waterbury, Vermont.

See *Long Trail News* for details or call Headquarters: 244-2712.

Sunday 29 August, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

CANOE TRIP for beginners and intermediates, on Chittenden Reservoir or Otter Creek. Canoes are available through the Leader, but paddlers will have to transport them from Pittsford.

Sunday 12 September, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

STRATTON MOUNTAIN via Long Trail and Stratton Pond. Highest peak on the LT south of Killington; viewing tower. 9.5 miles moderate with some steep stretches.

Saturday 18 September, 9:30 a.m. at **Clarendon Gorge Bridge**. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

CLARENDON GORGE work party on bridge, possibly on nearby trails as well. Meet at the bridge, just south of Vt. Route 103 Long Trail crossing.

Saturday and Sunday, 25-26 September. Leave Rutland 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Leaders: Ruth & Sandy Lamb; messages through Linda Pellerin 773-7779

ADIRONDACK WEEKEND at Lake George. Saturday's hike will probably be the Clay Meadows Trail to the Saddle and the Point of the Tongue, then back along the lake, maximum mileage 13 mi. Bathing suits optional; sturdy hiking boots required because a few rattlesnakes may still be out. Bring picnic supper to enjoy at the Lambs' place in a mountain valley near the lake, surrounded by Adirondack State Park. Lambs will supply beverages. Camping at the Lambs' for overnights. Sunday hike will probably be Clay Meadows to the Saddle and French Point Mountain and return, 8 mi. Shorter woods walks also possible on Sunday. **Call Linda Pellerin 773-7779 by 12 September if interested.**

Friday 1 October, 5:00 p.m. Leader: Ira Hawley 775-4149

MOONLIGHT MYSTERY HIKE, 2 miles, easy.

Saturday 2 October, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

LONG TRAIL FROM WALLINGFORD GULF TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER, beginning at Vt. Route 140, passing Button Hill, Spring Lake vista, Airport Overlook, Clarendon Gorge, Great Gorge Gulch and lookout, Beacon Hill, Hermit Spring, and along the Cold River. Old farmland, mixed woods, mostly gentle grades and good footing. 11.9 mi., moderate.

Thursday 7 October, 7:00 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, Linda Pellerin 773-7779
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Avenue, Rutland (off Lafayette Street). Come help us plan for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and all others interested. Refreshments.

Sunday 10 October, 12:30 p.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830
WHITE ROCKS from State Park, up Keewaydin Trail. 3.8 mi. moderate with some steep.

Saturday 16 October, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
THREE SISTERS ROAD UP SALTASH MOUNTAIN, Plymouth and Shrewsbury. 5 mi. maximum, easy.

Saturday 23 October, 9:00 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NORWICH from Connecticut River to Tucker Trail. 5.7 mi. moderate.

Sunday 31 October, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL GAZEBO work party at Governor Percival Clement Shelter's sanitary annex. Move and restore the outhouse.

Saturday 6 November, 11:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368
DEER LEAP FROM MAINE JUNCTION, Sherburne. We'll hike the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass 0.5 mile up to Maine Junction, then bushwhack west to Little Deer Leap and the Lookouts. We'll return to Maine Junction around the north of Little Deer Leap, mostly in open woods and on unmaintained paths. 2.5 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

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Here, please imagine the article
you or another Club member
could have written.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY

12 June 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This was a repeat of a very popular hike from a few years ago, luckily without the thunderstorm.

A good-sized group spotted cars and then headed up the Weathersfield Trail after admiring the Ascutney Trails Association's trailhead bulletin board. We hoped that the late snow would mean there would be more water in the falls than last time, and we were not disappointed. The Little Cascade, bone dry last time, was running beautifully. The Flume, also dry last time, also had a good flow. It comes in by a pretty waterfall over one side of the top. Soon we climbed the Giant Wooden Stairs and entered the fairly level stretch with the fine views south. Reaching the Crystal Cascade, we found plenty of water falling over seventy feet, and we even clambered down the old trail on the west bank to get a better look. This was also a very scenic lunch stop.

Wending our way through pleasant evergreen woods above the cascade, we eventually joined the old trail on the other side of the brook and then climbed steeply up past big boulders to Gus's Lookout and the West Peak. We then spent quite a while watching aviators in a hang gliding contest sail off the West Peak platform, hoping to land over twenty miles away.

There was still a little climb left, but we made it to the summit in very good spirits and good time. The younger folks stood on the USGS marker at the very top, and then we climbed the relatively new observation tower just north of the summit to again marvel at the panorama.

On the way down the Windsor Trail, we varied last time's route by visiting Castle Rock and Blood Rock, both with fine views. The children were a little disappointed that Blood Rock was not covered with gore. Their parents, on the other hand, were a little concerned they were too close to the edge. After a refreshing stop at Halfway Spring, we descended to the final attraction, Gerry Falls, a wonderful, mossy place.

I think everyone agreed that, mile for mile, the rerouted Weathersfield Trail is the most interesting and scenic for a long ways around. Hats off to the Ascutney Trails Association for creating it!

NEW DEER LEAP TRAIL?

by Herb Ogden, Jr., condensed by Larry Dodds
from Herb's letter to the GMC Trails & Shelters Committee

The Club in general agrees with the Killington Section that the dangerous cliff section at the south end of the Deer Leap Trail should be abandoned, and now that the Forest Service is inclined to agree, I have some suggestions for alternate routes. They are based largely on a bushwhack I took recently.

The SOUTHERLY ROUTE that I have found runs directly from Maine Junction to a point between the upper and lower lookouts on Little Deer Leap. Leaving Maine Junction at elevation 2420, one ascends along the edge of the steep slope that leads down to Sherburne Pass. This slope eventually steepens into the Deer Leap cliffs and makes shortcutting down to Sherburne Pass difficult. At about elevation 2480, at a dead yellow birch perched atop a huge rock, there might be a halfway decent grade down to Sherburne Pass if one wanted to make a shorter route and avoid going all the way to Maine Junction, but it would require serious switchbacks to control erosion.

Continuing along the edge, with views to the south through the trees, and with huge boulders close at hand, one comes to an almost level place at about elevation 2500. Climbing very gradually along the edge, one enters some beautiful fern glades at elevation 2525. To the right is a ledge near the south summit of Little Deer Leap; just beyond is the Deer Leap Trail north of the Upper Lookout. If one stays on the edge, however, and descends slightly, one hits the Deer Leap Trail between the upper and lower lookouts. Because that trail doesn't become dangerous until just south of the Lower Lookout (elevation 2420), that's fine.

RELOCATION ON LITTLE DEER LEAP: Beginning at the Upper Lookout, I suggest a minor relocation toward the south summit of Little Deer Leap. The trail presently climbs a ledge at the edge of the woods north of the Upper Lookout, crosses a level place used for camping, and then climbs another ledge before entering an evergreen tunnel that leads to the south summit. The ledges are very difficult for short people to climb. If the trail were moved a little to the west, it could avoid the southerly ledge, cross the west side of the flat area, and

avoid the northerly ledge by going along Little Deer Leap's westerly scarp until it hit the present trail about 150' south of Little Deer Leap's south summit.

The NORTHERLY ROUTE would leave the present Deer Leap Trail at elevation 2540, where it descends northwesterly from near the south summit of Little Deer Leap. It would generally stay on a contour, following a well-trodden path. The path soon forks. The south branch peters out at the fern glade I mentioned in the Southerly Route description. I do not propose it be made an official trail. The north branch stays north of the ridge but becomes indistinct by the time it reaches the northwest flank of Little Deer Leap's north summit, in a pretty white birch forest. There, at elevation 2560, is a nice view toward Pittsfield. From there, the trail could either climb about 100' to the end of an old woodroad (elevation 2580) just northwest of the north summit of Little Deer Leap, or it could follow the contour until it hit the woodroad, which descends to a point on the LT about 200' north of Maine Junction. The woodroad is a little too steep for good erosion control in places, and we might want to avoid it altogether, route the trail just south of it, and come out right at Maine Junction.

RELOCATION ON BIG DEER LEAP: I propose a relocation from a point north of Cerf Brook to just north of the top of Big Deer Leap. It would avoid the last pitch of the climb up the south side of Big Deer Leap, which is so steep that erosion will be severe with greater use. Maybe it could switchback to the east. I would also like to see the trail go to the top of Big Deer Leap, which is a nice, bouldery, open place with a hint of a view. Presently, the trail skirts around the summit's west side.

One relatively short alternate is needed once we abandon the trail from Sherburne Pass to Little Deer Leap Lower Lookout. If one arrives at Sherburne Pass planning on a few tenths of a mile hike to Little Deer Leap (as it is shown in our literature and the 50 Hikes book) and sees a sign at the bottom saying one has to go almost all the way to Willard Gap and then double back on the north end of the Deer Leap Trail, he or she may conclude that is too far and go up the old route anyway. Going up, let alone down, is dangerous. But if the hike were not over a mile and did not involve

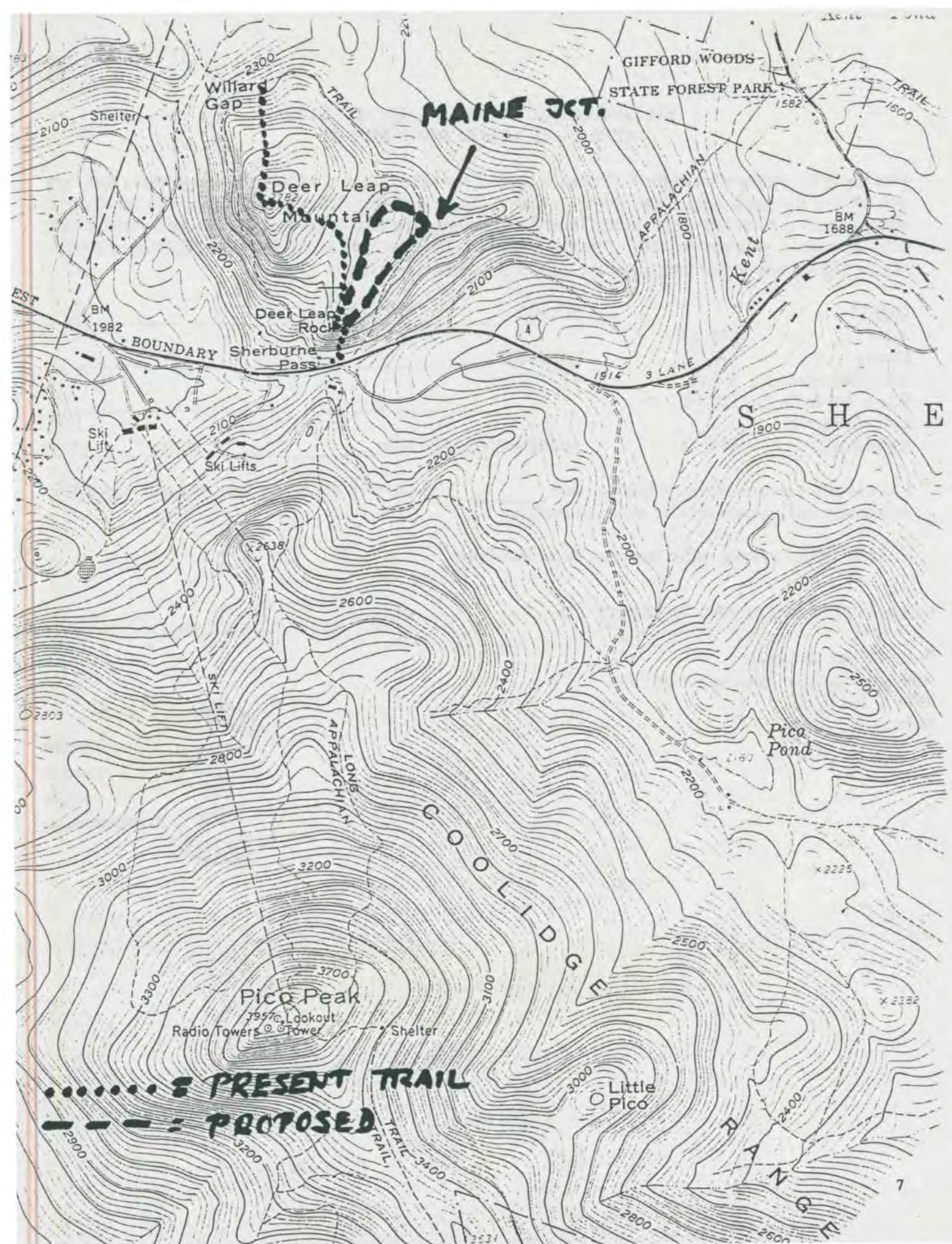
climbing Big Deer Leap, maybe most hikers would put up with it. Moreover, the alternatives I suggest, used together with the present Deer Leap Trail from near Willard Gap to the Little Deer Leap Upper Lookout, would give Appalachian Trail hikers a scenic alternative to the present LT between Willard Gap and Maine Junction (which will be AT once the AT is relocated from south of Pico Peak, through Willard Gap, to Maine Junction). Finally, if both of the alternatives I propose were built, the day hiker from Sherburne Pass or Gifford Woods would have a nice loop hike around Little Deer Leap.

It has been suggested that we should not only abandon the Deer Leap Trail between Sherburne Pass and the Little Deer Leap Lower Lookout, but also put up "closed" signs and pile it with brush. I don't altogether agree. I think the signs should say the trail has been abandoned because it is dangerous for even experienced hikers, and they should show how to reach the alternate routes. I would avoid the word "closed" unless we have landowner authority. Saying the trail is "closed" also may trouble the many rock climbers who use Little Deer Leap. Do we mean to forbid them access, or only to disclaim responsibility for the trail? Finally, I think piling brush would anger the rock climbers, and they would just haul away obstacles. *See map on next page.*

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO ACT

The National Park Service has issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement regarding the location of the Appalachian Trail (and Long Trail). The companion volume of letters the Park Service received is interesting reading. Copies are available from Herb Ogden, Jr., work phone 775-3368, home 775-1350.

By the time you read this, the Park Service probably will have released its decision. It is expected to endorse Alternate 5, which moves the trail west after it passes Governor Clement Shelter, returns to the present route from Cooper Lodge to just south of Pico Camp, goes west around Pico Peak, crosses Route 4 about a mile west of Sherburne Pass, and rejoins the present Long Trail in Willard Gap and the present AT at Maine Junction.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

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HEDGEHOG BROOK TRAIL, FAYSTON

24 July 1993

by Roma Pulling, Leader

As we sat on Burnt Rock Mountain, enjoying the gorgeous view, a dark cloud covered the sun. Fearing this signalled a change in the weather, we made a speedy exit; but a few minutes later the sun was out again. This was the only cloud in an otherwise sunny day with the temperature in the 80's.

Having described this hike as sometimes difficult and designated an 8 o'clock departure time because of the long drive, I didn't expect a large group, and I was right. One hiker met us at the park, and we picked up another on the way.

Waitsfield provided a convenient coffee break on the way north, and then it was only a short distance to the trail head. There we were met by a pit bull, who promptly attacked Alfred's pack in an attempt to get at his lunch. Fortunately his diet did not seem to include hikers.

The trail started out in a leisurely manner, but this was not to last. Approaching Burnt Rock, we were pulling ourselves up over boulders the size of a house. At this point Bernie was heard to remark, "I thought you said this hike was difficult." But we were rewarded with a lunch stop on one of the best lookouts on the long trail. This was just below the summit. Bill climbed to the top, but the rest of us decided to save our strength for the hike down.

We met about 15 other hikers, most of whom were on their way up as we were coming down. There were also an unusual number of dogs

SHAW MOUNTAIN

7 August 1993

by Ira Hawley, Leader

You guessed it right. Rained out again. My apologies to Linda Pellerin for not showing up at Fair Haven -- also apologies to the gentleman in Benson and would like to hear from him again. Also to the six people who appeared at the park for a good hike. Let's try again at a later date.

CANOE TRIP

29 August 1993

by Jean Davies

What you all missed! All except three, that is. Roma Pulling with Jean and Charlie Davies headed for Chittenden Dam on August 29, on a "Picture Perfect Day," according to the weather report.

The water was mirror-smooth as we headed off to explore the opposite shores. I was just commenting on the lack of visible wildlife, when we became aware of a strange piece of driftwood Was it some birds? It was none of those, but instead a young deer swimming slowly across the water. We watched as it struggled out of the water, over the slippery rocks to the safety of woods. Interestingly, the deer didn't shake itself as a dog would have upon leaving the water.

Paddling on, we saw a pair of cormorants. Cormorants on Chittenden Dam? We'd thought

they were salt water birds, but have since learned that crested cormorants are indeed at the Dam. We watched them flying and diving throughout the rest of the day. Later we noticed that one curiously resembled a loon, but Roy Pilcher, Audubon member, told me that a pair of young loons was apparently at the Dam.

Added to the wildlife were the beautiful views of Mountain Top Inn, Mt. Carmel, and Pico. We ate our lunch on a sandy beach which might well have been Canadian wilderness or Michigan Boundary waters as far as other visible humans went. We saw only water, trees, rocks and driftwood.

As we paddled home against a rising breeze, more canoes, fishermen, and sailfish appeared, but we'd already enjoyed our brief 'wilderness' canoe trip, and were pleased to see others enjoying the day. We hope more of you will be with us on our next adventure.

ADIRONDACK OUTING

25 September 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Three Vermonters joined three New Yorkers for a long and wonderful hike along the Tongue Mountains, the range that points southward into Lake George. We began at the Clay Meadows Trail and hiked through an area which co-leaders Sandy and Ruth Lamb told us had been farms before it was bought up for the Adirondack Park. We then ascended to the saddle and headed south to enjoy the first of many grand views from a shelter. The weather was perfect and the foliage was beginning to show in the mountains overlooking Lake George.

We hiked south to French Point Mountain for lunch, scrambling in and out of the great gulches that cleave the ridge. At our lunch spot, we were rewarded with a magnificent panorama of the lake and the distant High Peaks. After some discussion, we decided to forge ahead to the Point of the Tongue and return along a shore trail, thus turning an approximately 8 mile hike into a 13 mile one.

The extra distance was worth it. As we hiked south on the ridge of the Tongue, wonderful views continued on all sides. We felt as though we were on the prow of a great ship that was cruising down

the lake. The woods were often parklike, full of great old tall trees. Much to Sue Thomas's disgust, however, and to Linda Pellerin's delight, the rattlesnakes were nowhere to be seen.

The final leg of the hike was a shore trail along Northwest Bay back to Clay Meadows. It was not as level as we thought it would be when we chose it rather than going back over the Tongue from our lunch stop, but it was very pretty, and it provided a place for two of the hikers to take a quick dip in the lake. We all returned to the trailhead very tired but also very satisfied with the day's outing and very thankful to the Lambs for having led it.

MOONLIGHT MYSTERY HIKE

1 October 1993

by Ira Hawley, Leader

The weather finally cooperated providing us with a **FULL MOON**. Pleasant afternoon temperatures cooled down as sunset approached and a cool breeze came up. Eleven people assembled at the park. With the Friday afternoon traffic and numerous stop signs we soon lost contact with each other as we started north toward Brandon. At the first cut-off from Route 7, we reassembled to continue on to Blueberry Hill in Goshen. At the large parking area we started our walk up the open hillside for spectacular view of the valley below and various mountain ranges beyond. We were there in time to see the sun set amidst some clouds. In about a half hour daylight was nearly gone and we started back down the incline. It was early darkness as we arrived at our cars, where there was a large gravel area. Here we started a small but brisk fire to roast some frankfurts.

A card table was set up to lay out the frankfurts, rolls, and condiments. Everyone cooked their treats on long-handled homemade spears to their own satisfaction.

"This reminds me of an old fashion wiener roast", someone commented. Now the **FULL MOON** appeared over the ridge line of The Great Cliff, Mount Horrid, and Cape Lookoff Mountain.

We had a discussion about continuing some hiking along an open Forestry Road for about a mile, but most everyone wanted to return home.

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Saturday 13 November, 11:00 a.m. Leaders: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830

MONTSHIRE MUSEUM, NORWICH. Enjoy a fine, small natural history museum with plenty to enjoy for adults and children alike. Nature trails.

Saturday 20 November, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER AT THE ECONO LODGE, RTE. 4, MENDON. Please bring your own utensils. After supper Winnie Chevalier will present a slide show.

Sunday 5 December, 1:00 p.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

GREENWALL SHELTER. Sunday stroll along the Long Trail to the Greenwall Shelter. There will be a cookie break with a hot beverage provided!! Easy to moderate 1.8 mile hike.

Saturday 11 December, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

LITTLE ASCUTNEY, WEATHERSFIELD. This is joint hike with the Ascutney Trails Association up Little Ascutney and maybe Bald Hill. If it snows bring along snowshoes. Difficult approximately 5 mile hike.

Saturday 18 December, 2:00 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

WHEELERVILLE COOKOUT. Easy afternoon supper hike partly on Wheelerville Road through Rutland City Forest. Three miles round trip with big fire and cookout where Wood Road crosses Beaver Pond Brook. Bring flashlights, as we will be coming out in the dark, XC skis or snowshoes if there is snow. For those who wish not to hike back to cars in the dark, we will have a car parked on Rte. 4.

Thursday 6 January, 7:30 p.m. Co-chair Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested. Note later starting time.

Saturday 8 January, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462

GREAT ROARING BROOK ROAD. Easy to moderate 2 to 4 mile hike along the old road from Shrewsbury to Plymouth.

Saturday 15 January, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

JOINT HIKE WITH BREADLOAF SECTION OF GMC. Explore Ripton by ski on a Forest Service road, snowmobile trail and/or trail to Abbey Pond. Intermediate level.

Sunday 23 January, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 773-1350

PINE HILL PARK, RUTLAND, TO PROCTOR. Moderately difficult 5 mile walk from Rutland to Proctor.
(continued on page 4)

Sunday 30 January, 1:30 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

CAMP BETSY COX, PITTSFORD. Bring your ice skates, XC skis, or snowshoes for some afternoon fun at Camp Betsy Cox.

Sunday 6 February, 10:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

BLUE RIDGE CASCADE VIA CANTY TRAIL. Difficult (depending on snow depth and condition) 3 mile hike.

Saturday 12 February, 9:00 a.m. Contact: Herb Ogden, Jr. 773-1350

SNOWSHOE MT. ASCUTNEY. Joint outing with the Ascutney Trails Association. Snowshoe up the Windsor Trail. Difficult.

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LONG TRAIL INTER-SECTIONAL HIKE

2 October 1993

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

A forecast of afternoon rain turned this planned 12 mile hike from Wallingford Gulf to Governor Clement Shelter into a walk of less than half that length. That worked out just right. We were blessed with some sun in the forenoon for a nice picnic at Spring Lake Clearing, complete with Sue Thomas's birthday brownies for the Section's immediate past Vice-President, and the rain did not begin until we had finished the hike at Clarendon Gorge and were retrieving the spotted car. The inter-sectional part did go as planned, for we were joined by two Breadloaf Section members who were working on their End-to-End.

Descending from the Airport Lookout to Clarendon Gorge, we were surprised to find a neatly printed sign on a tree saying "HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINDA P." At first this was attributed to Sue Thomas. After the birthday girl opened the container that was attached, however, it became clear that Sue was not responsible. Inside was a cupcake, a candle, and a match -- and a note from a male admirer inviting the birthday girl to dinner! Eventually we got her to say who it was from. If you weren't there and want to know -- too bad!

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Especially in view of the current debate about how wild the Long Trail should be, and whether we need federal funds or condemnation authority to achieve our goal, the following excerpt from an article in the August - September 1934 *Vermont* by Marion V. Urie is one that Editor Herb Ogden, Jr. found interesting.

The Long Trail is maintained by the Green Mountain Club. It is divided into sections and each section is maintained by the members of the Club living in that vicinity. The condition of the trail varies because of the popularity of certain portions and because of the interest and care bestowed upon it by the members of the different sections. The northern section is much newer and has been used less than the others. Here we found that underbrush, ferns, and nettles had sprung up very rapidly. However, there were freshly painted blazes and we had no real difficulty in following them. This is a rough, densely wooded region, pierced by few roads and one can easily get the impression of really being in the "wilds."

The middle section seems to be the most popular. Here we find the rocky summits of Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump and a well defined and much-used trail. We were already quite familiar with these two mountains but that did not lessen our pleasure when we once more gained their rocky summits. Our first mail station was at the Mansfield Hotel, and we certainly appreciated the letters that awaited us there.

As we went down into the southern sections the trail became less and less arduous; there were fewer really fine views as the trail took us through large areas of forest where lumber camps were once teeming with activity. We passed by many such remains, now fast disappearing beneath a growth of luxuriant veg-

etation. In most places the trail was in good condition and well marked. However, after leaving the Arlington-Wardsboro road we found a very poor section. The trail was scarcely discernible and the blazes exceedingly few and far between. Consequently we lost the trail and, also consequently, a whole day.

I think I can truthfully say that we were not anxious or alarmed, even if it was nightfall. But we were exasperated at having come so far on the trail only to lose it in spite of our best efforts. We were fortunate in locating a snug and well-supplied cabin, apparently used by hunters, where we made ourselves comfortable for the night. The next morning we gave up the idea of finding the trail again and at ten o'clock, with no notion as to how far it would be necessary to travel, we started off to follow an old railroad cut out to civilization. At three o'clock that afternoon, after hiking some fourteen or fifteen miles, we came out on a back country road and were laconically informed by busy haymakers that we were some thirty miles from the nearest point where the Long Trail intersected a highway. How to get there was our next problem and hitchhiking seemed the only answer. Our luck still held and at seven o'clock we arrived at Fay Fuller camp, two miles north on the trail from the Bennington-Wilmington highway. We had come around Glastenbury Mountain, so we spent the next day doing the piece of trail we had missed and doing it again on the return trip.

The scenic aspects of the trail are varied, so everyone who is at all interested in hiking should be able to find something which appeals to him in this 300 mile display of nature's beauties. There is the constant thrill of never knowing just what is coming next. Every curve reveals some new charm or unique specimen. Perhaps it is a huge rock capped with lovely little ferns growing in a deep bed of moss; or it may be a weather-beaten tree, twisted and gnarled into a most fantastic shape. At other times the trail comes out suddenly on some natural promontory or lookout, and the hiker sees spread before him a vast panorama of forest with the farms and villages nestled in the valley below. Many times it would seem that those who first cleared the trail must have been thinking of the old saying that "the longest way round is the sweetest way home," as this footpath winds and curves continually. In most cases this is all for the good as it makes it possible to include many more beautiful spots than could be seen otherwise.

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ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE

September 1993

by Linda Pellerin

A relatively large party gathered for our Fourth Annual Taconic Ramble which maintained the tradition of being one of the most enjoyable outings on our schedule. The weather was perfect and the views were spectacular. Our hosts, Kit and Margret Davidson, had a feast of wine, cheeses, crackers, chips and dips for us to enjoy as we sat on their new deck overlooking a picture perfect view of the Taconic Mountain Range.

We thank the Davidsons and hope those that have not had the pleasure of participating in this outing remember to look for it scheduled in late summer or early fall.

FOLIAGE HIKE TO WHITE ROCKS

10 October 1993

by Sue Carey, Leader

The foliage was at its peak and the air was cold, but it a good day for a hike. Roma and Al Pulling, Bernie Donahue, Seth and Mara Carey and myself met at the White Rocks Picnic area in Wallingford. We started up the Keewaydin Trail with the goal of reaching the top of White Rocks Cliff.

This trail is very steep. When we reached the spot where the Long Trail intersects with the Keewaydin Trail one member of the Carey party sat down and refused to go anywhere but down the trail and home.

Roma, Al, and Bernie continued to the top of the cliffs and had a good view of Wallingford and the Otter Creek Valley. The Careys headed back down the trail. I had to promise Seth and Mara that we would hike to the top of White Rocks Cliff on a trail that is not so steep. Someday we shall return.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, NORWICH VT.

23 October 1993

by Roma Pulling

As always, Alfred and I kept a "weather eye" on the day of our hike and were at first encouraged, when it looked as though it might clear, but discouraged upon arrival in Norwich, when it had again clouded over. But by afternoon the sun was out and it was a lovely, but crisp, fall day.

We met seven hikers, all women, at the park and were pleased to welcome a new member, Marjorie Sweeny! Taking three cars, we headed for Norwich, where we parked a car at the village green and packed everyone into the two others for the trip to the trail-head. We planned to hike the Tucker Trail to the Appalachian Trail, and this was complicated by the lack of either a sign or trail blazing. But our advance inquiries had pointed us in this direction, which proved to be the right one.

The Tucker Trail follows an old road for part of its distance. The walking was slightly uphill and was easy to moderate. The only markings visible were two faded logos from the Dartmouth Outing Club. At the trail intersection we turned east and encountered

the usual ups and downs one expects when hiking in Vermont until the trail merged with a Norwich street. We followed paved streets back to the cars and discovered again how much harder this walking is on the feet.

From the Norwich green, which provided the closest parking available to our goal at the Connecticut River, the trail continues on paved streets and through an underpass to a bridge over the river into Hanover, New Hampshire. While one driver ferried the others back to the Tucker Trail to get two cars parked there, I offered to lead any interested parties on this last section of the hike and got only one taker.

We met several joggers (!) but no other hikers. Wildlife was limited to one chipmunk. But just after emerging from the woods we saw two adorable burros in a barnyard. Several of us wanted to bring them home. As this would have presented a few problems (?), the burro-napping never took place.

After the occupants of our car refreshed themselves at Ho Jo's in White River Junction, we returned home from a rewarding trip.

ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER

20 November 1993

by Linda Pellerin

The unofficial attendance for the supper was twenty-eight adults and five children. The food as usual was excellent, the company enjoyable, and everyone ate until their hearts were content. Winnie Chevalier presented a slide show on Baxter State Park in Maine. The slides were spectacular and I'm sure we all wished we were there. Thank you, Winnie, for the beautiful presentation. Thanks also to the Econo Lodge and Ross Almo for letting us use their comfortable and spacious facilities. It won't be long until our Annual Meeting Potluck. Hope to see you all there!

GREENWALL SHELTER

5 December 1993

by Roma Pulling

December 5 was not a very good day for a hike. There was the thick fog, which never lifted. If Alfred and I had gotten separated from the other hikers, we wouldn't have been able to see them. And the driving

wasn't great due to a scattering of snow on the higher elevations of Sugar Hill Road where it meets the Long Trail. Then there was the wind, which was cold when we encountered it several times that afternoon. I was worried we wouldn't be able to start a fire as the wood was saturated from the snow and rain the fell the day before. And to top it all off, Alfred thought he had lost our car key. What next?

But we had a good group of hikers, never complaining and always in good humor. Six met us at the park, and two more waited for us in Wallingford. Unfortunately, one had to turn back before reaching the shelter because of another commitment.

Alfred had brought dry kindling from home, and we got a really good fire going on which we toasted marshmallows and heated water for hot beverages to enjoy with cookies and doughnut holes.

And when we got back to our car, Alfred found the key - right where he had left it!

It was a good hike.



KNOW SOMEONE WHO FORGOT TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE KILLINGTON SECTION? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE THAT PERSON THE MEMBERSHIP BLANK ON THE LAST PAGE.

VERA A. PERKINS, 1898-1993

by Janet P. Martin

Vera had been a Killington Section member for 55 years when she died on November 27, 1993. She had earned her "End to Ender" along with her brother Craigie and his wife Mary in the late 1960's. In the early years my cousins and I hiked with them on many Killington Section hikes. She participated in some of the earliest Intersectionals, and as the Martin family grew, she often accompanied them on hikes and to the Intersectionals. In 1962 she had sole charge of our three girls, before their 4th, 6th, and 8th birthdays while I was giving birth to their youngest brother. She was 92 when she went on her last snowshoe hike with the Killington section.

Old timers in the Section remember fondly sugar-on-snow parties in her attic and the wonderful pies she made for the annual meetings and potluck suppers.

Few of us knew that Vera wrote poetry. Here is one that all hikers can relate to titled "Summer Noon on Long Hill":

The sky is a deep blue.
The air has a singing warmth
and an earthly fragrance.
A gipsying bee hums fitfully.
As spires of smoke reach silently
up from the town below.
Earth rests briefly at the turn
of the day.

DIRECTORS ASK MAIN CLUB TO KEEP BUCKLIN TRAIL LOCATION AS IS; RENEW COOPER LODGE CARETAKER FUNDS.

by Herb Ogden, Jr., from notes by
Wally Rogers, Temporary Secretary

At a meeting on 6 January, the Section Directors discussed a letter from G.M.C. headquarters regarding the Bucklin Trail, which leaves the Wheelerville Road in Mendon at Brewers Corners, follows a woodroad along Brewers Brook for about two miles, and then ascends to the Long Trail at Cooper Lodge. This trail is on a property being acquired by the State of Vermont. The G.M.C. will have a conservation easement banning motorized travel. While Headquarters proposes that we temporarily not enforce

that restriction because the woodroad along the brook is used by backwoods vehicles, Headquarters suggests that the Bucklin Trail eventually be moved south onto the side of the ridge, so as to avoid contact with vehicles.

Killington Section directors agreed that the present valley woodroad route has less maintenance and is in a favorable location, that vehicles are few and tolerated, and that logging may cause temporary inconvenience and damage but is currently preferable to relocation. It was moved and unanimously passed that the Killington Section recommends leaving the Bucklin Trail where it is and waiving any restriction on motorized vehicles. Directors requested comment from the main club on our recommendation and a final decision on trail location.

In her role as Trails and Shelters Co-Chair, Section President Sue Carey reported on trail-road intersections which needed signs. She also reported on an October 1993 meeting on shelters. Many changes are planned. Cooper Lodge continues to be a problem, with vandalism and trash. It was moved and passed unanimously that the main club should ask the State of Vermont and S-K-I, Ltd. (Killington Ski Area) to repair winter vandalism and clear refuse weekly as part of the state contract. Directors noted that the Killington Ski Patrol could check the lodge every afternoon. Gates could be erected on the old ski trails in the area to re-direct skiers away from the lodge.

Directors also voted to pay the main club up to \$575 toward the expense of a G.M.C. caretaker for Cooper Lodge in the summer of 1994. It was suggested that a tent platform be erected for the caretaker.

Sue Carey announced that Rob Carey would share responsibility with her for the southern half of the Killington Section's part of the Long Trail. Tim Welch is co-chair for the northern half.

It was noted that, since the *Smoke & Blazes* through the last issue showed some dues categories as being \$2 less than they were supposed to be, the Treasurer could accept dues in that amount until the next issue gave the 1994 dues schedule, as passed in 1992.

WATCH FOR NEWS OF G.M.C. REGIONAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL STATUS AND OTHER FEDERAL HELP OR LAND CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY FOR ACQUISITION OF LT AND SIDE TRAIL CORRIDORS NOW PRIVATELY OWNED. MAIN CLUB DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED ON THIS ISSUE.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring lunch unless noted, wear sturdy water-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Non-members are welcome!

Sunday 20 February, 12:00 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

HILDENE, MANCHESTER. X-C ski adventure at the Robert Todd Lincoln home. There is a fee to ski. We may possibly stop for early evening dining on the way home.

Saturday 26 February, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Sue Carey 446-2830

STRATTON POND X-C SKI TRIP. Joint outing with the Manchester Section. Bring lunch and water. This a moderate trip, fairly level terrain, gorgeous views.

Sunday 6 March, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

WALLINGFORD POND, WALLINGFORD. Come and enjoy an easy 3 mile X-C ski outing. We will explore the trails in the Wallingford Pond area.

Sunday 13 March, 9:00 a.m. Contact: Wally Rogers 468-3210

GALICK WILDLIFE PRESERVE, WEST HAVEN. Enjoy a X-C ski outing of about 5 miles in duration at an intermediate level. There are some easier optional routes for those who do not wish to ski at the intermediate level.

Saturday 19 March, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

MERCK FOREST, RUPERT. Enjoy a day hike with possible overnight stay. Those who wish to participate in the overnight stay pay a charge of \$4.50 per person and must contact the leader in advance.

Saturday 26 March. 5:30 p.m. Contact: Janet Martin 773-8621

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY at Unitarian-Universalist Church (basement meeting room), 117 West St., Rutland. \$4 for adults; children under 12 free.

Saturday 9 April, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Linda Pellerin

KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER. The meeting and supper will be held at the Econolodge, Route 4, Mendon. Please bring your own utensils. Program: Trekking in Nepal.

Saturday 16 April, 1:00 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND TOWN. Easy 2 mile hike and tour of Glen Dam.

Thursday 21 April 1994, 7:30 p.m. Co-chair Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Sunday 24 April, 9:00 a.m. Contact: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LYE BROOK FALLS, MANCHESTER. Moderate 5 mile hike into the Lye Brook Wilderness to one of Vermont's highest and most beautiful water falls.

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Saturday 30 April, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 773-1350
TALC MINE RAILROAD, ROCHESTER. Hike abandoned narrow-gage switchbacks to talc mine.

Saturday 7 May, 11:00 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997
QUECHEE GORGE, HARTFORD. Explore the Gorge on this easy 2 mile hike.

Saturday 14 May, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830
SOUTHERN SECTION WALK THROUGH/WORK PARTY. Cold River Road to points south. Moderate hikes to include removing of blowdowns, clearing waterbars and trimming the trail. Tools will be provided by the section.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

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Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

WHEELERVILLE COOKOUT

18 December 1993

by Ray Catozzi, Leader

We had a great outing. We had a fire going, water boiling, and hot dogs mostly cooked before dark descended on us. But everything went fine after my Coleman gas lantern was lit. All hiked out the same 1½ miles we hiked in: a half mile of Wheelerville Road and one mile of forest road.

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

Don't know what to do with old issues of *Smoke & Blazes*? Leave them for a doctor's office or other place where folks will see them and have a little time to read them. This helps spread the news about our section of the Green Mountain Club.

OLD ROARING BROOK ROAD, SHREWSBURY
8 January 1994

by Bernie Donahue, Leader

Guess what? Yes, you guessed right. For the fourth consecutive attempt, the old Roaring Brook Road was inhospitable to hiking guests due to inclement weather. This hike "leader" is jinxed and is forced to retire from further attempts at completing a hike there. With regrets!



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BLUE RIDGE SNOWSHOE

6 February 1994

by Sue Thomas, Leader

I've been wanting to snowshoe up to the cascade on Blue Ridge Mountain for years. Finally this winter nature cooperated and provided plenty of snow for the trip. Fortunately for us someone else had the same idea and left us a nicely packed trail offering less work. Although on the final pitch I began to wonder why it had seemed so appealing to me all those years! We made it and had our lunch beside the frozen cascade.

After lunch a few adventurous types continued to the summit, while those of us in our right minds went home to thaw out. [Note from one of the former: the trail was fine once we found it, and the view was great!] After all, we had a Southerner along. Our ex-president Phil Johnson came from South Carolina to see some snow. We awarded him the long distance medal for the day. No one volunteered for the distinction of oldest hiker.

MOUNT ASCUTNEY FROM THE WEST ON SNOWSHOES

12 February 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

The winter weather was gorgeous, but for some reason only two Section members showed up for this joint outing with the Ascutney Trails Association. After a beautiful drive over to West Windsor, Ruth Hare and I located a snowshoe track leading east from the Coaching Lane Road, which is east of and parallel

to the Ascutney Notch Road. I had cleverly scheduled our departure so we would arrive there after the ATA folks, so we benefitted from the trail they had broken until we met them most of the way up.

We crossed open fields and some Ascutney Resort cross country ski trails, with fine views west, before entering the woods and taking a woodroad that headed east toward the Enright Quarry. We then branched off near the bottom of a long-gone log chute, taking first a smaller woodroad and then a bushwhack up an increasingly steep route through evergreens wearing a beautiful coat of rime ice. Here, we began to pass those few of the eight or so ATA hikers who either had snowshoes with tails or still had much to learn about snowshoe bindings. We were slowing down ourselves, tired by the climb, and were happy to see the white and blue blazes of the Weathersfield Trail at last. After a few challenging climbs on it, we reached the sunny summit and joined the ATA for lunch. We then went on to the new tower to enjoy the view. A few diehards (not we) climbed the tower on snowshoes, just so they could say they had made it all the way.

Barbara Rhoad of the ATA led us on a different way down. After admiring the views from West Peak and Gus's Lookout, we branched off to the west just below the latter and followed what was supposedly once a snowmobile trail (incredibly steep in spots, where our snowshoes acted more like skis) onto a fairly open ridge south of the Mower Quarry. This provided a very pleasant return.



CASTLETON RAILROAD BED X-C SKI

6 March 1993

by Larry Dodds, Leader

This outing was to take place at the Wallingford Pond Recreation Area. A prior storm dropped two feet of new snow in the area and left it inaccessible. I made the move to Castleton Railroad Bed Trail.

A beautiful, bright, clear day greeted us this Sunday morning as five club members gathered for an engaging outdoor adventure blessed with warm Spring temperatures. Al and Roma Pulling came along with their snowshoes and Ruth Hare, Herb Ogden, and I were ready to ski. After a short drive out to the Castleton State College parking area we unloaded our gear and headed down the trail. The morning ski conditions were ideal.

Al and Roma headed out on their snowshoes and the three skiers soon left them behind. The miles piled up behind us and the day got warmer. We paused several times during the day to layer clothes on and off. At three miles down the trail toward Poultney Ruth started to have problems with her feet. She had skied a fair amount the previous day and was starting to show signs of it. She decided to turn back toward the College and meet Al and Roma.

Herb and I decided to push further down the trail, then turn around and meet Ruth, Al, and Roma for lunch. We made the Route 30 crossing and pushed on toward Poultney. We stopped at 4.5 miles and decided to ski back toward the College to meet the others for lunch.

Herb and I met the others after skiing about 1.5 miles toward the college. Al and Roma decided to head back to the parking area while the skiers paused for lunch. Al and Roma predicted that the skiers would overtake them on the way back.

After a needed rest and some lunch, the skiers were ready to head back. Off we went, at a much slower pace?! The snow was beginning to become sticky as the temperature rose into the 50's.

Huffing and puffing we made it back to the parking lot where Al and Roma were waiting patiently. "You've got to take up cross country skiing or learn to slow down on those snow shoes," I said to Al and Roma.

Castleton to Poultney would make a good end to end ski trip. Conditions permitting I'll try to schedule one for next season.

MERCK FOREST OVERNIGHT CAMPING

19 March 1994

by Sue and Mara Carey

"Merck Forest and Farmland Center is a 2,820 acre forest preserve in the Taconic Mountains of southwestern Vermont. It is owned and operated by a private nonprofit organization, for the purposes of education and conservation. There are a limited number of rustic shelters and tents sites available for public use."

The following is an excerpt from the log book and written by eight year old Mara Carey:

March 19, 1994:

My name is Mara Carey. My Mom, Dad, and little brother are staying at Spruce Shelter. My friend Sue Thomas is staying here too. We brought our dog Lady. I think she likes it here. We are all staying overnight. Today Sue and I played cribbage. I won! Our dog Lady is lying so close to the fire that I think she is going to fry.

I can't wait until we go to bed. My Dad brought a light. My brother and I got the top bunk. My hand is starting to hurt so I will write some more later.

March 20, 1994:

Last night we went Moon Skiing . We went to Clark's Clearing. Today i hurt my hand on a nail on the door. So watch out for nails! We have to leave soon so I will stop writing. Maybe I can come again.

Additional comments written by Mara at home:

When we were going home we came to a big hill. It was all downhill! I was holding Lady . Lady is a very strong dog. All of a sudden she started running and I fell and landed on my set. Lady was pulling me down the hill. My seat was a sled and I was sliding down really, really fast. Lady pulled me all the way down the hill and i came in second after my brother Seth. Seth was skiing! I was pretending that I was in the Iditerod. I came in second in the Iditerod!

Sue Thomas brought some chocolate chip cookies and wishes to share the recipe:

1 yellow cake mix

2 eggs

2/3 cup oil

1 bag chocolate chips

Mix first three ingredients. Add chocolate chips. Spread on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes.

SUGAR ON SNOW

26 March 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

A good-sized group of us gathered in the Unitarian-Universalist church basement for this traditional event. Unlike some recent years, there was plenty of snow, though the Careys kept some special Wallingford snow in their freezer just in case. Janet Martin cooked up the usual delectable syrup to an almost caramel consistency, and the crowd disposed of it, the snow, the donuts, and the pickles in short order amid pleasant conversation and talk of outings to come.

ANNUAL MEETING

10 April 1994

by Jean Davies, Secretary

After a delicious potluck supper at the Econo Lodge in Mendon, Sue Carey, President, called the meeting to order. The Treasurer reported \$805.74 in the checking account and \$2828.55 in the savings. The George L. Kirk Fund has a balance of \$1316.21.

Sue Carey reported that SKI Ltd. doesn't want the responsibility of daily care of Cooper Lodge on Killington which gets lots of abuse from skiers, so a caretaker appears to be the best answer. The Caretaker is to be funded by the State, Main Club, and Sections. There is also talk of a composting outhouse there.

The Minerva Hinchey Shelter is five feet off the protected trail land. It isn't a problem now. It's in the 20-year plan. Clarendon Shelter is 10' off the corridor, and is in the 10-year plan.

Governor Clement Shelter is accessible for local parties. It's considered historical because it's the only stone shelter, therefore it can't be torn down. The GMC may eventually build a new one and let the Park service have the old. The average age of shelters is 50 years. The Main Club undertook a review of them.

Pico will eventually become a ski trail, so a new site is being looked for. Gary Salmon says the "State is gun-ho" about the Bucklin Trail.

Dave Hardy is Southern Assistant for GMC. He reported that on May 7, there will be a meeting on the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The Forest Service has to bring this to the public before any action can be taken. The meeting will be

held at the Supervisor's Office in Rutland (Route 7 North). There is no cost.

June 4 is the Annual Meeting of the Main Club at Waterbury. Cost is \$5.00 each.

After six years, one year must be taken off the Board of Directors. Bernie Donahue, Churchill Scott, and Herb Ogden, Jr. were thanked heartily for their service. New Directors are Linda Pellerin, Phil Smith, and Wally Rogers.

The following were present at the Director's Meeting: Sue Thomas, Phil Smith, Linda Pellerin, Sue Carey, Larry Dodds, Roma Pulling, Jean Davies. Voted as officers: President, Sue Carey; Vice-President, Larry Dodds; Treasurer, Roma Pulling; Secretary, Jean Davies. Wally Rogers is the "Director to the Main Club" and Linda Pellerin the "Assistant Director to the Main Club".

Everyone appreciated the fine hospitality of Ross Almo, of the Econo-Lodge, for opening his lodge to our meeting.

WILDERNESS ETHICS DISCUSSION

11 May, 1994

You are invited to join the Trail Management Committee on May 11 for what we hope will be the beginning of an introspective look at the GMC's trail management goals. We believe that it's important for this discussion to go beyond the Trail Management Committee to include the Club leadership and others active in our management and maintenance programs. We hope that you will join us.

The basis for our discussion will be *Wilderness Ethics*, the recent book by GMC members Laura and Guy Waterman. In their book, Laura and Guy challenge backcountry and wilderness managers to think about the implications of their actions (both physical improvements and regulations) in changing the wilderness environment for the safety or convenience of visitors. The meeting will be held at GMC Headquarters, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Don't know what to do with old issues of *Smoke & Blazes*? Leave them for a doctor's office or other place where folks will see them and have a little time to read them. This helps spread the news about our section of the Green Mountain Club.

KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Sunday 22 May, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

MT. CARMEL, CHITTENDEN, via the New Boston Trail and a short bushwhack from the Long Trail up the former Mt. Carmel Trail. Though the tower is horizontal, there is a view. 8 mi. moderate.

Saturday 4 June. Contact (including for rides): Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING at Club headquarters in Waterbury Center. See *Long Trail News* for details of meeting and afternoon activities.

Sunday 5 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Tim Welch 483-2085

SECTION NORTHERN WALK-THROUGH. Check and do light maintenance on various parts of the Long Trail assigned to the Section, from the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury to Sherburne Pass (US Route 4) in Sherburne. We need people to note trail conditions, paint blazes, clean out shelters, clear brush and blowdowns, clean out waterbars, and more. Something for everyone! Tools provided.

Saturday 11 June, 10:00 a.m. Contact: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

WHEELERVILLE ROAD BICYCLE CIRCUIT from Rutland City to Brewers Corners and back the other way, partly on paved roads. **NOTE**: Because this is a cycling trip, we will leave from the Stafford Technical Center parking lot off Route 4 (Woodstock Ave.) just east of Stratton Road, *not* from the usual place.

Saturday 18 June, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

MOUNT ASCUTNEY via Weathersfield and Brownsville Trails. The Flume, Crystal Cascade, West Peak, North Peak, Norcross Quarry, and more! 6.1 mi. difficult on account of over 2000 ft. climb.

Saturday 25 June, 8 a.m. Contact: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

COOLEY GLEN TRAIL, LONG TRAIL, and EMILY PROCTOR TRAIL. Grand circuit through the back country of Lincoln, Granville and Ripton, over the Northern Presidentials (Mts. Cleveland and Roosevelt). 12.5 mi. difficult.

Thursday 7 July, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Saturday 9 July, 9 a.m. Contact: Sue or Rob Carey 446-2830

WORK PARTY, with details to be announced depending on what thing or things most need fixing by then.

Saturday 16 July 1:00 p.m. Leader: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

PITTSFORD ICE CAVES. 3 mi. moderate.

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Saturday 23 July, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LONG TRAIL FROM COUNTY RD. TO ROUTE 9 in Stamford and Woodford, over Harmon Hill. 11.1 mi. moderate to difficult. Rain date Sunday 24 July.

Sunday 31 July, 10:30 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350

BIRDSEYE MOUNTAIN, CASTLETON and IRA. We will use the Ira Birdseye Road and a woodroad running north from it, rather than the trail in the *Day Hiker's Guide to Vermont*. 4 mi. moderate.

Saturday 6 August, 8:00 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

CAMELS HUMP via BURROWS TRAIL. This approach, from Huntington, is the easiest. 5.8 mi. moderate, but note there is a climb of about 2500 ft. Bring warm clothes for the top.

Sunday 14 August, 9:00 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

MT. EQUINOX, MANCHESTER via Burr & Burton Trail. 5.8 mi, difficult on account of 2870 ft. ascent.

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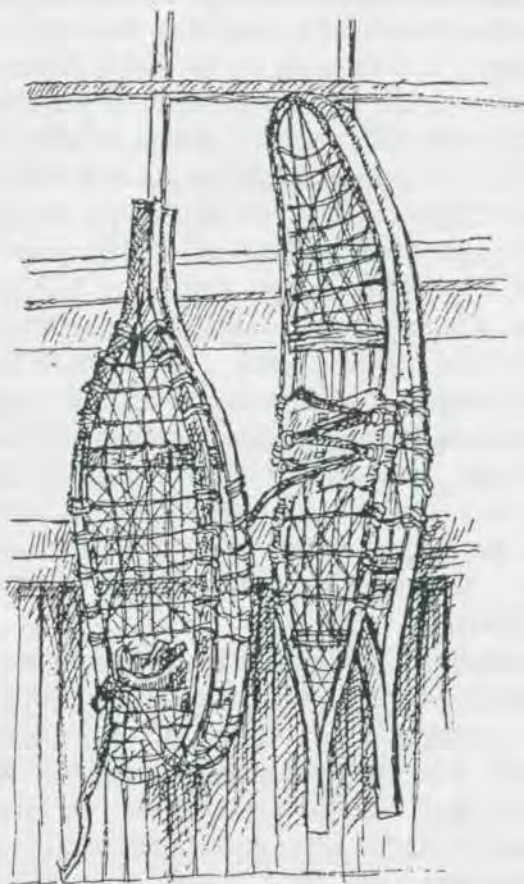
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Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.



We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Phil Smith, Fair Haven VT

Larry Walter, Rutland VT

A full list of members is on page 7.

FROM THE MARCH GREEN MT. CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Unlike Section Director Wally Rogers, I do not formally represent our Section on the Board of Directors; I am a Director simply because I am Club Secretary. I do want to report on some concerns regarding the last meeting, not in order of priority:

Eric Chittenden, who spearheaded the drive to buy the HQ in Waterbury, has been distracted by other duties. The Headquarters Fund has fallen way behind target. We need volunteers to raise funds and donors to retire the mortgage on schedule.

The Land Protection Committee and the Trail Management Committee have, I think, gone overboard on issuing detailed standards, some about 50 pages long. I think they are over-bureaucratizing some club functions. We need some Killington Section members to volunteer to serve on these committees and counterbalance the well-meaning bureaucrats. If two would volunteer for a committee, they could ride up together. I already sit on the Land Protection Committee and can give a ride up to its meetings.

The Directors will probably decide in September whether to seek federal legislation not only allowing purchase of trail land with federal taxpayer funds but also allowing condemnation of trail land from owners who are not willing to sell outright. The Land Protection Committee is holding regional hearings on what form, if any, such a bill should take. Rutland's hearing was relatively well-attended, unlike the Norwich and Putney meetings, attended by about a half-dozen. Perhaps half of those at the Rutland meeting said nothing, however. Everyone with an idea on the subject should share the idea with a Director. This topic will also arise at the GMC Annual Meeting.

If a landowner is letting us cross his or her land and generally cooperating with us, but does not want to sell us or the government his land or the right to pass over it, I do not think we want legislation to force him to sell until this situation changes. In no case do I favor allowing us or the government to take more than an easement (the right to pass, not ownership of the land itself). Nevertheless, if enough members disagree and want more, I'm open to persuasion.

The Organizational Review Committee's work continues, now that survey results are back. I think

the Committee will have to grapple with the rationale for Section members paying much less in Main Club assessment than At-Large members pay in Main Club dues. I think the rationale is that Section members collectively deserve a break because each Section contributes volunteer trails and shelters work, while At-Large members mostly do not. With the increase in At-Large members' adopting various trails and shelters, this rationale is not as sound as it once was. We should do more to encourage those Section members who are able-bodied to spend at least a half day per year on trail or shelter work. (Many older members have earned a retirement, but the Section cannot rest on their laurels forever.) People can also help by raising funds or doing Section or Main Club office tasks, and in other ways. I think Section members are **supposed** to do such things, at least while they're able; At-Large are only expected to pay dues.

Also a propos of Organizational Review, the GMC must decide if it is supposed to maintain only the LT and its side trails, or if it is a statewide trail maintainer. For example, should the GMC, either through adopters or through a Section, maintain some of the essentially unmaintained trails listed in the *Day Hikers Guide*, such as the one up Birdseye?

The GMC faces some conflict with the Mt. Mansfield Corp. over its expansion plan despite recent compromises. Now might be a good time to take that hike up Mt. Mansfield you've thought about, so you have some idea of what the issues are, especially around the Haselton Trail -- and so you can tell me and Wally what to do.

The main club's Killington-Pico Committee has been dormant, and it's partly my fault. I'm the local member. Would anyone care to join? In the meantime, the recent *Rutland Herald* report is accurate: because S-K-I, Ltd. won't give more protection for the LT, the National Park Service will condemn a generally 1000' wide swath. The reroute around the west of Pico may depend on the City of Rutland's willingness to sell the Park Service part of the City Forest. Another factor may be the Town of Mendon's (un)willingness to see land in Mendon transferred from the City of Rutland, which pays real estate taxes, to the U.S. Government, which pays a lesser sum.

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**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$18.00
Family	\$24.00
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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QUECHEE GORGE

7 May 1994

by Roma Pulling

A day that started cloudy and threatening turned into a gorgeous afternoon. Three people met me at the park, and we drove to Quechee in two cars, parking near the picnic area.

After eating, we followed a path north along the Ottauquechee River as far as the falls. As May 7 was Green-up Day, I carried a large plastic bag, and we picked up trash as we walked along. By the end of the hike we had the bag half full with cigarette butts and plastic and paper products including two soiled baby diapers. Ray Catozzi filled on and a half shopping bags with cans and bottles.

Near the falls Bob Piper, who is an electrical engineer, walked down to the power station and could hear dynamos turning. Power generated here used to run woollen mills when the area was known as Dewey's Mills. When our inspection was complete, we retraced our steps and followed a path under the Rt. 4 bridge. In the days of the Woodstock Railroad, a railroad bridge crossed the river at this same spot from 1875 to 1933. We had seen pictures of the original bridge, constructed of wooden trusses reinforced with iron rods. It was replaced with a steel bridge in 1911.

The path we were following paralleled the river, descending as we followed it in a southerly direction until we were on a level with the river itself. Several people were sunning themselves on rock outcroppings in the river, and we joined them for a picture-taking interlude. On our walk we had seen several spring

wild flowers including lovely white bloodroot and round-leaved (yellow) violets.

We met at the White Cottage Snack Bar in West Woodstock for some of their delicious ice cream. It was a pleasant way to end a very pleasant outing.

SOUTHERN WALK THROUGH

14 May 1994

by Sue Carey, Leader

Rob and I were unable to attend this work party, but Rob managed to meet people at the fire station, distribute tools and send people on their way. From the reports that I received all of the southern half of our section was done except for two miles south of Minerva Hinchey.

We received some free material from a friend of mine who likes to keep her property neat and tidy. Her picket fence was starting to show signs of rot along the bottom. I picked up the upright pickets that she had removed, cut off the bottoms and repainted them, and they made dandy arrows for along the Long Trail. They were nailed on trees at several problem intersections including the spur trail to Minerva Hinchey, the Lower Cold River Road and the Three Camp Road north of the Upper Cold River Road.

The only major problem area is between the Cold River Roads. The stream is washing away the bank leaving a dangerous 40 feet dropoff along the Trail. This area has been temporarily rerouted, but a permanent reroute cannot be accomplished until approval is received from the U.S. Government.

NORTHERN WALK-THROUGH

5 June 1994

by Sue Carey

Normally the northern part of our section is Tim Welch's responsibility, but he had to go to a wedding. I didn't attend the southern walk-through and was feeling guilty because I am Southern Trails and Shelters Co-Chairman. Jumping at the opportunity to redeem myself, I led the charge up Killington.

Two people started at Route 4 and headed south. The rest piled into my Toyota pickup at Killington Base Lodge and we drove up the service road. Now before we started up the road, the truck was a little noisy because of muffler problems. After we started up, it definitely became LOUD. We parked the truck close to Cooper Lodge and headed down the path. Much to our chagrin we discovered that Killington has moved its ski trails to include Cooper Lodge. There were two huge metal signs warning skiers about leaving the ski trail. These signs do not meet ATC standards. Don't you need an Act 250 permit to move ski trails?

The workers headed south along the Trail with clippers, chainsaw and paint. Seth and I clipped the trail to the top, then we drove down the mountain. Trail bikes passed us on the way down. We didn't have to worry about surprising them; by this time the truck was so loud that you couldn't hold a conversation inside the truck. We picked up the work party at the Three Camps Road in Shrewsbury and returned them to Rutland.

MT. ASCUTNEY MELT

18 June 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

Hot and hazy were the hours
as we clumb through woody bowers
on the scenic Brownsville Trail.
Languidly we clumb the tower
noting thunderheads did lower.

Once upon the Weathersfield Trail
came assaults of rain and hail.
On we slogged with soggy shoes
till Crystal Cascade gave us views.

DEDUCTIBILITY OF DUES

by Lisa Hughes, Business Manager, GMC

GMC Headquarters has received several calls recently regarding the tax deductibility of dues paid to the Green Mountain Club. Dues paid to GMC Sections are a little unclear. Headquarters has conferred with our auditor about this, and she has made the following recommendations.

For Section members, only the amount of the assessment paid by the Section, less the cost of the *Long Trail News*, is deductible. Only contributions made to an IRS-determined 501(c)3 organization are deductible. The assessment fits this category. However, because the *Long Trail News* is considered to be a benefit of membership, it is **not** deductible.

In other words, an individual member who pays dues to a Section could deduct \$9, which is \$12 for the Section assessment less \$3 for the cost of the *LTN*. [Ed. note: Because the Section pays the GMC \$18 for a family membership, those paying a family membership presumably can deduct \$15, which is the \$18 assessment less the \$3 for the *LTN*. Because the GMC has no separate assessments for junior or senior members, they can also deduct the \$9.]

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Saturday 20 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982 Joint outing with Audubon Society.
FIFTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 mi. easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date 21 August; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 20 August - Saturday 27 August. Art Seddon (219) 483-7045, John Howard (410) 730-4489
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB INTERSECTIONAL, Camp Plymouth State Park, Echo Lake, Plymouth, off Vt. 100. Boating, swimming, hiking, touring, eating, and anything else anyone thinks of. Free access to Coolidge State Park showers. Camper vehicles, RVs, and tent trailers should stay at Coolidge State Park, just up the road; call (802) 672-3612 to reserve space there. Sorry, no pets! Come enjoy the company of members from all over the Green Mt. Club for any time from the full week to part of a day.

Saturday 27 August, 1 p.m. Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494
BRIDGEWATER GOLD MINE. See what happened when the '49ers came home. Bring a flashlight. 2 mi. easy. Intersectional participants especially welcome! Bring no lunch.

Saturday 10 September, 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, Jr. home 775-1350; work 775-3368
MT. MANSFIELD up the Haselton Trail and down the Long Trail south of Smugglers Notch. Climb Vermont's highest peak and see how ski development might affect the historic Haselton Trail. 4.9 mi., steep.

Saturday 17 September, 8:15 a.m. Herb Ogden, Jr. home 775-1350; work 775-3368
MT. OKEMO via new Healdville Trail. Joint hike with Manchester Section of GMC, led by Carol Wright of the Manchester Section. 5.8 mi. moderate with two steep sections.

Saturday 24 September, 9 a.m. Sue Thomas 773-2185
MT. ABRAHAM up Battell Trail and down Long Trail to Lincoln Gap. 6.7 mi. difficult.

Saturday 1 October, 7:30 a.m. Linda Pellerin 773-7779
TONGUE MOUNTAIN, Lake George, N.Y., led by Ruth and Sandy Lamb. 10-13 mi. difficult or 5 mi. moderate; some can do one and some the other if they want. Overnight camping available at the Lambs'; call Linda Pellerin by 20 September to reserve camping space or plan potluck. Rain date 2 October.

Thursday 6 October, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779
OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING. At Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St.). Come help us plan the schedule for the next three months or call in your suggestion. For Outing Committee members and any others interested.

Sunday 9 October, 1 p.m. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

FIRST ANNUAL SENIOR SHUFFLE. Others welcome if you can keep up! 3-4 mi. easy. No lunch.

Saturday 15 October, time to be set by leaders Geoff and Brenda Brown 824-3673

STYLES PEAK, Peru, Foliage Hike. Moderately strenuous with spectacular views. Joint hike with Manchester Section of GMC, led by Manchester Section members.

Sunday 23 October, 1 p.m. Bernie Donahue 773-7462

OLD SHREWSBURY - PLYMOUTH ROAD by Roaring Brook. Visit scenic abandoned neighborhood on old roads. 4-5 mi. easy. Bring no lunch.

Sunday 30 October, 10:30 a.m. Sue Carey 446-2830

WORK PARTY probably to relocate short piece of trail at landslide between Cold River Roads in Shrewsbury, 2 mi. easy; possibly also to repair Clarendon Gorge bridge deck.

Sunday 6 November, 10 a.m. Wally Rogers 468-3210

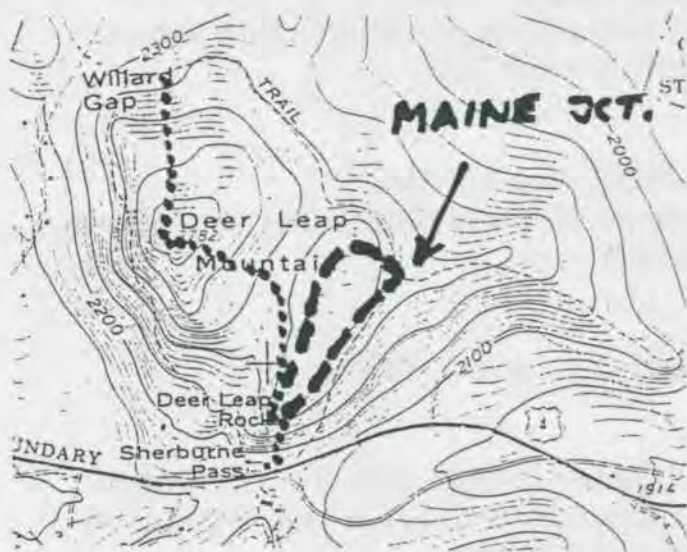
GALICK PRESERVE, WEST HAVEN. Scenic Nature Conservancy fields and forest overlooking Lake Champlain's narrow southern end. 3-4 mi. moderate.

Sunday 13 November, 1 p.m. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

RAMBLE AROUND RUTLAND. Tired of those long rides to reach the trailhead? This is for you! We will walk from Main St. Park and visit less-traveled neighborhoods of the city. 3-4 mi. easy.

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DEER LEAP LOOKOUT TRAIL RELOCATION by Herb Ogden, Jr.

The present Deer Leap Trail is shown by the dotted

line on the map at the left. Although the Killington Section does not officially maintain this trail, the GMC sometimes consults us about it. As previous *Smoke & Blazes* have reported, the Section's Board of Directors recommended some time ago that the section from the Lower Lookout on Little Deer Leap down to Sherburne Pass be closed. Erosion had left big bare rocks where there was once some vegetation to cling to, and the Directors felt the trail had become too dangerous to be listed as a normal hiking trail any more. The GMC and the U.S. Forest Service finally agreed, and this southernmost part of the trail was closed. At the same time, there was discussion of opening a new part of the trail from Little Deer Leap to near Maine Junction, where the Appalachian Trail, a side trail to Mt. Katahdin, leaves the LT and heads east. I suggested the dashed lines on the map as a possible southern loop, and this was scouted.

Deer Leap Lookout Trail

(continued from p. 4)

On 6 June, Beth LeClair, the District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service's Rochester District, wrote to the GMC suggesting a route from just north of Maine Jct. along the ridge of Little Deer Leap to the present trail at the top of Little Deer Leap. She also recommended closing the present trail north of there (as well as keeping the southernmost part closed) because it was too steep and wet. This would make the only access to Little Deer Leap the new trail from near Maine Jct., make Big Deer Leap trail-less, and prevent any loop hikes on either of the Deer Leaps.

I objected to the U.S. Forest Service's plan, and, on 2 July, the GMC wrote this letter to the Forest Service's District Ranger LeClair:

Dear Beth,

The Green Mountain Club would like to respond to the scoping letter on the Deer Leap and Appalachian Trail relocation projects dated June 6, 1994. The GMC has appreciated the opportunity to work with the Rochester District on the ground in formulating the two proposals that lie within our maintenance responsibility: Deer Leap and the A.T. relocation in Bridgewater. GMC would like to be more directly involved with the development of the scoping documents for Long or Appalachian Trail projects in the District such as this one. This enhanced level of cooperation will help to clarify specific details.

Deer Leap Trail Relocation

The GMC agrees that the current situation at Deer Leap is unacceptable for reasons of safety and resource protection. The southern approach to the ledges has become severely eroded over the years and the jumbled boulders present significant hazards to hikers. The GMC supports closure of the segment of the Deer Leap Trail from Route 4 to the lower ledge. Imperative in this effort should be the provision of a short, new route to the ledges along with sufficient signing that informs hikers of the new route and reasons for closure of the old route. The past popularity of this area with rock climbers and local tourism bureaus dictates that the USFS, GMC and Appalachian Trail Conference conduct extensive outreach to these groups to alert them of the change

in routes.

The proposed relocation of the Deer Leap Trail needs some fine tuning. First, the trail should leave the Long Trail directly at Maine Junction to consolidate signing and resource impact. From this point, the trail would need to briefly slab the slope to meet up with the proposed route. The proposed route should also include a switchback as it ascends the old log road toward the top of Little Deer Leap Mountain. The GMC would like to work with District staff to finalize this route.

The GMC has not resolved the issue of the status and location of the part of the Deer Leap Trail north of the proposed relocation. In part, this decision should be placed in context of the ultimate location of the Appalachian Trail from Route 4 to Route 100. The GMC will also need to resolve the issue of ongoing maintenance of the current route. The GMC proposes that the effort that would be expended on closing this part of the Deer Leap Trail could be better used toward resolving some of the existing problems, for instance, the precipitous route that it follows coming off of Little Deer Leap. We acknowledge that there are problems with the current route, however the GMC does not recommend closing this segment at this time. We will continue to work with the USFS on this issue.

[The GMC went on to comment on an Appalachian Trail relocation in the Ottauquechee Section in Bridgewater.]

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these proposals. We look forward to working with the District on these issues in the future. We are available should you have further questions or a need for further review in the field.

Sincerely,

Lars Botzjorns
Director of Field Programs

Killington Section members should address their comments to a member of the Killington Section Board of Directors or direct to Lars Botzjorns, or both.

WHY

- does the GMC have Sections?
- does the GMC also have At-Large members?
- does a Section pay less to the GMC treasury for each member than each At-Large member pays?
- does each Section member have twice the representation on the GMC Board of Directors that an At-Large member has?

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

These are some of the issues the GMC's Organizational Review Committee is examining. Killington Section Director Wally Rogers and I are the two Killington Section members on this committee. Here is my personal attempt to answer the above questions and provoke some discussion. I don't pretend to speak for the GMC or our Section. If you have ideas, let me or Wally know, and write a piece for *Smoke & Blazes* if you feel like it.

First, I'd better review a few things about dues. The GMC Board of Directors sets the dues each GMC member pays the GMC Treasurer. It calls At-Large members' dues simply "dues." It calls the money a Section sends the GMC Treasurer for each Section member the "Section assessment." Each Section can charge whatever dues it wants to, as long as it is able to pay this assessment. Some Sections own or lease camps used by their members, or pay the GMC for services like having the Long Trail Patrol do their trail work for them. These Sections tend to charge high dues, sometimes totaling over \$40 per individual. Other Sections do all their own work and have only small expenses. They charge even less than the Killington Section does.

Presently, a single At-Large member pays the GMC treasury \$24; a family At-Large pays \$32. For an individual member, a Section pays the GMC only \$12; it pays \$18 for a family. This assessment is not all the dues a Section member pays. In our Section, for example, an individual adult pays \$18 to the Section. Only \$12 of that goes to the GMC Treasurer, so \$6 stays in the Section. That \$6 pays for things like the newsletter you are now reading and (especially in Sections that lack something like our Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund) maintenance tools, paint, signs, and

other things volunteers need to do their work.

Sections exist primarily to maintain a section of the Long Trail and its shelters. Hence the name "Section," rather than "Chapter." Most also maintain side trails leading to their section of the LT. As far as the GMC is concerned, these are a Sections's key functions. If a Section maintains trails or shelters, the GMC need not pay the Long Trail Patrol to do this work, nor try to find other volunteers to do it, nor pay a Field Supervisor to work with them. As far as the GMC is concerned, a Section's secondary role is to make the GMC more visible to the public by publishing notices of its activities, and to educate the public about hiking trails and the GMC. This is likely to attract members and donations. The more the Sections do this, the less the parent organization has to. Sections have at least one more function: to let hikers with similar interests enjoy activities together through things like outings and potlucks. This third function has the least direct benefit to the parent GMC.

At-Large membership is available for those who want to support the GMC and the Long Trail but are either unwilling or unable to do any work for the GMC. Someone who wants to help the GMC but lacks the time or ability to do volunteer work like maintaining or blazing a trail, repairing a shelter, serving on one of the GMC's many committees, organizing outings, or helping with paperwork -- and who are neither spouses nor children of active volunteers -- should be At-Large members. Former volunteers should be allowed to rest on their laurels, however: a senior member who used to volunteer should not have to become an At-Large member when he or she can no longer work to help the GMC.

Section members pay less to the GMC treasury because part of their contribution is the physical or mental work I just described, along with what the Section itself spends on tools for maintaining trails, building materials for shelters, paint for blazing, and some shelter and peak caretakers. (For example, the Killington Section pays part of the Cooper Lodge caretaker's salary.) How much less do Sections pay? As I said before, an individual At-Large member pays the GMC treasury \$24; a family At-Large pays \$32. For an individual Section member, a Section pays the GMC only \$12; it pays \$18 for a family. The difference is \$12 for an individual member and \$14 for a family. This should mean that, on the average over the years he or she is a Section member, a

Section member gives the GMC \$12 worth of work per year. The difference of \$14 for a family should mean that, on the average over the years while the family are Section members, the family gives the GMC \$14 worth of work per year.

A different interpretation is that the GMC Treasurer simply charges each Section the cost of the *Long Trail News* and insurance, and that this comes to \$12 per single member and \$18 per family -- which is the "assessment" each Section pays the GMC Treasurer. I do not know whether the above are the real costs, however. More importantly, if this is the sole reason for the Section assessment, there is no reason to charge At-Large members any more. After all, if the lower Section assessment does not reflect any work by Section volunteers or trail materials bought by Sections, why should At-Large dues be any higher than the Section assessment per member?

Ideally (but not practically), I suppose the Section assessment should be set by a complex calculation based on the whole Sections's contribution of volunteer work and materials. Because the GMC pays a Long Trail Patrol member about \$4.40 per hour, and because LTP members probably work at least as efficiently as Section volunteers, I suppose we should begin by crediting a Section with no more than \$4.40 for each hour its volunteers spend on trails and shelters work. For example, if the Killington Section had five people show up for each of four work parties and they were either on the way to the worksite or at the worksite for six hours each workday, (which may be typical for our Section) the Section would be credited with $5 \times 4 \times 6 \times \4.40 , or \$528.

Next, we credit the Section with a year's worth of trail and shelter maintenance materials. This would vary greatly depending on the year's construction projects, so let's just assume \$120 is average.

Then we credit the Section for the time its members spend on overall GMC activities. For our Section, since Wally Rogers and I have been almost the only ones to attend any GMC Directors or committee meetings or other overall club activities for the last few years, and since I attend perhaps 15 such meetings each year and Wally attends perhaps 8, and since going to and attending each meeting takes perhaps an average of 6 hours, the Section would be credited with another $(15 + 8) \times 6 = 138$ hours work. Putting a value on it is much harder than putting a value on trail and shelter work, however. We might to estimate how

many hours of paid staff time the GMC would have to add if Wally and I did nothing. But most of what we do is governance work that it is inappropriate for staff to do. The recent Membership Survey showed Section members do more of this than At-Large do. If no one did it, the GMC would collapse. But how can we put a dollar value on it? Maybe we should guess what the GMC would have to pay At-Large members in the way of mileage and lodging to persuade enough of them to take over from the Section Directors and committee members to keep the Club running. (This assumes, however, that none of the section members who presently sit on the Board or on committees would become At-Large and continue their work.) But let's say the requisite stipend to attract enough At-Large people for this Board and committee work were \$35 for overnight and 200 miles @ 22¢ per mile, per meeting. That comes to \$89 per meeting, and Wally and I attend perhaps 23 meetings per year between us. The total would be $23 \times \$89$, or \$2,047.

The final calculation is also hard: we have to reckon the financial consequences to the GMC if the Section stopped having outings and publishing a newsletter. How many present Section members would simply drop their membership and not become At-Large members? I have no idea, nor do I think anyone has researched this, but assume the number is 40. We multiply this by the individual assessment, minus the \$3 for the *Long Trail News* the GMC would save by not having to send it to the former member. That means the GMC would lose assessments of $40 \times \$9 = \360 . So \$360 would be the worth of our outings and publicity to the GMC.

The total is \$3,055. Divide by 90, which is about the Killington Section's recent membership. That comes to \$33.94 per member. If we disregard the Board and committee work, the total is only \$1008, which comes to \$11.20 per member. But the difference between the Section assessment per individual and the At-Large dues is only a little more: \$12. Therefore, it might appear that the Killington Section, at least, is paying an appropriate assessment.

Section members have twice as many Directors as At-Large because they've always had more and the Board would be too big if they elected Directors in the same proportion that Section members do. But I think a Section does not need more than one Director and an Alternate to represent its views.

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DUES*

Adult	\$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Family	\$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

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SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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Rutland VT 05701



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BIRDSEYE FROM THE EAST

31 July 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

Eighteen hikers showed up for this one, including one all the way from Newport! Maybe we should schedule more short hikes up modest mountains on Sunday mornings. The crowd was most convivial.

We parked on the Ira Birdseye Road a few hundred feet south of the "trailhead," which was, in turn, not far south of the junction of the abandoned road to Ira with the longer-abandoned road to Poultney. A short walk up the road, past an old woodroad that led west uphill, and over a bridge, led us to the "trailhead." I put that in quotation marks because this is not really a trail, but simply a woodroad apparently frequented by hikers and all-terrain vehicles but not formally maintained or marked.

On the way up, the three young boys who were with us caught toads and other creatures. The rest of us simply caught our breath. There is one particularly steep stretch after one crosses a brook. Then there is a stretch where the woodroad does double duty as a small brook. There are few obvious junctions. Fairly far down, one bears right where a less-used woodroad angles up toward the great south cliff; and one does not take a less-used woodroad that angled down to the right. Eventually, one comes to a T. The right bar leads to a good eastern lookout. The left leads into a col that runs north-south and then trends around to the right. It is still faintly marked with Keeywaydin Camps' pinkish blazes. This leads through pretty hardwoods to an east-west col where the trail from the old ski area enters from the west. From here, the ATVs go straight up to the north

lookout. A faint hiking trail, blazed pink, angles up more gently to the right and leads to an eastern lookout over the whole Coolidge Range and Blue Ridge, as well as West Rutland and Rutland. From there, an even fainter path leads to the north lookout and hang-glider takeoff ramp, where we had lunch and enjoyed the view of Lake Bomoseen. A few of us also followed the faint trail to the west lookout for a view of the top of the mountain. The old Keewaydin trail toward the real summit is gone, however.

This pleasant hike took only a little more than two hours, counting stops for lunch, views, and a few blueberries. It is nicer than the route up from the old ski area. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

CAMEL'S HUMP

6 August 1994

by Roma Pulling

If Alfred and I could have planned the weather ourselves, conditions on the day of our hike wouldn't have been more perfect. We had sunshine, low humidity and cool temperatures. One hiker even wore gloves while sitting on the summit.

We had met eight other hikers at the park and another at the trailhead in Huntington Center. After a rest stop in Bristol on the way, we were ready to hit the trail at 10 a.m. Our plan was to climb to the summit via the Burrows Trail and Long Trail, a total round trip distance of 5.8 miles, but this wasn't enough of a challenge for three of the fellows. They decided to ascend the Forest City Trail to Montclair Glen Lodge, climb to the summit using the Long Trail up the nearly perpendicular south face of the mountain

and descend via the Burrows Trail. They were still .7 mile from their van, which means they hiked a total of 7.7 miles.

The Burrows Trail is a strenuous climb but apparently this doesn't discourage many people. The parking lot was full and cars were parked on both sides of the road for at least a quarter of a mile. When we returned to our cars about 3:30 p.m., hikers were still starting up the mountain, many with dogs and small children. I wondered if they knew what they were undertaking.

The 360 degree view from the top of Camel's Hump is unbeatable on a clear day. This mountain is 4083 feet high and ties with Mount Ellen as the third highest in Vermont. We lingered after eating our lunch, expecting the three men to join us there. But several hikers had plans for later that day, and we had to get back. A call the next day confirmed that the men had arrived home about half an hour later than we did and that they also had a good hike.

HIKING TO OLD CEMETERIES

6 August 1994

by Roma Pulling

Hidden in the woods in many parts of Vermont are cemeteries reached by what are now abandoned roads. As members of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, Alfred and I have often been inspired to search out an old burial ground hidden among the trees.

Our first venture was in search of the Kellogg-Bassett Cemetery, which is a mile from any presently travelled road in the town of Bridgewater. It was badly overgrown with sizable trees and brush. The grave of Reuben Palmer interested me because there are Palmers in my family tree, but I haven't been able to make a connection. No one had been buried there since 1865.

Of the four cemeteries in Mt. Tabor, three are not on travelled roads. Two were relatively easy to locate, but the Greeley Cemetery was a real challenge. We knew it was in the Big Branch area, but in spite of much criss-crossing of the woods, it eluded us. Eventually Ira Hawley led us to it. We had been in the right spot and had passed within a short distance of it, but it was hidden by trees and a stone wall. There are three burials, the latest being in 1861. The

Greeleys owned a sawmill near Big Branch which later passed to Silas Griffith.

Also in Mt. Tabor, the Baker Cemetery - in the woods east of Rt. 7 - is visited by relatives regularly, and the Burton Cemetery, off Forest Road #10 near Devil's Den, is maintained by the VFW.

While we were surveying cemeteries in Shrewsbury for VOCA, we were directed to the Bullard Cemetery. Following instructions given us by Churchill Scott, we located it in the woods between Rt. 103 and the Lottery Road. It is in remarkably good condition with an iron fence still surrounding the graves of Mr. Bullard and his wife, who were buried in 1831 and 1855. While we were bushwhacking in search of the two burials, we saw another couple out in search of old bottles. It turned out to be Alfred's sister and her husband! It's a small world.

The Killington Section has hiked to the Hawk Hill Cemetery in Brandon on two occasions. This can be reached by following a logging road through the woods back of Otter Valley Union High School. Some of the very first settlers of Brandon are buried there, including David June and his wife, Prudence, and her parents, John and Sarah Ambler. John's was the first burial in town in 1776.

If we decide to continue our search for abandoned cemeteries, we should be busy for a while because we have the whole state of Vermont through which to explore.

WILBUR (WES) F. WESTON MOVES

25 July 1994

by Bill Weston

My dad has recently moved to a rest home which is better equipped to monitor his health and cater to his needs. Although he has been less able to write letters and communicate with relatives and friends, he would welcome mail from you. His address is:

The Brian Center
Room 106
2300 Dairy Road
Clayton NC 27250
Phone: 919-553-8232

I hope that you have the opportunity to drop him a note sometime, or if in this vicinity, stop by for a visit. If you wish to contact me, my phone number is 919-553-0378 at home and 919-515-4420 at work.

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

October 1994

by Roma Pulling

Our apologies to the following members whose names were inadvertently left of the membership list as printed in the April SMOKE AND BLAZES:

Robert & Thelma Perkins
4812 Lebanon Rd., Charlotte NC 28227

Joan Sibley
RFD Box 132
Cuttingsville VT 05738

David P. Wright
P.O. Box 1001
Middletown Springs VT 05757

Two renewals were received after our list was drawn up:

Charlotte S. Schwartz
P.O. Box 33
Wallingford VT 05773

And we welcome the following new members:

Charlene H. Peterson
49 Pine ST.
Proctor VT 05765

Mary Ellen LeBlanc
Box 553
E. Wallingford VT 05742

Robert, Jane, & Julia Crosby
30 S. Main St.
Wallingford VT 05773

Ida Mae Johnson
50 York St.
Poultney VT 05764

Regina & Rick Coyne
107 Hollow Road
Levittown PA 19056

Charles R. Edgar
HCR 65, Box 8
Killington VT 05751

Sylvia Wilson
P.O. Box 693
West Rutland VT 05777

Janine F. Small
RR 1 Box 3404
Rutland VT 05701

Steve Hillier
P.O. Box 299
Stockbridge VT 05772-0229

Kristine Hitchcock
1329 Furnace Road
Pittsford VT 05763

MANSFIELD-ON-THE-WINOOSKI

10 September 1994

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

Sue Thomas and I were surprised to find ourselves the only people who showed up at the park on a sunny morning. We were less surprised when the view north from Duxbury to the Worcester Range and Mt. Mansfield ended in thick clouds at a fairly low elevation. By the time we reached the trailhead of the Haselton Trail, which was our chosen way to ascend Mt. Mansfield, we chose not to ascend. By then, the thick and very damp-looking clouds were only a few hundred feet above us.

Along with a former Killington Section member who had joined us, we headed south to the stretch of the LT between the West Bolton Road and Jonesville. I liked this because I finished my End-to-End in 1964, before the LT was moved west to go through Jonesville, and had never hiked this stretch.

Though this part of the LT is not high, it is pretty. We lunched at a beautiful little pond and enjoyed views south (where we could still see a little sun) from various rocky knobs. We found descending the knobs a little tricky in light rain, but felt much more dry and comfortable when we thought about where we were *supposed* to be, way up in those wet and windy clouds. Discretion was the better part of valor.

**KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
OUTING SCHEDULE**

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Saturday 19 November, 5:30 p.m. at Econolodge. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

FALL POTLUCK at Econolodge-Pico, Route 4, Mendon. Please bring your own utensils; beverages supplied. Supper followed by slide program by Ray Catozzi on the outdoors in Switzerland.

Saturday 17 December, 4 p.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

CASTLETON RAIL TRAIL MOONLIGHT RAMBLE on the former Rutland & Washington (later Delaware & Hudson) Railroad south from Castleton State College toward Poultney. 2-3 Mi. easy. Perfect for skiing if there's snow; snowshoers and just plain hikers welcome also. We're leaving Rutland early because the moon is full at 4:10 p.m.

Thursday 5 January, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (off Lafayette St., which is two blocks east of Main St. south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions. For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Sunday 8 January, 1 p.m. Leader: Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND TOWN. 2 mi. easy hike to scenic stream, followed by hot drinks and snacks.

Saturday 14 January, 10 a.m. Leader: Roma Pulling 773-6997

MYSTERY SNOWSHOE HIKE. 3 mi. moderate.

Saturday 21 January, 9 a.m. Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

GRANDPA'S KNOB, CASTLETON. Walk up broad path to panoramic view at site of Vermont's first big windpower installation. 4 mi. moderate to difficult depending on snow cover.

Sunday 29 January, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

EAST POULTNEY TO BIRDSEYE ski or snowshoe on old town road past the south cliff of Birdseye. 4 mi. moderate to easy.

Sunday 5 February, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

SKI OR SNOWSHOE IN MENDON, 4 mi. moderate.

Sunday 12 February, 12:30 p.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

MYSTERY CROSS COUNTRY EXCURSION, 4 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

Sue Carey, President	RR 1, Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773	446-2830
Larry Dodds, Vice-President	3 Westside Ct., West Rutland, VT 05777	438-5473
Roma Pulling, Treasurer	RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05701	773-6997
Jean Davies, Secretary	Box 37, Pittsford, VT 05763	483-6623

EDITOR'S LETTER TO ANOTHER EDITOR

Sylvia Plumb, Editor
Long Trail News
Green Mountain Club, Inc.
RR 1, Box 650
Waterbury Center VT 05677

Dear Editor:

At their meeting on 24 September, the Directors began to move in a direction that would change a unique feature of the GMC. By a straw vote of about 2 to 1, they agreed that the Organizational Review Committee should draft a By-Law change that would require uniform dues for every GMC membership category. This means that an individual membership in a Section would cost the same as an individual membership At-Large, for example. It also means that a Section could no longer set its own dues according to its own needs. There might be an exception for a Section which wanted to charge higher dues than At-Large, if the Section set up a dues collection system that duplicated the system Headquarters would use.

Presently, most Sections charge lower dues than At-Large members have to pay. They can do this because, for example, they must send only about \$13 or \$14 ("assessment" plus insurance contribution) to Headquarters for every individual member. In contrast, individual At-Large members pay \$24. The historical reason for the dues break for Section members is that, taken together, Section members make up for paying less dues by doing more volunteer work than members At-Large. In fact, no one expects members At-Large to do anything but pay dues, though some do volunteer and their efforts are appreciated. Some of these At-Large volunteers are doubtless members who have joined since the Club changed its policy and made people who joined through Headquarters members At-Large unless they specifically asked to join a Section. Their work would certainly entitle them to membership in the Section responsible for their area of the trail.

Granted, the present system is not perfect. Perhaps some Sections no longer contribute enough volunteer work to justify the Section members' dues break. But the GMC should encourage and enable them to work harder, not simply give up on them. Doubtless, some people belong to Sections and never do any volunteer work for the GMC although they have the ability. This is no great evil as long as the Section as a whole makes up for its lower dues payment through volunteer work, however.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it" applies here. This is the only instance where the Organizational Review Committee recommended a change despite overwhelming opposition from GMC members. As reported in your Fall 1994 issue, p. 10, the scientifically conducted 1994 membership survey said about 70% of members favored allowing Sections to charge different dues from each other. Just as important was the unpublished finding that about 70% of members favored allowing Sections to charge their members different dues than At-Large members pay.

The Directors need members' input on this issue before their January meeting. I hope that, elsewhere in this issue, a full list of the Directors and their addresses and phone numbers will appear. Of course, I also hope that members will tell their Directors not to take an action which ignores Section members' volunteer efforts and threatens to destroy a unique and valuable feature of the Club.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH OLD ISSUES OF *SMOKE & BLAZES*?

Don't just throw them out. Leave them in a waiting room where non-members can see them. Maybe they'll like what they see and join up.

INTERESTED IN GMC ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW?

The next committee meeting is at the Waterbury Center office at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 29 November. For rides, call Herb Ogden at 775-1350 or Wally Rogers at 468-3210.

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Please send material to the Editor at
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92 Center St., Rutland VT 05701

Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

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Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

HOW TO REACH THE SITE OF THE ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE

Kit Davidson, who generously hosts the Annual Taconic Ramble at his unique property in Hubbardton, encourages visitors who appreciate and respect the landscape and his embellishments of it. If you missed the Ramble or would like to go back and enjoy the woods, waterfalls, and Japanese Garden, the map on the next page should help. For detailed trail information, please call Kit at 273-2982.



Approx 0.3 mile from paved road, take left turn (first possible left) on private drive. Very easy to miss. (If you pass a building on the left, you've missed it.)

Hubbardton Battlefield (if you pass it, you've missed the turn)

DAVIDSON
HUBBARDTON TOWNSHIP, VT
(802) 273 - 2982

New York - about 250 miles
Rutland - about 18 miles

Approx 0.3 mile after A frame, take left turn on dirt road

Approx 6 miles from US 4 watch for A frame as landmark (only A frame house on the road)

THIS is an enlargement of THIS

This drive is 0.6 mile long. Don't give up.

after making this turn, see other side

East Hubbardton Road (not identified by sign)

East Hubbardton Road

Davidson

US 4

to Rutland

Whitehall

At Fort Ann, take left turn on US 4

At Vermont border US 4 becomes a superhighway. Stay on it, not route 4A

Take exit 5 and follow signs for Hubbardton. Take mileage reading here

NY 149

Take NY State Thruway to exit 24, then Northway (Interstate 87) to exit 20 and get on NY 149

Take US 4 West (or US Business 4 West and join US 4 later). Exit 5 (Castleton), follow sign for Hubbardton Battlefield. Take mileage reading here.

Northway (I-87)

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RUTLAND RAMBLE

November 13, 1994

by Roma Pulling

Sharon, Wallace, Victor and Sargent. Sounds like a new accounting firm? No! These are the names of streets we followed on our way to Combination Pond and back to our starting point at the park. As we promised, we abandoned our cars and proceeded entirely on foot. "We" included nine Killington Section members who turned out for this slightly different "deer season special."

The weather was ideal -- mostly sunny and mild. Besides walking to the pond, we explored Healy Lane, with an unfamiliar view of the new high school, and sauntered along Ridgewood Lane east of the pond and at a higher elevation.

At the pond we took a gorp and lemonade break. On our return trip we took another route and delivered Bernie to his front door before returning to our cars.

This was a variation on our usual hikes, providing a diversion to tide us over until hunting was finished and we could return to the woods.

right and left to reach the Poultney River at the South end of Lake Champlain. This area has the water level controlled by the lake level, though it's narrow and quiet as a river. The head of navigation is up river about 15 miles at Carver's Falls. This region of the lower Poultney River has been designated an outstanding resource water. We drove along Galick Road and parked at the Nature Conservancy parking lot. Just north and above the parking lot is an old cemetery with 20 or so stones in various repose. Voca could spend some time and money here.

The trail leads east along the top of the cliffs and then north skirting the meadows to a branch point. We went northwest past the old barn and soon it began to rain. Three people turned back and the rest went on to the Stewart homestead site for lunch, high above the narrow lake and a view to the south of South Bay. The rain had stopped and the afternoon was warm and overcast. While we were looking for a northern route to the base of Bald Mountain, the rain began again and a shorter route back carried us along the base to the slopes below the raven and peregrine nesting area. This area is also the den site for timber rattlesnakes, but the November date reassured us that they would be tucked in for the winter.

The woods road we followed here is a good ski or snowshoe trail. After reaching the branch point we retraced our route to the cars. Bill Kuehn and other West Haven friends were also out hiking that day and we saw them in the parking lot. We spent about 3.5 hours and walked 4 miles using time to discuss the history of the site and the Conservancy plans for the preserve.

GALICK PRESERVE, WEST HAVEN

6 November 1994

by Wally Rogers

Six of us met in Rutland and Kitty joined the group at the Fair Haven Grand Union. We then drove west on Route 4 turning past the country club the next left,

FIRST SENIOR SHUFFLE

October 9, 1994

by Roma Pulling

We forgot again that a hike scheduled for the second week end in October would conflict with Art in the Park. Parking space near our usual meeting place by the fire station was nearly non-existent, but six people joined us there. The weather was ideal -- sunny and warm.

I had been intentionally vague about the destination for our hike, not wanting to stray far from Rutland because of time restraints when doing an afternoon hike but hoping to pick a place we had not visited recently. Clarendon Shelter seemed to be such a place. Killington Section members have over the years built, remodeled, repaired, and cleaned the shelter, but three of our hikers had never been there. In compliance with our promise to lead an easy hike, we used the old trail following an abandoned town road.

Along the road we paused at a marker identifying the route of the Crown Point Road, and Churchill Scott told us some of the history of the road, which was built in 1759 to accommodate men hauling supplies from Fort No. 4 in Charlestown, New Hampshire, to the fort at Crown Point in New York. It is said to be the first road in what is now Vermont. Churchill also showed us a cellar hole at the home site of the Bullard family. John Bullard and his wife are buried off an abandoned road between Route 103 and the Lottery Road.

On arrival at the shelter, we had a snack of cookies and lemonade and chose our afternoon's activities. Our two youngest hikers decided to climb Beacon Hill for the view, two relaxed at the shelter -- with the lemonade and cookies! -- and the other four hiked past the shelter until the old road intersected the Long Trail relocation, which we followed south for a short distance.

If there is an interest in this sort of easy, half-day hike, we will repeat it next year to a different destination. But NOT during Art in the Park!

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CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

February 1995

by Roma Pulling

1994 renewal received:

Doug and Marta Thorne
RR1, Box 2251, Killington

New members:

Chuck and Charlene McGill
25b North St., Essex Jct.

Sam Emmons & Evan Kurrasch
8 Melrose Ave., Rutland

Sharon Felix-Chandler
Box 185, West Rutland

David R. Charnock
RR1 Box 3707, Rutland

We operate on a calendar year, and renewals are now due to the treasurer, Roma E. Pulling, RFD 3, Box 7269, Rutland, VT 05601.

CRAFTSBURY SKI CENTER OUTING

by Bonnie Potter, American Lung Association of Vermont Tel. 1-800-LUNG-USA

On March 4 and 5, 1995 there will be a WINTER TREK WEEKEND to benefit the American Lung Association of Vermont. The outing will include meals, lodging, and free skiing. Call for details at the above listed number or 802-863-6817.



KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant footgear**, dress for **weather changes**, and **stay with the leader**. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Sunday 26 February, 1 p.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462

BEYOND BELLEVUE Avenue, Rutland, to explore some countryside just minutes away from our meeting place. Bring snowshoes if snow depth warrants them. About 2 mi., easy. Bring a snack but no lunch.

Saturday 4 March, 10 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

TAMARACK NOTCH ROAD WALK, including hiking or snowshoeing depending on what's on the ground. Trip may include Wilkins Cemetery and other historic places. 4 mi. moderate.

Saturday 11 March, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. work 775-3368, home 775-1350

SOUTH OF BRANDON GAP on Long Trail. To Sunrise Shelter is 1.8 mi. easy to moderate (depending on snow) round trip; to the Chittenden Brook Trail is 4.6 mi. moderate round trip; and to Farr Peak is 7.4 mi. difficult round trip, so there is something for all abilities. If snow permits, Long Trail can be skied at least as far as Chittenden Brook Trail junction. Snowshoers welcome also!

Saturday 18 March, 10 a.m. Leader: Larry Dodds 438-5473

MYSTERY HIKE. 4 mi. moderate. Check with Leader about snowshoes or skis.

Sunday 26 March, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

CAVENDISH GORGE of the Black River. Roaring water and historic site. 1-2 mi. moderate.

Saturday 1 April, 1:11 p.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. work 775-3368, home 775-1350

JARVIS SNODGRASS MEMORIAL EXCURSION partly on the Long Trail in Shrewsbury, partly on old roads. Places visited will include historic cellarholes, an old millrace, and a sanitary gazebo. Lecture on Snodgrass is optional. 4 mi. moderate.

Thursday 6 April, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland (between East St. and Lafayette St., which are one and two blocks east of Main St. and south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions. For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Saturday 8 April, 5:30 p.m. at Econolodge, Route US 4 in Mendon. Contact: Linda Pellerin 773-7779

SECTION ANNUAL MEETING around 6:30 p.m., preceded by potluck at 5:30 p.m. Meeting topics will include a dues increase on account of overall GMC dues increase, relation of Section dues to At-Large dues, how many people should be on the GMC Board of Directors and how they should be chosen, whether the Section should fund a Coolidge Range or Cooper Lodge caretaker, and election of Section directors. Only paid-up members can vote.

Sunday 24 April, 10 a.m. Leader: Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494

TAMARACK NOTCH former Girl Scout Camp Area, Quirk Bridge to Brown Bridge, 3 mi. easy.

Saturday 6 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Rob Carey 446-2830

SOUTHERN WALK-THROUGH, covering the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) to around Governor Clement Shelter, north of the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury. Something for everyone: prune brush, whack weeds, clean out waterbars, paint blazes, saw blowdowns, or just come along for a short Spring hike. We'll probably divide into parties of two to five people. Tools provided.

Sunday 7 May, 1 p.m. Leader: Rick Pingree 773-8767

EAST MOUNTAIN BUSHWHACK to outlook over Rutland. 3 mi., moderate terrain but mostly not on a trail. This is an after-lunch hike but there will be a snack stop.

Sunday 14 May, 1 p.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

WILDFLOWER WALK at lower elevations. No more than 4 mi., moderate to easy.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

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NOVEMBER POTLUCK SUPPER

November 19, 1994

by Linda Pellerin

It was another great meal!! A special thanks to Jean Davies for the beautiful slide show. Phil Smith mentioned what a good speaker Jean is. I of course, knew why. Jean is one of the best speakers that the

Toastmasters has! Thanks again to the Econolodge for use of their comfortable facilities. I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting just for the potluck supper!. We certainly have some great cooks in the Killington Section of the GMC.

BIRDSEYE REPORT - LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Jean Davies

November 25, 1994

I was interested in your Birdseye report in the *Smoke & Blazes* of October 1994 in that you mentioned the Keewaydin Camp blazes [on Birdseye]. I never realized that they had done any trail work up there. I know that in 1980 George Pearlstein worked with me at Camp Betsey Cox to mark out a trail and help our campers, those from Camp Catherine Capers and from Camp Sangamon to cut the trail. Soon after it was done, the snowmobilers "improved" it to their own needs. Perhaps Keewaydin worked with the above three camps. They certainly helped us a lot on the Ice Cave Trail. But I hadn't remembered that they worked with George Pearlstein and us on Birdseye. Not a momentous question ... just interested.



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Articles on WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 are especially welcome in "newspaper column" format.

SEND COPY BY 8 APRIL, PLEASE!

Smoke & Blazes welcomes not only reports of Section hikes but also letters to the editor and reports of your own unusual excursions. Also, if you have led a hike not described in any guidebook, please include in your article directions on how to get there so that others may enjoy the spot, unless the landowner would object to the publicity.

EDITOR'S GOODBYE

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

As the Killington Section's Directors know, this is my last issue of *Smoke & Blazes*. I took over the editorship at some point in the 1980s which is lost to memory. Back then, I could handle the job in my spare time. Now, between commitments to my family, the demands of partnership in a trial law practice, and the meetings and paperwork required of me as Secretary of the Green Mountain Club, I just do not have the time to do the editor's job right. I used to have someone hound hike leaders for articles and felt disappointed if we did not have an account of every excursion. Now I am almost glad that most hike leaders forget to send in articles, because I am not sure I would have the time to edit them despite Larry Dodds' generous help with the word processor.

Many people have helped make *Smoke & Blazes* one of the best Section newsletters. Before Larry Dodds helped with the word processing, former Section President Phil Johnson did. Sue Thomas, who has been Illustrator longer than I have been Editor, has not only graced our pages with fine art but also helped take copy to the printer. Roma Pulling has called the production crew to get the newsletter ready for mailing, and, when I have been unavailable, she has taken over the production altogether. Irene and Lorraine Hawley, Virginia and Churchill Scott, and Ray Catozzi have collated the newsletter, addressed it, and stamped it, and Churchill Scott has taken it to the post office. Others have helped from time to time, also. I thank you all and hope you will help the new Editor as well and as often as you have helped me.

Finally, a word to the hike leaders: many thanks to those of you who have faithfully documented your outings, especially Roma Pulling and Rob and Sue Carey. Your reports are the envy of a number of other Sections as well as being an important historical record of the Section's doings.

JANUARY GREEN MT. CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING

by Herb Ogden, Jr., G.M.C. Secretary

This meeting approved many amendments to the GMC By-Laws. The Organizational Review Committee had thought most of them were not controversial, but even some of the supposedly noncontroversial ones generated much discussion. They generally reflected changes and growth in the GMC, eliminated the U.S. Forest Service and Vt. Dept. of Forest, Parks & Recreation representatives as voting Directors, strengthened the Nominating Committee, and simplified the committee structure.

The really controversial proposals were to change the way Directors are elected, change the size of the Board, have the Board tell the Sections what dues they could charge, and make each Section member pay the same dues to the overall GMC that each At-Large member does. Please attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, 3 June (probably in Bennington); the controversial proposals will come up for a vote by the membership then.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the Long Trail News (club quarterly), Smoke and Blazes (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult	\$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Family	\$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)
Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)
Senior (65 & Over)	\$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)
Life Member of Killington Sec.	\$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trials and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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"Snow Shoe" Hike January 14, 1995
by Roma Pulling

When we schedule hikes three months in advance, some strange things happen. And that's why on the day of our snow shoe hike the temperature was 54° and there was mud underfoot. But as usual we made the most of it and our group of eight people enjoyed a walk in the woods.

It could almost be said that Alfred and I led two hikes the same day. At 10 am we met the hikers who relied on the information on our hike schedule, and at 1 PM we were back at the park to meet a hiker who got her information from the announcement in the Herald.

A few years ago we discovered how much fun it was to walk or snow shoe through the woods from our son's house on the East Pittsford Road to our daughter and son-in-law's house on Blueberry Lane. So for Hike #1 we drove to Cynthia and Randy's, parked a truck and continued on to Steve's. Parking in his yard, we walked across the dam that holds back the water in his pond and proceeded by logging roads, an occasional short bushwack and a trip across an open field to Cynthia and Randy's, where we were invited inside to sit in front of the fireplace. After eating lunch there, we left three hikers lounging in front of the fire while we made our way back to the park for the second installment of our hike.

With one more hiker in tow we returned to Blueberry Lane, and six of us walked back to Steve's for the conclusion of Hike #2.

We want to thank Steve Pulling for allowing us to park on his property and start our hike there and also to thank the Robertses for letting us walk on their land and enjoy the comfort of their living room. Thank you, Randy, for ferrying us to the park and back after lunch. The leaders had a great time.

Killington Section Annual Meeting April 8, 1995 minutes by Jean Davies Secretary

After the Potluck supper, President Sue Carey opened the business meeting. She introduced our visitor, Lars Botozjourns, the GMC Director of Field Programs.

The Secretary's report of the Sept. 8, 1994 Board Meeting was approved as read.

The Treasurer's written report was handed out. A copy is attached. Wally Rogers pointed out that although our income from dues were lower, we still were within our budget. Herb Ogden observed that the GMC thinks we only paid \$78 for shelter insurance, but it is actually \$138.15. We currently have 30 adult members, 15 family members, 20 seniors, and 4 life members.

Trails & Shelters Committee report was given by Rob Carey. He commented that they were still there. There were some minor repairs. The wash-out between the Cold River Roads still needs a minor re-route. Approvals are still pending.

Smoke & Blazes report was given by Herb Ogden. He is retiring as editor. The Carey's will take over as editor. Larry Dodds will continue to help with typing, and Sue Thomas with artwork. Roma Pull

ing was good about getting her hike reports in on time. Not all hike leaders got theirs written up. Perhaps an official "hounder" is needed.

Outings Committee report by Herb Ogden. Bernie Donahue observed that fewer folks were turning out for hikes and meetings. Delight suggested more interesting descriptions of upcoming hikes be included in Smoke & Blazes. Herb moved that the Outings Schedule be adjusted so that they can make the hike schedule printout of the Long Trail News. Seconded by Delight and passed. The popularity of Mystery Hikes was questioned. Sugar on snow parties have been losing money recently. [There was none held this year, and several members remarked that they missed it. It was also suggested that an outdoor location would be desirable. Unfortunately Doc Howard's sugarhouse is no longer available! - Editor]

GMC Directors report by Wally Rogers. Members are urged to attend the GMC Annual Meeting in Bennington, June 3, 1995. Many important items will be voted on. Other items of recent GMC Board Meetings: Headquarters planning relating to the various barns and buildings at the Waterbury site. The Pioneer Valley Section ran out of members and voted itself out of existence, which was confirmed by the Board. The total GMC budget is about \$700,000 which is up about 16% from last year. There are two new part-time employees, bringing the year-round total up to 8 employees. There is a proposed dues increase and section assessment increase of \$3 to take effect on 1/1/97. The Long Trail System National Scenic Trail Act of 1995 is being written to present to Senators Jeffords & Leahy. Eminent Domain can be used on the Long Trail itself in cases of necessity, but not on side trails.

Uniform Dues. The idea is that At-large and Section dues would be the same, and all dues would go into the main club which would refund 20% to the individual sections. Dues for all would go up. Herb and Wally were against uniform dues, feeling that they would weaken the Sections.

GMC Membership List. The number of at-large members are increasing while those in the Sections are decreasing. Sue Carey has the list of Rutland area GMC members who are not Killington Section members. They will be contacted and given information about the Section. There were many proposed Bylaw Changes. Wally handed out copies of these.

It was hoped that the Manchester Forest Service would take over the care for the Clarendon Gorge Bridge. Planking was needed for the 1995 season. A better design for Long Trail bridges is needed. There are many problems with the Gorge Bridge.

Wally Rogers moved that \$500 from the Kirk Fund go to the caretakers program in Vermont, seconded by Herb Ogden and passed.

It was proposed that the old buttons, postcards, etc. still in stock be sold at the Bennington Annual Meeting, possibly at reduced cost, and as "collectibles".

New Business

Question regarding raising dues. Herb felt that the membership should know that we are currently running a deficit by not raising our dues, so that when/if we have to in the future, they will be more aware of the reason why. It was noted that we currently make \$6 per member. With uniform dues, it would be about \$5. Wally moved to hold the dues as is for another year. Rob Carey seconded it, but with the observation of operating deficit (see above). Motion passed.

Rob Carey moved that the Killington Section go on record as strenuously objecting to uniform dues. The secretary was to communicate this to the Main Club. The Directors were urged to do what they could to support this stand. Roma Pulling seconded it. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Herb brought up the subject of the number of blazes on the trail. Bob Vale was in favor of being able to

see the next blaze from the one you are at. While it was recognized that in some places blazing was overdone, the closer blazes are necessary for winter hiking and for novices. Lars suggested getting our comments to Dave Shepherd on the Trails Committee. There is some thought about Outing Guidelines to be developed. The Killington Section is NOT interested in such. Wally spoke against having Standards or Guidelines.

Officers

Directors: Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, Jean Davies terms expire in 1995. Elected in 1994 were Phil Smith and Roma Pulling.

Directors Meeting was held after the business meeting. Present: Larry Dodds, Sue Thomas, Sue Carey, Wally Rogers, Ray Catozzi, Roma Pulling, Jean Davies. Missing: Tim Welch, Linda Pellerin. Herb Ogden gets through as Main Club Director in June 1995.

Nominations: Roma as Treasurer; Larry Dodds as Vice-President; Sue Carey as President (provided that Wally Rogers will keep the record of Directors straight. Wally agreed); Director - Sue Thomas by Wally Rogers; Secretary - Jean Davies by Sue Thomas. Slate passed.

Sue Carey wants to write a cover letter to send to at-large members in our area with our hike schedule. Motion seconded and passed. Sue Thomas will write what will be an official letter to the Forestry Service suggesting that they should buy the CVPS land at Chittenden Dam in Chittenden. Jean Davies will type it up and send it. It was noted that the president has the power to appoint or re-appoint committee heads. The main club wants to have a trails committee meeting in this area with us, the Ottaquechee Section, or both.

Craigie Perkins

It is a great sense of loss that the Killington Section has with the passing of Craigie "Pinky" Perkins. He was in his 90's and in failing health. But for many years he, his wife Mary and his sister Vera, who predeceased him in 1994, were the life blood of the Killington Section. During the war years, Craigie, Gale "Brezzer" Spaulding and Dr. Gaskell kept the trail open and the section running.

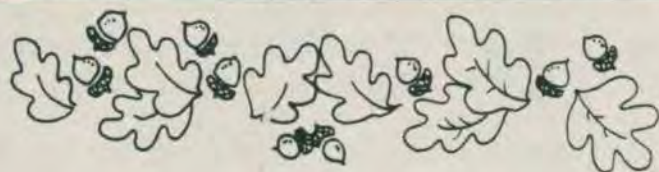
Tall Timber his home in Mendon was a favorite spot for Section activities, especially the Washington's Birthday Winter Weekend. One summer he built Buffum Shelter almost single-handedly for the Section. This was a closed one to replace an earlier open front shelter, south of Button Hill.

Every member of the Section wants to express the most sincere sympathy to Craigie's family for his recent passing and also a heartfelt "Thank you" for all the labor of love he gave the Section. [The above tribute to Craigie Perkins was sent to Smoke & Blazes by a longtime Section member - Editor]

My memory of Craigie Perkins comes from a later weekend event at *Tall Timbers*. He had an old Franklin Stove in the big room of the rec hall. The fire he had going in it was just right to take away the chill and provide a cheery spot to visit. We noticed a slight crack in one part of the stove and Craigie allowed that his old stove had a crack, but it would still work just fine. He was right. Since it was not an "airtight" stove, it drew just fine and didn't smoke at all. He and the stove were a couple of old-time Vermonters who belonged together. By Rob Carey.

Mystery Ski & Hike February 12 by Rob Carey

This was listed as a four mile, moderate trip, so we could have gone a lot of places. Fortunately this was after one of the few snowstorms of the winter. There was just enough snow for skiing on a new snowmobile trail near our house in Wallingford.



We started at a pull-out on Rt. 7 just north of the double bridges south of Wallingford village. From there we followed the railroad tracks a short distance before joining the trail and going into the woods. There were good views along the way, as the trail used open fields in several places. Sometimes the skiers got ahead of the walkers, but in other places the walkers caught up while the skiers negotiated a few spots that could have used a little more snow. We stopped at our house for a snack, conversation and relaxation by the fire. The trail continues on to South Wallingford, and we had scouted it out the evening before. The fire was very relaxing, and we had covered our 4 miles (well 3.5) so we decided to call it a day.

Jim Frink by Rob Carey

Jim Frink recently passed away at the age of 90. When I joined the Section he was Outings Chairman, and one of the most active members. It was a rare hike or work party that he was not on. Like many section members, he had nothing to do with the main club. He didn't camp, so he didn't go to the Intersectional, and as for Annual Meetings, the Section's was enough. One of his reports as Outings Chairman consisted of the words "We had 'em". On a hike he was always at the front of the group. At the lunch break, Jim would have the fire going before the rear-guard had arrived.

Tamarack Notch March 4, 1995

by Roma Pulling

On a truly beautiful, sunny day, Alfred and I met two hikers at the park and headed for the hills. The day started somewhat chilly but warmed to about 40° for ideal hiking conditions.

After parking in the area across from the old Girl Scout camp, which was otherwise empty, we walked east on the Notch Road to visit the Wilkins Cemetery. Three people from one family are buried there: Ezra Wilkins and his wife Anna, in 1838 and 1861 respectively, and an infant daughter of L. &

L. A. Wilkins, in 1856. The cemetery is in need of maintenance.

The most interesting walk to take from our location is the one over an abandoned road to the Brown covered bridge in Shrewsbury. The same hike was scheduled for April 24, but as there were only four of us we wouldn't reduce the turnout on the next hike very much. So we decided to go in that direction. The road was snow-covered, but packed and crusty, making easy walking.

The first points of interest were two cellar holes not far apart on opposite sides of the road. The maps I consulted did give the names of the former residents. We followed the North Branch of the Cold River until it joined the Cold River, which was with us for the rest of the hike. Near the end of the trail we passed a bird feeding station which was patronized by chickadees and squirrels and then came to a log cabin in the woods. Just before the road descended steeply toward the bridge we encountered a pick-up truck and two people gazing off into brush several rods away. We were amazed when they pointed out to us a moose nibbling on the bushes! We watched it for several minutes, and it mostly ignored us. It was the first moose any of us had ever encountered while hiking.

On reaching Brown Bridge, we built a fire on the edge of the road a short distance away and ate lunch. Brown Bridge was built in 1880 by Nicholas Powers and restored in 1978.

On our return hike we noticed that the moose was still there and in fact learned from the log cabin resident that it had been there for about a week.



South of Brandon Gap by Ski and Snowshoe March 11, 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

This outing was under-attended, possibly because the newspapers said nothing about this part of the Long Trail being suitable for skis. The Leader showed up on skis anyway, but the other two participants, thinking no one would ski since the newspaper made it seem one could not, brought snowshoes.

In any case, there was plenty of snow. The going was good, since many people had snowshoed or skied south to Sunrise Shelter over the winter. Some had gone south to Bloodroot Gap, as the Leader found out on a reconnoitering trip earlier. We went only to the top of the Chittenden Brook Trail, had a nice lunch at Sunrise Shelter, and enjoyed the view of the Great Cliff of Mt. Horrid before returning to Brandon Gap

Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Hike - April 1, 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

Now, we all know Jarvis Snodgrass was once Lieutenant Governor of Vermont because a plaque on the sanitary annex of the Governor Percival W. Clement Memorial Shelter in Shrewsbury says so. Surely there wouldn't be a Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Gazebo if there were no such person to remember. The fact that the hike thither began at 1:11 PM on 1 April is sheer coincidence. With that in mind, let me tell of the outing that honored Mr. Snodgrass.

About a dozen snodgrassophiles and others walked north from the Upper Cold River Road along the old town road, soon passing a long abandoned town road that leads northwest to a cellarhole. The Leader explained the house that used to stand here was significant in that Jarvis Snodgrass did *not* sleep here. (In his itinerant days as a seller of wild onions, the Leader explained, Snodgrass slept anywhere the householders could stand the stench.)

Soon, a still-used town road headed north from our road. From its end, a snowmobile trail leads to Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road. A few feet farther, an abandoned town road led north to the former Haley Farm, mentioned in old Long Trail Guidebooks as a source of provisions. We stayed on the valley road, briefly joined the Long Trail at the first bridge, then continued on the old LT route up the old town road past a few camps.

Before we reached our destination, we inspected two other historical sites. The first was the cellarhole of a house where Jarvis Snodgrass did spend the night. In fact, one hiker pointed out the rusty remains of the bedframe that probably accommodated him. The second was in the spirit of the day, originally identified as earthworks hastily throw up by the Green Mountain Boys to defend North Shrewsbury after the Battle of Hubbardton. Actually, it appears to be a millrace; the 1869 *Beers Atlas* shows a mill at the site.

At our destination, the Gazebo was rededicated with fresh rolls of toilet paper. We returned via the Long Trail, crossing the excellent bridge designed by a Killington Section volunteer and built by him and others, then enjoying fairly dry footing as we walked along the rim of the valley. We inspected the remains of the Haley Farm, had a snack in the spring sun, and returned refreshed by our efforts and full of the spirit (though thankfully not the smell) of Jarvis Snodgrass.

Killington Section Presidents Message by Sue Carey

There are several important issues that are going to be discussed at the Annual Meeting on June 4. Please attend if you can.

There have been several changes proposed by the Main Club that will have a major impact on the Killington Section. Foremost among these is the proposal to have uniform dues that are collected by the office in Waterbury. At our annual meeting in June there was a consensus among members present

that this would result in fewer members and more volunteer jobs being taken over by paid staff which would result in an even higher dues increase.

Another change is one in the Trail and Shelter Maintenance Manual which proposes fewer blazes along the trail. I personally feel that this is elitist. The Trail is used by many different types of people including children and adults who are not "woods wise". The Trail can be quickly obscured by falling trees, leaves, and snow. As Trails and Shelter Co-Chairman of the Killington Section I recommend to our maintainers that blazes be kept as they have in the past so that all types of people can use the trail and it can also be used in the winter.

During the past year the work parties have been concentrating on Trail maintenance. Besides our usual walk-throughs, work has been done on the Blue Ridge Trail and Bucklin Trail. Also, there was a Brownie troop from Mendon who helped clip a section of Trail.

In the future we may soon get permission to reroute the Trail away from the dangerous cave-ins between the Cold River Roads. In anticipation of Federal approval we have scheduled a work party for the weekend of October 21. Also, The bridge over Clarendon Gorge has gotten to the point that rotten boards make it hazardous. Let's pray that the Main Club sees the need to fix this situation before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

Birdseye Mountain by Jerry Parker

I did not believe in ESP or any of the powers of the mind, until Jan. 29, 1995. I went to the park thinking I was going on a Sue Thomas hike to Birdseye Mountain. When I got there I noticed Sue was not there yet. Roma asked if I could take them hiking to the Birdseye area if Sue did not show up.

That's when it happened. Sue might not have been there physically but in spirit she was. I was going to lead this hike as Sue's medium. The thought of a trail that was in the Birdseye area went through my

mind. I had been on this trail once about 4 years ago when I was hunting in the area. I told Roma I would lead this hike. If they only knew that my mind was being controlled by Sue. Every one there who knew me, was not concerned because of my cool, cautious and safe approach to hiking. But they did not know my mind was possessed by Sue Thomas.

Six unconcerned hikers and myself started off. We were on the NE side of Birdseye Mtn. Shortly after we got started I saw a partridge standing on a log. I tried to get the attention of the rest of the group but it flew off along with about 6 others. They just heard the wings beating as they took off. Then we came to the trail. At the top of the ridge there was a cellar hole, near by was one of the biggest clumps of lilac bushes I have ever seen. Too bad it was not spring so we could have seen them in full bloom. To the right of the cellar hole was Birdseye Mountain's rock face towering over us.

This was the farthest I had ever been on this trail before. So this meant the rest of the trip would be lead by instinct and Sue's ESP. As I said, if we get lost, it's Sue's fault. As we proceeded down the trail there was a frozen puddle of water. This puddle had frozen crystals of frost that looked like bird feathers in it. They were incredible looking. Some of them even had veins running down the middle, like a real feather. Not one of us had ever seen anything like them before.

The trail joined a town road that was not maintained in the winter. I felt there was something to the right that Sue wanted us to see. Not knowing what that was, we headed down the road. There we found a campground, with an old cemetery in the back. The view of Birdseye was unbelievable. A long meadow cleared the way to the rock face and the bright blue sky made the perfect background. It looked like a postcard, but of course no one had a camera.

At the cemetery one small slate marker caught my eye. It was in very good condition. The date was

1807; the little girl died at 9 months of age. Two stones to the right was another child's grave. This gave me a sense of how hard life was back then.

It was 11:30, so we decided to eat lunch at the campground. Al wanted a fire so everyone collected firewood. I could not quite figure out why. No one was cold, we did not have the club pack; no coffee pot, no food to cook. Was Sue controlling Al's mind too, telling him to start a fire? Or does Al just like playing with fire? Maybe it was the fact he had some old *Rutland Herald's* and he believes the only thing they're good for is starting fires. After lunch we continued down the road. Sue seemed to be trying to get me to make a loop, but where and how? My eyes were drawn to a notch in the mountain just to the left of the rock face of Birdseye's highest point. Did Sue want me to go that way? Was there a trail? We got off the town road and headed up a logging road toward the notch. The logging road ended shortly. Sue, this reckless attempt to get back to the cars could tarnish my reputation as a cool, cautious and safe leader

There was not a trail, so we zigzagged our way to the top of the notch. At the top there was a steep slippery trail that went down the other side. The group used many different methods to get down. Eventually we made it to the road not far from the cars. Everyone thought it was a great hike and we all wish Sue had made it in person.

Editors Message by Rob Carey

As noted in the Annual Meeting write-up I am now editing *Smoke & Blazes*. As I sit here at the computer trying to do the final layout, I have an increased appreciation for all the work Herb, Carol and other editors have done. If this issue does not find you before the first hike on the new schedule, I apologize. Those of you who have been promptly sending your hike write-ups and other articles in, please keep up the good work. For the rest of you, please send the articles soon after the hike. It's easier for you to remember what happened, and gives me time to have it typed before the last minute rush. The next issue will contain the complete membership list and officers list including directors term expiration dates. **Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.**





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KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING SCHEDULE

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Saturday 20 May, 9 a.m. Leaders: Ray Catozzi 773-3006 & Bernie Donahue 773-7462

BLACK MOUNTAIN, Dresden, N.Y., overlooking Lake George. 2.5 mi. to the top by direct route from the east, 4.2 mi. back by a partly different trail, for a round trip of 6.7 mi. Trip back down passes many spectacular views of Lake George as well as 3-4 ponds and one shelter, then rejoins trail coming in. Easy to moderate with a few steep pitches. Total elevation gain is 1046'. Rain date Sunday 21 May.

Saturday 27 May, 9 a.m. Leaders: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368;

HIGHLAND WALK-THROUGH covering the Long Trail from Governor Clement Shelter (north of the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury) to US Route 4 in Sherburne Pass. Something for everyone: prune brush, whack weeds, clean out waterbars, paint blazes, saw blowdowns, or just come along for the hike. We'll probably divide into parties of 2-5 people. Tools and instruction provided. Rain date 28 May.

Saturday 3 June, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ride-sharing: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

GREEN MT. CLUB ANNUAL MEETING at Prospect Mountain, Woodford. Annual membership meeting will consider basic By-Laws changes. Followed by afternoon hikes, reception, buffet dinner, and evening program "Ecotourism in Vermont." Hikes and work party on Sunday. Details in Spring 1995 *Long Trail News*. Hosted by GIMC Bennington Section.

Thursday 8 June, 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs: Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350, and Linda Pellerin 773-7779

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland (between East St. and Lafayette St., which are one and two blocks east of Main St. and south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for mid-August to mid-October or call in your suggestions then or beforehand (not afterward, please!). For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Sunday 11 June, 1 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

LEAD MINE MOUNTAIN, Chittenden. Moderate 4 mile walk on old roads in the former Town of Philadelphia, now the northern part of Chittenden. There's real lead you can write with, a nice bog with wildlife, and points of historical interest.

Saturday 17 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

BICYCLE TOUR Hubbardton Battlefield - High Pond Rd. - Lake Bomoseen on dirt and paved roads in the northernmost Taconics. 15-18 mi., moderate. Rain date Sunday 18 June.

Saturday 24 June, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

WORK PARTY to take care of what we couldn't do earlier. Possible destinations are the Canty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain in Mendon, the Bucklin Trail up Killington from the Wheelerville Road in Mendon, or the Long Trail itself. We'll probably divide into groups of 2-5 people. Tools and instructions provided.

Sunday 2 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

DELECTABLE MOUNTAIN road, abandoned so long it does not show on a 1911 map. Visit abandoned Barnard District No. 2 on Delectable Mountain northeast of Notown in Stockbridge. 6 mi. moderate

except unhandy where brushy, expandable to 12 mi. by using second old road over Delectable Mtn. (near Mt. Hunger, believe it or not!), including one or more old cemeteries, if some desire.

Saturday 8 July, 10 a.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

FALLS OF LANA AND SILVER LAKE, Salisbury and Leicester. One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. Swimming in Lake Dunmore possible afterward. 3 mi. moderate, good family excursion. Can be extended by 2.5 mi. loop trail around Silver Lake. Rain date 9 July; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 15 July, 9 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

LITTLE KILLINGTON PEAK, elev. 3939'. Bushwhack up from Brewers Corners on Wheelerville Rd., Mendon. 7 mi. difficult.

Sunday 16 July, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

RASPBERRY HEAVEN, SHREWSBURY, on a fire road off the CCC road to Plymouth near the CCC Stone House. Berries not guaranteed, but they were bounteous this time last year. 2.5 mi. easy.

Saturday 22 July, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Contact: Green Mt. Club office 244-7037

TRAIL AND SHELTER MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP including Basic Maintenance (blowdown removal, blazing, drainage clearing and reshaping, debrising, brushing in, inventory); Advanced Maintenance/Construction (erosion control structures, steps and trail hardening techniques, focusing on rock); Overnight Facility Inspection and Maintenance (including composting). Most of the day will be spent outside, rain or shine, on trails. Groups will be concentrated in the same general area to provide opportunity for overlap. Slide show and training video for basic skills participants. Registration is free; donations appreciated. Hearty dinner for \$5 per person; bring your own lunch. Advance registration advised. (Contact GMC office for numerous other trails skills sessions in May through October.

Saturday 29 July, 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

BALD MOUNTAIN, Bennington and Woodford. Views of Glastenbury, Equinox, and Dorset Peaks, Mt. Greylock, and Bennington. 6.1 mi. moderate.

Saturday 5 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

SIXTH ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 mi. easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date 6 August; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 12 August, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

LONG TRAIL from Vt. 30 south past Spruce Peak to Prospect Rock, then out the Old Rootville Road. 7.1 mi. moderate.

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Highland Walk-through May 27, 1995 by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

For our spring inspection from the Upper Cold River Road in Shrewsbury to Sherburne Pass, enough people showed up so that we could form three parties.

Three people did the stretch from the Upper Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter. They noted two bad wet spots about 0.25 miles south of the shelter, which seemed a good place to add rocks, and a need to refresh the blazes.

The other two groups rode up the Killington Chairlift, courtesy of the Killington Ski Area. The ride may not have been a lot faster than the traditional truck trip, but it sure was smoother and more scenic. Cooper Lodge was clean and in good shape, considering the abuse it takes in winter. Alas, all the signs except the lodge sign itself and a LT north sign (on a short abandoned stretch of the LT just below Cooper) were either smashed or taken over the winter. They will not be replaced until some Killington Section member volunteers to make new ones. (To volunteer, contact me or President Sue Carey.)

The lift riders split up at Cooper. Four worked south on the LT. Jerry Parker took care of all the chainsaw work to about half a mile north of the Gov. Clement Road, while three others cleared the trail thoroughly to Consultation Point, noting that the signs there and at Shrewsbury Peak Jct. have also disappeared, and that blazes need renewing. We also noted a quasi-Indian, Little Chief Hide-in-Woods, who tricked us into walking right past him a number of times. The stretch from Consultation Point to Gov. Clement Shelter needs at least a day's

brushing work by at least two people. The worst is in the steep, rocky stretch near Consultation Point, which has not been cleared properly for at least three years.

The third group walked north from Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass. Bill Robichaud had already brushed from Sherburne Pass to south of Pico Camp, easing their task. GMC Southern Field Coordinator Dave Hardy took care of the chainsaw work and some temporary drainage on the Bucklin Trail and the LT north of Cooper. Pico Camp was in good shape, except six 7 x 9" panes of glass were missing. The first incline on the LT south of Sherburne Pass is more eroded than ever, but we hesitate to commit much labor to it because it may be moved once Pico builds new ski trails and lifts. Headquarters has been asked to get Pico to define the parts of the LT that will not be moved so we can work on them, anyway.

It was good to see some new faces along with the old regular trail workers. If you've never done trail work, try it! It made for a leisurely walk in beautiful woods. It's also a way to fulfill the work obligation that comes with Section membership.

Cold River Relocation Scheduled by Sue Carey

After three years of seeking Government approval we will be relocating a dangerous section of Long Trail in October. The work party is scheduled for 9:30 am Saturday, October 21.

There are two short sections of trail between the Cold River Roads which are along a bank that is being washed away by the Cold River. The drop offs are over one hundred feet and are dangerously

close to the Trail. We hope that as many people as possible attend this work party so this problem can be fixed.

Lead Mine Mountain June 11, 1995

by Jean Davies

On Sunday afternoon, June 11, . . . would it rain or shine? Nineteen of us decided on sun and headed for Lead Mine Mountain. We were delighted with the eight kids in our party. They made a real addition to the group. Hope they come again! Jerry Parker helped them hunt for polliwogs and toads.

As we neared the top of the mountain, fractured outcroppings of dark rock (graphite) could be seen in the roadway. Paper was produced and everyone found some graphite to mark on it. This was the lead of Lead Mine Mountain. Apparently the mines were surface outcroppings rather than deep pits.

Vance and Jean Gee live a few hundred feet below the mountain's top, and we were welcomed by their "watch goose" and dog. Jean gave us a bit of history of the Gee family. The mountain has been in the family for generations.

We continued to the top where snacks were broken out. Mist blowing over hid the views, but the prevailing sentiment was, "I want to retrace when the sun is out." Newcomer Al Zoesik liked the beauty and isolation. "You ought to camcord it." The kids liked the graphite, toads, trees, flowers . . . and snacks.

Vance was draining his man-made pond, so we saw the old logs and tree stumps that had once been covered with water. But on the other side of the lane, the mist wafting over a lovely bog created a proper feeling of wilderness.

Three families, all related to the Gees, live near the top. The children are home-schooled since getting up and down the road in the winter would present too many problems. While there is phone service, Vance produces his own electricity. His machine shop has modern tools, and is where he produces

his well known civil war cannons. The old machinery nearby is for parts to keep the other World War II vintage trucks and tractors operating. The Gee men folk seem to like the challenge of keeping the fine old machines running.

Lead Mine Mountain is a mix of the wild and the settled. The Gees are hospitable folks who like to share the love they have for their mountain with those who can appreciate it.

Lowland Walk-through May 9

by Rob Carey

I was unable to actually get out and do any work this time, so I just prepared tools and coordinated the effort. I am thankful for the work done by Bill Robichaud, Herb Ogden Jr., Tim Ward, Mary Ward, Sue Thomas, and Jerry Parker. They were able to deal with the usual mix of spring blowdowns, clipping and other work needed to get the Trail in shape. Between what they did on, before, or just after this scheduled event, the Trail was worked on from Rt 140 to Gov. Clement Shelter by mid-May.

Trail and Shelters Workshop July 22

by Sue Carey

On Saturday July 22 the Killington Section sponsored the GMC Trail and Shelter Workshop. Around 40 people attended. We met at the Maple Valley Grange in South Wallingford and then headed to the Sherburne Pass.

At the Pass we received a lecture on safety and heard about the latest beauracratc procedures for trail maintenance. Afterwhich we split into groups and headed for the Trail.

One group did brushing, another did chainsawing, a large group put in rock waterbars between Rt. 4 and Pico Camp and others inspected shelters.

The Killington Section saw a lot of maintenance work that day. The day ended at the Grange with a spaghetti supper put on by the Ladies Aid Society of South Wallingford. The group had obviously

worked up an appetite. We finished a 2 gallon tub of chocolate chip ice cream donated by Seward's Dairy.

I want to again thank the many volunteers and LT Patrol members who worked on the Killington Section that day.

Birdseye Experiment a Success

by Sue Thomas

Thanks to Jerry Parker and 5 other hikers for participating in my first experiment with telepathic hike leading last January. It went so well that I'm now expanding my range - even as I write this I am mentally guiding a group on Mt. Mansfield, and have plans next week for a Brownie Troop in the Grand Canyon. There are still a few glitches to work out but I'm very encouraged with the results so far, tho I do plan to attend at least a few of my scheduled hikes from time to time too. Oh, the answer to Jerry's question in the last issue is; b) Al likes to play with fire.

Cavendish Gorge March 26

by Sue Thomas

This hike report was left out of the last issue of Smoke and Blazes - possibly because I never wrote it. I'm trying to mend my ways and send one in occasionally now.

Cavendish Gorge is a great place to be if you like spectacular falls, rushing water and boulder-hopping. We started out near the power station and followed trails along the bank and down into the Gorge itself, picking a lunch spot on the rocks downstream. The fast moving water has carved the rocks into interesting shapes, hollowed out holes and rounded the pebbles.

After lunch we explored the power station and hiked along the much calmer downstream portion of the river until we were halted by beavers, who have flooded a large area with their dams. We examined their carefully built dams and the many chewed trees, then it was off to see some man-made

constructions. We visited an old mill building downstream where the giant wheels and pulleys can still be seen in the basement, tho the course of the river has been changed you can see where it once ran under the building to power the mill wheels.

The Cawoods came prepared with information about a lime kiln upstream, they took us to see the ruin of the chimney which still stands almost 20 feet high. It all made for an interesting day of hiking, history and beautiful scenery.

Appalachian Trail - Rt 11/30 South to Prospect Rock - August 12 by Sue Thomas

The weather was downright ugly on the morning of this hike, so I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout - 14 hikers altogether. It was especially nice to have Rob and Dylan Badger along. Longtime members will remember that Rob and Carolyn were active members before moving away years ago. Dylan was our youngest and most energetic participant, at age 5. This was his first long hike and he ran much of the seven miles, making the rest of us feel very decrepit!

It seemed to grow steadily darker and more gloomy as we went along, but the predicted thunderstorms never came, so we had a very enjoyable hike. We stopped for lunch at Spruce Peak Shelter, which I remember correctly was brand new the last time our Section visited it. It's held up very well, even has chairs on the porch and an intact picnic table, a rarity up in our area.

We lingered at Prospect Rock only long enough to watch Manchester completely disappear in the clouds below us (some of us think Manchester disappeared years ago with the coming of the outlet malls!) and made it back to our cars just in time to miss a rain shower.

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is Friday October 13.** Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

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Thursday September 7 - 7:30 p.m. Co-chairs Herb Ogden 775-1350 and Linda Smith 265-4493

Outings Committee Meeting, at Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland. Come help plan schedule for late October to January, or call in your suggestions then or beforehand. For Outing Committee members and all others interested

Friday September 8 - 7:00 p.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350

Moonlight Hike Pine Hill Park. Rutland overlook and Rocky Pond, city lights, starry sky, moderate climb. Easy 2.5 miles.

Saturday September 16 - Note meeting place! Leaders: Phil and Linda Smith 265-4493.

Mystery Hike, difficult 11.5 miles. Great view of lakes and Adirondacks. Meet at McDonalds in Fair Haven at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday September 23 - 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

Historic Carriage Road to Killington Mountain, across to Shrewsbury Peak and down Black Swamp trail, 10 miles, difficult.

Sunday September 24 - 1:00 p.m. Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997.

Second Annual Senior Shuffle, others welcome. Route 100 Sherburne to River Road, additional mileage available. 2.3 miles, easy.

Saturday September 30 - Note meeting place! Leaders: Phil and Linda Smith 265-4493

The Rambo Ramble. Tongue Mountain Trail at Route 9N to Clay Meadow. 9 miles difficult. Meet at McDonalds in Fair Haven at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday October 7 - 9:00 a.m. Leader: Alan Connelly 773-8146

Hike to Little Rock Pond and then the Green Mtn. Trail. Nice views of pond and foliage. 6.5 miles moderate.

Sunday October 15 - 8:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

Mendon Peak-Bushwhacking, difficult 10 miles. Climb one of the AMC's *New England Hundred Highest*. Good views to the south and west.

Saturday October 21 - 9:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

Work Party-Cold River Relocation. Help us move the trail back from the Cold River where a washout occurred. Tools available or bring your own. Three years in the planning!

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or;

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"Moonlight" On Pine Hill

September 8 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

In hindsight, I should have billed this as a flashlight hike, not a moonlight hike. The overcast sky let only a little light through. At least we had some nice views of the city lights from Pine Hill.

From the end of Evergreen Avenue, we hiked up to the concrete hulk of the rock crusher and walked a little further to enjoy the view from the power line. We then followed one of the few remaining parts of the Pine Hill Park trail system through a ledgy area back to the road to Rocky Pond, which we reached in the dusk. Bernie pointed out sites from the time, about 40 years ago, when the beach at Rocky Pond was an official city swimming area. Some then used flashlights to follow a path to the end of Watkins Avenue. We then enjoyed a walk through the Pine Hill neighborhood back to our cars.

Appalachian Trail (Senior Shuffle #2)

September 24, 1995 by Roma Pulling

Conditions for this hike were superb - comfortable temperatures, blue skies and no bugs. Eight people (not all senior) met Alfred and me at the park, and another joined us in Sherburne. We welcomed two hikers from abroad who were on an extended world tour, one each from England and Wales.

When erroneous information was printed in the *Herald* as to the starting time, I went to the park at 9 AM and met two people who had relied on that information and encouraged them to return at the scheduled time of one PM. They did.

For this hike we spotted cars on River Road and returned to Route 100 by Kent Pond, where we started east on the Appalachian Trail. The trail was level or downhill with a few very gradual climbs. The beginning was very scenic as it curved around the pond. Where the trail joined Thundering Brook Road, four of the younger hikers decided to make the hike more of a challenge by walking back to the starting point. The rest of us followed the road to our cars and returned home.

What's Left of the Juggernaut?

by Herb Ogden, Jr.

The Juggernaut hiking trail used to lead from West Bridgewater (more precisely, South Sherburne) up the Falls Brook valley and then up onto the ridge between Bear Mountain and Killington Peak, ending at what is now Cooper Lodge. According to Forest and Crag, the excellent hiking history by Laura and Guy Waterman published in 1989, this trail dates back to the 1880s. The 1891 U. S. Geological Survey Rutland 15' quadrangle shows it in almost the same route as the 7' quad which replaced it in 1961 and later revisions. It evidently was poorly kept up after the Killington summit hotel (slightly downhill from Cooper Lodge and toward the spring) was abandoned. The Watermans write that "by 1913, when Woodstock money built what became known as the Juggernaut Trail from West Bridgewater, the trail-builders had to start from scratch, so little remained of the old trail from that side." Presumably this applied only uphill from the Juggernaut Farm, which was at the end of the public road 1.2 miles up from the present end of the maintained public road that branches south from the Hadley Hill Road in South Sherburne. See page 5

Delectable Mountain Road July 2 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

On this hike, after years of trying, I finally joined the great tradition of Churchill Scott and Sue Thomas – I took a group of hikers where I had no intention of going. In other words, I got us lost. But I think I actually surpassed the achievements of Churchill and Sue, because I got us lost despite two scouting trips I took in the spring especially to prevent what happened from happening! After all, anybody can get lost where he's never been before, but it takes real talent to do it when you've been there just months before.

The start of our hike was at an unoccupied house on the Stony Brook Road in Stockbridge. Just north of it and a bridge over a tributary to Stony Brook, an old public road leaves the Stony Brook Road and follows the tributary up a valley that is at first little better than a ravine, soon crossing the tributary at a snowmobile bridge and climbing up its south side.

According to modern town road maps, the public road ends near the Barnard town line. From then on, we relied on the 1869 Beers Atlas of Windsor County, which showed a 1499 rod (4.0 mile) public road from the Stony Brook Road in Stockbridge over Delectable Mountain to the Chateaugay Road in Barnard. The 1966 U.S.G.S. Delectable Mountain quadrangle shows most of this road as a trail, except that it places it too far south between the 2180' elevation on the west side and the 2120' elevation on the east. There are old logging roads where the U.S.G.S. map shows a trail, but they do not provide a through route, as I learned in an April scouting trip.

Our first stop was an active log landing just over the Barnard line. Hidden in an island of vegetation lay a sizable cellarhole. The 1911 U.S.G.S. quad shows a house there.

Passing south of the cellarhole, we left the recent logging area and followed the old road to Perkins

Brook. Above the road was another cellarhole, which was on the 1869 map but not the 1911 one. We crossed the brook and headed south past another farm site and, at a height of land, found the cellarhole of the old Barnard School No. 2.

Just after we crossed another brook, the good path ended. The grassy woodroad headed south to another cellarhole northeast of Notown, but we had to head east up the valley on the overgrown old road in a dugway. Farther on, in places, only a slight grade showed this was once District No. 2's link to the rest of Barnard.

After inspecting a mysterious drymasonry structure about 60' north of the road, we forked sharp left to cross the brook. Then, in a brambly clearing, I turned left where I should have turned right uphill. After an unintentional and intensive exploration of various logging roads (several of which the Leader mistakenly identified as the old road) and a some pure bushwhacking, we came out in the Perkins Brook valley and had to follow a snowmobile trail back up to the old road about 0.1 mile west of the 2330' pass over Delectable Mountain.

Descending on the road, which was also a snowmobile trail, we noted a small cellarhole that does not show even on the 1869 map, passed through an enigmatic set of stone walls, and joined a woodroad that came in from the south. This shows on the U.S.G.S quad where the old road doesn't. Following an increasingly better road, we passed six more cellarholes before reaching our cars on the Chateaugay Road. By then, it was so late that I had to cancel a return hike that would have taken us past the long-abandoned little Chamberlin Cemetery and over the Smith Hill Road back to Stony Brook. We'll do that some early spring or late fall day when the leaves are off the trees and the weeds aren't waist-high, so we can visit the cellarholes and other sites without feeling like Dr. Livingstone – and so the Leader can find his way.

Raspberry Heaven August, 1995**by Jerry Parker**

The day before my hike there was a bad thunder and lighting storm. My power was out for 19 hours and my telephone was still out Sunday at 12:30 when I was getting ready to meet people at the park. I was surprised to have such a good turn out.

We parked at the beginning of a fire road in the Plymbsbury State Wildlife Management Area in Shrewsbury. First I lead 20 hikers, half of them children to the stone shelter. It was built back about 1935 by the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps). Churchill Scott said it was built to house the caretaker of the ski area that was started on the ski of the Shrewsbury Peak, one of the first ski areas in Vermont.

After that we went back to the fire road. This summer has been so hot and dry the raspberry crop was poor at best. But thanks to the rain Saturday, this hike was very interesting.

As we started down the fire road it didn't take long before the kids, including myself, started catching toads and red efts. I also caught a garter snake. All the children got a good look at it as my niece Andrea held it.

Some might not approve of my hands on approach of getting children interested in hiking and the outdoors. I believe if you keep their minds off the walking part of hiking, children enjoy hiking and the outdoors. When I see Hannah Ogden, a little girl that does not like hiking at all. Seeing her get all excited because a toad was talking to her, I know I am right. I think if a child wants to hold a toad, snake or whatever, it's all right. If they just want to look, that is all right too.

We also saw all kinds of animal tracks, most of them in excellent condition. There was a doe and her fawn tracks, raccoon, coyote, bobcat, moose and partridge. At one point we saw some young partridge in a tree. I walked to about 5 yards away before they flew.

Shortly after was a ditch that had never dried up. We spent about 20 minutes there catching frogs. I caught 3 tadpoles in different stages of development to show everyone. A short hike farther was the logging header, the end of the trail.

The trip back was a little faster. To compensate for the lack of raspberries, I had brought a watermelon. This made a refreshing end to the hike.

Bald Mountain, Woodford July 29, 1995**by Roma Pulling**

If I had had a closer relationship with the weatherman, I would have ordered different weather for this hike. It occurred during our heat wave, and toward the end we were caught in a heavy shower. But everyone was a good sport; I heard no complaints.

Six people besides Alfred and me assembled at the park for the ride to Bennington and the start of this hike off Branch Street there. Our original plan had been to spot cars in Woodford at the eastern end of the Bald Mountain Trail, but on a dry run several weeks earlier we found a sign giving dire threats about towing and fines if anyone parked there, and unpleasant surprise since we had parked there overnight in 1989. This sign, by the way, was in a picture in the *Herald* when an elderly man disappeared in that area and a search was under way.

One goal of hikers on this trail is White Rocks, a lookout with a view of Bennington. We stopped there but then continued on to a junction with the West Ridge Trail, which leads north and east to Goddard Shelter on the Long Trail. As long as we had to retrace our steps to the cars, we turned back at the intersection.

As I had covered the eastern end of the Bald Mountain Trail on a previous hike, I had now completed another side trail. The ride home, with an ice cream break, was uneventful.

Sylvia Plumb, Editor
Long Trail News
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Dear Editor:

Trail maintainers should use great caution in implementing the new blazing standard of the Trails & Shelters Committee. It allows blazes on "clearly defined trails" to be as much as five minutes walk apart, thus as few as six blazes per mile assuming one hikes two miles per hour. It generally requires such infrequent blazing in federal Wilderness.

This standard is fine — if the hiker is experienced and attentive. Many LT users are neither, however. What may be a perfectly clear footway to a seasoned hiker can be confusing to the novice. Moreover, the new standard can be a hardship for even the experienced hiker. Some of us like to lose ourselves in contemplating nature, or in a conversation with a hiking partner, rather than constantly keep an eye out for the proposed one blaze in every five minutes that would reassure us we were still on the trail and not on a woodroad from which the trail had diverged. (Perhaps, to make matters worse, someone stole the arrow that marked the junction.) It used to be that, if we were in any doubt that we were still on the trail, we could just look for a blaze. If none appeared very soon, we would retrace our steps to the last one. Now, however, the last one may be as much as 1/6 mile back.

The new standard also unrealistically assumes that trail maintainers respond instantly to major blow-downs, but we don't always. In the meantime, consider what happens when a tall tree falls lengthwise along the trail, obscuring many feet of path with branches and foliage. I know from looking at the "herd paths" hikers make as they wander around looking for the trail that some of them have considerable trouble finding it again. The new standard will, on the average, provide no blazing at all at the blowdown, and not only novice hikers will curse the GMC as they tramp around looking for the unmarked trail.

Finally, the new standard makes no allowance for snow or leaves obscuring the path. To be sure, I don't advocate marking the trail so that, even in winter, one can always see the next blaze. To do that, we would have to allow for snow drifting against our summer blazes. We would often have to blaze so high that we could blaze only when we had a foot or two of snow to stand on. But I do advocate giving the winter hiker a decent chance at following the trail. Even now, for the experienced hiker who has become familiar with a trail in the summer, following it in winter is often difficult because the footway is buried and snow hides many blazes. Imagine what happens when there are only six blazes per mile to begin with, and several of them are hidden by snow.

In the Cooper Lodge register, I recently read an entry from an Appalachian Trail End-to-Enders who signed himself "Trudger": "I would like to say to the GMC how nice it is to be back on blazed trails after New Hampshire." Let's keep it that way.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.

Scaling Lassen August 31, 1995 by Roma Pulling

Alfred and I were standing at the 10,000 foot level on Lassen Peak, looking back the way we had come to this point. The actual summit was a few hundred feet higher on top of a pile of boulders with no marked trail, and we felt we had gone far enough. Besides, it was a cold and windy spot, time was passing, and soon we began our descent.

What were we doing in this rather unlikely spot? We were on the second day of a two-week trip to California and parts of western Nevada and southern Oregon, during which we would visit such places as Crater Lake, Yosemite and Death Valley. Lassen is a volcano which erupted last in 1915.

Thermal activity is still visible in the area in the form of steam vents and mud pots.

We approached Lassen Volcanic National Park from the south after an overnight in Sparks, Nevada. Arriving at the foot of the mountain, we discovered several dozen children cavorting in the snow - an accumulation from past seasons. The trail to the mountain top beckoned. The lower sections were snowy, but most of the mountain was windswept. The approximately 3000-foot ascent was made easier by many switchbacks but was still strenuous for Easterners not accustomed to those heights. There were many climbers, and as we neared the bottom, others were just starting up.

We were pleased to have sampled California-style mountain climbing but perfectly content to return to home trails.

Mendon Peak October 15, 1995

by Mara Carey

On Sunday we went to Mendon Peak orienteering. First we went on a road for about a mile and a half. I noticed that there were several forks in the road. At the end of the road was a river and we crossed it. I didn't get my toes wet at all. Then we orienteered south to Mendon Peak. At 10:13 we stopped and sat on a rock for a snack. I had half of a Friehofer's chocolate cookie bar. It was good. After about two hours of bushwacking we started climbing through pines and it was steep. Seth, my little brother and I kept asking Mom and Dad when we were going to get to the top. They said soon.

When we stopped for lunch we heard some geese. We kept climbing and got to the top. It was sort of misty, but we saw some big birds. I thought that they were some geese, but they did not look at all like geese. Then Mom said "They're hawks!" They were hawks, migrating hawks, doing acrobatics. My toes were starting to get cold so we went back down through the pines and birches, across the stream and on the road. Seth ran on ahead.

When Mom, Dad and I got to our car (Izzy Isuzo) we couldn't find Seth. When we found him by walking back down the road he said he had gone onto one of the other roads, got confused and turned around. Then we went back to Izzy and home to have pizza.

What's Left of the Juggernaut? - continued

I first became acquainted with the Juggernaut in 1965. I had finished my End-to-End the year before and felt I owed the Green Mountain Club's trails some work. I lived in Hartland then. The Ottauquechee Section was not formed until 1979, so I joined the Killington Section. I decided to tackle the Juggernaut because it was the closest Killington Section trail. I soon realized that the Killington Section had not paid much attention recently to its only trail on the east side of the Coolidge Range. It was faintly blazed and obviously used, but that was about all. The steep stretch up from the Falls Brook bridge was particularly bad. Luckily, my father had just retired from farming and volunteered to help me bring the Juggernaut up to snuff. That led to his becoming Killington Section Trails and Shelters Chairman, making all the signs for the Killington and New York Sections and the GMC's part of the Appalachian Trail, and then founding the Ascutney Trails Association, but that is another story.

By 1982, as reported in the April 1982 *Smoke & Blazes*, the upper part of the Juggernaut "was swallowed up by a new downhill ski area on Sherburne Corp.'s new Bear Mountain Area." This must have happened sometime after the spring of 1978, for an article in the March 1978 *Smoke & Blazes* tells of a good ski and snowshoe hike complete with a lunch stop at Ghost Camp, then consisting of two fallen-down sheds of the old logging camp. I had last hiked the Juggernaut in July 1980 and found parts obscured by ski trails and maintenance roads. The Timberlake Trail had disappeared. *Smoke & Blazes* doesn't say when the Juggernaut was formally abandoned. Does anyone know the date? It looks like the Juggernaut was abandoned a few years short of its centennial.

Abandoned – but not gone! It is still possible to follow almost the entire route of this old path. In August, I went up Hadley Hill Road from Route 4, took the switchback south, and was soon at the old trailhead. The first few hundred feet of the former trail is now a decent road to a new house, located north of the trail. There are still a few dark blue blazes left, and even a few light blue ones I probably painted at least 25 years ago. After the promising start, though, the trail is overgrown with saplings, badly eroded, and soon crossed at right angles by a woodroad that makes it hard to follow. It's hard to imagine this was passable even thirty years ago, but it was. My father and I once drove our VW pickup all the way to Falls Brook Bridge, albeit it with the help of some planks and rocks above the Juggernaut Farm site, which is where the public part of the road ended.

At elevation 1660', the old road disappears under the bouldery embankment of the Sunrise Ski Trail, which continues on down to the Northeast Passage Ski Lodge on Route 100 in West Bridgewater. Heading uphill, the Sunrise Trail generally follows the grade of the old Juggernaut to the Sunrise Village condominiums. Blazes are scarce because most of the blazed trees were felled when the wide ski trail replaced the narrow old Juggernaut Road.

The public Juggernaut Road ended roughly where the condos now stand. I found a cellarhole, probably that of the Juggernaut Farm, in a brushy area in the middle of the condo development. I also lost the old trail there, but I picked it up again before reaching the site of Ghost Camp, which is now on the Falls Brook Ski Trail. The remains of the tarpaper shacks can still be seen, bulldozed over the edge of the ski trail, if one knows just where to look. I saw no trace of the former Farm and Wilderness Camps' Timberlake Trail (once known as the Juggernaut Cutoff) however. This trail used to lead from the north end of the Woodward Reservoir in Plymouth northwest across the North and South Forks of Madden Brook and join the Juggernaut 250' east of Ghost Camp.

From Ghost Camp, which is 2.3 miles up, to the Falls Brook Bridge, which is 2.8 miles up, the Falls Brook Ski Trail follows the route of the old Juggernaut. Above the bridge, though, things get confusing. From the base station of the South Ridge Triple Chairlift, the expert Roundabout Ski Trail follows the old Juggernaut steeply uphill. The Roundabout is so narrow that several blue-blazed trees remain. After the Roundabout ends, the much wider Wanderer Ski Trail occupies the route of the old Juggernaut for a ways.

Now begins a long stretch that does not look a lot different from the old hiking trail, except that it crosses various aspects of ski development. Leaving the Wanderer, one climbs up a narrow path with an occasional blue blaze, crosses, then follows, Mountain Bicycle Trail 3, and comes out on the ridge between Skye Peak and Killington Peak. On the ridge, one eventually follows a short unmarked road from Trail 3 to Trail 4. Trail 4 follows the old Juggernaut until it diverges downhill where Killington's northeast flank is crossed by several ski trails and lifts. Between some of these cleared areas, the old trail has disappeared in brush. It is, however, very visible, and indeed cleared, from the last ski trail west to where it hits the Long Trail just north of Cooper Lodge, despite our efforts to discourage casual strolls to Cooper by people who may abuse that lodge. The LT follows it for a few feet and then heads straight for Cooper. As one can see from a nice LT North sign a little farther west on the old Juggernaut, the LT used to follow the Juggernaut just a bit further before heading up to Cooper. The final few feet of the old Juggernaut, which I don't think were ever LT, lead to the site of the Killington Hotel. There it used to connect with the Killington Carriage Road up from Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road in Mendon. Now it just ends in the brush about 50' east of the Bucklin Trail.

This may be anathema to some, but I found the hike pleasant although most of it was on ski trails, maintenance roads, or mountain bike trails. Except for a few stretches that the bikes have eroded, the footing is better than it was before. Then there are

the views! It used to be the only views till one reached the old Killington Gondola were a few glimpses through the trees above the Falls Brook Bridge. The ski development has opened up many views. These include not only the nearby ski terrain (which I, for one, do not much enjoy except for the wildflowers that grow there), but also grand vistas over the hills eastward to Mt. Cardigan, Mt. Kearsarge, and the other New Hampshire peaks between them. Maybe, with Killington's cooperation, the old Juggernaut should be reopened, at least from Sunrise Village to the Killington Chairlift. From there, perhaps it should ascend directly to Killington Peak rather than provide too-easy access to Cooper Lodge. No trail clearing would be necessary, just blazing and signing. Killington could make it part of the Merrill Hiking Center trail network, simultaneously improving its recreational offerings and giving us back a little of our hiking heritage.

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday January 10, 1996.** Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Application for Membership

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly); *Smoke and Blazes* (Section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events); benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers; and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail System in Vermont.

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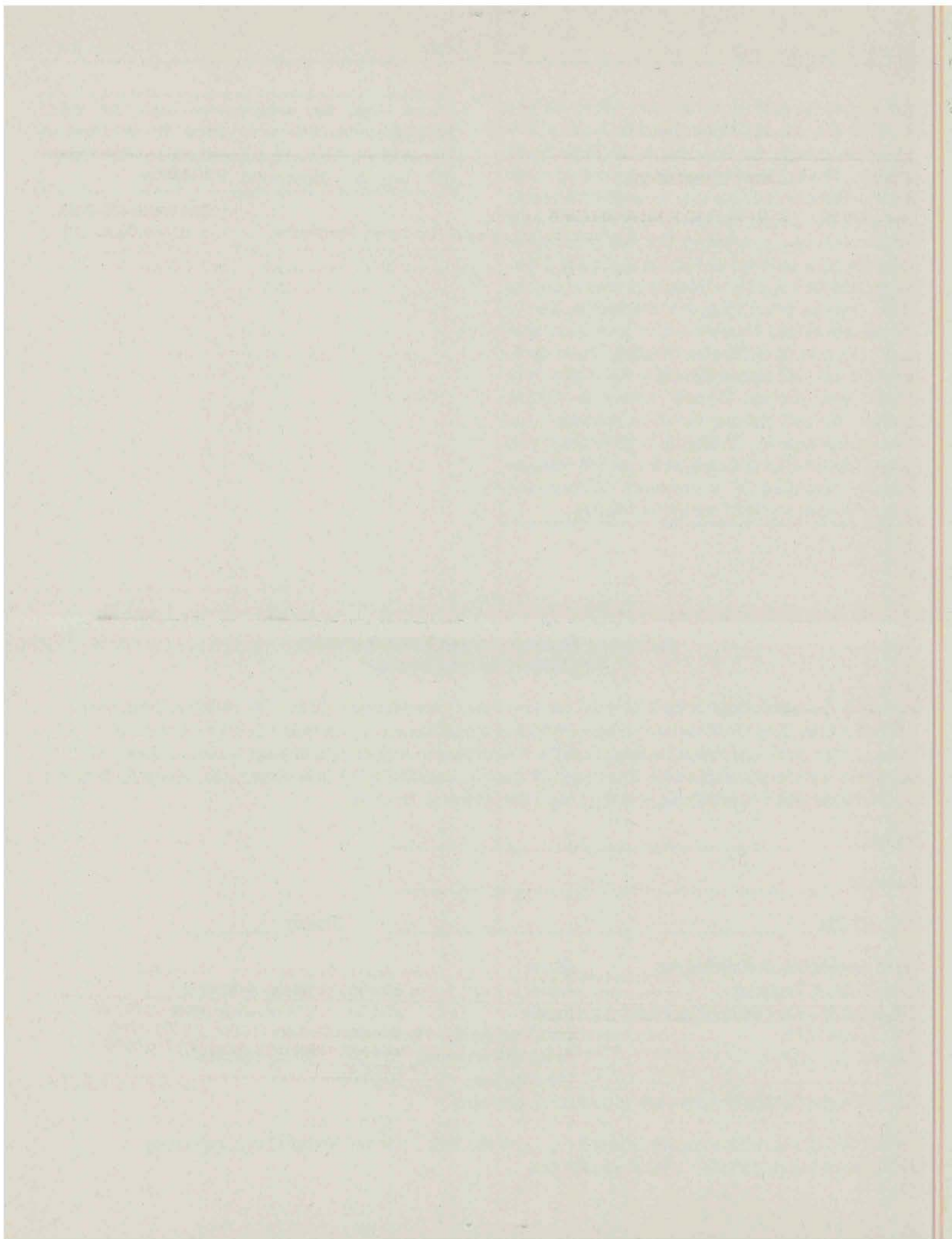
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Send Application & Payment to
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Killington Section - Green Mtn. Club
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Adult	\$18.00	\$9 tax deductible
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Individual (under 18)	\$ 6.00	
Senior (65 and over)	\$12.00	\$9 tax deductible
Life (Section)	\$400.00	

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I would also like to make a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters



Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

Outing Schedule Fall 1995

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown and bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome!

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

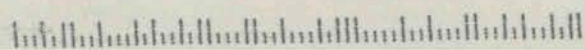
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Sun Oct 29	9:00 AM	PICO HIKE AND WORK PARTY We'll repair the front, roof and privy at Pico Camp. For Section members who are able to work, this is a good way to earn your lower dues while getting some exercise with a view. For those who would like but can't work, there is a 5.8 mile moderate round trip from Sherburne pass to Pico Camp, which can be extended to the top of Pico Peak.	Tim Welch 483-2085 and Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368
Sat Nov 4	10:00 AM	COLD RIVER ROAD RELOCATION & PUNCHEON WORK PARTY Postponed from Oct 20 due to heavy rain	Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830
Sun Nov 5	9:30 AM	SHREWSBURY PEAK SHELTER via Black Swamp trail from N. Shrewsbury - Plymouth CCC Road. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows; bring your own beverage. 3.4 mi. moderate. On your own, an optional steep 0.8 mi. round trip reaches 3737' Shrewsbury Peak.	Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
Sat Nov 11	9:00 AM	SARATOGA BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC PARK New York. Visit site of Burgoyne's surrender, the most decisive American victory of the Revolutionary War. Historic displays and movie at visitors center. Hiking distances variable. Rain date is Sun Nov 12.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat Nov 18	9:00 AM	CLARENDON GORGE SUSPENSION BRIDGE WORK PARTY	Sue Carey 446-2830
Sun Nov 19	9:00 AM	Tasks essential to preserving this key bridge include re-decking the bridge and controlling erosion around the abutments. Two days	
Sat Nov 18	5:30 PM	ANNUAL FALL POTLUCK Meet at the Ecorio-Lodge on Route 4 in Windsor. Bring a main course, accompaniment, or dessert and your own utensils. Beverages supplied. After dinner the program will include a report by Wally Director on the GMC Board about developments seriously affecting the Sections future.	Linda Smith 265-4493
Sun Dec 3	9:00 AM	MYSTERY HIKE Destination and route depend on snow cover and the whim of the Leader; the mystery will probably be solved once you get there. 4 mi.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Thur Dec 7	7:30 PM	OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING - Not just for Committee Members Bernie Donahue's house, 50 Edgerton St., Rutland. Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions. For all.	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 Linda Smith 265-4493
Sun Dec 10	1:00 PM	BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN - VIRGINIA'S CAMP 3 mi. easy.	Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494
Sun Dec 17	1:00 PM	BEYOND BELLEVUE AVENUE - RUTLAND Explore some countryside just minutes away from our meeting place. Bring snowshoes if snow depth warrants them. About 2 mi. easy. Bring a snack but no lunch.	Bernie Donahue 773-7462
Sat Dec 30	9:00 AM	MYSTERY HIKE Destination and route depend on snow cover and the whim of the Leader; the mystery will probably be solved once you get there. 4 mi.	Jerry Parker 775-6208
Sat Jan 6	4:00 PM	MOONLIGHT MEANDER Shrewsbury from Upper Cold River Road to Governor Clement Shelter, where there will be hot beverages. 2.5 mi. moderate, suitable for skiing or walking. Bring a snack if you want, but no supper.	Herb Ogden, Jr. (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368
Sat Jan 13	10:00 AM	WALLINGFORD AREA CROSS COUNTRY SKI 5 mi. moderate.	Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat Jan 20	9:00 AM	BINGO BROOK TRAIL CROSS COUNTRY SKI Rochester and Hancock. 6 mi. easy.	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 775-3368(W)

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or:

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Section Directors Meeting December 7, 1995 by Sue Carey

On December 7 a Board of Directors meeting was held at the Donahue's house. It was decided that the Killington Section will sponsor the GMC Annual Meeting on June 8, 1996. We will need people to lead hikes and work parties. If you are interested, call Larry Dodds at 438-5473 or Sue Carey at 446-2830.

The Killington Section Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 13 at the Econo-Lodge in Mendon. We will need officers and Board members for the following positions; President, Vice President, Main Club Director, Trails & Shelters Coordinator. If you are interested in any of these exciting and challenging positions please let any Board member know. We will be happy to place your name on the ballot.

Lars Botzjorns and Greg Knoettner also attended the meeting. We learned that all of the land for the Rt. 140 relocation has been condemned. We hope to scout a new trail north of Rt. 140 and have the relocation work started in 3 years. It is hoped that the Forest Service can get the road to Gov. Clement Shelter gated. Some beams on the Clarendon Gorge Bridge have been replaced. More decking work and cribbing work is needed. More land has been bought for the Pico relocation, but the route has not been finalized.

I would like to thank Bernie and Martha for their hospitality.

Dues are Due

The Killington Section collects dues on a Calendar Year basis. Accordingly, everyone's membership needs to be renewed by sending your 1996 dues to our treasurer Roma Pulling. The membership application is included in this issue

Cold River Area Work Party November 4, 1995 by Rob Carey

There were two goals of this work party. One was to clear a minor re-route around the washout between the Cold River Roads. The other was to put in puncheon on some wet spots on the re-route and in the field just south of the Cold River Road.

Ruth Hare, Seth Carey and myself started working on the puncheons in the field, after a rather complicated transfer of materials in Rutland by Herb Ogden, Sue Carey and others. We were able to carry lumber across the field and build several puncheons by mid-morning.

It took us a while to get to the re-route, including a short, steep uphill. We carried in lumber for one puncheon, and built it at the worst wet spot. We were able to drain several wet spot by digging drainage ditches.

Later in the day we were joined by Mara and Sue Carey. We hope to complete this work in the spring, possibly the weekend of the GMC Annual Meeting.

Pico Camp Work Party October 29 1995

by Herb Ogden, Jr., Coleader

The weather was worse than forecast, and the forecast wasn't very good, so it was a pleasant surprise to see seven people turn on this outing. Actually, once we gained some altitude and the rain changed to snow, the woods were pretty and no one got very wet. On the way down, we could even enjoy good long-distance views once we got out of the cloud that enveloped Pico Peak.

With the kind permission of the Pico Ski Resort, we were able to drive up their service road almost to Pico Junction, where Sue Carey left out supplies. For a change, the rest of us rode up in comfort in a Blazer that handled the waterbars and mud very well.

From Pico Junction, we each carried something and no one had to make a second trip. Once we arrived at Pico Camp, two of the party opted to hike down to Sherburne Pass and the rest continued the work at the camp. We lag-screwed a 14' 2x6 across the front of the camp just under the windows, thus removing the forward bulge that had developed in this middle-aged camp. Then we installed a windowsill to prevent the rain and snow from getting inside the wall, repaired the inside windowsill, tightened up the top of the door, and installed six 7"x9" Lexan panes where glass was missing. We also tried with some success to route the spring flow across, rather than down, the LT. Planned roof repairs had to wait for better weather.

Six days before, on a beautiful Indian summer day, I had reblazed the Pico spur to the summit and cleaned out or created numerous waterbars on the LT between Pico Camp and Sherburne Pass. Rains just before had changed perhaps a quarter of it into a series of brooklets and even made the Sinkhole overflow! This stretch of the LT still needs much erosion control work, though it's not as bad as the first mile or so north of Cooper Lodge, where the LT often moonlights as a brook.

This work party was notable for the participation of my neighbor Channing Bickford, age 9. He is the youngest person to come on a work party without being taken by a parent in years as far as I know.

Shrewsbury Peak Shelter

November 5, 1995

by Roma Pulling, Leader

The last thing I would have let concern me the morning Alfred and I left for Shrewsbury Peak was icy roads; so of course that's what we encountered. After passing the old picnic pavilion site on the CCC Road, as we reached the bottom of a hill, we looked up and saw Sue Thomas's car crossways of the road. After maneuvering it to the side of the road and parking it, Sue got in our car, equipped with all-wheel drive, as did Pat Hannegan. Besides ice on the road, there was about an inch of snow on the ground.

Arriving at the start of the Black Swamp Road, which is now gated, we pared and began our hike up the Black Swamp Trail, which is at first level but becomes gradually steeper and rougher. The side trail to the Shrewsbury Peak Shelter is badly overgrown, and on a previous hike we bushwhacked in. But Sue knew where to find the trail, which was shorter and easier.

Alfred had packed dry wood in and soon had a cheery fire going, which we welcomed in what seemed like bitter cold temperatures although my thermometer showed 26°. It takes a while to get used to it! We got out hot dogs, rolls, ketchup, mustard and relish, to which Sue added potato chips, and we had a hearty lunch, then topped it off with toasted marshmallows. I was glad the return hike provided exercise. No one decided to hike the last 0.8 mile to the summit and back, leaving that for a warmer day, and better visibility.

As we walked out we had discussed various ways of rescuing Sue from her predicament, which ranged from simple to drastic (calling a tow truck). In the end it proved simpler than expected. With Alfred

steering and the help of one of our hikers, Bob Piper, and a stranger who stopped and offered his assistance, Sue's car was turned around and eased down to level ground. Our return trip was made without further incident.

Saratoga Battlefield Historic Park

This trip did not take place due to very high winds and low attendance.

Wallingford Area Cross Country Ski

January 13 by Rob Carey

We had perfect snow conditions for this trip. In the weeks before there were several snowstorms of light, fluffy snow. We carpooled from Wallingford, taking only 4 wheel drive vehicles due to the fresh snow. There was almost a foot in the parking lot at Wallingford Pond.

We first went to one of the three lobes of the pond. We stayed off the ice. On a scouting trip there was just enough water to ice the bottoms of Seth's skis. Next we doubled back and took another trail (we hadn't been sure it was the right one at first) that started a loop. With Seth continuing in the lead we set a brisk pace. The loop went through an open area, and then joined another trail north. We passed a trail that leads to Aldrichville and the Long Trail. It looked nice but we saved it for another time. While we were out, we saw several people from Wallingford who had seen the article in the *Herald*.

Moonlight Meander January 6

The Editor has received an unofficial report that part of this trip was cold and dark (the moon was a late arrival) and part was cold and light.

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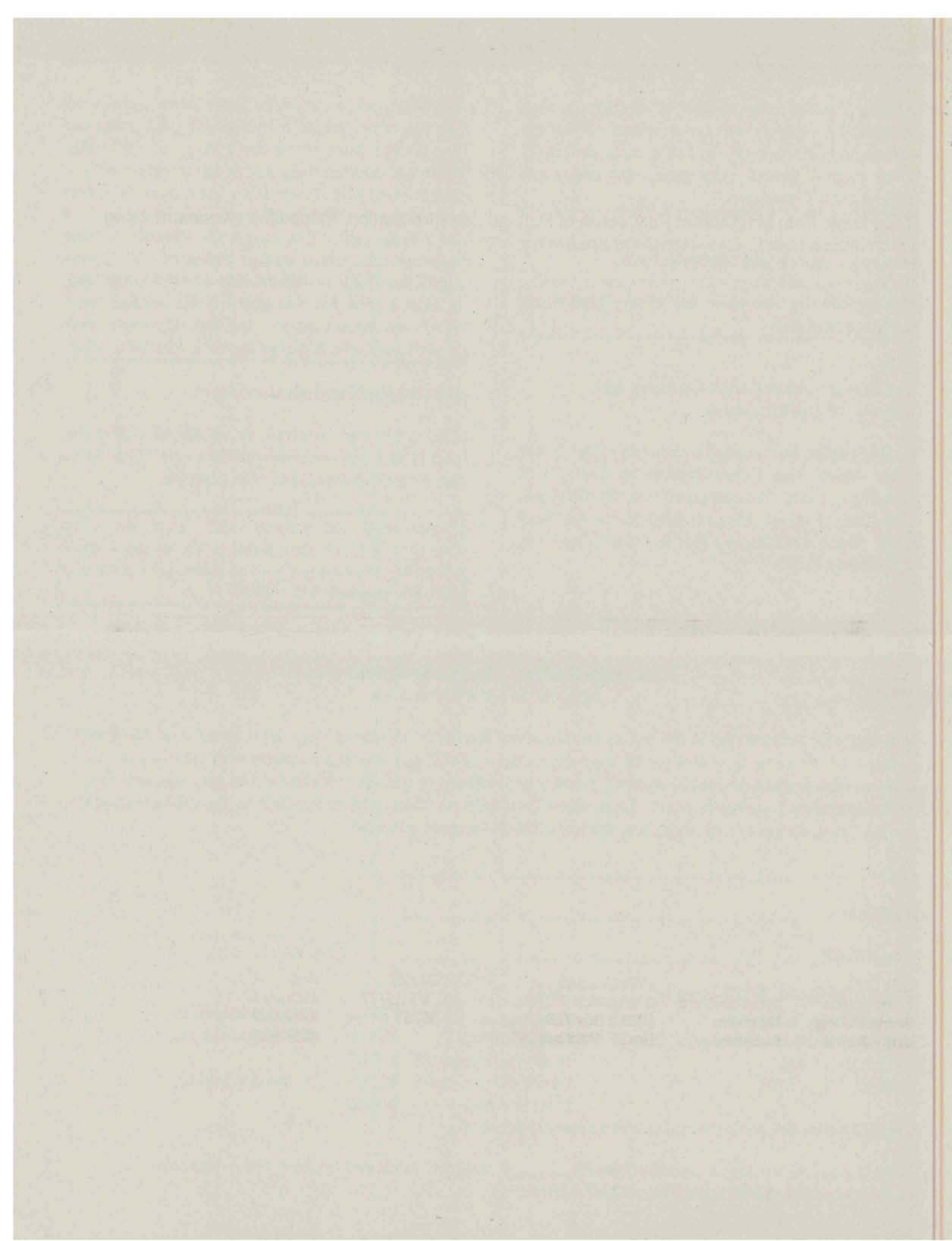
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Sat Feb 3		MOONLIGHT SKI AT HILDENE with Manchester section. Full moon, hot cider and popcorn.	Carol Cone 297-2648
Sun Feb 11	1:00 PM	LEPHARTS LOOP Three miles, easy. Hiking, snowshoeing or skiing	Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
Sun Feb 18	9:30 AM	CROSS COUNTRY- EAST POULTNEY TO BIRDS EYE Ski or snowshoe - Moderate	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat Feb 24	10:00 AM	SUMMIT OF PINE HILL TO PROCTOR Snowshoe if snow more than 6 inches deep. Good local views. 4 miles moderate.	Herb Ogden 775-1350 evenings
Sat Mar 2		GROUT POND TO SOMMERSET RESERVOIR Cross country ski with the Manchester Section. Moderate. Call for details the week before.	Carol Wright 824-5589
Sat Mar 16	9:30 AM	MERCK FOREST Day hike or overnight. \$5.00 fee per person for overnight. We will be using the Lower Barn Cabin.	Larry Dodds 438-5473
Sun Mar 24	3:00 PM	SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY Unitarian Church basement on West St in Rutland. Traditional sugar on snow, pickles, donuts. \$3.00 fee.	Roma Pulling 773-6997
Sat Mar 30	9:00 AM	PICO CAMP VIA LONG TRAIL FROM SHERBURNE PASS An old favorite snowshoe hike with great views. 5 miles difficult.	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 evenings
Sat Apr 13	5:30 PM	ANNUAL MEETING AND COVERED DISH SUPPER Econo Lodge on Route 4 in Mendon. Bring a dish to share and your own eating utensils. Business meeting to follow supper.	Linda Smith 265-4493
Sun Apr 21	9:30 AM	LYE BROOK FALLS Vermont's highest waterfall. 4 miles moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat Apr 27	9:00 AM	BLUE RIDGE CAVE 5 miles moderate	Jerry Parker 775-6208


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Annual Meeting April 13, 1996 by Jean Davies, Secretary

President Sue Carey opened the meeting after the potluck supper. The Secretary's report was read and accepted with one correction: The mortgage on the GMC Waterbury headquarters should read \$90,000 rather than \$9,000 as was recorded. M/S/P Herb Ogden and Rob Carey

Roma Pulling, treasurer passed out a printout showing that the Killington Section's accounts were still in the black by a small margin. [The report is on file with the secretary]. Rob Carey moved to accept the report, Ray Catozzi seconded, passed.

Tim Welch gave a Trails and Shelters committee report. He had been able to do some maintenance work on the Pico and Bucklin Trails. Herb Ogden noted the need for new or repaired trail signs. The Kirk Fund can supply materials. Charlie Davies has a router that Ray Catozzi can use to make signs. Sue Carey reported for the southern part. After three years, permission was at last given in November to repair the washouts on the Cold River Road, but it was a poor time of year to do much. Hopefully a June 8th work party with the GMC in Wallingford can do more. The main club is supposed to take care of the Clarendon Bridge, but hadn't done much. They are apparently looking into a non-suspension type bridge. In the meantime boards will be replaced. Sue Carey is keeping an eye on the bridge. Boy Scouts and other groups are helping in various places on the Long Trail.

Rob Carey continues his work on Smoke and Blazes. He still hopes hike leaders will get their articles in promptly - right after hikes, even if they

didn't go for some reason. Any reports sent to him on diskette are appreciated.

Linda Smith gave the report from the March meeting of the main club. She attended as the alternate director from the Killington Section. One 75 year old man and his son planned to hike end-to-end to raise \$75,000 to go towards paying the mortgage on the Waterbury headquarters building. The main club hoped that each section might give \$1,000 towards their building fund. The have and interest-free loan until October, and would like to pay it off before then to avoid interest charges. All sections which contribute \$1,000 will have their name on a plaque. The subject of uniform dues was not mentioned.

Sue Carey gave the Presidents report. The Annual Meeting of the Green Mountain Club will be on June 8, Saturday, in South Wallingford. The Killington Section will host the meeting and needs volunteers to help. Usually 90 to 110 people attend.

The secretary read a thank you note from the Craigie S. Perkins family acknowledging a memorial gift from the Killington Section in his name.

I move to donate \$1,000 to the Main Club to go towards the mortgage on their building. Motion by Herb Ogden, seconded by Phil Smith. Discussion followed. Rob Carey felt that sum was "a bit rich for our blood." He preferred to have our name on a shelter or trail. He also resented the feeling that his arm was being twisted by the main club. Phil Smith: The purpose of the \$1,000 is to reduce the building deficit, therefore it's good to reduce it as quickly as possible. It might affect our dues.

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Sue Carey: Our dues aren't supposed to go towards the building.

Herb Ogden: Probably paying off the mortgage would reduce the pressure to raise dues. We might want to remind the GMC that they said it would be relatively easy to raise money for the building.

Rob Carey: Now there is a concentration of resources in the northern end of the state.

Herb noted that our Board of Directors could vote to send the \$1,000. Maryellen Zizis wondered if a token donation might be in order. The motion was defeated.

"I move the membership authorize the Board to make a donation of up to \$1,000 to go towards paying the mortgage, depending on events." Motion by Herb Ogden, seconded by Rob Carey. Passed with a vote of 10 to 6.

Nominations: Larry Dodds, Ray Catozzi and Wally Rogers were up for election for the Board of Directors. However, Wally had resigned as he is in Madagascar.

Herb Ogden nominated by Rob Carey, seconded by Linda Smith. Ray Catozzi nominated by Roma Pulling, seconded by Al Pulling. Ruth Gibbud nominated by Herb Ogden, seconded by Janet Martin. All were voted in.

The membership meeting was recessed for the Directors Meeting (see below) and then reconvened to report the election of officers. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Rob Carey, seconded by Sue Carey

Directors Meeting April 13, 1996 by Jean Davies, Secretary

Nominations: Herb Ogden for President by Linda Smith, seconded by Roma Pulling, Phil Smith for Vice President by Jean Davies, seconded by Sue

Carey. Jean Davies for Secretary by Roma Pulling, seconded by Sue Carey. Roma Pulling for Treasurer by Ray Catozzi, seconded by Linda Smith. All were voted in.

Director and alternate director for the main club nominations: Phil Smith for Director by Sue Carey, seconded by Linda Smith. Linda Smith for alternate by Sue Carey, seconded by Ray Catozzi. So voted.

A discussion followed as to who might be willing to take on various tasks and responsibilities. Sue Carey planned to lead a work group to Clarendon Gorge. Sue Thomas will be asked about chairing the Trails and Shelter Committee as long as tools could be stored elsewhere. Linda Smith was willing to continue as Outings Chair. Rob Carey will continue with Smoke & Blazes. Publicity - Bernie Donahue has been trying to get items into the Rutland Herald. Ruth Gibbud and Rob Carey will work on getting news to other publications. "I move to adjourn the director's meeting." Motion by Jean Davies, seconded by Sue Carey. Passed

Pine Hill, Rutland February 11, 1996 by Roma Pulling, Leader

So you thought this was the date of the hike around Lefferts Pond in Chittenden? You're right. But your leaders know that Wildcat Road, where the pond is located, is in a different climate zone, and what fell as rain in Rutland was probably freezing rain or snow in Chittenden. So we made a last-minute change and decided to save Lefferts Pond for another hike schedule.

Alfred and I were joined at the park by Jerry Parker and Pat Hannegan. We breathed a sigh of relief to see Jerry and gladly turned over leadership responsibilities to him. Jerry is familiar with the various trails, some of which are not on the map, whereas with us it would be like the blind leading the blind.

This area was new to Pat: so we started by walking to the old stone crusher, in recent years a teen-age hangout but operated for about 20 years leading up

to World War II to process rock used in construction of concrete highways. From there we walked to Rocky Pond and then Muddy Pond, where we saw a beaver lodge. We traversed other trails, finishing our hike on a branch between Watkins Avenue and the end of Evergreen Avenue, where we had parked our car. This trail was icy in spots whereas conditions throughout the park were generally good.

We spotted on other hiker and his dog, but most surprising, on the old auto road we met two young fellows on trail bikes! As there was two inches of soft snow on the ground, I thought walking was the better choice.

Thanks, Jerry, for your help. We couldn't have done it without you.

Deepfreeze in the Dark January 6 1996 by Herb Ogden, Leader

When I billed this as a Moonlight Cross Country Ski, I envisioned a leisurely ski in the dusk along the old Shrewsbury town road to Governor Clement Shelter, a long, convivial snack in front of a roaring fire in the shelter's big indoor fireplace, and a nice ski out in the light of the rising moon. As readers may note from the title, and as at least one hiker repeatedly noted at the time, it didn't work out that way.

The problem was the temperature, which had sunk into the teens below zero by the time we started. It gave the eight hikers and walkers a strong -- indeed, overpowering -- incentive to hurry along to keep warm. To be sure, I tried to slow us down some by getting the Saab stuck in a ditch while parking just off the Upper Cold River Road and trying to avoid backing over one of the group. Alas, even the diversion of hauling my car out of the ditch did not last long enough to delay our arrival at Governor Clement until the promised moon rose.

At Governor Clement, we tarried just long enough for a brief snack. No fire: we concluded we'd freeze before we could get one going. Since it wasn't

getting any warmer, we marched or skied back very briskly. Consequently, we were almost all the way back to the cars by the time the moon rose. At least it was a pretty sight on the drive home.

Next time I'll have to start late enough so that we'll have moonlight no matter how fast we go. Apologies in the meantime!

Bingo Brook Ski Trip January 20 1996 by Herb Ogden, Leader

Although the weather was beautiful for this cross country ski trip, no one except the leader showed up for it. The January thaw and rain had eaten away most of the fine snow cover we had had since early December, and what remained was crusty. Up in Rochester and Hancock, Bingo Brook gets enough snow so the skiing would probably have been decent, at least with Blue Klister, but no one wanted to find out.

Pine Hill Top February 24, 1996 by Herb Ogden, Leader

The day of this excursion dawned miserable and rainy. One person called to ask if we were going anyway. I said I would go if anyone showed up but hoped no one would. No one did. I thank all those who didn't.

Pico Camp "Snowshoe" Hike March 30, 1996 by Herb Ogden, Leader

Only one other person showed up for this outing, but we had enough fun to go round for several more. The weather was clear and seasonable: cold and crusty for the morning ascent, but warmer and almost slushy on the afternoon descent. So many others had snowshoed up to Pico Camp that snowshoes were not needed; we rarely broke through the crust.

We thought we saw hare tracks and, above the first switchback, one moose track. Though the snow was only half a foot deep at Sherburne Pass, there was around three feet at Pico Camp, where we

lunched after a two hour ascent. The camp was in fine shape except that the roofing sheet that had pulled back still needs fixing. Despite this winter's high winds, there were only one large blowdown and a few small ones. A fine outing!

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Sat May 4	10:00 AM	DELECTABLE MTN AREA Barnard; Old roads, past long abandoned farms and Chamberlin cemetery	Herb Ogden 775-1350 evenings
Sat May 18	1:00 PM	LEFFERTS POND LOOP Chittenden; 3 miles easy	Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
Sat May 25	10:00 AM	MYSTERY WILD FLOWER HIKE Easy, short mileage	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat June 1	9:00 AM	WORK PARTY - RT 140 TO UPPER COLD RIVER ROAD Spring maintenance, tools & materials provided	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat June 8	9:00 AM	GMC ANNUAL MEETING - GRANGE IN SOUTH WALLINGFORD Hear and act on reports and possible uniform dues action. See LT News for full details or just come.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat June 15	1:00 PM	VIEW POINT ON PINE HILL; ROCKY POND AND MUDDY POND Rutland; Interesting wildlife and vegetation. Need waterproof boots. 3 miles moderate	Channing Bickford 773-1794 Herb Ogden 775-1350 evenings
Sat June 22	8:30 PM	BUCK MT FROM PILOT KNOB TRAILHEAD - MEET AT MCDONALDS IN FAIR HAVEN Note meeting place. Beautiful views of Lake George, and with luck, blue berries.	Phil & Linda Smith 265-4493
Thu June 27	7:30 PM	SCHEDULING MEETING AT HERB OGDENS Help us plan the next schedule	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 evenings
Sun June 30	9:00 AM	WORK PARTY; RT 4 TO GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER Come clip, prune, saw, trim and paint, or come to hike. Mileage will	Herb Ogden, Jr. 775-1350 evenings
Sat July 6	9:30 AM	JOINT HIKE WITH BREADLOAF SECTION - NOTE MEETING PLACE Long Trail from Rt 140 to Rt 103. Meet at Rt 103 Parking Lot 5 miles, moderate	Mar Harrison 352-1074
Sat July 13	1:00 PM	CHILDRENS MYSTERY HIKE 2 miles, easy	Jerry Parker 775-6208
Sun July 14	8:30 AM	THREE POND LOOP Stratton, Bourne, and Branch Ponds. 9 miles moderate	Sue Thomas 773-2185
Sat July 20	9:00 AM	MOUNT EQUINOX Manchester. 6 miles difficult	Bill Robichaud 775-2567
Sun July 21	9:00 AM	CLARENDON GORGE BRIDGE WORK PARTY Alternate meeting time and place 9:30 at Rt 103 parking lot.	Rob & Sue Carey 446-2830
Sat July 27	9:00 AM	MYSTERY HIKE Interesting and informative moderate hike	Jean Davies 483-6623
Sat Aug 3	9:00 AM	ROCK WATERBAR WORKSHOP - MEET AT SHERBURNE PASS Note meeting place. Learn how to make long lasting drainage aids	Dave Hardy 244-7037

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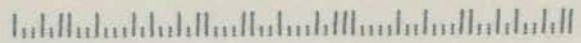
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Lefferts Loop May 18, 1996

by Roma Pulling, Leader

After postponing our Lefferts Pond hike in February because of wintry driving conditions, Alfred and I decided on this date in May. It proved to be a good choice. Although it was mostly cloudy, it was dry and warm. Six other hikers met us at the park at 1PM and we were off.

From Wild Cat Road we parked our cars where the road to Lefferts Pond is gated. It's possible to drive a short distance on this road to a recreation area near the dam, but the road is rough and we chose to walk. Beyond the first dam is a second, where the waters of Chittenden Reservoir can be seen to the west. In this area Central Vermont Public Service Corporation used to maintain a vacation cottage. Only the chimney now remains.

From this point the road continues north some distance out of sight of the pond, and they swings east and south until the pond is again visible to the west. We had expected this part of the road to be churned into mud up to our ankles due to recent rains and logging activities, but it was surprisingly dry and the walking easy.

Although this outing had not been listed as a wildflower hike, we found many lovely ones: red and painted trilliums, spring beauties, dog tooth violets, purple and white violets, Dutchman's breeches, wild oats and gold thread. One painted trillium, in spite of its name, had four leaves and four petals. We dubbed it a quadrillium. This was the second time I had seen this variation. The elusive moose which has been spotted at the pond did not put in an appearance.

The logging road connects with Wild Cat Road east of where our cars were parked, and we followed it back to our starting point.

Mystery Hike July 27, 1996 by Jean Davies

Mystery Hike up Beaver Pond trail in the Chittenden Brook Campground.

Eight of us met by the fire station to car pool over Brandon Gap to the Chittenden Brook Campground. Leaving our cars we hiked up the 2.3 miles of dirt road to the camp sites. Picking up the Beaver Pond Trail there, we had a fine hike along the brook. Surprisingly, we weren't bothered by bugs.

We ate lunch at the pond while watching an aerial display by cedar waxwings catching insects on the wing. They missed some, since we did need some bug repellent here. While some of the group were pleased to discover moose tracks at the pond, they were equally pleased not to see the owner. Neither did we see any beaver - just their excellent dam.

Our return route went parallel to the road on a pleasant trail through the woods near the brook. We counted the blowdowns on this trail as suggested by one of the Forest Rangers who told us that their staff has been reduced to three, so they haven't had time to walk all the trails, much less work on them. Our part of trail maintenance, therefore, consisted of a phone call rather than saws/shovel work - a much easier method. Correction: Sue Thomas did do some trail work, hacking down enough nettles on the trail to make hiking easier for those of us in shorts.

Even though some trail work is needed, it is easily passable. This is a very pleasant hike, even on hot days.

Abandoned Barnard May 4, 1996**by Herb Ogden Jr. Leader**

This outing took us to an area of Barnard which began to be abandoned earlier than most of mid-Vermont's hill farm areas, probably because it suffered from a combination of unusual remoteness and a short growing season caused by high elevation. The Leader is no expert on soils, but maybe fertility was a factor also.

Leaving the road from Barnard to Chateaugay in the upper valley of Locust Creek, we headed up Delectable Mountain on an abandoned public road. This used to lead over the mountain to Barnard School District No. 2 and on down to the Stony Brook road north of Notown, in Stockbridge, and it is shown on the 1869 Atlas of Windsor County, by F. W. Beers. We passed four old cellarholes on the north and a couple on the south. Only two still show on the 1869 atlas and the U.S. Geological Survey's first quadrangle of 1911. More surprisingly, even the oldest map, from 1856, does not show all of them.

Maybe some of the farms were abandoned in 1816 ("Eighteen Hundred and Froze to Death") and had fallen down by 1856. Apparently District No. 2 was cut off from the rest of Barnard by 1911, because the 1911 map shows only a dead end road leading up from Stony Brook to School No. 2 on the west side of Delectable Mountain and another up from Locust Creek dead-ending at the one farm left on the east side of the mountain. As participants in a 1995 hike know, and as the Leader rues, the old road is obscure where it crosses Delectable Mountain in a 2320' pass.

At a clearing just under the 2000' elevation, opposite an old school bus once used as a camp, we turned just about due north from the old road, following a woodroad that is now a snowmobile trail. After a little climb, we passed west of a sizable cellarhole, probably the one the 1856 map shows as "J. Tully" and the 1869 map shows as C.C. Simmons." From there on the path became so steep

we assumed that Tully and Simmons would not have used it much for wheeled traffic, preferring the road we had followed in. Enormous hoofprints showed moose had used it recently, though.

Around 2240' we crossed an east-west ridge. The present U.S.G.S. quadrangle shows a trail leading northeast from there, but we saw no sign of one, even though the trees were not leafed out at all. Descending gently, we saw our first sign of civilization since the Tully or Simmons place: a short stone wall east of the road, leading from nowhere to nowhere. Immediately crossing a stream at 2050', we passed just west of the highest cellarhole on the trip. The 1869 atlas shows it as the "C. Hathan" place, at the end of a poor road off the Smith Hill Road. It did not lie in the Smith Hill school district, however, but rather in the district whose school stood near where our hike began. If Hathan had children, they must have had a very backwoods walk to school indeed.

At about 1900', maybe 300' north of another stream, lay the sizable remains of what was the A. Aikens place in 1869. Neither this nor the Hathan place show on the 1856 map, thus casting some doubt on my idea that the highest farms were abandoned first. Here, we turned almost due east on a road that no map shows, walking through an almost flat area. After we crossed a stream, stone walls reappeared, and soon we passed just north of a cellarhole shown on no map. Descending easterly, we soon found ourselves just north of a second cellarhole. The 1856 map appears to show this as the H. Chamberlin place but does not show the road to it. The 1869 map shows neither the place nor any road to it. The 1911 map shows both. A history of Barnard published around 1930 calls this the Lemuel Chamberlin farm. Jerry Parker pointed out plaster and lath, so the place must have stood till fairly recently. Maybe whoever owned the place in 1869 was an unfriendly recluse whom the Beers Atlas surveyor eschewed.

The Chamberlin Cemetery was the last highlight of the hike. It lies about 300' south of the Chamberlin foundation, next to a north-south stone wall, at the

edge of a deep ravine. The Vermont Old Cemeteries Association says there are four marked but unfenced graves. We found only three: an old couple and apparently a child. Sue Thomas was equipped to take a rubbing so we could read the child's inscription, but rain was falling by then, so we never did read it. At least we did better than the last hike that was supposed to reach this cemetery, which, thanks to this Leader, did not come within a mile of it.

After a short dip in the old road, we reached a modern home at the end of a barely passable road, with a nice view south over a man-made pond. We tramped down the road in the rain, passing a single very recent memorial stone, reached the Chateaugay Road again, and walked south to the car. Mild weather, a little sun, and a lot of history made this a nice outing despite the rain at the end.

Lowland Walk-through June 1, 1996

by Herb Ogden Jr. Leader

Eight people turned out on a beautiful day to ready the southern part of our section of the Long Trail for the hiking season. After much milling around and trying to figure out how to get people to the trail with the minimum of driving, we finally formed three groups. One handled the trail from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) to Minerva Hinchey Shelter, one did from Minerva Hinchey to Vt. 103, one did from Vt. 103 to the Lottery Road, and Jerry Parker got rid of all the larger blowdowns from Wallingford Gulf to Vt. 103. The southernmost 7.2 miles of our section is now in excellent shape, except for missing trail signs and a few wet places, notably near Spring Lake and south of the Lottery Road.

Rutland Herald reporter Kristin Bloomer helped not only by clearing some trail but also by writing a fine article about the GMC and the Long Trail. It was complete with a silhouetted photo of the Leader, pick-mattock and saw in hand, surveying the view from Clarendon Lookout. Many thanks to Kristin and the *Herald*!

At Clarendon Shelter, we were happy to see that shelter adopter Max Carleton had the place in good shape and had reopened and glazed the back window, shedding more light on the table and reducing the cave effect. He even built a sheltered box to keep wood dry outside the shelter. A family was about to spend the night there and enjoy the fruits of Max's labor.

This day's work party covered only a total of 7.2 miles out of the 12.1 we meant to cover. The remaining 4.9 miles from the Lottery Road to Governor Clement Shelter went begging that day. Moral: WE NEED MORE HELP! If you're an able-bodied Section member who hasn't done anything for the Section but pay dues – which are much less than At-Large dues – please help the Section earn the dues discount it receives for maintaining a section of the Long Trail.

Annual Meeting Work Party June 9, 1996

by Herb Ogden Jr.

On the day after the Killington Section hosted the GMC Annual Meeting in South Wallingford, several Section members and others showed up to reroute the Long Trail at a bank cave-in overlooking a branch of the Cold River between the Lower and Upper Roads in Shrewsbury. Once the group discarded the bog-besotted plans of the U.S. Forest Service and GMC Headquarters and relocated the relocation to terra firma, the work went smoothly. The trail is now safely back from the edge of the abyss. The group also installed some needed puncheon south of the Upper Road.

On this day and later, a couple of informal work parties cleared and brushed the trail all the way between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads and did some drainage south of the latter.

Of the lowland part of our section, that leaves only the stretches from the Lottery Road to the Lower Cold River Road and from the Upper Cold River Road to Gov. Clement Shelter not accounted for.

Pine Hill, Rocky Pond, Muddy Pond

June 15, 1996 by Herb Ogden Jr. Co-Leader

This outing was planned and co-led by Channing Bickford, our youngest Junior Member. I forgot to nab him to write this article before he left for camp, so this is an abbreviated account.

Eight members and guests started into the City of Rutland's Pine Hill Park the usual way, from Evergreen Avenue. Soon, however, we turned to the right off the road to Rocky Pond and went under the power line to the World War Two era stone crusher. After admiring the view south to White Rocks, we started up the old white-blazed trail just south of the stone crusher, but then turned off to the right and, after a short climb, emerged on the rim of the stone quarry. And there was the view Channing had told about: a fine panorama of Rutland and, behind it, the Coolidge Range. This is the best view I know of from Pine Hill.

We then did a very short bushwhack to rejoin the white-blazed trail, which led up to the Rocky Pond road. Older hikers told the younger ones about the days when the city maintained a bathing beach at Rocky Pond, complete with parking lot and changing cabins. The pond seemed unusually full. There was probably some connection with the beaver lodge we saw near the east end.

From Rocky Pond, we followed the woodroad past old fireplace sites to a junction above Muddy Pond. The left fork eventually leads to Proctor; we took the right. After descending to the shore of Muddy Pond for a view of that actually very pretty place, we crossed its outlet with some difficulty and hiked down the woodroad to the power line crossing above the country club. There, we faced our greatest challenge: re-crossing the Muddy Pond outlet brook and negotiating the muddy mess beyond. Fortunately, we found some things to use as stepping stones, including part of an abandoned ATV. After a hike up a skooshy track, we were back at the stone crusher and near the end of a good outing.

Parkers Gore Work Party June 30, 1996

by Herb Ogden Jr. Leader

Only four people showed up for this one, but that was just enough to get the job done on the Long Trail between Gov. Clement Shelter and Shrewsbury Peak Jct. Jerry Parker with chainsaw and clippers, Dave Gilmore with new heavy-duty bypass loppers, Eric Deutschbein with new (at it turned out, not-so) heavy-duty anvil loppers, and I with bow saw and axe got the whole three mile stretch properly brushed out and cleared of blowdowns for the first time in at least ten years. The Section had done a decent job with most of the stretch before, but the mile or so south of Shrewsbury Peak Jct., being the most remote, always eluded us and never got a proper brushing out. We didn't fix the wet spots near Government Brook, but they are at least tolerable.

We were delighted by the fine work that shelter adopter Roy Arthur had recently done at Gov. Clement Shelter. He gave it a whole new roof, new rafters, new pillars in front, and a couple of rustic benches, too. Hikers who had spent a rainy night there reported no leaks. Since hats are no longer needed indoors to keep the rain off our heads, hats off to Roy for a beautiful job!

The whole day was foggy at best and rainy at worst, but we all concluded it probably was more comfortable than if it had been hot and sunny. As it was, we stayed reasonably cool and encountered absolutely no bugs. The next time a walk-through is scheduled and it looks like rain, come anyway -- you may enjoy it!

About a dozen hikers passed us, most headed north. At least one was on his way from Georgia to Maine on the Appalachian Trail. Several thanked us for our work.

<p>New Editor sought for <i>Smoke & Blazes</i>. Deadline for the next issue is October 1.</p>
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Saturday 10 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

SEVENTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE, Hubbardton. Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 mi. easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. No lunch. **Rain date** is 11 August; call the Leader if in doubt.

Saturday 17 August, 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

CHILDREN MYSTERY HIKE, 2 mi. easy.

Saturday 17 August, __ a.m. Leader: Corky Magoon 878-2035

SNAKE MOUNTAIN, Addison. **JOINT HIKE WITH BURLINGTON SECTION**. Grand views of Champlain Valley and Adirondacks. 900' climb. 4 mi. moderate.

Sunday 18 August, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

SOUTH (NOYES) POND, Chittenden. Hike from Wildcat Road to mountain pond down slope from the Long Trail. Bring hot dogs and bathing suits. 4 mi. moderate with some steep sections.

Saturday 24 August, 10 a.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

SECOND ANNUAL FALLS OF LANA RAMBLE, Salisbury and Leicester. One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. 3 mi. moderate. Good family excursion. Walk to Silver Lake optional; swimming there or in Lake Dunmore possible afterward. **Rain date** 25 August; call the Leader if in doubt.

Saturday 7 September, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567

MOUNTAIN OR CROSS BIKE TOUR, Along Green Mountain Spine, Goshen, Ripton, and Lincoln back country. Moderate climbs, 32 miles. **Rain date**, September 8.

Saturday 14 September, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350

WORK PARTY, destination to be determined by weather and hikers' complaints.

Tools, materials, and instruction provided. If you can walk, you can help. Come help the Killington Section members keep the right to pay part of their dues in sweat, not money.

Sunday 22 September, 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

BREADLOAF AREA Moderate, call for details

Thursday 26 September, 7:30 p.m. Chair: Linda Smith 265-4493

OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at Herb Ogden's house, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland (corner of Wallace Ave., off Lafayette St., which is two blocks east of Main St. and south of Woodstock Ave.) Come help plan schedule for next three months or call in your suggestions to the Chair or the meeting host at 775-1350. For Outing Committee members and all others interested.

Saturday 28 September, 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

APPALACHIAN TRAIL ALONG CONNECTICUT RIVER AT NORWICH TO TRECOTT ROAD HANOVER. 5.6 mi. moderate with some road walking.

5 October, Saturday, 10 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350

SHREWSBURY PEAK TO WOODWARD RESERVOIR, Shrewsbury and Plymouth. Black Swamp trail to Newfound Shelter and Shrewsbury Peak for great south, east, and west views. Return via Farm & Wilderness Camps' Second Day Trail through beautiful woods past Smith Peak and some fine Plymouth overlooks to the Woodward Reservoir on Route 100. 5 mi., difficult on account of steep descent in last mile or so.

12 October, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. **at McDonalds on Vt. Route 22A in Fair Haven,**

not at usual meeting place. Leaders: Linda and Phil Smith 265-4493

BLACK MOUNTAIN LOOP, east of Lake George, New York. 7.5 mi. difficult. Spectacular views of Lake George, and the surrounding Adirondacks.

20 October, Sunday, 1 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

HISTORIC PITTSFORD. Tour Pittsford with the help of a leader of the Pittsford Historical Society and see things you never knew were there! 2-3 mi. easy.

26 October, Saturday, Call for details. Leader: Dot Myer 863-2433

ABBY POND AND BUSHWACK TO BEAVER PONDS. Joint hike with Burlington Section 5.5 mi.

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Send Application & Payment to

Roma Pulling, Treasurer

Killington Section - Green Mtn. Club

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\$18.00

\$9 tax deductible

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The Few and the Muddy Sept. 14, 1996 by Herb Ogden, Jr., Leader

The turnout for this work party was disappointingly small, but its accomplishments were not. Killington Section members Herb Ogden, Mark Pettrone, Al Pulling, and Bill Robichaud (listed in order of alphabet, not of accomplishment) were joined by GMC Director of Field Programs Lars Botzjorns and GMC Coolidge Range Caretaker Melissa Smith for a day of work on about a half mile of the Long Trail north of Cooper Lodge. Thanks to the Killington Ski Resort, which again let us use the Killington Chairlift free of charge, we rode up and down in comfort and could spend almost all our time at work rather than traveling to work.

As far as I know, this part of the trail had seen no real drainage work for at least the last ten years, and it showed. What few waterbars we found were totally silted up, and little brooks made the trail a Footbath in the Wilderness. We dug ditches and built rock waterbars to persuade most of these brooks to flow across the trail rather than down it. To build one waterbar, we had to move a huge rock that three men had trouble handling. We also became immersed in our work, hence the title of this article.

Appalachian Trail, Hanover Sept. 28, 1996 by Roma Pulling

A popular conception of a trail is a foot path through a roadless area, and this is often true. But the Appalachian Trail is sometimes blazed along a roadway or even through the center of town. This technique is demonstrated in Hanover, where after crossing the Connecticut River over the bridge connecting it with Norwich, the trail follows West

Wheelock Street up a gradual rise, rounds a corner past the Hanover Inn, parallels North Main Street, turns left on Lebanon Street and finally enters the woods after skirting an athletic field.

We had left Rutland with four other hikers who met us at the park, took a wrong turn when reaching Norwich and executed a complete circle before leaving one car in a turnout on the New Hampshire side of the bridge. We took another car and left it in a parking area at the other end of our route on East Wheelock Street and returned to the bridge to start hiking.

We had hoped to stop for lunch at Velvet Rocks Shelter and turned off on the loop trail supposedly leading there, but after several minutes of fruitless searching we admitted we weren't going to be able to find it and settled down near Ledyard Spring to eat. At this point one hiker had to leave us to keep a commitment.

From the spring the trail ascends very steeply over a knob, crosses ledges and follows a logging road before crossing through a swamp on an elevated path and bridge. The last of our route was a straightaway through a very scenic stand of evergreens.

The weather was cloudy when we left Rutland. A few rays of sun shone through on the drive to our trailhead, but during our hike it was cloudy and threatening. Our luck held, and no rain fell until we were in our cars and headed home. On the wooded part of the trail we met three other hikers.

Deadline for the next issue is January 2. Send to Rob Carey; RR1 Box 340; Wallingford VT 05773.

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**KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
OUTING SCHEDULE, FALL-WINTER 1996-97**

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Sunday 3 November, 1 p.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997
THIRD ANNUAL SENIOR SHUFFLE. 3 mi. easy walk.

Sunday 10 November, 1 p.m. Leader: Bernie Donahue 773-7462
RUTLAND CITY AND ROCKY POND. Tour historic Rutland sites on the way to Rocky Pond in Pine Hill Park. Good views of the Coolidge Range, White Rocks, and a pretty pond. 4 mi. easy.

Saturday 16 November, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Eric Deutschbein 438-0039
NOTE: THIS LEAVES FROM THE McDONALDS ON ROUTE 4 IN FAIR HAVEN, NOT FROM THE USUAL MEETING PLACE IN RUTLAND.
POULTNEY RIVER CANOE TRIP. 4-6 mi. easy paddle. Bring your own (or borrowed) lifejacket. Participants planning to bring their own canoes, please call the Leader by 2 November so we can match canoes with people. You may also call the Leader for possible rental information. Rain date 17 November.

Saturday 23 November, 5:30 p.m. Coordinator: Linda Smith 265-4493
NOTE: MEET AT THE ECONOLODGE- PICO ON ROUTE 4 IN MENDON.
PRE-THANKSGIVING POTLUCK and TRAIL SLIDE SHOW. Bring a salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert and your own utensils. Slide show on Jill Laramie's Appalachian Trail End-to-End will follow the supper.

Saturday 14 December, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
SHOWSHOE HIKE TO PICO CAMP. Hike up the Long Trail from Sherburne Pass to Pico Camp. Includes great view and a sheltered place for lunch. 5 mi. difficult to moderate.

Sunday 12 January, 9 a.m. Leader: Eric Deutschbein 438-0039
EAGLE ROCK, HUBBARDTON. Snowshoe or hike. 5 mi. moderate.

Saturday 18 January, 6 p.m. Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997
MOONLIGHT HIKE TO CLARENDON SHELTER via old road, not the Long Trail. 1.6 mi. easy.

Sunday 26 January, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830
CROSS COUNTRY SKI IN WALLINGFORD. 4-5 mi. moderate.

Saturday 1 February, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
WOODCHUCK EVE CROSS COUNTRY SKI on Bingo Brook Trail in Hancock. 6 mi. easy ski along a wide U. S. Forest Service road with gentle curves and grades.

Saturday 8 February, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
PICO AREA SNOWSHOE TRIP on something other than the Long Trail, but Sue won't say exactly what. 3 mi. moderate.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or
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Irene May Hawley

November 3, 1911 - July 31, 1996

Dedicated homemaker, devoted wife, caring mother, helpful neighbor and kind friend. Irene was all of these, and to us in the Killington Section she was a longtime member, enthusiastic hiker and hard-working volunteer with our Circulation Committee. When she passed away last summer after being ill in the hospital for ten days, she left a void that will be difficult to fill.

Irene is survived by her husband, Ira, also a Killington Section member and leader of many popular hikes; her daughter Lorraine, Killington Section member and Circulation Committee volunteer; a daughter Sharon, an occasional hiker; a son, Norman, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A daughter Lucinda passed away in 1961. Granddaughter Charlene McGill is, along with her husband, Chuck, also a Killington Section member.

We will miss you, Irene. [Editor's note - This obituary was provided by Roma Pulling.]

Please send the articles soon after the hike. **Deadline for the next issue is April 20, 1997.** Many articles were received after the deadline for this issue. Some have been included. The rest will be in the next issue. Please send copy to Rob Carey, RR1 Box 340, Wallingford, VT 05773.

Third Annual Senior Shuffle

November 3, 1996

by Roma Pulling, Leader

For our third senior outing, we chose to walk to Big Branch Shelter in Mount Tabor. The route over the

Long Trail is rough but only 1.2 miles, and we consider it one of the prettier spots in this area.

Nine people and one dog met us at the park at 1 p.m. Driving south on Rt. 7 and picking up FS #10 in Mt. Tabor, we were soon in the Big Branch parking area. As we made our way in a leisurely manner down the trail on this mostly cloudy day, Alfred disappeared and when we reached the shelter, he already had the fire going. With the temperature hovering near freezing, relaxing by the fire seemed like a great idea. But Ray led a few more adventurous souls on an exploratory trip, showing them the foundation of an old water wheel from the days when this area was an active community, and walked as far as the suspension bridge.

When the hikers returned, we were roasting marshmallows over the fire and invited them to join us. Some people hadn't enjoyed a marshmallow roast for a long time, and one gentleman was trying his first toasted marshmallow! Everyone seemed to enjoy the trip.

See you on next year's Senior Shuffle!

Dues are Due

The Killington Section collects dues on a Calendar Year basis. Accordingly, everyone's membership needs to be renewed by sending your 1997 dues to our treasurer Roma Pulling. The membership application is included in this issue.

7th Annual Taconic Mountain Ramble

August 10, 1996

by Kit Davidson, Leader

Well ... turnout for this one proved to be a touch unnerving. We have an old friend who writes a Weekend Events column for the *Rutland Herald*. On August 9 she chose to do a lyric piece about the upcoming Ramble. The result (depending on whose count you took) from 86 to 104 contenders, all eager to conquer the heights.

Not all, it turned out could. But 21 stalwart souls actually finished the whole thing, right the way up to Zion Major. The rest wilted onto the front lawn at widely spaced intervals, receiving succor in the form of wine and cheese.

Anyway, come on out for next year's Ramble. No more big-time publicity anticipated, and so no more mob scenes.

[Editors Note - Either of the above counts give this event the attendance record. The editor believes the previous record was about 50 on a hike Churchill Scott lead to the Bridgewater Gold Mines.]

Herbert G. Ogden Sr.

by Churchill Scott

It is with a great deal of sorrow and sadness we learned of the recent passing of Mr. Ogden Sr. The Killington Section has been indebted to him for many improvement projects beginning in the late 1960's.

First there was the *Carry-In, Carry-Out* policy for shelter dumps and his organization of groups to eliminate the existing dumps. Next he spent many hours making routed trail signs. Later he replaced the entire system of bunks, repaired chimneys and roofs.

Along in the mid 60's our section was a rather loose-knit group but Mr. Ogden worked long and hard to hammer out a set of By-Laws for the

Section, which helped so very much. In addition to all this, along with Herb Ogden Jr., he was able to reopen the Ascutney Trails Association's system of trails plus construct a shelter on the Windsor Trail.

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club wants to express the deepest sympathy to the Herbert G. Ogden family at this time.

Two More Sad Farewells

by Roma Pulling

Ben Rolston and Wilbur Weston were both former Killington Section members and made valuable contributions to section activities during their time here.

Besides his work on our trails, Ben was president of the Main Club, and the editor of the 18th, 19th, and 20th editions of the *Guide Book of the Long Trail*. In recent years he worked summers as ranger at Wilgus State Park in Ascutney and spent his winters in Mission, Texas. He passed away recently at his Texas home.

Several locations on the trail provide reminders of Ben; Rolston Rest Shelter, built by the Long Trail Patrol in 1966, is a little over 5 miles north of Rt. 4 in Sherburne. Ben's Balcony is a lookout just north of Sherburne Pass on the Appalachian Trail. And a favorite swimming hole in Mt. Tabor has for years been known as Ben's Bath Tub.

"Wes" Weston was a leader of popular hikes and an energetic worker on our trails and shelters. In his later years he lived in North Carolina and died there last fall. He had not been a KS member recently, but kept in touch with friends in this area.

In leaving the Rutland area, each of these men left a void not easily filled.

Section Directors Meet Jan. 9, 1997**by Herb Ogden Jr., President**

This is compiled from minutes by Acting Secretary Sue Thomas and from my notes. It's not official, but I think it's accurate.

Section Directors Ray Catozzi, Herb Ogden, Roma Pulling, Linda Smith, Phil Smith and Sue Thomas met at the Ogden home from 7:30 until 9:45 p.m. Directors Sue Carey and Ruth Gibbud missed the meeting because of conflicting appointments, and Secretary Jean Davies missed it because of illness. GMC Director of Field Programs Lars Botzjorns attended most of the meeting at Herb's invitation.

Minutes of the 4 June Directors Meeting were approved.

The Section brochure that Sue Thomas and Jean Davies are preparing will be distributed to chambers of commerce, sporting stores, the U.S. Forest Service, libraries, motels, the Godnick Senior Center, and the Diamond Run Mall, among others. It will be sent to those inquiring about membership or joining for the first time. Copies will be kept with the hike register to give to those interested in joining. Sue Thomas will get prices for printing. Orders will be at the discretion of Treasurer Roma Pulling.

Sue and Jean are also preparing suggestions for hike leaders, since the last minutes said they were. (Herb was really supposed to do this but gladly yielded.)

As Trails and Shelters Co-Chair, Herb will see that shields are bought for all saws and axes, as well as two more first aid kits. The latter are primarily for work parties.

Herb called the U.S. Forest Service about moving the outing meeting place to its parking lot on North Main Street in Rutland, but got no answer. He will try again.

Jean and Phil have made no progress on setting up programs at the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library.

Phil reported on the meetings of GMC Directors, where he represents the Section, and on a \$80,000 donation to the GMC from a donor whose name, but not motivation, are known to the GMC.

Directors discussed the GMC Membership Committee's proposal for uniform dues, which will probably have been voted on by the time these minutes are published in *Smoke & Blazes*. Directors again voted to oppose uniform dues, preferring lower dues for Section members than for At-Large. Directors also voted unanimously in favor of adding to the GMC Bylaws a provision that gave a substantial discount to members over 65 years old. (At-Large members can receive a senior discount, but the Directors could change this any time because it is not in the Bylaws.)

Lars Botzjorns described possible trail and shelter changes. Unless an exception is made to easement standards (it sometimes can be), the Bucklin Trail will have to be moved, at least where it is the same route as a logging road. Directors preferred to keep it where it is. Lars's present preference is to follow precisely or roughly the route of the Killington Carriage Road once it reaches the ridge south of Brewers Brook. Question is how to get there from Brewers Corners while staying on state land. Herb said the original proposal of slabbing that ridge was impractical because of numerous seeps and urged Directors to scout around.

Pico Camp will have to be demolished or moved because the Killington-Pico Interconnect ski trail is to go where it is. State law prohibits an overnight site in the Rutland City watershed. Killington's new management is open to using a helicopter to move it or contributing to build a replacement, as Herb found out at a recent meeting between the U.S. Forest Service, Vermont Dept. of Forest Parks & Recreation, American Skiing Co. (Killington and Pico), GMC, and Appalachian Trail Conference.

Directors voted to move Pico Camp to the southwest, just outside the city watershed.

The cow pasture south of the Lottery Road needs a gate. Herb will see if Jerry Parker will handle this.

Directors approved the GMC's trying to get permission to put a gate on the Governor Clement Road at the second brook crossing.

Directors voted to disclaim any responsibility of the Section for Tucker-Johnson Shelter. It is not on the part of the Long Trail we maintain. The old Tucker Lodge, south of Willard Gap, was on the LT as long as the LT went west of Deer Leap Mountain, and the Section used to maintain the LT as far north as Willard Gap. That is probably why we have maintained Tucker-Johnson until now.

Lars Botzjorns passed along a GMC request that the Section increase its present \$500 per year contribution to support the Coolidge Range Caretaker. Because the GMC's Business Manager left on fairly short notice, the GMC has not billed the Section for the 1996 contribution yet. After some discussion, Directors voted to contribute a total of \$1,000 in 1997 (\$500 for 1996 when the bill arrives, and \$500 for 1997), to the extent this can be done with income from the Kirk Fund.

Lars described the process by which the U.S. Forest Service is revising the Forest Plan and collected Directors' suggestions for elements to keep or improve.

Ray reported he had visited Mary Perkins, who is 93, at Eden Park Nursing Home. She is no longer a Section member. Directors voted unanimously to grant her an honorary life membership in the Section.

Letter from Herb Ogden to Section Presidents

12 January 1997

Dear GMC member:

I am sending you this because you appear on the last list of Directors, Section Presidents, and Executive Committee that I received from Waterbury Center. Unfortunately, it appears to be a little outdated. If you no longer hold one of the above positions, could you please pass this on to whoever replaced you, so that person can read it before the Directors' Meeting on 18 January?

This letter has three purposes. First, to tell you the Killington Section continues to support a two-tier dues structure: one level of dues (At-Large) for those members who do not want to assume the obligation to do some sort of work for the GMC, and a significantly lower level of dues (Section) for those who do. See my enclosed memo on Organizational Review and Len Carpenter's enclosed 26 November 1996 memo on dues. At a meeting last week, the Killington Section's Board of Directors therefore continued to oppose the proposal to establish uniform dues. We hope you will join us in opposing the proposal. We hope you join in continuing a membership structure that has worked well for almost ninety years, fostering autonomy and initiative among groups of GMC members who do not require constant oversight by professional trail managers.

The second purpose of this letter is to make you aware of how the central GMC leadership has wittingly or unwittingly hindered the Sections' legitimate effort to gain members. Please see my enclosed 19 August 1996 letter to President Paul Hannan -- to which I have received no written response. (When I reminded him of this at a meeting, he did say I had a point but there was no conspiracy.) Furthermore, I have heard from at least three new GMC members who live around here that, when they told the Waterbury Center

staffer who answered the phone that they wanted to join a local group if there was one, they were given no information. One of them did manage to get signed up for the Killington Section, but only after specifically identifying it and insisting on being signed up for it rather than for At-Large membership. Of course, At-Large members yield much more revenue for Waterbury Center than Section members do, but this is no excuse for Waterbury Center to discourage people from joining Sections.

The third purpose of this letter is to suggest adoption of a By-Law that would guarantee a discount for members over age 65 and under age 18. Particularly if uniform dues are imposed at the level in the Membership Committee's motion, the burden of the increase will fall especially hard on these age groups because they usually have low or fixed incomes. Like others, the Killington Section has a number of elderly members who have devoted hundreds of hours to Green Mountain Club work. Now some of them can do little or nothing to help out any more, but they would like to receive GMC publications and continue the Club affiliation they have enjoyed for years. By a unanimous vote of its Board of Directors last week, the Killington Section endorsed the senior discount.

This issue is particularly important if uniform dues are imposed. So far, the Killington Section has been able to protect senior and junior members by limiting their dues to \$12 and \$6 respectively. By comparison, regular individual dues are \$18. (The Membership Committee's \$21 figure is wrong.) Our Section has subsidized junior and senior members, for good reason. Especially if you vote to abolish our ability to protect these members, we hope you will at least vote to change the By-Laws to give them lasting protection and show the GMC recognizes economic reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pico on Snowshoes (Mostly) Dec. 14, 1996 by Herb Ogden, Leader

This was a beautiful snowshoe hike on a day of rotten weather. How do I explain that? Easy: the weather was rotten (cold and drizzly) only below Sherburne Pass. Above it, light snow was falling. The trees shone with an old coat of ice, on top of which a dusting of new snow had fallen. The woods were beautiful, and, once we left Sherburne Pass, the only sound was the swish of snowflakes. The only fresh wild animal tracks we saw came from one partridge, though we startled another up near Pico Camp. The camp was in good shape, though listing somewhat to the east. We'll have to fix that, and clear the one sizable blowdown north of the Sinkhole, next spring, assuming the Pico-Killington fusion spares those parts of the trail.

We were amazed to encounter three people hiking up the LT with snowboards to get on the Pico ski run at Pico Junction. Because Pico was closed, they had the place to themselves, except for two others we met with a sort of roll-up toboggan, also headed for the same launching place.

Why did I say this hike was mostly on snowshoes? Two reasons: first, there wasn't enough snow for the first mile or so to warrant putting them on, especially since a lone skier had broken a trail. Second, fully half the participants in this outing had trouble keeping their new high-tech bindings on their boots. That wasn't such a catastrophe, though, since the total outing roster numbered two -- the same as on my last snowshoe outing up Pico. Where were the rest of you on this beautiful day?

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MT. CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

2/14/97
Pde
I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), benefits of membership such as reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues and efforts help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES*

Adult \$18.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)

Family \$24.00 (\$15 tax-ded.)

Individual (under 18) \$ 6.00 (tax-deductible)

Senior (65 & Over) \$12.00 (\$9 tax-deductible)

Life Member of

Killington Sec. \$400.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I would also like to make a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

*The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roma Pulling, Treasurer

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

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KILLINGTON SECTION - GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
OUTING SCHEDULE, FALL-WINTER 1996-97

Trips leave from Main Street Park south of the Rutland City Fire Station, at the time shown. Please bring **lunch** unless noted, wear **sturdy water-resistant** footgear, dress for **weather changes**, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense. **Non-members are welcome!**

Sunday 16 February, 9:30 a.m. Leader: Eric Deutschbein 438-0039

PITTSFIELD OR ROCHESTER. Snowshoe or hike 4-6 mi. moderate, depending on conditions.

Saturday 22 February, 10 a.m. Leader: Gordon Cawood 352-4310

NOTE: MEET AT PRICE CHOPPER IN WEST RUTLAND, just east of Vt. 133 intersection.

GRANDPA'S KNOB, CASTLETON. JOINT HIKE WITH MIDDLEBURY SECTION. Easy to moderate 4 mi. snowshoe or hike to a grand vista, site of a huge wind power generator in the 1940s. A little wait in West Rutland may be necessary, as we're joining a group coming from Middlebury.

Saturday 1 March, 10:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

MT. INDEPENDENCE, ORWELL. Ski tour if snow cover permits; otherwise a hike. 3-4 mi. easy to moderate, passing numerous historic sites at this large Revolutionary War fort across from Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain.

Sunday 9 March, 1 p.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

GLEN DAM, RUTLAND TOWN. 2 mi. easy ski, snowshoe, or walk if snow not deep. Pretty route along a brook to Glen Dam. This is an after-lunch trip, but there may be hot refreshments afterward.

Saturday 15 March - Sunday 16 March. Leader: Sue Carey 446-2830

SPRUCE SHELTER OVERNIGHT. Spruce Shelter is in the Merck Forest in Rupert, in the Taconic Range. It is primitive but has a good view and a stove; registration fee is \$5. 1.4 mi. moderate hike to reach the shelter. Call the leader for details.

Saturday 23 March, 1 p.m. Leader: Jean Davies 483-6623

HISTORIC PITTSFORD. Tour Pittsford with the help of a leader of the Pittsford Historical Society and see things you never knew were there! 2-3 mi. easy. *Start 1:20 at PAS*

Saturday 29 March, 8:30 a.m. Leader: Karen Cartier (H) 773-3509, (W) 775-8800

MOUNT ASCUTNEY VIA BROWNSVILLE AND WINDSOR TRAILS. 5.9 mi. difficult. Climb Vermont's premier monadnock via the Ascutney Trails Association's Brownsville Trail, passing the Norcross Quarry and several lookouts. Descend from the Stone Hut Site on the 140 year old Windsor Trail, once passable by wheeled vehicles and an inspiration for the Long Trail. Bring snowshoes for at least the top part; snow does not usually melt all the way until mid-May!

Thursday 3 April, 7:30 p.m. Committee Chair: Linda Smith 265-4493

OUTINGS SCHEDULING MEETING at Sue Thomas's house (773-2185), 27 Clinton Avenue, Rutland (first street to the east (right) after Temple Street when going north on North Main Street (US 7). Come help plan the schedule for the next three months, or call in your suggestions to the Chair beforehand. Anyone interested can join the Outings Committee.

Saturday 5 April, 10 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

WHEELERVILLE AREA, MENDON. Depending on what stage of mud season we are in, this may be a walk on present and past roads, including visits to some cellarholes and a forgotten cemetery. 6 mi. moderate.

Saturday 12 April, 5:30 p.m. Coordinator: Linda Smith 265-4493

NOTE: MEET AT THE ECONOLODGE- PICO ON ROUTE 4 IN MENDON.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION preceded by **POTLUCK** and followed by **SLIDE SHOW ON HIKING IN SWITZERLAND**, by Ray Catozzi. Bring a salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert and your own utensils. Annual meeting topics will include moving the Long Trail west of Pico Peak, moving Pico Camp to avoid the Pico-Killington Interconnect, changes in dues, and possibly hosting an event in the James P. Taylor Series as a few other Sections have done.

Sunday 20 April, 1 p.m. Leader: Walter Churchill Scott 775-1494

LAKE NINEVAH, MT. HOLLY. Old road to a pretty place. 3 mi. moderate.

Sunday 27 April, 9 a.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208

AIRPLANE WRECK NEAR BRISTOL NOTCH. 6 mi. moderate, about half bushwhacking.

Saturday 3 May, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

FLOWER HIKE. 2-3 mi. easy. Location depends on how the season advances.

Sunday 4 May, 10 a.m. Leader: Larry Walter 773-2014

BICYCLE EXCURSION on the east fringe of the Taconics, leaving by the Whipple Hollow Road in West Rutland and returning by the West Proctor Road. 15-20 mi. moderate.

✓ Saturday 10 May, 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Phil and Linda Smith 265-4493

NOTE: THIS LEAVES FROM THE McDONALDS ON ROUTE 4 IN FAIR HAVEN, NOT FROM THE USUAL MEETING PLACE IN RUTLAND.

PILOT KNOB on Lake George, New York. 3 mi. moderate.

Saturday 17 May, 10 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185

HAMILTON FALLS, JAMAICA. Visit spectacular high falls, then probably an old cemetery and maybe Ball Mountain Dam. Bring food for a cookout. 2 mi. easy.

Saturday 24 May, 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden (H) 775-1350, (W) 775-3368

LOWLAND WALK-THROUGH, WALLINGFORD AND SHREWSBURY. Check and do light maintenance on various parts of the Long Trail assigned to the Killington Section, from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) to the Governor Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. We need people to note trail conditions, paint blazes, clean out shelters, clear brush and blowdowns, clean out waterbars, and more. Something for everyone! Tools and instruction provided. If you don't choose to take this occasion to earn the discount you receive for Section membership, just come along for the hike.

For more information about activities and membership, please contact hike leaders or

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Killington Section Annual Meeting

April 27, 1997

by Jean Davies, Secretary

President Herb Ogden opened the meeting after the potluck supper. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. m/s/p Ray Catozzi/Al Pulling.

Roma Pulling, treasurer, passed out a printout. She had to take \$200 from savings to pay the Main Club assessment, and took money from the CD to beef up the savings. She explained the Kirk Fund, a \$10,000 Trust set up by Dorothy Kirk in memory of her husband. The interest from it can be used for trail maintenance. The report was accepted, and Roma was applauded for her fine work for six years as treasurer.

Rob Carey still would like hike leaders to get their articles in promptly for Smoke & Blazes, right after hikes- even if they didn't go for some reason. It is especially important to get the news out before the date of the first hike of a new hike schedule. Any reports sent to Rob on diskette are appreciated. Rob's work on the Smoke & Blazes was applauded. Herb said that our newsletter was one of the best among the Sections.

Herb Ogden gave the trails report. He claimed that Jerry Parker did most of the physical work while Herb did paper work. The Pico shelter needs jacking up. Trail re-locations near it are unsettled, making the future of this shelter uncertain, but jacking it up seems a logical temporary step. A gate is needed on the trail to Clarendon Shelter. This shelter is on land that does not belong to the government, and therefore it may need to be moved eventually. It is approximately 1/10th of a mile off.

All Pulling wondered if there was any chance of buying the land. Herb planned to investigate that.

The GMC Section President's meeting is scheduled for Saturday. Herb called for interested persons who might like to go with him.

The GMC Annual Meeting in Wallingford went well, thanks to the work of Rob and Sue Carey and Sue Thomas.

Bernie Donahue puts the hike notices in the Rutland Herald.

Old Business:

Motion - Members of the Killington Section express their dismay at the adoption of the uniform dues policy (i.e. Section elimination policy). We ask the GMC Board of Directors reconsider that policy. We view the continuation of vibrant Sections as questionable under the current policy. m/s/p Rob Carey/Al Pulling.

Main Club proposed dues are \$27 for adults; \$35 for families. A \$7 discount is available to some. It was noted by Herb that the other Sections voted approximately 2 to 1 against Killington's stand on this in the past. We keep more money under the new dues system than in the past setup. [Our existing dues were set to operate at a slight loss in order to preserve the existing membership - Ed]

Elections to the Board of Directors

Linda Smith by Sue Thomas/ Al Pulling
Phil Smith by Sue Thomas/ Ray Catozzi
Al Pulling by Ray Catozzi/ Rob Carey

Motion - The Secretary cast one ballot for the slate
m/s/p Ray Catozzi/ Rob Carey

Directors Meeting The question of who might be treasurer arose, since Roma's term is up. Al Pulling was nominated as interim treasurer until Herb can find out if Wally Rogers or Jake Sherman might serve. m/s/p Jean Davies/ Sue Thomas

Herb Ogden- President by Sue Thomas/ Al Pulling
Phil Smith - Vice-President by Sue Thomas/ Al Pulling

Jean Davies - Secretary by Al Pulling/ Ray Catozzi.
The secretary cast one ballot for the slate. m/s/p

Phil Smith will remain as director to the main club.
Al Pulling elected alternate (Sue Thomas/Ray Catozzi m/s/p)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM and was followed by a fine slide/talk show on Switzerland by Ray Catozzi.

Glen Dam March 9, 1997 by Ray Catozzi, Leader

This was a short afternoon walk from Churchill Scott's house on Chasanna Drive in Rutland Town; up a snow packed road to CVPS's Glen Dam. About 12 or so showed up and we left our cars at the Scott's front yard. Three put on their cross-country skis and skied up the road.

It's only a mile or less to the dam so we voted to continue walking up past the ice covered pond even though the snow wasn't packed down very well. We managed another 1/2 mile or so and then opted to turn back. The three skiers decided to go further on, and they didn't come back to the Scott house until an hour or so after the walkers returned.

We had scheduled a wine and cheese party after hiking, but a few canceled that and went home. Even one of the skiers went home after returning. I'm mentioning the split up of our total number, to remind those who went home early what they

missed. Something I had not seen or hear happening after any of our hikes in all the many years I've been hiking with the Section. Oh yes the wine, my homemade elderberry, plus other drinks and loads of different snacks was wonderful. But when a lull took place in the conversation, Bernie Donahue told a joke. Which one I don't remember, because he's got so many to tell, but after his joke, someone else threw in a joke, then another, then another. Out of the 8 or 9 who were present, only 2 or 3 kept quiet and just listened and laughed. Around and around the group we went for about an hour and a half. It was hilarious, and many who were there probably hadn't had such an after hike time in their whole lives, like me.

Michigan March February 16, 1997 by Eric Dietschbein, Leader

Our snowshoe hike did not send us all the way to Michigan, of course, but rather we went to Michigan Road in Pittsfield. The first part of the hike was along the road, which was packed down pretty well and hardly required snowshoes. Myself, Jerry, Sue and Pat were accompanied by Connie Youngstrom, a friend of Sue's. We met a skier right at the start, and though the road was packed, hers were the only legible tracks. I was surprised not to see fresh snowmobile tracks, and within the first mile we did see two snowmobiles coming up towards us.

We chose to continue on the main road, and since I had no planned route we took our first available right turn, which was close by an old stone foundation we wanted to inspect anyway.

We proceeded to wander up a long ridge line, finding the snow to be very soft and the going difficult in spots, while in other places we stayed up on top easily. We found many animal tracks after leaving the main road, including a lot of moose prints and even some chewed trees. Mount Carmel loomed large on our left, until we reached the end of the log trail we were on and headed off to our right (north and east) through the woods.

After a short lunch stop (it was rather cold, and when the wind kicked up a little, it was time to go), we continued on through the woods a ways, until we came upon a logging trail headed back down. We came out on our own track, not far from where we had turned off the main road. Other snowmobiles had traversed the road by this time and the trail was even more packed down, but we kept our snowshoes on for the trip back.

We saw an unusual sight on our way back. A man was walking his dog, who it seemed was pulling a sled of some type. When they got closer, we saw that the dog was paralyzed in the hindquarter, and his master had rigged up a harness to support her pack end. The mechanism had wheels on it, but he had added a small pair of skis beneath them, and his dog was motoring around quite well with its front legs. Such obvious devotion was truly heartwarming, and made for a happy end to a good outing.

Excursion to Eagle Rock

by Eric Dietschbein, Leader

A beautiful day for a hike, it was - seeing as how there was not enough snow cover to justify snowshoes. We had a good size group, including several non-members. As I have a horrible memory, and Jerry had to take the register when we were done, I cannot give names except for the regulars; Jerry, Mary Ellen, Sue Thomas, and myself and Frank.

We parked at the "end" of Ganson Hill Rd. and began our hike along the old road. After 1/2 mile, we veered left and crossed 2 hayfields, spooking two deer (only Jerry got a good look) and then entering the woods. The ground was fully covered with snow but there was an icy glaze almost everywhere. We followed log trails for less than a mile, then cut through some dense upland bog (frozen over) to come out on the ridge above Eagle Rock.

The rocks here were very icy and we were unable to climb down as I had expected, but we worked our way along until we were able to descend the short distance and avail ourselves of the fine view off

Eagle Rock. After obligatory picture taking, we began a hazardous, but first descent of the steep slopes toward Rt. 30. To my surprise, no one whined or complained about this route, which can be tricky even in best conditions. I'm sure there were privately held reservations concerning my sanity, but everyone maintained great humor.

We found the normally active brook and waterfalls at the base of the slope to be frozen over and not as spectacular as usual. We returned the 1.5 to 2 miles back to our vehicles via the farm trails that used to be a through road between Rt. 30 and Monument Hill Rd., finding a ramshackle cabin and a couple of old wrecked autos along the way. We paused only briefly in all our travels, as we (I) wanted to see the football conference championship games. Many thanks to those who attended

Bingo Brook Trail February 1, 1997

by Herb Ogden, Leader

Four Killington Section stalwarts met in Rutland on this fairly inviting Woodchuck Eve. Up in Bingo, we were joined by two more GMCers. Except for the lone snowshoer, we skied all the way or almost all the way to the end of the Forest Service road that follows Bingo Brook from Rochester up into Hancock, aiming vaguely at Romance Gap until it ends at a big turnaround just south of the brook.

Bingo is or was a neighborhood of the Town of Rochester, northwest of the hamlet of Robinson on the Brandon Gap Road. There was once a Bingo School (we passed it) and a Bingo Cemetery (we almost passed it too but were too tuckered out to explore on the way back). Does anyone know the origin of the name?

We parked at the last house, where the Pine Bend Brook Trail comes across a bridge from the north. We followed easy grades on the wide USFS road. Soon, we noticed the tracks of some at least medium-sized animal that seemed to have checked out the inside of every culvert on the road. We saw no four-footed wildlife, but we heard red squirrels scolding in the pines, and we were treated to a va-

riety of bird songs. By afternoon, when the temperature had risen to well over freezing, we also saw some tiny flies winging over the snow.

The snow started off great but turned into a problem. As the temperature rose, the snow became amazingly wet — great for snowmen but bad for skiing. The people with the waxless skis had the worst of it, but even those with waxables had trouble finding the right wax. Some had trouble by the time we passed the upper end of the Pine Bend Brook Trail. By the time we climbed past the last old house foundation, high over Bingo Brook, everyone was having trouble. For the last third of a mile or so, while the Leader kept assuring people that they were almost to the point where one might begin to say that they were nearly on the last stretch, and kept making other hopeful noises, we struggled mightily with wet snow that sank a foot under our skis and stuck to the bottoms and even the tops of the skis, making them very heavy. The wet snow plagued us on the way down, too, though, curiously, it sometimes seemed drier as we descended. The combination of the snow, the elevation, and the weather did strange things that day.

There were inviting side trails to the south and north. We already took one of them, the Pine Bend Brook Trail, a few years ago. Maybe next time we'll try the one that goes over the ridge to the West Hill Road -- if the snow is not like cement!

**KNOW A TRAIL THAT SHOULD -- OR
SHOULDN'T -- BE IN THE DAY HIKER'S GUIDE
TO VERMONT?** by Herb Ogden

The Green Mountain Club is preparing a new edition of this popular guide to trails that are not part of the Long Trail System. It should include hiking trails, nature trails, recreation paths, and any ski trails that make pleasant walking. It should NOT include any trail that cannot reliably be followed even with a guidebook, nor any trail where trailhead parking or something else will cause a problem with the landowner.

If you want to recommend a trail for inclusion or exclusion, or if you are willing to check out or measure a trail, please contact the GMC's Managing Editor, Sylvia Plumb, at the main office, RR 1, Box 650, Waterbury Center VT 05677; telephone 244-7037; gmcsylva@sover.net.

Wheelerville Area April 5, 1997

by Herb Ogden, Leader

Spring had finally come when we had this somewhat muddy excursion in the hinterlands of Mendon. One of the thirteen hikers even wore shorts! We drove as far as the snowplow turnaround at the girl scout camp site on the Tamarack Notch Road, then continued east. Soon an old road branched downhill to the right. It used to lead to the north-south road from McLaughlin Falls in Mendon to the Brown Covered Bridge in Shrewsbury. We continued on a road that is passable in summer, leading to a four corners at a two-grave cemetery. Sue Thomas made a snow rabbit there, complete with pine needles for whiskers. It was, of course, a Snow Bunny.

From the four corners, we headed north on the old town road to McLaughlin Falls, unfortunately widened just recently for logging. Soon, on the right, we passed the cellarhole of what was the P. Quirk farm according to the 1969 Beers Atlas of Rutland County. Farther uphill, about 300' off in the woods and at the edge of a steep slope, was a smaller cellarhole. The house was also in the Beers Atlas but, unlike Quirk's, had apparently fallen down by the time the 1891 U.S.G.S. map was made. Near the crest were the remains of a farmhouse that had apparently fallen down even before 1869. We saw no wildlife bigger than a chipmunk, but did notice some melted moose tracks on the old road. Thoughts of melted mousse led to the noon break. We lunched on a stone wall in the sun, with a nice view of the back side of East Mountain. There also, we were joined by two hikers who had looked in vain for us at the part of Main Street Park that has the bandstand. They then set out to track us, and

succeeded thanks to the Snow Bunny and muddy footprints leading north from it.

Heading downhill, we passed yet another cellarhole before hearing the roar of McLaughlin Falls. This icy spectacle was just before the old road joined the Wheelerville Road. We returned along the Wheelerville Road, pausing to inspect the old cemetery and another cellarhole. This was a fine spring walk.

The Icebreakers (Poultney River Canoe Trip) November 16, 1997
by Eric Deutschbein, Leader

They said it couldn't be done - and it almost wasn't. Despite a clear, sunny day, low temperatures over previous days had covered much of the river with ice. Indeed, Frank and I found our intended exit point completely iced over, which shortened our trip by over a mile. But such intrepid adventurers are not so easily thwarted. Sue Carey and son Seth, both sporting exceptionally fashionable hats, led most of the way. Myself and Mary Ellen, who by the way drove from Massachusetts at 5:00 am (locals, for shame!) followed and Frank, in a solo canoe, paddled ceaselessly to keep apace.

We had to plow through a lot of ice, perhaps 10% of our approximately 4 mile paddle. This was actually a great deal of fun, with only one spot having ice thick enough to slow us down seriously. Indeed, Seth made sure his canoe went through as much ice as possible, he and Sue often crossing the river to break up as much ice as possible.

We did see a blue heron as well as several ducks. Otter slides were also evident on the river banks, although the otters themselves declined to make an appearance.

The only problem with the trip was the failure of the trip leader's Jeep to start at the end. As it is a Jeep, this is hardly surprising, and in truth the vehicle is still not running, though it did start the next day and travel almost a full five miles before the ignition module completely melted down.

All Participants were insistent that future canoe or tubing trips be planned next summer, and you can be sure that they will be (if my Jeep is running by then!)

Grandpa Knob February 22, 1997
by Gordon & Helen Cawood, Leaders

This was a joint Bread Loaf/Killington Sections hike. Due to the weird weather, we did not expect the hike to happen. Two weather reports said it was raining that morning. However, those of us who look out windows could see patches of blue sky amongst skittering clouds. We got no calls from Bread Loafers. But, we went to West Rutland on the off-chance that some Killington members might show up. Five did, probable because they had less travel time and could make up their minds later.

The hike started at the gate to the service road at the end of the northern spur off the Belgo road. The service road was icy, but passable without snowshoes or crampons. The summit had been blown clear of snow. We stopped briefly for the views, and to examine the foundation of the 1940's wind generator. Although warm, it was too windy to stay for lunch. We lunched in the shelter of trees near the "funny rocks." These rocks are geological oddities, the crowns shaped by normal weathering, while their bases were undercut by running glacial ice melt. The weather held until the trip down, when a brief thunderstorm urged us along with rain and hailstones. Landowner permission from Beth Friese, 468-2466 in summer, 864-5264 in winter.

Please send the articles soon after the hike.
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Saturday 31 May 9:00 a.m. Leader: Karen Cartier 773-3509(hm) 775-8800(wk)
Long Trail to Little Rock Pond to Green Mtn. Trail - 6.6 miles moderate. Hoping to see wild flowers.

Sunday 1 June: 10:00 a.m. Leader: Rick Pingree 773-8767
Granite Quarry - Cuttingsville 2 miles moderate/

Saturday 7 June: 9:00 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
Highland Walk-Through - Covering L.T. from Sherburn Pass(US 4) to Gov. Clement Shelter. Something for everyone: prune brush, whack weeds, clean out waterbars, paint blazes, saw blowdowns, or just come along for spring hike. 3-6 miles, tools and instructions provided.

Saturday 14 June: GMC Annual Meeting

Saturday 14 June: ~~Contact leader for details~~ 9:00 AM Leader: Ruth Gibbid 747-0732

~~Sunday 15 June:~~ **Canoe Trip on Otter Creek** - Bring own canoe, paddles, pfd, lunch.

Saturday 21 June: Leader: Mar Harrison 352-1074
Joint hike with Breadloaf Section - Upper Cold River Road to Shrewsbury Peak, 8 miles moderate. Call for time and meeting place.

Saturday 28 June: 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006
New England's Largest Glacial Boulder - Near Whitingham Vt. a long drive but a short easy hike to see a really large rock!!!! Bring your camera Rain date June 29.

Sunday 6 July: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208
Mystery Hike - A short easy hike about 2 miles, bring the kids.

Saturday 12 July: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982
Eight Annual Taconic Mountains Ramble - Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with view north, south, east, and west, a Japanese garden, and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2 to 5 miles easy to moderate; walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. No lunch. Rain date is July 13; call the leader if in doubt.

Sunday 13 July: 10:00 a.m. Leader: Dave Hardy
Clarendon Gorge Bridge work party - Help out with yearly maintenance of the suspension bridge spanning the Mill River. Tools provided.

Saturday 19 July: 8:30 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
Old Job Trail to Griffith Lake and Baker Peak - A long hike with great view and a beautiful mountain lake. 7-8 miles difficult, rain date Sunday July 20.

Saturday 26 July: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson 273-2982

Third Annual Falls of Lana Ramble - Salisbury and Leicester. One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. 3 miles moderate. Good family excursion. Walk to Silver Lake optional; swimming there or in Lake Dunmore possible afterward. Rain date July 27; call the leader if in doubt.

Saturday 2 August:

Leader: Eric Deutschbein 885-4641

Canoe West River to Brattleboro - Call leader for time and meeting place.

Thursday 7 August: 7:00 p.m.

Schedule meeting at Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sunday 10 August: 1:00 p.m. Leader: Churchill Scott 775-1494

Killington Section Hike - 3 miles moderate; walking to Styles Cemetery in the Ira area. There is a marker for a revolutionary soldier among other stones of the eighteenth century.

Saturday 16 August: See times below Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

White Rocks Scramble 1:00 p.m. - Come with your fearless leader while he climbs the white rocks talus slope for the fourth time. 4 to 5 miles steep, rocky and difficult, but if he can do it again, you can do it at least once. Return down Keewaydin Trail to picnic area to join those coming down (see below) for a fireless picnic supper on Little Rock Lookout.

Fireless Picnic Supper 4:00 p.m. - Leader: Bernie Donahue; meeting at park to join the White Rocks Scramble group at Little Rock Lookout. Rain date August 17.

Saturday 23 August: 9:00 a.m. Leader: Dave Hardy

Map and Compass Trek - Help the GMC explore and map out a new location for the Bucklin Trail, from Brewers Corners to Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak. 8 to 9 miles difficult, bushwhack.

Sunday 31 August: 9:30 a.m. Leader: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

Forest Service Rd. 30 to Lost Pond Shelter and Return - 5 miles easy to moderate.

Saturday 6 September

Leader: Dave Hardy

Bear Mountain Bushwhack - Use maps and compass to explore a LT/AT relocation near Wallingford. Moderate bushwhack, mileage uncertain. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at junction Rts 7 and 140 center of Wallingford.

Saturday 13 September 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-3006

Mystery Hike - ^{in Taconics} ~~Easy to~~ moderate; ^{To Diff.} some bushwhacking; great view from the top. Rain date September 14. **5 Miles Round Trip**



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Lake Ninevah

by Churchill Scott, Leader

Just a few days after one of the largest snowstorms of the season a group of 11 hikers visited the grave of Vermont's "Unknown Soldier". Due to the snow the leader had doubts about going up to Mount Holly and Lake Ninevah, but Parker and other 4-wheel drivers said "No problem", so we went. Walking conditions were very good and everyone enjoyed the short hike.

The early account of the area tells of two colonial soldiers returning home stopping at a nearby spring where one of them had a fatal heart attack. His companion buried him on a nearby knoll and no record was kept.

In the early 1900's a group of Boy Scouts and leaders excavated the site and found this tale true. Around 1994 the Vermont Legislature passed a bill naming this spot Vermont's "Unknown Soldiers Grave".

PS - The leader would like to apologize to Charlie Edger for not being more certain as to the destination of this hike. I did have cold feet about the area but was finally told we could make it

Hamilton Falls, Jamaica

by Sue Thomas, Leader

The club's old enameled coffee pot got some exercise at the state park campground, where we began our trip with a cook-out. It was a chilly spring day, so hot chocolate was just the thing, and hot dogs are at their best cooked over a campfire. Once stuffed, we walked along the river to the base of the Hamilton Falls trail. Along the way we spotted eider ducks and got a demonstration of skillful white water kayaking, and found many wildflowers, including a "quadrillium" (Hopefully this had nothing to do with proximity to a nuclear power plant or superfund site. No eight legged frogs were sighted.)

Spring run-off made the falls spectacular, we climbed up to the top where there's an interesting series of pot holes, smoothed out by the running water.

Everyone opted then to hike on to Ball Mountain Dam, where we climbed up the gravel side to the top, expecting to see a lake on the other side. Unfortunately the lake had not had time to refill after the most recent release, so our view was of mud flats. Turkey vultures were making good use of it though, snapping up stranded fish. We saw several soaring by at our eyelevel which was great, made the climb worthwhile.

On the way back we unfortunately managed to dunk one of the kids in the frigid river. He was an awfully good sport about it and had recovered by the time we reached Rutland. Thanks to Eric, who crossed back over the river to retrieve a lost pack, and to Carol who came down from Burlington for the hike and identified warblers for us.

Please send the articles soon after the hike.

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Spring Wildflower Wade

by Sue Thomas

The weather for our annual spring wildflower walk was to say the least, uninspiring! I was amazed to find a good sized group assembled at the park, decked out in slickers and rainpants and ready to brave the elements.

It had taken me several scouting missions to find any wildflowers at all, it being an unusually cold, wet spring. We started out from Inman Pond in Fair Haven, here I'd seen large stands of hepatica in many colors just the day before. This day however, they had wisely folded themselves up to wait out the rain, proving once and for all that plants are smarter than hikers! We did find lots of trailing arbutus though, fragrant flowers and larger and more abundant than usual. We found a fairly good variety of flowers all in all - trillium, wild ginger, saxifrage, coltsfoot, Solomon's seal, spring beauties and violets among them, and were able to get in out of the rain for lunch at a very chic establishment - namely inside an abandoned tractor trailer. Somewhat lacking in atmosphere, but dry!

The question of the day was, where were we? We studied maps of the area and I have since spoken to several people we live around there. No one can figure out what lake our cozy lunch spot overlooked. A mystery ...

Otter Creek Canoe Trip

by Ruth Gibbud, Leader

On a sunny June day with just enough breeze to chase the black flies away, twelve intrepid boaters gathered to explore the northern reaches of the Otter Creek, between West Salisbury and Middlebury. These included five canoes, one with a fisherman, and two kayaks, skittering about visiting and encouraging those in the larger boats. There was a bit of racing on the smooth water, a luscious picnic lunch by the bridge and an unexpected dip in the river by two of the party; they dried quickly in the sun. At the pull-out, all agreed we should do it again.

Old Job Trail to Baker Peak

by Sue Thomas, Leader

In the midst of a summer heat wave, I managed to schedule this long trek on a cold and windy day. The thermometer on my jacket read 52 in the middle of the day! It felt pretty good to us after several days in the 90's, that is until we got to the summit, where the wind on the exposed rocks was really frigid. Seemed like we'd fast forwarded right through July and August and on into November!

We were glad we'd stopped at Griffith Lake for lunch and didn't linger long at the top, though the view was great. While there we were joined by a dog who'd had a porcupine encounter along the trail, poor thing. Pat, who is a vet, tried to help the owner yank a few quills out, but pliers were needed, and probably anesthesia, so she administered dog biscuits instead. We also shared our cookies with a couple who were doing trail maintenance. All of us who do that work ourselves know it should be rewarded!

White Rocks Scramble & Picnic Aug. 16

by Ray Catozzi, Leader

This outing was a daring attempt to entice a few adventuresome climbers to do what I had done four times in the past, with only a few joining me then. Once I went up the talus slope alone. It's not easy, and one has to use caution as one approaches the looser and smaller rocks near the top.

But we had eight who wanted to do it, including 9 year old Seth Carey. Seth was having so much fun we had a tough time holding him back to stay with the gang. We got boxed in up under the near perpendicular cliff and too quite some time to find our way out of the box, and get on top. Therefore we were late in getting back down so we didn't go up to lookout rock to join the supper people. They went up, waited, then came back down so we ate at the picnic area. Twas quite a trip, but I don't think I'd care to do it again.

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Sat Sept. 20 and Sunday Sept. 21 Leaders: Rob and Sue Carey 446-2830. Call for details.
Easy, historical backpack in Little Rock Pond Area.

Saturday Sept. 27 8:30 AM Leader: Mary Ellen Zizis, call Sue Thomas for details (773-2185) Rain date Sunday Sept. 28. **Stratton Mountain.** Climb the peak where James Taylor dreamed of the Long Trail, continue on to Stratton Pond. Great Views from summit tower. 12 miles - difficult.

Saturday Oct. 4 10:00 AM Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185
Moscow Pond and Glen Lake Visit several remote beaver ponds and cliffs overlooking lake Bomoseen 4 to 5 miles, moderate.

Saturday Oct. 11 10:00 AM Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997
Fourth Annual Senior Shuffle - Deer Leap - Sherburne See the new trail for yourself. The view from the top is unchanged.

Sunday Oct. 19 9:15 AM Leaders: Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310
Mt. Carmel. Hike in from the Pittsfield side to the Long Trail, then up the abandoned summit trail. 6 miles moderate, with some climbing.

Sunday Oct. 26 9:00 AM Leader: Gretchen Crowley 7759354
Okemo Mountain. Great views from the summit tower. 5 miles difficult (steep in places).

Saturday Nov. 1 8:30 AM Leader: Connie Youngstrom 492-3502
Black Mtn. Near Lake George. Beautiful view of the Lake, Adirondacks, and Green Mountains. Will follow the loop trail to return past several Beaver Ponds. 8 miles, difficult.

Saturday Nov. 8 10:00 AM Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
Woodard Cemetery, Sherburne. This is way up on the ridge that separates East Sherburne (or Little Sherburne from the rest of town. We will reach it by hiking east on the Appalachian Trail from the River Road up toward Quimby Mountain. Via woodroads, we will reach the two-grave Woodard Cemetery from the 1840's. Also the remains of two nearby houses, one large and one tiny. There is a good view toward Pico and Killington. We will descend on the Quimby road back to our starting point. 4.5 miles, moderate; but steep in places.

Saturday Nov. 15 1:00 PM Leaders: Al and Roma Pulling 773-6997
Historic Rutland. Explore the origins of Rutland with members of the Rutland Historical Society. 3 miles, easy.

Saturday Nov. 22 5:30 PM Call Linda Smith 265-4493
Annual Fall Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to share and your own place setting(s) (plate, cup, silverware). Come and see a great slide show. **Meet directly at the Econo-Lodge on Rt. 4 in Mendon.**

Thursday Dec. 4 7:00 PM Sue Thomas 773-2185
Scheduling Meeting. Meet directly at Sue's - 27 Clinton Ave.

Sunday Dec. 7 1:00 PM Leader: Churchill Scott 775-1494
Glen Dam - Rutland. Short, easy hike, walk, or ski depending on snow.

Saturday Dec. 13 10:00 AM Leader: Wally Rogers 468-3210
Nature Conservancy Preserve - West Haven. Hike or ski depending on the weather. 5 miles, moderate.
Meet at Fair Haven Grand Union.

Saturday Dec. 20 10:00 AM Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350
Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail - Castleton to Poultney. Cross Country ski *only* (no walkers or snowshoers please) from Castleton State College to Poultney on former railbed past fields and forests on a very gentle grade. 6 miles easy. If there is insufficient snow, the leader may substitute another trip, so call ahead if in doubt.

Sunday Jan. 10 9:00 AM Leader: Gretchen Crowley 775-3509
Snowshoe up Snake Mountain. Spectacular views of the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks. 4 miles difficult.

Saturday Jan. 17 8:30 AM Leader: Karen Cartier 773-3509
Snowshoe from Middlebury Gap to Silent Cliff then down the Burnt Hill Trail. 6 miles difficult


Sunday Jan. 25 10:00 AM Leader: Jerry Parker 775-6208
Shrewsbury Snowshoe or Cross-country ski. 4 miles, moderate.



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Historic Rutland November 15, 1997

by Roma Pulling, Leader

With the first day of deer hunting we arranged an outing that avoided areas overrun with hunters. We concentrated on landmarks from the earliest days of Rutland's settlement. Alfred and I met nine other hikers at the park, and two ferrets!!

Leaving our cars at the park, we walked down Main Street as far as Washington Street, down the hill to Depot Park, along Merchants Row to West Street, up West Street to Main Street, north on Main Street for a way, after which we retraced our steps to Center Street and explored it.

Along our route were the homes of four Vermont governors: John Page, John Meade, Israel Smith and Charles Williams. We paused at the home of George Chaffee, now an art gallery, and that of Nathaniel Chipman, a judge and senator. The founder of the *Rutland Herald*, Samuel Williams, had a house on Main Street as well.

Downtown we stopped to read the new historic display across from City Hall and went into the Opera House, a former theater. Along West Street stands the former store of Nathan Osgood, now a law office, and markers at the location of Vermont's first state house and Fort Rutland. Our last stops were at the old Bank of Rutland on Center Street, the old post office and jail (now the library) and the bank building across the street, in recent years the Recreation Center.

I want to thank Bernie Donahue very much for his assistance on this hike.

Uniform Dues Now in Effect

The Uniform Dues Policy, enacted by the Main Club Board of Directors on January 18, 1997, over the objection of the Killington Section, is now in effect. Dues are now \$27 for and individual, \$35 per family. 20% (\$5.40 of an individual membership) will be returned to the Section. There is a \$7 discount available for volunteers or those of limited income. Use of either discount is on the honor system. [The above information is from *The Long Trail News* Spring 97, page 16].

The editor believes that all memberships and renewals will now be handled by the Main Club office. They will probably send out one or more renewal notices.

Editor Resigns

This is the last issue of *Smoke & Blazes* that I will be doing. I have enjoyed putting out the newsletter, but now have difficulty finding the time to put in the concentrated effort required to make the deadlines. Also due to several considerations, my interest and time to participate in Club functions has dropped to a minimum.

Green Mtn Club or VT Parks Dept.???

[The following is reprinted from *Smoke & Blazes* Vol. 24 No 3. July - Sept. 1972. The letters were written by Herb Ogden Senior. They were very prophetic, and express my feelings very well]

Here is a copy of a letter I have sent to Ray Secor [then KS President]. Can you include it in the next issue of S&B?

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Quimby November 8, 1997

by Herb Ogden, Leader

The pervious day's weather forecast for the day of this hike was rain, rain and rain. Instead of that, we got a mild Novemberday with even a little sun. The only hint of rain lay in the magnificently braided clouds we saw near the end of the day. Moral: don't give up on an excursion until you see what the weather actually is on the chosen day.

Seven of us headed up the Appalachian Trail from the River Road in Sherburne toward Quimby Mountain. The woods on the first ascent were very pleasant, as was the Ottauquechee Section's well-maintained trail. From below, the slope looks steep and continuous, but there are actually little shelves on the way up, some with huge boulders. Some may consist of part of the Taconics that slid over the Green Mountains and were separated from the rest of the Taconics by erosion that brought the Greens to the surface again. With the leaves off, there were also good distant views toward Killington, Pico, Deer Leap, and Kent Pond. From our lunch spot atop a 2523' summit, I think we could see Spruce Mountain in Plainfield.

We crossed under a power line, admired the views there, and soon turned off the A.T. after about 2.2 miles to walk down a wide, well-built logging road. Where it hit the older Quimby Road, a log landing gave expansive views of the Coolidge Range. We then followed a woodroad south. Partly blocked by logging slash, it was soggy and obscure — yet, as recently as 1995, it was easily passable by four wheel drives and was the only north-south route I found then. (The main route is now the wide logging road that leads south, crosses the ridge, then leads north to Notown.) In about 500', just after passing a left turn that leads up to a 2480' gap that may once have had a primitive road to Stockbridge, it passed about 60' east of a well-preserved 35' x 25' stone cellarhole with a 13' x 9' chimney platform in the middle. It was about 6' deep. A few old apple trees, a big retaining wall, and other stone walls are evidence of what seems to have been a substantial farm.

About 500' farther south and 150' west of the old woodroad lies the Woodard Cemetery, surrounded by a stone wall. There are only two headstones and footstones, though there is room for two more. Asa Woodard's stone says he died 11 July 1845, at age 74. Mary Woodard's says she died 16 February 1845, at age 72.

(Madeline Fleming's *History of Sherburne* says the ages are clearly 24 and 22, but Ray Catozzi and I say the first digit of both is a "7," and he's a professional signmaker, so that's that.) Because there is no reference to her being anyone's wife and her last name is engraved "Woodard" rather than the maiden name that usually followed a married woman's first name, we concluded Mary was probably Asa's sister, not his wife. Our final historical stop was a smaller, shallow foundation about a tenth of a mile farther south, also just west of the old woodroad. Does anyone know of any other signs of 19th century habitation up there? It is not clear (to me, anyway) when the houses whose foundations we visited were built. They are both in Right No. 38. (All the original Rights show on the 1869 Beers Atlas of Rutland County.) Sherburne land records show Asa Woodard, then of Stockbridge, buying land in 1824 that may have included at least the southerly house site. He bought the west third and easternmost sixth of Right 38. He sold it in 1831. In the meantime, in 1829, he was listed as "of Sherburne" and bought land that probably included the cemetery and the northerly house site. This was the south half of the middle third and the southwest quarter of the east third of Right 38. He bought the north half of the middle third and northwest quarter of Right No. 38 in 1834. This left him with none of his original purchase in Right 38 but also with the entire middle part of Right 38 that he did not originally buy. Maybe he first built the southerly house after his 1824 purchase. Then, when he sold the 1824 purchase, maybe he built the more substantial northerly house.

Asa Woodard's son Asa, Jr., may have hung on up in Quimby for only one winter after his father died. In the fall of 1846, he sold to John Woodard, who

was probably his uncle, his property in Right 37 (at least 50 acres of which he had acquired in 1833; the book of the Sherburne Land Records that may have shown the rest was lost in a fire). The land records do not say what became of the Woodard holdings in Right 38, where we were. John Woodard may have inherited them when Asa died in 1845. By then, however, John no longer lived in Sherburne, having moved back to Stockbridge. John Woodard disposed of his last Sherburne property in 1851. Neither of the houses whose sites we visited appears in the 1869 Beers Atlas, nor even in a 1858 map. Perhaps Asa, Sr., was the last to live in the big northerly house and it fell or burned down after he died in 1845.

After ruminating some about what mountainside farming must have been like for the Woodards, we started down the Quimby Road, soon passing the camp that Madeline Fleming says is on the site of a camp a Mr. Erwin built in 1944 from an old logging shack of the International Paper Co. The really good road ends at a log landing west of the camp. The Quimby Road then took us along a very steep, narrow valley. The lower section was formerly the route of the Appalachian Trail. We descended it to the River Road by the courtesy of Section member Charles Edgar, over whose land it passes.

Quimby has a neighborhood, a mountain, and a road named after him, but who was Quimby? The late Madeline Fleming's history says Archie Baker's grandfather knew a Mr. Quimby. The 1869 atlas shows a "R. Quimby" house at the end of a poor road leading from about the Town Office on the River Road up into Right 40. This is almost a mile south of the foundations we visited. Has anyone found a trace of Mr. Quimby's house? Maybe we'll look for it next year.

Middlebury Gap LT to Burnt Hill Trail January 17, 1998 by Karen W. Cartier

On Saturday five of us discovered first-hand the awesome destructive forces of nature. After conferring for a short while about the possibility of an alternate hike due to the recent ice storm which had affected Addison County, we decided to go ahead with the original plan. We were delighted by

the sun and intense blue sky by the time we arrived at the Middlebury Ski Touring Center, where we dropped off one car. We started at the trail head on Rt. 125, where we entered another world of the crystal forest.

Recent television coverage of the ice storm did not prepare me for the awesome spectacle we found north of the Lincoln Gap. It was simply indescribable. The amount, and quite frankly, sheer weight of the ice was incredible. Passing under tree limbs (actually stooping under tree limbs) was met with the loud clanging of wind chimes wrought from ice. As the sun began to warm up the forest, the crashing of ice chandeliers could be heard all around. We had to be very careful of where we stopped to take breaks, or simply to take stock, lest ice daggers impale our heads (there were jokes of making hard hats mandatory on GMC hikes!)

Alas, the wretched beauty impeded our progress enormously. It was more like a search team than a hike, as we spend most of our time just trying to locate the trail (although I spent a considerable amount of my time falling down!) At about 2:00, we had been out for 3 1/2 hours and realized we hadn't made it half-way, and were still bushwacking our way, inch by inch. A difficult decision was made to retrace our steps back to our starting point to avoid the prospect of spending the night in the woods! As we returned the way we came, it became painfully obvious that we had only gone about two miles as the crow flies! We all vowed to return in the summer and complete the LT-Burnt Hill Trail Loop

Rails to Turnpikes December 20, by Herb Ogden, Leader

This was supposed to be a ski tour on the Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail from Castleton to Poultney. The day before the excursion, the Castleton end appeared pretty bony; almost all the snow had melted. When only three people showed up for the trip, two had skis, and the one without skis was glad to go home, I changed the plan to a short ski tour on the Old Turnpike Road in Mendon.

Otherwise known as the Elbow Road, this old road once was the main route over the mountains, from Mendon to NorthSherburne. We skied it from the trailhead on the Mendon side to the last camp before the old beaver ponds. There is one old foundation and an old kiln on the pretty route, which has easy grades. Snowmobiles had flattened but not ruined the snow, and Mike O'Neill and I had a nice trip.

Directors to Meet

Tuesday March 10, 1998

The Killington Section's Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 10 March at the home of Section President Herb Ogden, 20 Birchwood Avenue, Rutland.

Topics will include

- Bear Mountain and Pico West relocations
- Status of Cooper Lodge and Pico Camp
- Relocating the lower end of the Cauty Trail and possibly extending it to Route 4 on newly acquired U. S. Forest Service land
- Update from the Directors who are designing a membership brochure and short guidelines for trip leaders
- Improving publicity
- Plans for the Section Annual Meeting in April

The meeting is open to any Section member, but comments by non-Directors may be limited.

Hoe #4 and Lopper #2

Where are You?

During the work parties in the spring of 1997, two new pieces of our trail maintenance equipment disappeared. One was a brand new \$19 heavy-duty garden hoe, used to clear out waterbars. The other was a \$31 heavy-duty lopper, used to clear brush and branches. Probably someone threw them into a truck after a hard day's volunteer work and they are now forgotten in a shed somewhere.

If you have either of these tools, please call Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden at 775-1350. If you plan to do trail work with them in April, before the first scheduled work party, you may as well keep them until then, but do let Herb know so he won't

have to spend more of the Section's money on replacement tools.

Mt. Carmel October 19, 1997

by Gordon and Helen Cawood, Leaders

Twelve hikers mounted an assault on Mt. Carmel in Chittenden. From the center of Pittsfield we drove west on FR 35. About a mile of this is rough road which improves on entering the GMNF. We then followed FR 97 south for about 1/2 mile to a snowmobile trail which was the start of the hike. We followed this trail, stopping briefly at "Art's View" to take a look at Mt. Carmel and Bloodroot Mtn. Thank you, Art, whoever you are. On reaching the LT, we proceeded north to the cairn on the right indicating the abandoned fire warden's trail which is not difficult to follow up to the summit. No one climbed the tower. Since it is flopped over horizontally, it wouldn't do much good. Nevertheless there were limited views to the west and a good place for lunch.

One mishap to report: John Little's dog, Samantha, who thrilled at running on ahead, returned once with a faceful of porcupine quills. John tried to deal with this on site, but it became obvious that he should abandon the hike and take poor Samantha out for professional care. We wonder if the GMC might want to rethink its policy of allowing unleashed dogs on hikes. Hat Hanneghan's Omar was leashed through-out the hike and emerged unscathed.

Thank you for coming: Caroline Waldhauer, Mary Ellen Zizis, Ray Catozzi, Michael O'Neill and friend Helen, Bob Perkins, Bernie Donahue, Pat Hanneghan, Sue Thomas and John Little. We enjoyed your company.

New England's Largest Glacial Boulder

June 28, 1997 by Ray Catozzi, Leader

After failing to find my way into this really large stone a few years ago I once more inquired in the small town of Whitingham, near the Massachusetts border and found a person working in their post office who had been there. He told me where the trail was that led up to the rock, and I drove to it a few miles west of the village on Rt. 100. That was

last year. So, even before I lucked into it, I put it on the schedule. Then I asked and received some assistance in hiking in to the boulder from Jerry Parker, back last spring. A short but very steep ATV trail led us to the rock in about 1/2 hour hike time.

After finding the rock and then taking pictures, we continued on as the trail to what looked like the top of the hill. It was, and the trail turned west and headed back down in a nice gradual decline, and lo and behold, we came back down to Rt. 100 about a mile west of our entering trail. I said this is the way we're going to hike in of June 25. Another advantage was parking for a dozen cars, against only 2 at the first trail.

So 8 of us made the gradual, but hot climb as we were in the sun most the way up. There it was, the rock, right where Jerry and I left it last spring. It is about 60 ft long, 35 ft wide, and 25 ft high, with a tree growing out of the top.

Then we rode a few mile to Harriman Reservoir Dam and had a late (3pm) lunch while watching all the motor boats on the water

Okemo Mountain October 26, 1997
by Gretchen Crowley

The rainy weather held off for seven of us to hike up to the fire tower at the summit of Okemo Mountain. Our fearless leader, Kinsman "The Wonder Dog" led us gradually up the trail that was covered with Autumn's quilt of colors laid down to blanket the Earth for the upcoming Winter.

As we neared the top we were greeted with patches of snow from the previous night's storm. The view from the fire tower offered a panoramic view of the surrounding ski areas which will be bursting to life by Thanksgiving.

On the trip down, Ray was tantalizing our tastebuds with his secret recipe for Elderberry wine. Once back at the car, Ray surprised us with a sampling of his Elderberry wine complete with wine glasses - which was a perfect ending to a pleasant hike! Thanks Ray!

Green Mtn Club or VT Parks Dept.??? (Cont)

I think it is important that members of the Killington Section should know that I am withdrawing because of Main Club action, not because of anything that has occurred in the Killington Section.

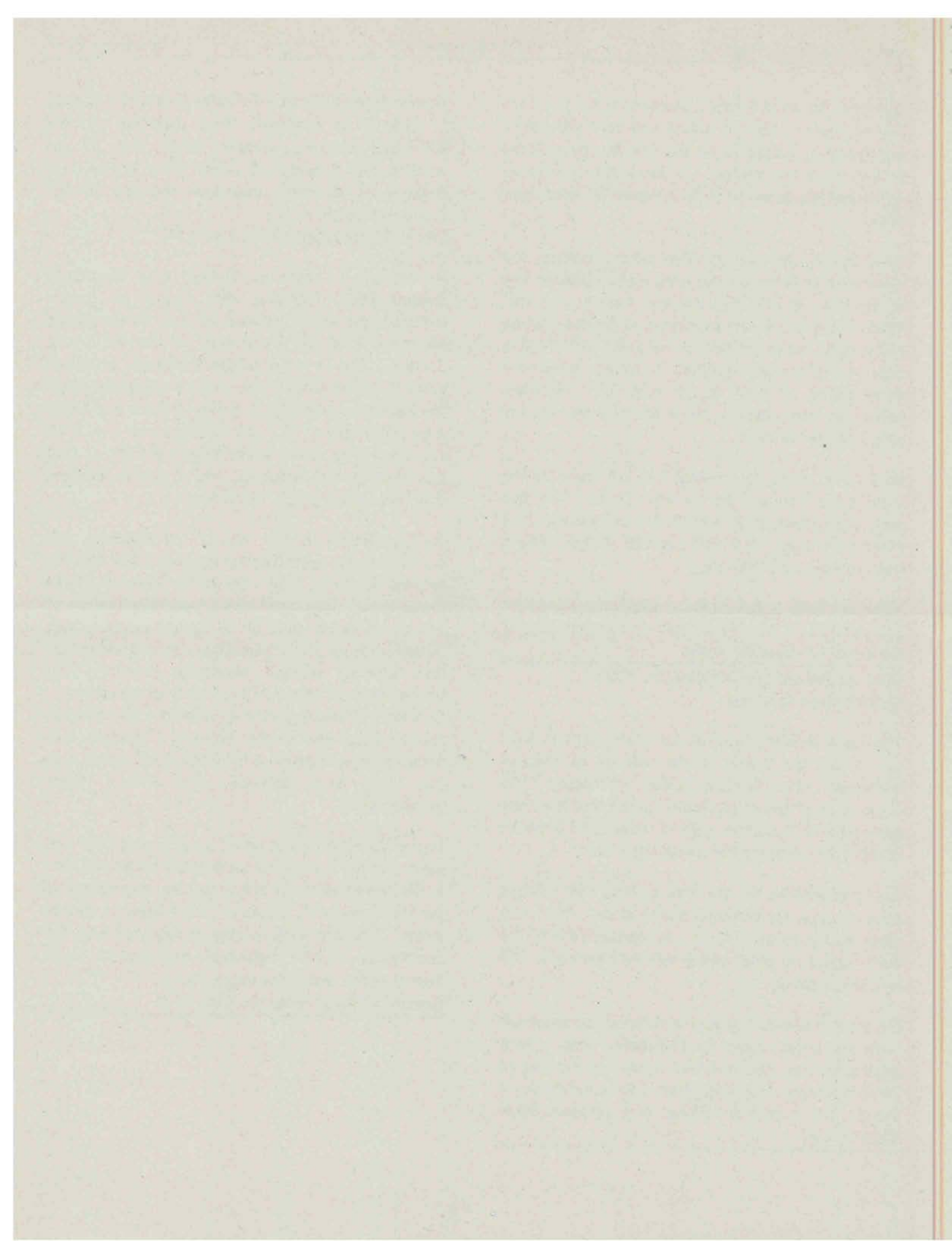
Sincerely, Herb Ogden Sr.; June 1972

Ray [Secor], I have concluded, after Saturday's Annual GMC Meeting, that I can no longer volunteer my whole hearted services for the Green Mountain Club as a member of the Killington Section. This is not a sudden decision. In recent years it has seemed to me that an unhealthy trend has been strengthening as Sections falter and Main goes "big time." I am inclined, in any such situation, to go either whole hog or get out. I find this trend so disheartening, over a period of years, that I can no longer go whole hog.

As I indicated in my "memo" on Saturday and sought to point up during the seminar, I feel that the present trend can lead only to the Vermont Parks Department. This trend involves standardization of too many facets of trail & shelter maintenance, directives from Main, permission from Main rather than advice, salaried executive secretary, the executive-committee-of-the-executive-committee (Advisory Board?), a stifling of individual initiative and responsibility in the Section, a position that Sections are creatures of the Main Club rather than the other way around-- and several other considerations.

I have, in recent years, spend considerable time and money on the Long Trail as an active member of the Killington Section, in hopes that my perception of the trend might be clouded. That hope no longer exists. I do not wish to play an active role in the dissolution of the volunteer organization once known as the Green Mountain Club.

Sincerely, Herb Ogden Sr.; May 1972



Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Winter & Spring 1998

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown.
Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, water-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

January 31, Saturday: Leaders Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997, 1:00 p.m.
Snowshoe from Belview Ave. to leaders house for fireplace party. 2 mi. conditions permitting else alternate route.

February 7, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 10:00 a.m.
Ski or snowshoe old turnpike road to elbow road, long trail – Sherburne. 4 mi. mod. Old beaver pond.

February 21, Saturday: Leaders Gordon and Helen Cawood, 352-4310, 9:30 a.m.
Meet at Leicester Four Corners, grade school.
Joint hike with Breadloaf Section, snowshoe or hike (no skis), Moosealamoo from Keewaydin camp. 5 mi. mod.

February 28, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9:00 a.m.
Ski or Snowshoe, Chittenden Brook Trail through moose territory past beaver ponds and overlooks. 7.5 mi. difficult.

March 7, Saturday: Leader Mary Ellen Zizis, Call Sue Thomas for details 773-2185, 10:00 a.m.
Hike or Snowshoe Long Trail north from Brandon Gap. Difficult

March 14, Saturday: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 775-9354, 10:00 a.m.
Mystery snowshoe or hike. 4-5 mi. moderate.

March 21, Saturday: Leader Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502, 9:00 a.m.
Shrewsbury snowshoe or hike. 4-5 mi. moderate.

April 4, Saturday: For details call Linda Smith, 265-4493, 5:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting and potluck at Econo Lodge, route 4 Mendon.
Bring your own place setting and a dish to share, also your ideas for the summer hike schedule.

April 26, Sunday: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 775-9354, 10:00 a.m.
Mystery hike, 4-5 mi. moderate.

May 2, Saturday: Leader Jean Davies, 483-6623, 1:00 p.m.
Pittsford trails, easy 4-5 miles. Mileage subject to groups desires.

May 9, Saturday (rain date May 10) Leader Ray Catozzi, 773-3006, 10:00 a.m.
Suzy Peak, Timouth/Clarendon. Easy to moderate, less than four miles, good views.

May 16, Saturday: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 10:00 a.m.
Wildflower hike, call for details.

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18 February 1998

Dear friend of the Killington Section:

Regrettably, the *Smoke & Blazes* that was mailed at the end of January contained misinformation about membership renewal. The GMC's Waterbury Center headquarters will **not** send out renewal notices for the Killington Section, because we have not asked it to and do not want it to. As it has for years, our Section will continue to send out its own renewal notices.

We prefer to collect Section dues ourselves and send the GMC's share to headquarters, rather than have the GMC staff collect the dues and send us our share. This way, the Section gets the money faster. Also, having our Section volunteers do the work ensures that the GMC need not hire additional paid staff to deal with Section memberships. This is good, because the more staff the GMC hires, the more the dues seem to increase.

If there is a "paid" next to your address label, you have renewed for 1998. If there is a "life," you are a Life Member and need not pay. Otherwise, **please send your dues to the Section Treasurer** at the address on the form that accompanies this letter. The GMC Bylaws give you until 1 May to pay, but your **prompt renewal now** will help us plan for the future at the 10 March Killington Section Directors meeting.

The second reason for this letter is to clarify an item in the last schedule: the scheduling meeting for outings from mid-May to mid-August will be combined with the Killington Section Annual Meeting at the Econo-Lodge on Route 4 in Mendon at 5:30 p.m. on 4 April. If you have an idea for an outing but cannot attend, please call Outings Committee Co-Chair Linda Smith at 265-4493.

The third reason for this letter is the urgent need to find a new *Smoke & Blazes* editor and assistant editor. I would have put a call for volunteers in the last *Smoke & Blazes* if I had known the editor was quitting. Editorial duties are (1) editing articles received, if necessary; (2) laying out the newsletter; (3) printing a master copy; (4) taking the master to a commercial printer; and (5) seeing to it that the final product is mailed well before the first outing on the new schedule. The Outings Committee prepares the outing schedule, so the editor should only have to have it printed commercially with the newsletter. This has to be done every three

months. Contributors can be urged to send in material on computer diskette or E-mail. A couple hours' work can produce an acceptable issue. If you want something that looks more professional or includes artwork, it takes longer. If you want more information, please ask me. I edited *Smoke & Blazes* on a computer from 1988-94.

Because we need to get the next issue to the printer by early May, please contact me by the end of March if you are interested in helping with *Smoke & Blazes* or know of someone who might be. I would hate to see our newsletter end after 50 years of continuous publication.

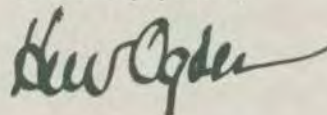
We need other volunteers, too:

- ☺ Trail maintainers (work with clippers, saws, hoes, shovels, pick-mattocks, paintbrushes, brush scythes, and more)
- ☺ Shelter and outhouse maintainers (work with hammer, nails, roofing, wood preservative, and more)
- ☺ Sign makers (work with wood router)
- ☺ Trails & Shelters Chair to coordinate the above and link our work with that of the GMC as a whole (involves some paperwork)
- ☺ Outing leaders (lead hikes, snowshoe hikes, ski tours, bike trips, canoe trips, and more)
- ☺ Outings Committee co-chair (help find people to lead outings; compose the quarterly outing schedule)
- ☺ Publicity people (contact newspapers, radio, and community access TV to let people know about our outings and trail & shelter work; develop a Section brochure)
- ☺ Educators (speak at public meetings about the Section, the GMC, hiking, camping, and the other things we do)

If you are interested in volunteering, please note your interest on your membership renewal form or call me.

Finally, a personal note: I did not know my late father's 1972 resignation letter would appear in the last *Smoke & Blazes*. I respected his reason for quitting, but I disagreed. I joined the Section in 1962 (before he did), I have been a member ever since, and I intend to remain a member. As readers of *Smoke & Blazes* and the *Long Trail News* know, I have opposed the growth of some GMC bureaucracy and vociferously fought some main club initiatives like Uniform Dues. I have lost most of the fights. That is no reason to quit, though. The GMC's overall work is more important than my dissatisfaction with some aspects of that work. I hope those of you who are dissatisfied with some aspect of the GMC will work to change it, not abandon the organization that built and maintains the Long Trail.

Sincerely yours,





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Killington Section of the GMC - Annual Meeting

April 4, 1998

By Jean Davies, Secretary

President Herb Ogden opened the meeting after the potluck supper. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. m/s/p Al Pulling/Roma Pulling.

Al Pulling's printed treasurer's report was accepted. m/s/p Jake Sherman/Eric Deutschbein.

The Section President's meeting will be held at the Vermont Law School on April 18. Herb Ogden is going, and will be glad to have other interested members go with him. Herb Ogden and Jake Sherman will attend the GMC May Sections meeting.

Rob and Sue Carey contributed over 20 years of service to the Killington Section, but disagreed so strongly with the uniform dues structure of the GMC, now in place, that they did not renew their membership. Motion: I move a resolution of thanks go to Rob and Sue Carey. m/s/p Madeline Sherman/Roma Pulling.

Trails:

Herb Ogden gave a trails committee report. He would appreciate someone to head up this committee, since he is also president of the Killington Section. Contact him if you are interested.

Before the ice storm, from Route 140 north was in good shape. The Bucklin Trail will not be moved for the present.

The Blue Ridge Cauty Trail was in fine condition. The Forestry Service bought land bordering the Old Turnpike Road (alias Old Elbow Road), and the Cauty Trail may be relocated somewhat to come out on Route 4, if there is the interest in doing so. It can be flagged, but probably clearing action will not take place for a year, anyway.

Pico camp was not jacked up last year since it appeared it

might not survive trail relocation. Dave Hardy, GMC Trail Supervisor, said that there was a slowdown on the Killington development due to protests from a landowner on the Woodward Reservoir. This means that the Pico shelter can remain for now, and can be jacked up if we want.

Hardy reported that they will start cutting this year on the Killington/Pico relocation trail, but the new Pico trail will not open this year. The presence of the Bicknell Thrush holds back work high up on the Pico Trail until late August. The Long Trail Patrol is slated to work on the western Pico route to Route 4. There will be five weeks of volunteer patrol and five of paid patrol plus a couple of weeks of YCC work. The YCC workers stay at Gifford Woods. They will also relocate the Long Trail around the Juggernaut Trail and more.

On the Bear Mountain/Route 140 relocation: The White Rocks Trail will go down the Keewaydin Trail to Sugar Hill Road, put in a bridge over Route 140, and go up Bear Mountain. This trail should open this year. There are still a few places the Long Trail remains in the same location!

Annual Meeting, page 2

From the Editor . . .

I'm sure all of you are eager to get back out on the trails and hats off to all of you who kept hiking through the winter months. This is my first edition as editor of *Smoke & Blazes*, and I hope that I can follow in the footsteps of editors past. I am looking to become more active in the club as I am a fairly new member. My first hike of the season was just a couple of weeks ago, and it felt great to be out on the trails again! However I also saw that many of the trails in our section will need some clean-up after this winter's ice storm. Feel free to call, email or snail mail anytime with thoughts, suggestions and stories.

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Annual Meeting, continued from page 1

The 1998 Ice Storm: (by Dave Hardy)

South of Route 4 there are approximately 15 blowdowns above the snow. As the snowmelts, a better idea of the underlying brush will appear.

Route 4 to the Appalachian Gap is the worst area, although most damage is under the snow pack. Chain saws can be dangerous in clearing ice damaged trees.

The GMC plan is to let the sections plan their own work and do what they can. There are around 180 unattached volunteers who Hardy will send out to help sections as needed. Hardy hopes the Long Trail will be all open by July 4.

Kim Armstrong planned to attend the Annual Meeting, but did not appear. She is the new *Smoke & Blazes* editor. Her address is HC70, Box 112A, Plymouth, VT 05056.

Based on Phil Smith's Director's report, Jake Sherman passed out a printout of the Killington Section's views. Eric Deutschbein moved that we adopt Sherman's draft. m/s/p Eric/Roma Pulling.

Sandy Tarbor is the membership and volunteer coordinator for the GMC. She fielded questions from the floor concerning the proposed expansion of GMC headquarters in Waterbury, and the make-up of the staff. She said that there is no GMC plan to go to the membership for money. Money appropriated by the Legislature for the GMC all goes to land projects. She said there were 10 full-time staff with the rest being seasonal. Those include shelter caretaker staff and the LT patrols.

Sue Thomas and Jean Davies went off the Killington Section Board, having served the maximum two terms. Davies took notes for the remainder of the Annual and the Director's meetings.

Nominations for the Killington Section Directors:

Connie Youngstrom by Sue Thomas, 2nd by Roma Pulling
 Jake Sherman by Al Pulling, 2nd by Sue Thomas
 Bob Perkins by Ray Catozzi, 2nd by Al Pulling
 Karen Cartier by Sue Thomas, 2nd by Eric Deutschbein
 I move the nominations be accepted.

m/s/p Madeline Sherman/Jake Sherman.

The election was by ballot with Youngstrom, Sherman and Perkins being elected to the Board.

A Director's Meeting followed: Nominations:

Herb Ogden for President by Jean Davies, 2nd by Al Pulling
 Phil Smith for Vice-President by Al Pulling, 2nd by Jake Sherman

I Pulling for Treasurer by Jake Sherman, 2nd by Bob Perkins
 Jake Sherman for Secretary by Bob Perkins, 2nd by Connie Youngstrom

It was decided that a copy of Sherman's proposal should be sent to Phil and Linda Smith and the secretary of the GMC.

Bob Perkins agreed to serve in the new post of historian. m/s/p Jean Davies/Jake Sherman.

It was suggested that the next *Smoke & Blazes* let members know that we are starting to collect GMC history, in case they have pictures, ledgers and other memorabilia.

The Directors' meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m., followed promptly by the adjournment of the Annual Meeting. m/s/p Bernie Donahue/Al Pulling.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Remember *Smoke & Blazes* ends for you with this issue if you have not renewed your membership for 1998. Take a minute to fill out the membership form in this issue to renew today.

In Memory . . .

Arnold G. Bebee Sr.

Arnold Bebee passed away February 16 in Cambridge, New York, at the age of 77. Mr. Bebee was the father of Vivian Bebee Walter, a Killington Section member. Mr. Bebee worked in Bennington for the W.E. Daily co. and served as town clear and lister in Rupert. REP

Cornelia Mould Baker

Cornelia "Corky" Baker, of Forestdale, passed away recently. She was a former member of the Killington Section, known then as Corky Wilbur. She was the daughter of Fred Mould, who was a Sterling Section member and tireless worker on the Long Trail. Moulds Lodge, on the site of the present Beaver Meadow Lodge, was named for him. REP

Wanted: GMC Memorabilia

Have you been collecting old pictures, ledgers and other memorabilia about the Long Trail and the Killington Section? We will begin to collect these items to start a GMC history archive.

If you have items you would like to donate, please call Bob Perkins at 773-0184.

Excursion Reports . . .

Three Dog Hike

October 1997

by Sue Thomas, leader

Having encountered an unusually belligerent porcupine on a previous trip to Moscow Pond, I was a little uneasy about the three dogs who enthusiastically joined us from an October hike. The 20 people were none too pleased to hear about it either. Luckily I'd waited to warn them till we were on our way so there was no escape for them. We took a trail built by the YCC (Youth Conservation Corps.) that connects Half Moon State Park with Bomoseen, by way of Moscow and Said Ponds, an area rich in wildlife, mostly harmless though we kept an eye out for "Spiney Norman" as I have named my attacker.

We had lunch on the rocks surrounding Moscow Pond and explored a newly flooded beaver pond where many trees had been chewed and removed. Perhaps we could enlist their help in clearing the ice storm damage on the Long Trail!

Our next stop was an overlook above Glen Lake, then the trail winds down and circles the lake, coming out on several points jutting into the waters, very scenic. All made it back un-spined and happy.

Quarterline Road

January 31, 1998

By Roma Pulling, leader

If you thought that the January 21 hike was to be crosslots to our house for a fireplace party, you were right. We devoted quite a bit of time to finding a route that would avoid the swamp because it had failed to freeze, but a few days before the 31st it became clear that even a bypass of the swamp wouldn't be satisfactory. We had several inches of snow on the ground with a thick crust, which broke with every step. An alternate route had to be found, as provided in the schedule.

Years ago Harold Rogers used to lead winter hikes on the Quarterline Road in Rutland Town, and we decided to go there again. Parking near where the paved road turned to dirt, we started walking. Immediately off to our left we had a lovely view of the Green Mountains in the distance. Soon the road forested on both sides until it crossed through fields further on. We walked until the road intersected a paved one, at which point we turned back. The weather was sunny and perfect for a winter hike, although the day had started out cloudy. We saw turkey tracks beside the road. One jeep passed us.

Elbow Road, Mendon

February 7, 1998

by Herb Ogden, leader

Which road between Shrewsbury and Duxbury crosses the Green Mountains at the lowest elevation? Which one has its highest point somewhere other than where it crosses the east-west watershed? I think the answer to both is the Old Turnpike Road from Mendon to North Sherburne. It crosses the watershed (and the Long Trail) at The Elbow, elevation 1951'. It reaches its highest point, about 2020', over one mile west of there. That's atop the first rise in the unmaintained part the road as one heads east from the snowmobile trailhead. It's near the old kiln that shows on the 1869 *Beers Atlas of Rutland County*.

Another interesting fact about the Old Turnpike Road, otherwise known as the Elbow Road, is that it used to be the main crossing of the mountains between Brandon Gap and Shrewsbury, after the Green Road (which crossed near North Pond in Chittenden) fell into disuse. After the 1927 flood, it was supplanted as the mail route by the road over Sherburne Pass, now US 4. For more information on the Old Turnpike Road, the Green Road, and other abandoned parts of Rutland County, see Faye Smith Moulton's *Adventuring Into Vermont's Past*, printed by Academy Books in 1990.

Ready to explore this road on a bright but cold morning were nine Killington Section members and guests. We left the cars at the Mendon snowmobile trailhead. The snowshoes that most of had brought were unnecessary. Even after the main snowmobile route diverged to the Wildcat Road, enough machines had traveled the route to pack it down and provide solid footing. The one skier did make some use of her skis, though she wisely took them off on the descent toward North Sherburne. We met one other skier, one other walker, and one snowmobile. Someone had skied north on the woodroad from The Elbow and one person had walked south on the LT. That was it for people tracks. We also saw the tracks of a bobcat, a moose, and a small deer descending into North Sherburne. East of The Elbow, we noticed considerable damage from the January ice storm. Many trees had no tops, and some of the tops had ended up in the old road. Luckily, all had been cleared away before we got there.

Going west to east, the first point of interest is the old kiln just below the road. To judge from the 1940 LT guidebook, the old Hellebore Trail from Blue Ridge to Willard Gap crossed somewhere around here. At the foot of the kiln's hill, on the south side of the road, is an old foundation.

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After passing a camp on the right, descending a hill, and passing two big camps (houses, really) on the left, the part of the road that is passable in summer ends. We descended to the first of the beaver ponds, passing another foundation on the right. At the Wildcat Road junction, we marveled at the marks left by someone who had apparently driven up the snowmobile trail on the Wildcat Road and gotten stuck when all four tires broke through the crust. The snowmobiler told us a tow truck had come and pulled it out. We wended our way along the edge of a beaver pond that covered the road long ago, ascended past what appeared to be an old dam, crossed an active beaver pond on a little causeway, and climbed gently up The Elbow. Because it wasn't even lunch time yet, we descended to the first house on the Sherburne side. Though a surveying quirk it is in Mendon, however. We admired the old house in its snug valley, then, shedding some layers as the day warmed up, retraced our tracks uphill to lunch at The Elbow.

Mt. Moosalamoo**February 21, 1998***By Gordon and Helen Cawood, leaders*

Twelve hikers and dog Cuckoo assaulted Mt. Moosalamoo from Keewaydin Camp on Route 53, Salisbury. We followed the Summit Road to Keewaydin Trail to Oak Ridge Trail to the summit; in all, a 2,000 foot elevation gain. There were spring conditions (no snow, a lot of mud) at the foot and winter conditions (6" + snow) at the summit.

Snowshoes were not necessary but might have been helpful near the top if it had been worth carrying them all that distance. The Summit Road is well marked with blue blazes and easily followed to the point where the Campsite Trail goes off to the north. Beyond that, the Summit Road and Keewaydin Trails are poorly marked and maintained. They might present a problem for anybody who is either not familiar with the area or unused to following obscure trails. We had lunch on the summit and enjoyed an excellent view of the inside of a fog bank. Most of the group retraced steps smartly. However, a few of us took advantage of another viewpoint on the Overcliff Trail to check on scenery to the west, including Lakes Dunmore and Champlain.

Thank you for coming, Mike and Ginger Fiskio, and Jack Burbank (Breadloafers), Sue Thomas, Herb Ogden and Jerry Parker (Killingtoners), and Joe Menoff, Michael O'Neill, Patrice Clark and Susan Mulholland. We enjoyed your company.

Chittenden Brook Ski Trail**February 28, 1998***by Herb Ogden, leader*

Who would have thought that we would need to find a

shady place to have lunch on a winter outing? Not only was this a brilliantly blue and beautiful day, but it was downright warm! Fortunately there was plenty of new snow, so the lone skier (the leader) and a half-dozen or so snowshoers were not disappointed.

The gate just up from the Brandon Gap Road was closed, as it usually is in winter, so we began our tour there. Leaving the Forest Service road at the summer trailhead, we followed Chittenden Brook on the old woodroad that doubles as the summer and winter trail. The icicles on the ledges overhanging the trail had grown huge, and this part of the trail was especially pretty. We followed recent tracks as far as the pretty beaver pond. Beyond that, no one had ventured since the previous week's snowstorm, but the going wasn't bad in about two feet of snow. Some of the downhill in wet, heavy snow taxed the meager skill of the skier, but he only ended up in one embarrassing position. He made up for this by greatly outdistancing the snowshoers on the downhill leg of the ski trail circle. The only other problem was encountered by the only dog, who cut his paws on some crusty spots but didn't seem to mind much. There was only very slight damage from the January ice storm.

About the only wildlife noted were chickadees and a woodpecker. Despite the warmth of the day, there were almost no animal tracks. Maybe they had been out earlier in the morning before the thin crust melted and thus left no tracks.

Killington Section Board of Directors Meeting*By Jean Davies, Secretary*

The March 10, 1998 board meeting was held at Herb Ogden's home with the following present: President Herb Ogden, Jake Sherman, Ray Catozzi, Sue Thomas, Treasurer Alfred Pulling, Sue Carey, and Secretary Jean Davies.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after correcting the dates. m/s/p Sue Carey, Al Pulling. Killington Section members pay their dues to Al Pulling, treasurer, who forwards the amount owed to the main club.

With the new dues system, the status of 30-year members who automatically became life-members, is cloudy. The following are exempt from paying dues as 30-year members: Raymond Catozzi, Rachael Charland, Ellen B. Russell, W. Churchill Scott, Ira/Lorraine Hawley, John/Janet Martin, Robert/Thelma Perkins.

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Life members are: Herbert/Hannah Ogden, Catherine Thomas, Gerald Parker, Joan Sibley, and David Wright. To date, the higher dues have not had an apparent effect on the Killington Section membership. Motion: Anyone who was a member for 30 years at the time the GMC main club credited them as being a life members should be considered a life member for the Killington Section as of December 31, 1997. m/s/p Sue Thomas, Jean Davies. Motion: To establish the status of George Reynolds. He should be on the above list. m/s/p unanimously. Al Pulling, Sue Thomas.

Ray Catozzi will remain on the board until his term expires in 1999. Sue Carey resigned. Motion: I move to replace Sue Carey with Jake Sherman. m/s/p unanimously. Sue Thomas, Ray Catozzi. A discussion followed on filling other upcoming vacancies.

Membership. There were 34 members of the Killington Section at this time in 1997. As of March 1, 1998 there are 52 members, although some are families. There are many new people.

Finances. The cost of getting out *Smoke & Blazes* including stamps runs around \$80 to \$90 per issue. Finances seem stable for 1998 at this time. Motion: Phil Smith should urge the GMC directors to investigate ways people can belong to two sections without paying double dues. m/s/p Al Pulling, Ray Catozzi.

The Board went on record as thanking Sue Carey, Sue Thomas, Jean Davies, and Ray Catozzi for their service on the board, and Rob Carey for his hard work as editor of *Smoke & Blazes*.

Vice President Phil Smith sent his report for the Killington Section. It appears that less traffic will be around Pico this year. The blasting that hikers complained of last year was for the pipeline (probably snowmaking and sewage). Phil is a GMC Director. The GMC Annual Meeting will be held June 13. The GMC directors are considering a proposal for three expansion phases, including a staff of 30. Our board wondered if we wanted more paid staff in a volunteer organization. The initial GMC plan was for a big push to pay the mortgage on the new headquarters, then put energy back into the trails. Jake Sherman will write up our concerns for the Annual Meeting.

Governor Clement Road

Discussion of Gov. Clement Road landowner contracts dealt with the question of "throwing up" the road and installing a gate during the hiking season. This would allow landowners to unlock it, but keep out the problem pickup trucks. The snowmobilers are using it responsibly in the winter.

Jerry Parker contacted some landowners who seemed satisfied with the idea. Herb planned to contact others.

Dave Hardy is GMC's Southern Coordinator. He hopes to develop a new Pico trail this summer. Discussion: whether help from other Sections should be accepted. The Killington Section has always maintained the old trail. We don't have a signed agreement with the main club about contacting us and working through us on trail maintenance to agree on changes and work crews.

There are plans to avoid the Juggernaut ski trail. The GMC would like our help on a two thirds mile stretch involved with the relocation of the main trail and the Appalachian Trail. It is flagged. Gary Salmon may have his crew working on it this summer. If asked, Killington Section should help with work parties.

Cooper Lodge is the responsibility of the main club. Ruth Cooper Lamb sent a card regarding its future and the interest of the Cooper family in it. She wrote, "If the current Cooper Lodge is to be maintained, the ski area needs to agree to oversee its winter use. If that can't be worked out, we urge abandoning it and rebuilding a lodge or lean-to somewhere . . ." The family would support a new building serving Pico and Killington which would retain the Cooper name in memory of her grandfather. Motion: We encourage the ski area to do more on the upkeep of Cooper Lodge. m/s/p Jake Sherman, Al Pulling.

Herb noted our Section By-laws need revision. Since all members can vote, the last sentence in Article 2 saying they shall be at least 18 years old should be deleted. And Article 14 should be deleted on account of uniform dues. Other items will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Trails: Ice damage trail work may take precedence over helping the GMC with new trail work between Route 140 and Button Hill. An exemption will be needed to use power tools in the National Forest. We should keep our eyes open for ice damage on the trails and report the location.

The U.S. Forestry Service is thinking of making some changes on the Cauty Trail on Blue Ridge. Herb will look into it. Discussion on the meeting place and parking problem for Killington Section hikes remains unresolved. Burlington's guidelines on Difficulty Ratings as guidelines for our hikes should be used in the outing schedule. The new GMC trip leader guidelines booklet will be lent to new hike leaders. Sue Thomas will continue work on a form for new members. Phil Smith and Jean Davies will pursue the ideas of Fox Room programs at the Rutland Library. Jake Sherman will talk with Jim Davidson of the Rutland Historical Society about possible storage of Killington Section archives.

Volunteers Step Forward; More Needed!

by Herb Ogden, Trails & Shelters Committee Chair

I am happy to report a substantial response to this year's plea for volunteers. We have a new editor for *Smoke & Blazes*. She is Kim Armstrong, a Plymouth resident who owns her own public relations business. Nine other people volunteered for the following (the total is more than nine because some were willing to do more than one thing): Trail work (9), Shelter work (6), Signmaking (3), and Publications (1).

Unfortunately, no one volunteered to lead outings or help with public education. Nobody stepped forward at the Section Annual Meeting, either. Bob Perkins, a new member of our board, did agree to become Section Historian, however.

If you haven't signed up for trail or shelter work but want to help in that department, just show up for a work party, or, if the work parties don't mesh with your schedule, call me at 775-1350 (evenings) or 775-3368 (days) and I will put you to work. If you are interested in other work for the Section, please call. We especially need someone to coordinate trail and shelter work in my stead. We are the only Section where the President is also the Trails & Shelters Chair, and I would like that distinction to end as soon as possible.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Late Spring/Summer/Early Fall 1998

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown.
Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

May 23, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m.

Lower Walk-Thru. Join us for our spring clean up on the Long Trail from Rt. 140 in Wallingford to Gov. Clement Shelter. Tools provided or bring your own.

May 30, Saturday (raindate May 31): Leader Ray Catozzi, 773-3006, 8:30 a.m.

Appalachian Trail, Massachusetts. Wildflower loop hike from Blackinton, Mass. and down the Pine Cobble Trail to Williamstown. 4.6 miles easy to moderate, a few short steep pitches. Hopefully we'll see dogwood, mountain pinks, mountain laurel and lady slippers.

June 6, Saturday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m.

National Trails Day. Spring cleanup from Gov. Clement Shelter to Sherburne Pass. Tools provided or bring your own. Help us get the Long Trail in shape for summer hiking.

June 13, Saturday: Leaders Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310, 8:30 a.m. in Middlebury or 9:30 a.m. at the trailhead

Hurricane Mountain, Adirondacks. Joint hike with Breadloaf Section. A steep hike to an open summit with a firetower and exceptional views. 6 miles moderate. Call for details.

June 21, Sunday: Leaders Bill MacDonald, (603) 448-6434 or Eric Deutchbein, (802) 875-1216

Canoe the Connecticut River. Wilder Dam. Joint with Ottaquechee Section. 15 miles from Wilder Dam to the Windsor Bridge.

June 27, Saturday: Leader Kit Davidson, 273-2982, 9 a.m.

Falls of Lana, Salisbury. Climb to a spectacular cascading falls near Lake Dunmore, option to continue on to Silver Lake. 3-6 miles moderate, with some steep climbing.

July 5, Sunday: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 10 a.m.

Work Party. We'll be working on any unfinished projects in the Killington area. Tools provided.

July 11, Saturday: Leader Eric Deutchbein, 875-1216, Meet in Rutland at 9:30 a.m. or behind the Equinox Hotel at 10 a.m.

Mt. Equinox, Manchester. Up the steep Burr & Burton Trail to a spectacular summit, and down the Beartown Notch Trail. Come for a day hike or bring a tent and camp overnight, option to join Sunday's work party. 5-6 miles difficult.

July 12, Sunday: Leader Eric Deutchbein, 875-1216, 9 a.m. behind the Equinox Hotel, Manchester Village

Mt. Equinox Work Party. Join the Friends of Equinox Preservation Trust doing maintenance on the Burr & Burton Trail.

July 18, Saturday: Leader Ruth Hare, afternoons 747-7542, evenings after 7, 747-6133, 9 a.m.

Bicycle Trip, Rutland. 20-25 miles in the Rutland area, moderate pace.

July 25, Saturday: Leader Carol Hignite, 860-1530, Meet in Rutland at 10 a.m. or at the dam at 10:30 a.m.

Canoe Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden. Joint trip with the Burlington Section. A leisurely paddle around a scenic lake, home to moose and loons.

August 1, Saturday: Leader Kit Davidson, 273-2982, 1 p.m.

Taconic Ramble. Spend an afternoon exploring a unique property with varying terrain, from a waterfall to rocky cliffs and a Japanese garden. Followed by refreshments with a spectacular view.

August 2, Sunday: Leader Eric Deutchbein, 875-1216

Tubing the Sacandaga River, New York State. Approximate fee \$20, call one week in advance for details.

August 8, Saturday: Leader Jerry Parker, 775-6208, 6 p.m.

Moonlight Hike, Shrewsbury. A full-moon ramble through the woods in Shrewsbury. 4 miles easy.

August 15, Saturday (raindate August 16): Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 8:30 a.m.

Mt. Abraham, Lincoln. Via the Battell Trail and down the Long Trail to Lincoln Gap. Beautiful views from one of Vermont's three alpine tundras. 6 miles difficult.

August 22, Saturday: Leader Karen Cartier, 773-3509, 8:30 a.m.

Mt. Ellen. Up the Long Trail from Rt. 17 to the summit and down the Jerusalem Trail. 9.6 miles difficult.

August 26, Wednesday: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 7 p.m.

Scheduling Meeting. Come help us plan our upcoming hike schedule.

August 29, Saturday: Leader Channing Bickford, 773-1794, 10 a.m.

Old Turnpike Road, Mendon. See the remains of an old kiln and a beaver pond. 3 miles easy.

September 13, Sunday: Leaders Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997, 9 a.m.

Homer Stone Brook Trail, Mt. Tabor. Up the Homer Stone Brook Trail to scenic Little Rock Pond and out via the Long Trail to Big Branch. 4 1/2 miles moderate.

September 19, Saturday: Leader Jerry Parker, 775-6208, 10 a.m.

Shrewsbury Cemetery, Shrewsbury. Explore an old cemetery and mill site on the Cold River with interesting sights along the way. 3-4 miles easy -moderate.

September 26, Saturday (raindate September 27): Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 8:30 a.m.

Sleeping Beauty Mt. & Fishbrook Pond, Lake George. Great views of the Adirondacks and the lake from open ledges, and a side trip to a remote pond. 7.8 miles, moderate.

KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
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Lowland Walk-Through

May 23, 1998

By Herb Ogden, leader

An unusually good turnout of volunteers allowed us to check all the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf almost to Consultation Point (north of Gov. Clement Shelter) and fix most of the problems we found. For the first time in years, we also freshened up some of the trail blazes during a walk-through. We left this part of the LT in good to excellent condition.

Remaining tasks include improving the signage and blazing so hikers won't miss Minerva Hinchey Shelter and Clarendon Shelter, moving the full privy at the latter, adding stepping stones in the cow pasture south of the Lottery Road in Shrewsbury, rerouting a short stretch near Hermit Spring, fixing wet spots on both sides of the Keiffer Road, adding waterbars to the ascents between the Cold River Roads, repairing steps on a hill south of Gov. Clement Shelter, and repainting numerous blazes. Please contact Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden (home phone 775-1350) if you are interested in any of these projects.

Highland Walk-Through

June 6, 1998

By Herb Ogden, leader

Earlier in the spring, we had visions of spending days clearing trails that the Vermont state authorities and the Appalachian Trail Conference had told us were severely damaged in the January ice storm. As it turned out, however, the tales of ice damage were greatly exaggerated, and we had a very successful bunch of work parties on National Trails Day.

Some of us, including Bill Robichaud and Jerry Parker, got a head start on the annual inspection of the Long Trail in the Coolidge Range during May. Also, three volunteers with chainsaws from the Killington Ski Area cleared all the bigger blowdowns from Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass. When the date for the Walk-Through rolled around, most of the Bucklin Trail and the LT north of Cooper Lodge were already done. We had enough people to form three good-sized work parties. One, led by Greg Western

from the Waterbury office, went from Cooper Lodge to Consultation Point, thoroughly clearing the trail and cleaning waterbars, some of which had been neglected for years. One, led by Bob Perkins, finished trimming the trail from Cooper Lodge to Sherburne Pass and freshened up the blazes between Cooper and Pico. One, led by Herb Ogden, ventured outside the Killington Section's usual area and tackled the north end of the Shrewsbury Peak Trail. This is nominally maintained by Farm & Wilderness Camps, but it looked like the ice storm damage south of Shrewsbury Peak would keep them busy for some time, so we decided to help out. The part of the Shrewsbury Peak Trail we worked on has seen little or no maintenance since at least 1986 and was so grown-in that walking parts of it was like swimming through spruce. We cleared it to GMC standards south to a point about ¼ mile south of the gap between Little Killington and Shrewsbury Peaks. The trail up in the saddle leading to the south peak had some old blowdowns but was nowhere near as bad as the trail from Shrewsbury Peak Jct. down to the gap.

Remaining tasks on this part of the LT include adding puncheon or stepping stones in wet areas about 1 mile north of Gov. Clement Shelter and about 1 mile south of Pico Camp, moving the Pico privy to a new hole because the old one is nearly full, adding still more waterbars, and repainting the blazes from Cooper Lodge south to Gov. Clement Shelter. Please contact Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden (home phone 775-1350) if you are interested in any of these projects.

From the Editor . . .

Please send me fun stuff about your hikes! I need to hear from you!

Send hike reports and other interesting info to:

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On this Walk-Through, we had help from not only our own volunteers but also from a dozen people that the Eastern Mountain Sports store in Lebanon, New Hampshire had recruited for National Trails Day. Many thanks to EMS Assistant Manager Greg Greene, of Bridgewater, for providing the majority of our work force this day. Thanks also to Killington, Ltd. not only for its volunteers but also for giving our work party free passage on the new Killington Gondola and a free barbecue after work was done.

Connecticut Canoe

June 21, 1998

By Eric Deutschbein, leader

Though only four people from the section attended, this trip with the Ottaquechee section was certainly well worth the effort. Our two boats were joined by seven from the Ottaquechee gang, and after vehicles were shifted and equipment accounted for, we set off from the base of Wilder Dam.

The river was up some, but a glance at the bank showed that it had very recently been two to three feet higher. The current was quite strong, though not nearly dangerous. In fact, this made paddling much easier and we finished the trip at least an hour quicker than would normally be expected. We were also able to float with impunity over gravel bars that would normally require either fancy maneuvering or canoe dragging (with consequent wet toes).

Below White River Junction we passed through some minor rapids, and went past a couple of small islands. The sun had broken forth just as we had started downriver and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. There was not a lot of wildlife to be seen, some ducks of course and a hawk or two. I don't even recall seeing a turkey vulture, which is odd, as I have seen many who seem very fond of the Connecticut on past canoe trips.

We stopped for lunch and a swim at Sumner Falls, which is actually just rapids. A kayaker was playing on the waves, but we all chose the better part of valor. After the "falls," the river widens somewhat and the current is correspondingly a bit slower, but we still made good time to the take-out point, just above the Windsor covered bridge on the New Hampshire side.

Getting all the boats on the vehicles was somewhat of an adventure, mostly due to the exceptionally slimy mud on the riverbank. But of course we somehow managed, and our adventure came to a close. Many thanks to Mary Ellen, Doug and Marta for attending, as well as the members of the Ottaquechee section. A special

thanks is due to Doug, who stayed up half the night before the trip devising a method to transport his canoe on a different truck, as his had died the day before!

Hurricane Mountain, Adirondacks - Joint Bread Loaf/Killington Hike

June 13, 1998

By Gordon and Helen Cawood, leaders

Trip was cancelled due to a forecast of rain and thunderstorms. We had only one disappointed caller, Mary Ellen Zisis (Killington). No one showed up at the scheduled meeting place. P.S. Sue Thomas (Killington) was in Adirondak Loj at the time. She reports that the weather was so bad she could not go hiking that day.

Canty Trail Work Party

July 5 1998

By Herb Ogden, leader

This work day was originally scheduled to take care of any remaining ice storm damage on the Killington Section, but that was all done a month or more before. This gave us the luxury of sending a full-fledged work party all the way to the top of Blue Ridge Mountain for the first time since the Killington Section formally took over maintenance of this trail from the late Craigie Perkins about ten years ago.

Most of our time was spent digging silt out of old waterbars and adding new ones. There had been few above the falls that are two-thirds of the way up the trail. We also cleared a half-dozen blowdowns, trimmed brush, and mowed a considerable stretch of the old logging road just south of the U. S. Forest Service boundary. Finally, we spent a lot of time sawing off the ugly, high tree stumps that had been left at the summit and hauling the brush off into the woods. The trail also has a new register just north of Tall Timbers Camp. My late father made it about thirty years ago, and I thought it was about time to put it to good use.

Tasks remaining include repainting the blazes, adding puncheon or stepping stones in wet places in the first half mile, and scouting a switchbacked reroute between the U. S. Forest Service boundary and the falls so as to avoid a very steep and eroded stretch. Please contact Trails & Shelters Chair Herb Ogden (home phone 775-1350) if you are interested in any of these projects.

Mount Equinox (Hike & Camp)

July 11, 1998

By Eric Deutschbein, leader

The weather for this trip was quite questionable, perhaps accounting for the miserable turnout. Though the forecast said warm and sunny, the undeniable reality was cloudy and on the coolish side. Only Sue Thomas and Mary Ellen Zizis joined me for the hike up, and Sue returned to Rutland leaving only two to camp.

The climb up the steep Burr and Burton (or "Blue") Trail was, as always, a stern test for even the most fit. We kept a steady pace though, and stopped only briefly on the way, once at the Upper Spring, which unfortunately has suffered from the intervention of mankind and now sports a huge PVC pipe where it comes out of the mountain.

We found the weather at the top to be windy, cold and clammy, but the excellent view and close proximity of a hot dog vendor on the porch of the Equinox Hotel was enough to make us hang around for lunch. We were treated to the unique sight of a miniature rain squall working its way along the back side of a nearby ridge and right up to our location, but it was such a light shower that I had to insist that it really had not rained at all.

We descended the mountain via the Bear Town (or "Ridge") Trail, which is one of my favorite trails anywhere. Much of it is the actual ridge of the north side of the mountain, and you have some views to both sides, blocked only by the trees. After a couple of miles we came out on a truck trail and returned the last mile to the "civilized" part of Bear Town Road.

Sue then departed, and Mary Ellen and I loaded our gear into my truck and set off for a camping spot I had spotted on the way down. We cleared off two small spots on an overgrown log trail to set up our tents, and gathered some of the dead limbs around us for a fire. Most of the wood was of poor quality (being softwoods tossed aside by loggers), but a section of perfectly seasoned beech saved the day and cooked Mary Ellen's "campfire stew" just fine (you really have to try this stuff!).

We went to sleep as soon as the sun did, with vague hopes of a possible moonlight hike down the truck trail in the backs of our minds. Though the moon was near full, it was riding low in the sky (being a waning moon, two days past full) and the desired illumination just wasn't there, with the mountain itself cutting off much of the light.

The scheduled work party with the Equinox Preservation Trust for Sunday had been canceled (by them) on short notice, so after a hearty breakfast at Mrs. Murphy's Donuts, we took a stroll up to Lye Brook Falls. This is a relatively short hike to a very tall, "staggered" falls in a steep ravine. The weather on Sunday was also considerably brighter, and it was a good end to the weekend.

Little Rock Pond

September 13, 1998

By Roma Pulling, leader

Little Rock being one of the most popular destinations on the Long Trail, it wasn't surprising that we were part of a very large group there on the day of our hike. I counted thirty hikers and then gave up. Alfred and I later estimated there must have been at least fifty in the area. Some were Middlebury College freshman on an orientation outing.

In the morning when we met five other people at the park, the skies were cloudy. Happily, it soon cleared off and was a beautiful, sunny day, perfect for hiking. We drove in three cars to South Wallingford, where three hikers got out and waited while the three drivers left to spot two cars at Big Branch parking area in Mt. Tabor, where we planned to end our hike.

When the drivers returned in one car, we were waiting at the Little Red Schoolhouse, which provides a parking area for hikers. This is the beginning of the Homer Stone Brook Trail, an alternate route to the pond. It proved to be a good choice because we met no other hikers and enjoyed having it to ourselves.

On reaching the pond and threading our way through the groups of people, we sat at the edge of the pond near the tenting area and ate our lunch. One hiker even went in swimming, but this late in the summer it wasn't a popular activity. After a leisurely break, we made our way south from the pond to the Big Branch area and our cars.

REPORT OF THE KILLINGTON SECTION TO THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB 1998 ANNUAL MEETING

The Killington Section maintains the Long Trail from Wallingford Gulf (Vt. 140) north to Sherburne Pass (U.S. 4), the Killington Spur Trail, the Bucklin Trail, and the Pico Link Trail. We also maintain the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, which is no longer part of the Long Trail System. This amounts to 21.6 miles of Long

Trail and 6.4 miles of side trails. Although most of the shelters in our section have good adopters, the Section as a whole has also worked on structures as needed.

We usually have three or four work parties per year. In the last six years, at least 81 people (not including staff) have participated in at least one, and we have registered at least 151 days of volunteer labor. Since November 1992, some people have participated in sixteen or more work parties. In the last year, we had three work parties and 24 new volunteers. Many of them came to us through a National Trails Day promotion by the Eastern Mountain Sports store in Lebanon, N.H. Through this EMS store, the GMC is also receiving \$1,000. It will probably be used for punchon on a long boggy stretch in the Killington-Pico saddle.

Aside from our primary mission of maintaining trails and shelters, we promote outdoor involvement and education by offering about one activity per week. Most are day hikes, but we also offer an overnight, some ski tours, a few bicycle and canoe trips, a Fall Potluck, and the April Annual Meeting. We try to reduce use of the Long Trail by scheduling most outings elsewhere, often on trails or old roads known only to the outing leader. The most-attended event this year was the Eighth Annual Taconics Ramble, which drew at least 27 people to Kit Davidson's Japanese gardens and craggy trails in Hubbardton. Our Annual Meeting drew 22, and our Coolidge Range work party (helped mightily by EMS) drew a record 19 for a work party. In the last year, we had 40 outings, attended by about 391 people.

Challenges for the coming year include moving or replacing Pico Camp (which is to be under a new ski lift), working with Cooper Lodge's adopters to avoid its demolition, finding some way to hinder vehicles from reaching Gov. Clement Shelter without antagonizing nearby landowners, updating our trail signs, helping with three major relocations, and recruiting new members to replace those (including two of the last three Section Presidents) who quit rather than pay Uniform Dues.

The Section is run by a nine member Board of Directors limited to two consecutive three year terms. We are having difficulty attracting people for the harder jobs such as Trails and Shelters Chair, especially because people do not want to deal with paperwork. We did, however, just have the first contested election for a Board seat in at least the last dozen years. We also finally have a Section Historian who is preserving our records and wonderful old photographs.

At its Annual Meeting, the Section overwhelmingly resolved that it "views with concern the rapid growth and expansion of GMC headquarters in Waterbury," especially the proposal to spend \$300,000 to \$450,000 for what would essentially be a new headquarters. The resolution said "the other concern involves the rapid growth

of the headquarters staff." At the Section Presidents' Meeting and through its representatives on the Sections Committee, we have cautioned against asking our members and donors for too much. We have urged the GMC leadership to consider proposed new staff positions in light of whether the Sections and other volunteers can do what the new staffer is supposed to do, and whether the new staffer's proposed job is essential to the GMC.

I am pleased to see that the new GMC President is more attentive to the needs and wishes of the Sections, and much more respectful of their feelings, than his three immediate predecessors. I think he is ushering in a new era of cooperation and understanding between the club leadership and the Sections. I hope the GMC Board of Directors supports this improvement.

Rutland, 11 June 1998
Herbert G. Ogden, Jr.
President, Killington Section

VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE IMPROVE LOCAL TRAILS

By Herb Ogden

As they have for several years, the Volunteers for Peace gave us two days of their time for trail projects. Their first day was 3 August. Led by Herb Ogden, they tackled the Deer Leap Trail from near Willard Gap to Little Deer Leap. While this trail had been cleared enough so that it could be followed despite the horrible January ice storm damage, much clearing remained to be done. Ten young volunteers from Belgium, England, France, Greece, Japan, Philadelphia (no, this is not a mistake) and Scotland spent five hours bringing this trail up to GMC standards, sawing and trimming countless limbs that had fallen into or bent over the trail in the ice storm. They also cleared out many waterbars both on the above stretch of trail and also from Little Deer Leap to Maine Junction.

On their second day, 4 August, the volunteers were led by Bob Perkins. They opened an approximately .1 mile relocation of the LT around Hermit Spring, which had been a "footbath in the wilderness" even in summer. They also worked on wet areas on both sides of the Lottery Road.

This year's volunteers were unusually friendly and capable, and it was a pleasure working with them.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club Outing Schedule Fall/Winter 1998-99

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown.
Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!**

Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

September 26, Saturday (raindate September 27): Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 8:30 a.m.

Sleeping Beauty Mt. & Fishbrook Pond, Lake George. Great views of the Adirondacks and the lake from open ledges, and a side trip to a remote pond. 7.8 miles, moderate.

Sunday, October 4: Leaders Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997, 9 a.m.

Snake Mountain Addison. Beautiful views from the summit, 4 miles moderate.

Saturday, October 10: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 9:30 a.m.

Silver Lake via Chandler Ridge Trail - Goshen. A pretty trail along a ridge overlooking Lake Dunmore, 8 1/2 miles, moderate.

Saturday, October 17: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 459-0018,

Kid's Hike. A mystery hike especially for kids. Approximately 3 miles, easy.

Sunday, October 18: Leader Mary Ellen Zizis, 773-2194, 10 a.m.

Fall Bike Trip. Approximately 20 miles.

Sunday, October 25: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 1 p.m.

Bridgewater Goldmines. Explore a series of caves and excavations where gold diggers once mined in Vermont. 2 miles, moderate.

Sunday, November 8: Leader Gretchen Crowley, 459-0018, 10 a.m.

Mystery Hike. 4-5 miles, moderate.

Friday, November 13 - Sunday, November 15: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center - Mystic, Conn. Native American museum with life-size dioramas, artifacts, films on the history of the Northeast woodland tribes, 16th century village and 1780 farmstead. Possible trip to Mystic Seaport or aquarium. Admission charge and motel. Please call by Oct. 15 so we can make reservations.

Saturday, November 21: Leader Linda Smith, 265-4493, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Slide Program. At the Econolodge on Rt. 4 in Mendon. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share.

Sunday, December 6: Leader Bob Perkins, 773-0184, 10 a.m.

Pine Hill/Rocky Pond. Rutland, 3 miles, moderate.

Saturday, December 12: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m.

Backwoods of Bridgewater. Hike or snowshoe (dependent on conditions). Visit old cemeteries and cellarhouse with some nice views. 6 miles, moderate.

Sunday, January 10: Leader Jerry Parker, 9 a.m.

Mystery Hike or Snowshoe. (Dependant on conditions.) 5 miles, moderate.

Sunday, January 17: Leader Jean Davies, 488-6623, 1 p.m.

Cross Country Ski the Pittsford Trails. Explore Pittsford's new trails system, mileage variable.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE?

Our next schedule will include mid-January - mid-April. Please call Linda Smith, the outings committee chair, by December 15 to guaranteed a spot on our schedule. 265-4493.

Smoke & Blazes

Volume 51, Number 3

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

December 1998

Killington Section, GMC, Director's Meeting October 27, 1998, 7 p.m.

The meeting was held at the home of Pres. Herb Ogden with the following present: Herb Ogden, Ray Catozzi, Bob Perkins, Al Pulling, Bill Robichaud, Phil Smith, Linda Smith, Ruth Gibbud, Connie Youngstrom, and Jake Sherman.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of both the March 10, 1998 Directors' Meeting as well as those of the annual meeting, having previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*, were unanimously approved with no corrections or additions. m/s/p Phil Smith, Al Pulling

Treasurer's Report: Al Pulling reported a balance in the checking account of \$100.94 as of this date. This will increase by approximately \$308 when the section is reimbursed by the main club for materials used in constructing a new outhouse to replace one destroyed by fire at Gov. Clement Shelter.

Long Trail Relocation Report: Bill Robichaud reported on the many relocation projects currently being carried out by the GMC within the Killington Section. Bill has been working closely with the GMC people and doing much volunteer work himself. It is estimated that as much as half of the section's approximately 20 miles are to be relocated. It is anticipated that all of this work can be completed by the end of next year.

Some of the major portions being relocated include:

1. from U.S. 4, well west of Sherburne pass, up the west side of Pico, a section of new trail close to 4 miles long.
2. the section from Gov. Clement Shelter north to Consultation Point would be relocated to the west.
3. between Rtes. 140 and 103 the trail would again be relocated to the west along Bear Mountain and would cross 140 west of its present location.
4. Little Killington where a relo would allow the LT to avoid crossing the Juggernaut ski trail.
5. north of U.S. 4 up back side of Deer Leap

Mtn. into Willard Gap (this stretch is officially outside the KS's maintenance area).

PICO CAMP: The section will recommend to the GMC that no attempt be made to move Pico Camp. It was the unanimous view that the shelter is in too poor a condition to withstand removal to another site. Killington had offered to do this when its helicopters begin working the site in connection with extensive ski trail development. American Skiing Company has reportedly offered \$5,000 to help build a shelter or tent platform in another location, and it was felt this should be pursued.

CONTINUED KILLINGTON SECTION MAINTENANCE: After much discussion it was passed unanimously that for the time being responsibility for maintaining all trails within the Section including several miles of new rels would continue to rest with the Killington Section. (m/s/p Ray Catozzi, Bob Perkins). This was in response to concern that with slim work party turnouts the extra burden may be beyond our capabilities.

KS ARCHIVES: Jake Sherman will check with Jim Davidson of the Rutland Historical Society about a permanent home for the club's archives with the Society. Bob Perkins, our historian, urged that an agreement be worked out with RHS whereby they would preserve and order the material but we would be allowed to borrow it back out for programs and such. The archives presently consist of a complete run of *Smoke & Blazes*, *LT News* and account books but could come to include scrapbooks and photo albums.

SMOKE & BLAZES: There was positive reaction to *Smoke & Blazes* under the new editorship of Kim Armstrong. The names of directors will be included in upcoming issues for ease of contact.

NOMINATIONS: Herb Ogden urged the group to think of a good potential nominee to replace Ray Catozzi, whose second term is expiring in 1999. Since it is a second

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OPEN MEETING FOR GMC MEMBERS ON JAN. 7 IN RUTLAND

How is the Green Mountain Club doing? How can we improve? What are your ideas and visions for the future of the Long Trail?

YOU are invited
to join an open meeting with
GMC Executive Director Ben Rose
on
Thursday, January 7, 1999.

This is one of a series of discussion groups being held throughout the state, offering GMC members a close-to-home opportunity to discuss the management and future of our club in a friendly, informal format.

When: Thursday, January 7
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: U.S. Forest Service,
Rutland

For more info contact:
Herb Ogden, 775-1350
or Ben Rose, 244-7037 ext. 12

From The Field . . .

**SCAR RIDGE -
WMNF NEW HAMPSHIRE**
7 October 1998
by Ron Kirschbaum

This hike began at the Little East Pond trailhead off the Tupoli Rd. After a leisurely 1 1/4 mile hike to the pond, the fun really began.

I took my initial compass reading from the north shore of the pond and headed due magnetic-north. I immediately encountered some of the thickest balsam fir boughs. As I gained altitude the woods opened up a bit, and

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Notice of Proposed Section Bylaw Change

At the 27 October meeting of the Section's Board of Directors, the Board unanimously approved the following Bylaw changes, subject to ratification by a two-thirds vote of those Section members who attend the Annual Meeting in April 1999. Additions are redlined and deletions are stricken out. Present Article 15 would become Article 14. For an explanation of the proposed changes, please see the article on the Directors Meeting elsewhere in this issue.

Art. 2 Membership in the Killington Section is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the Killington Section and pays the annual dues. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

Art. 14 Annual dues, to cover the G.M.C. assessment, trail and shelter work, social and other appropriate activities including publication of a newsletter, shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority of those present at an Annual or Special Meeting.

Art. 15 If the Section is dissolved or otherwise ceases to function, all of its property of every kind shall pass to the Green Mountain Club, Inc., or the G.M.C.'s designated successor.

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club By-Laws

*(Including amendments ratified at
1991 Annual Meeting)*

1. The purposes 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 which it agrees to maintain for the G.M.C.; to encourage proper trail and shelter use throughout its section of the Long Trail; and to arrange for group hikes and other social and appropriate activities.

2. Membership in the Killington Section is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the Killington Section and pays the annual dues. All voting members shall be at least 18 years old.

3. The Killington Section shall conduct all activities without prejudice in regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual preference. We shall encourage persons with disabilities to participate according to their limitations.

4. The activities of the section shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nine members. The Directors shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the Annual Meeting.

5. The terms of office of the Directors shall be three years, with three Directors elected each year. A Director who has served two full consecutive terms may not be re-elected until one year has passed.

6. The absence of a Director from two consecutive meetings of the Board, without a valid reason accepted by the Board, shall terminate 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 a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the

last two being combined if found desirable. The term of office shall be one year.

8. Whenever necessary, the Directors shall elect, preferably from their number, G.M.C. Directors and alternate Directors as allocated by the G.M.C. By-laws. The Directors may at their discretion elect G.M.C. Directors and alternates from the general Section membership.

9. The By-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of seven Directors, effective upon ratification by a two-thirds vote of those Section members who attend an Annual or Special 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 shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

11. A quorum for all business of the Section shall be one-tenth of those members eligible to vote.

12. The Annual Meeting shall be held no later than the end of April to nominate and to elect Directors, hear reports of the Officers and G.M.C. Director(s), plan for the coming year, and transact any other appropriate business.

13. Within fourteen days after a vote of a majority of the Directors or a petition of ten per cent of the members, the President shall set the date of a Special Meeting of the Section and give at least fourteen days notice, with an agenda, to all members.

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Killington Section, GMC, Director's Meeting, from page 1

term, Ray can not be reelected according to the by-laws.

GMC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

GMC Director Phil Smith reported on the last main club meeting which occurred Sept. 19 in Waterbury. Discussion at that time focused on a proposal for the GMC to buy all or part of a sizeable tract of upwards of 40 acres of land adjacent to the headquarters complex which may soon be coming on the market. The price of this land would be in the \$300,000-\$400,000 range. The acquisition, contend those who support it, would provide a number of expansion opportunities at the main club site and protect against potential adverse development.

This is in addition to ongoing plans and proposals to upgrade and expand the present headquarters building which appear at present could cost upwards of another \$100,000.

These developments were received with concern. There was unanimous consensus that spending significant club money to "preserve the view" was not a legitimate club function. There also was unanimous consent that: (a) a proposed 12-mile "connecting trail" from Waterbury headquarters to LT was a "separate question" from the land purchase, and (b) it was difficult to support purchase of extra land before determining if presently owned land were sufficient to support the club's planned uses.

Phil also reported that the 400-member New York Section was contemplating seceding from the GMC over the uniform dues issues.

TRAILS & SHELTERS CHAIR:

Herb again asked for a volunteer to be the Trails & Shelters Chairman. It is burdensome for him to continue to have to fulfill this role while serving as section president.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER: The masonry is in need of repair. It was agreed Herb will pursue a possible grant for this work from the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). The shelter is perhaps the oldest on the present AT. If a grant is not forthcoming, consideration will be given to doing the job ourselves out of the Kirk Fund.

Meanwhile, vandalism at the shelter continues to be a problem. In August the privy was burned. A new one was prefabricated by Jerry Parker and set in place by Jerry and Roy Arthur at a cost for materials of \$308.39 which will be reimbursed by the GMC. The center post supporting the roof overhang also was pulled down by vandals. This will be replaced by Roy Arthur. Herb has been in touch with landowners in the area concern-

ing putting up a closed gate during hiking season.

BY-LAWS CHANGES: It was unanimously approved to recommend to the membership at the annual meeting changes in two of the section's 14 by-laws. (m/s/p Bob Perkins/Ray Catozzi). These changes would eliminate the provision in Article 2 that only members over 18 can vote and eliminate Article 14 entirely since it deals with dues which are now entirely in the control of Waterbury.

GROUP SIZE POLICIES: Among proposed amendments coming out of a recent section presidents' meeting were several dealing with size of day-hiking groups. One in particular called for there to be a leader for every four hikers rather than the present 10 hikers. It was unanimously agreed that a ratio of one leader to every six hikers would be more workable and reasonable (m/s/p Bob Perkins/Phil Smith).

CLARENDON GORGE: Bob Perkins expressed concern over the possible sale of the lower part of Clarendon Gorge Near Rte. 7 and possible subsequent restriction to the public. He is pursuing this matter.

COOPER LODGE: Damage and trashing to this historic CCC-built cabin, high on the west slope of Killington, by skiers continues to be a problem. Talk continues of having to abandon the shelter if there is no improvement in the situation. The issue is how much supervision of the structure is Killington prepared to undertake. It was suggested meanwhile that a sturdier latch would be helpful. Herb will pursue this.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: It was moved and seconded (Al Pulling, Ray Catozzi) that George Reynolds, having been a 30-year member of the Killington Section, be adopted as a life member of the GMC. In order to obtain more info about present dues policies of the GMC as they relate to life membership, it was moved to table the motion to the next meeting. (m/s/p Ruth Gibbud/Phil Smith).

PUBLICITY: There have been some problems with hike publicity during the past month. Ray Catozzi agreed to keep the *Rutland Herald* informed and Ruth Gibbud will do the same for *The Mountain Times*.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next Director's meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman,
Secretary

ARSON!

by Herb Ogden

We regret to announce that the Lieutenant Governor Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Gazebo, otherwise known as the outhouse at the Percival W. Clement Memorial Shelter, was lost to arson this summer. It was the only two-holer on the LT. Its first career was as a residential privy in Humble Hollow in Shrewsbury. In August 1966, my late father and I bought it for \$5 (or \$2.50 per hole), trucked it to Gov. Clement, painted it white, added a window, and gave it a name to match the shelter's grandiloquent one. We got so many inquiries about its namesake that we had to fabricate a biography of Lt. Gov. Snodgrass. We even had Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Excursions whenever the first of April fell on a weekend. Alas, a few inconsiderate partygoers have put an end to this pilgrimage spot.

The burned "gazebo" has been replaced by a very serviceable outhouse, which Jerry Parker prefabricated based on plans obtained from the Ottauquechee Section and modified to give the "head" a little more head room. Jerry and shelter adopter Roy Arthur trucked it in and built it soon after hearing that the old structure had burned.

Apparently at the same time as the arson, someone tried to destroy the front of the shelter itself. The middle support for the overhang was yanked out, probably with the help of a vehicle. It was probably burned, as no trace has been found. It appears there was an attempt to yank out the corner support. Luckily, it failed, and the overhang did not collapse. How people can get their kicks from trying to destroy the oldest shelter on the Long Trail is beyond me. We would like to find the criminals and have the State teach them a lesson, but there are unfortunately no leads.

All this has given new impetus to a project the U.S. Forest Service and the GMC thought of a few years ago: trying to persuade the Town of Shrewsbury to allow a gate on the Gov. Clement Road (probably just south of the first brook crossing), to be locked in hiking season. The owners of the three camps between the brook crossings would have keys. Several landowners on the road welcome this idea. Anyone who has thoughts about this is asked to contact Section President Herb Ogden at 775-1350 evenings.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter 1999

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Sunday, January 10: Leader Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 9 a.m.

Mystery Hike or Snowshoe. (Dependant on conditions.) 5 miles, moderate.

Sunday, January 17: Leader Jean Davies, 488-6623, 1 p.m.

Cross Country Ski the Pittsford Trails. Explore Pittsford's new trails system, mileage variable.

Sunday, January 31: Leader Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 1 p.m.

Children's Adventure Series. Easy 1 to 3 miles, mileage flexible.

Saturday, February 6: Leaders Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997, 1 p.m.

Quarterline Road. Easy to moderate 3 miles.

Saturday, February 13: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 10 a.m. Return about 2 p.m.

Spring Lake Ski Tour in Shrewsbury. Follow wood roads from Spring Lake Ranch to the Long Trail and tour a bit of the Bear Mountain relocation scheduled to open in 1999. Beaver ponds, views, and an old homesite with orchard. About 3 miles, generally easy. Good for any moderately experienced skier. Lack of snow will result in an alternative outing. Call if in doubt whether we're skiing, snowshoeing or hiking.

Saturday, February 20: Leader Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502, 10 a.m.

Snowshoe or cross-country, bring both or call leader for details. Moderate 5 miles.

Saturday, February 27: Leader Ray Catozzi, 773-3006, 9 a.m.

Cross-country ski at Hildene Ski Touring Center. Fee. Bring lunch or eat at cafeteria.

Saturday, March 6: Leader Gordon Cawood, 352-4310, call leader for time and meeting place.

Join hike with Breadloaf Section. Hike or snowshoe Lincoln Road with views to the west and south. Moderate 5 miles.

Saturday, March 13: Leader Herb Ogden, 775-1350, 9 a.m. Return about 4 p.m.

Pine Brook Trail Ski Tour. Follow U.S. Forest Service roads along Pine Brook and Bingo Brook. Steep uphill, a possibly tricky brook crossing, then some views and long downhill on broad roads. About 5 miles, part easy and part moderate. Lack of snow will result in an alternative outing. Call if in doubt whether we're skiing, snowshoeing or hiking.

Saturday, March 20: Leader Sue Thomas, 773-2185, 10 a.m.

First Day of Spring. Moderate 4 to 6 miles.

Sunday, April 11: Leader Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 1 p.m.

Second Children's Adventure Series. Easy 1 to 3 miles.

Saturday, April 17: Leader Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502, 9 a.m.

Early signs of spring walk. Call leader for details.

Saturday, April 24: Call Linda Smith, 265-4493, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Potluck at the Econo Lodge. Bring a dish to share and place setting.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? - Our next schedule will include mid-April through mid-October. Please call Linda Smith, the outings committee chair, by April 1 to guaranteed a spot on our schedule. 265-4493.

FALL POTLUCK WITH FORESTER

21 November 1998

by Herb Ogden, eater

Linda Smith ran this by remote control, otherwise known as Sue Thomas, so I guess I have to write the article. Attendance was less than usual, possibly because we were competing with a contra dance, a Unitarian-Universalist coffee house, and another concert, but the food was if anything more sumptuous than usual, and the program was first-rate. Gary Salmon, a State Forester in the Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation, gave an interesting slide lecture on trail work and how the woods affect us all. Among the most interesting photos were those of rock work on the new relocation of the LT north of Consultation Point on Little Killington and those of sliding a doped sow bear out of its winter den as part of a study on how ski areas affect bears. Also, Ray Catozzi brought a couple the Section's old scrapbooks, and many of us enjoyed looking at the photos from as far back as the nineteen teens.

Many thanks to the Econo-Lodge at Pico for again letting us use their downstairs fireplace lounge for the event!

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the views to the east were magnificent.

Upon reaching the ridge top I found the first heard paths of the hike. Ten minutes later I had made the summit!

Because of the thickness of the woods and the need to use the compass with discipline, this bushwack is one of the most rewarding climbs of a lesser hiked peak, on the New England highest hundred list.

PANTHER PEAK ADIRONDACK PARK, NEW YORK

24 October 1998

by Ron Kirschbaum

Panther Peak at 4,442', is the 18th highest peak in New York. Because of its location in the western part of the park, it affords views of Mt. Marcy and at least 23 other 4,000-footers that can only be seen from it and Sananoni Mountain to the south.

The trailhead is located two miles south of the abandoned mining village of Tahawus. (Well worth checking out.)

We had beautiful weather for this hike, no clouds and deep blue skies!

After following a very muddy trail to Bradley Pond, we then followed an unmaintained trail to the summit. This trail proved to be in better condition than many maintained trails. The last half mile of this hike is above tree-line, and we had 360 degree views. We spend a good hour at the summit and then headed for the lower elevations and the mud!

BRIDGEWATER GOLD MINE

25 October 1998

by Herb Ogden, Leader

A good-sized group of treasure seekers showed up on this fine fall afternoon. By the time we reached the trailhead on the Daley Hollow Road, the group was a little smaller. One veteran hiker misunderstood the rendezvous in Bridgewater Corner. He spent some time looking for us in locales as distant as Chateaugay (pronounced "chat-a-ghee"), then gave up and took his passenger on a different hike. They found just as much gold as we did.

From the Daley Hollow Road, the old road used to go to the Pioneer Mine and others. After climbing up a narrow valley with an impressive stone wall on the other side, we turned off the old road at the first house foundation on the right, where daylilies still grow. After identifying a few pieces of iron that were in the cellarhole or near it, we walked uphill a couple hundred feet to a much larger foundation. I think Churchill Scott once said it was probably the remains of a boardinghouse for the miners. Whatever it was, it's a huge three-sided structure dug into the hillside. Below it is a big barn foundation. A little farther east, below a lane, is the actual mine.

SMOKE & BLAZES ENDS

for you, if you don't renew your membership for 1999. If you don't want this to be your last issue, please use the membership form to send your dues to Treasurer Al Pulling, 883 U.S. Rt. 4 East, Rutland VT 05701. The GMC and the Section appreciate your support for the Long Trail and our activities.

The mine, which has no name on the 1869 Beers Atlas, is a level, dry shaft extending maybe 200' into the hill. It is the longest shaft I know of in Bridgewater. Someone had placed candles at strategic intervals. We lit them as we walked along, and the scene was pretty. Toward the end of the shaft, we encountered quite a number of hibernating bats hanging from the ceiling of the shaft. (Made a note not to visit the place so late in the fall as to disturb the furry little fliers.) The last one out blew out the candles. We then stood on the heap of tailings at the shaft's mouth and puzzled about a circular foundation that looked to be partly buried, inspected the barn foundation closer to the old road, and returned to the cars.

The road actually continues up the valley past at least two more mines and a small cellarhole. Along with Mara Carey, Killington Section member Channing Bickford and I explored this earlier in the fall. Unfortunately, after we gained maybe another hundred feet of elevation, we encountered the results of the January ice storm in full force. We slithered under trunks, clambered over them, pushed through branches, and occasionally had to make considerable detours away from the road to avoid the destruction. Consequently, I decided not to lead any official hikes farther up the road until either saws or rot clear the way again.

BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW HILL ROAD

12 December 1998

by Herb Ogden, Leader

No, "Bridgewater Hollow Hill" is not one of the Bridgewater hills that was hollowed out by gold seekers. As far as I know and the old maps show, there were no gold mines east of the North Branch of the Ottauquechee River, and we kept to the east of that. Instead, it's my name for the partly abandoned road from Bridgewater Village north to Bridgewater Hollow. Even Roma Pulling, whose great-grandfather lived on a branch from this road down to Bridgewater Center, didn't know the proper name for this road. Does anyone? We began at a sharp turn where the only maintained road veers east. Heading about due north, we reached Bridgewater Hollow in about 3.3 miles. We passed two ruined camps and two active ones. In that same distance, the 1868 H.B. Thompson map of Bridgewater (sold at the Bridgewater Center store) shows

11 houses and two schools. Curiously, the 1869 Beers Atlas shows only seven houses and one school. I assume that, while the Thompson map was published in 1868, the survey was done earlier, because it is hard to imagine four houses and a school disappearing in just one year. By the time of the first U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle in 1911, only the Bridgewater Hollow school remained. Now that is gone, too. Although abandoned, the road is a major snowmobile route, but most of the old cellarholes are obscure enough so that the motorized folks probably never realize they are traversing an old neighborhood except when they see the Kellogg-Bassett cemetery.

Heading north from the Gold Coast Road, we at first passed some open fields, then climbed moderately through hardwoods past several old house sites. In about a mile, in a little clearing, we reached an abandoned camp where a side trail went east. We crossed a little brook and very soon reached another clearing, where a side road leads down to Bridgewater Center past the farm where Roma's great-grandfather lived. Soon after that, at the height of land, we reached the Kellogg-Bassett burying ground. Although it is large, there appears to have been many years when it was poorly maintained, to judge from stumps of trees and brush. Many of the graves are marked only by unscrubbed fieldstones. Some of the inscribed stones are unusual, like the one showing a funeral obelisk. The Vermont Old Cemeteries Association book says the earliest grave is from 1813 and the latest from 1865.

At a sunny noontime, we lunched near a still-maintained camp, about ¼ mile north of the cemetery. A partly filled-in cellarhole was at the edge of its lawn, and it had a pretty little pond too. Less than half a mile farther north, just before what the 1966 U.S.G.S. quad says is a trail to Montague Hill, we found a cellarhole identified as "A.L. Allen & Co." in the 1869 atlas. It was actually a double cellarhole. We speculated that, when the owner enlarged the house, he simply added another cellar rather than disturb the existing cellar wall. Around here, we saw that a bobcat had followed the old road a ways. So had either a coyote or a dog that was far from home and master.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

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Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
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Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)
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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

April 1999

Killington Section, GMC, Director's Meeting February 16, 1999 - 7 p.m.

The meeting was held at the home of President Herb Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland, with the following present: Herb Ogden, Ray Catozzi, Bob Perkins, Al Pulling, Phil Smith, Connie Youngstrom, Jake Sherman, and special guest Dave Hardy, director of field operations for the GMC.

Treasurer's Report:

Al Pulling reported \$972.29 in the checking account and \$524.17 in interest from the Kirk Fund. There also is \$1,317.58 in a Chittenden Bank savings account.

Section Membership:

Al reported that as of this date, 16 individual memberships had been renewed as well as five family memberships. The section has 15 life members. Al noted that the Killington Section lost 40 members when the main club went to uniform dues.

Archives Agreement:

Section historian Bob Perkins negotiated an agreement with the Rutland Historical Society to house our archives which presently consist of scrapbooks, photo albums, back runs of *Smoke and Blazes*, and other memorabilia. A motion to adopt the agreement (m/s/p Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman) was passed unanimously. Bob suggested that the historical society might be interested in a history of the section for one of its upcoming quarterlies.

Smoke & Blazes:

The next issue is due in March. This will be the last issue current members receive unless they renew. Jake Sherman will include a reminder that hike leaders or their designees are responsible for submitting written hike reports to the editor.

Director Candidates:

Ray Catozzi's term is expiring, and he is not eligible for re-election. The names of a number of individuals who would be qualified to fill this slot were mentioned. The new direc-

tor to replace Ray will be elected at the section annual meeting April 24.

GMC Field Operations Report:

Dave Hardy gave an extensive report covering relocation work within the section and several other topics. He reported that the GMC had a lot of staff members working on the various rels within the section and that they hoped to complete two of the major ones, Pico and Bear Mountain, this year.

Pico Relocation - The game plan is to have the approximately five-mile relo from Willard Gap north of U.S. 4 to just south of Pico Peak open by September. The new trail will swing well to the west and will intersect the highway near Beaver Pond. An old logging road bridge on the trailhead at U.S. 4 will be replaced by a narrower bridge that will serve both the LT and the Catamount Trail. Dave felt the new Rte. 4 crossing would be safer than the present one at the top of the pass. He did not envision any kind of pedestrian overpass at the site. Meanwhile, Pico Camp will be spared for at least another year due to delays in American Skiing Company's development plans. However, the privy needs to be moved this year.

Bear Mountain Relocation - It is also hoped Bear Mountain will be completed by September. A lot of "side hilling" up the south side has been done. The new section will offer plentiful vistas to the west and a nice bald outcrop of rock. It will cross Vt. 140 $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile west of the present crossing. The old route will be closed. Relo plans for south of 140 are not finalized, however the Greenwall Shelter will continue to be used and will be about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the Long Trail. The LT will be using a significant portion of the Keewaydin Trail no matter what configuration is finally selected.

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Annual Meeting This Saturday

New
Location!



*Annual Meeting
and Potluck*

Saturday, April 24
5:30 p.m.

New Location at
The Unitarian Universalist Church
basement,
West Street, Rutland
Bring a dish to share
and a place setting.

Call Sue Thomas at 773-2185
for more information

From The Field . . .

White Rocks Snowshoe Hike
February 20, 1999

Our group of eight hikers and two lively dogs had a perfect winter's day with the temperature in the high 20's, calm winds and a pale blue sky overhead. By way of the White Rocks picnic area we started off on the Keewaydin Trail, some on foot and others on snowshoes. The Keewaydin Trail is a steep climb, though fairly short in length, and offers some nice wintertime views of Bear Mountain and other hills through the trees.

We made our way through a mixed hardwood forest before entering spruce, balsam and paper birch woods nearer the summit.

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50 Years Ago in Smoke and Blazes

By Bob Perkins

Historian, Killington Section

A decision made at the annual Section meeting on January 20, 1949 was to continue publication of *Smoke and Blazes*, then a four-page monthly, which had been started on a trial basis the previous September. This article recalls some highlights of 50 years ago from that first full year of publication.

Section officers for 1949 included President Fred Field, Vice President Leone Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Eleanor Walker, Trails Ray Catozzi and Churchill Scott, Shelters Craigie Perkins, Harold Valiquette and Gale Spaulding, Outings Billy Allard, Photography Shirley Morris, and Newsletter Mary and Vera Perkins.

For entertainment at that annual meeting there was a contest to choose the seven natural wonders of Rutland Country. The selected wonders will be revealed later in this article.

The major trails and shelters project for the year was the relocation of the old Blue Triangle Camp from its site next to the brook near Gov. Clement to its new home above Spring Lake. On a January work party the shelter was cut into sections and trucked to the south shore of the lake. At least seven more work parties at Spring Lake were reported during the year. The camp sections were tobogganed across the lake ice, carried up through what was then an open pasture, and re-assembled high on the hill.

Membership in the Section for 1949 topped out at 95 with 60 adult members and 35 juniors. Dues were then \$2.00 for adults and \$0.50 for those through high school. Thirty dollars of the dues payments was forwarded to the main club. Outings were held to just about every shelter in our section as well as to Bradder's Camp in Tinmouth, the Canty-Fostman Camp on Bomoseen, Tucker Lodge (twice), Little Rock Pond, Noyes Pond, White Rocks, Mt. Carmel, Mooselamoo, and Equinox. There also were several special events. The February winter weekend was held at Craigie Perkins' camp in Mendon (later known as Tall Timber). It was necessary to hike in from Route 4 because Old Turnpike was not a plowed road in those days. In April, Leone Smith hosted a Maple Sugar-on-Snow party at Camp Sangamon in Pittsford with the traditional pickles, doughnuts and coffee.

The Intersectional, an annual gathering for members of all GMC sections, was organized by the Killington Section in August, again at Tall Timber. The November rummage sale, promoted with newspaper and radio advertising, was the big money making event of the year. Proceeds were \$101.88. By the way, the Section, ended 1949 with a bank balance of \$558.40.

The final social event of the year was a covered dish supper at Vera Perkins' Beechwood. After supper Churchill Scott showed some movies taken on the Long Trail.

Smoke and Blazes carried a few "personals" and in July took note of the wedding of Bob Perkins and Thelma Cole. The October issue carried Thelma's story of their Long Trail hike from Danby to West Wardsboro.

In another interesting story Clyde Spaulding recalled a winter adventure of nearly 40 years before (i.e. about 1909). The trip involved a four-horse "barge" called the Marble City Queen and about 20 people on snowshoes going to Killington via Brewer's. The old hotel was still standing at that time.

It seems pretty clear that there is a continuity of interest over the years for those of us who love the "mountains of Vermont" and who support the Club that "makes (them) play a larger part in (our) lives." We're lucky that *Smoke and Blazes* has recorded some of the history of our predecessors for more than 50 years. Soon a complete run of *Smoke and Blazes* from 1948 to date will be available at the Rutland Historical Society. The seven natural wonders of Rutland County, as selected by a vote of the Killington Section in 1949, were/are Killington View, Pittsford Ice Caves, White Rocks, Bird Mountain, Spring Lake, McLaughlin Falls, and Deer Leap. Do you agree?

Killington Section Memorabilia

Do you have stashed away somewhere old photos, slides or other mementos of Killington Section folks, activities or trail scenes? Would you like to be able to share them with others now and with future generations of Long Trail lovers? Our Section has made an arrangement with the Rutland Historical Society, where the Society has started a Killington Section GMC collection and has agreed to accept, care for, and make available to the public, items related to the presence of the Green Mountain Club in the Rutland area.

In addition to photos and slides, such items as trail or shelter registers, hike schedules, newsletters, newspaper clippings, posters, video tapes, home movies, club account books, meeting records, and correspondence would be appropriate. If you have anything that you would like to donate to the Society for our collection please contact Bob Perkins (802-773-0184). If you have material that you don't wish to part with right now but might donate at a future date, please let us know of its existence. The new year marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Green Mountain Club in 1910. This is a great time to take a step to preserve our history.

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Gov. Clement Shelter - Cooper Lodge - No definite plans have yet been formulated for relocating this stretch.

Lottery Road to Kieffer Road - Preliminary scouting has taken place but we are "2-3 years away from doing anything."

Walkthroughs:

The section will soon be scheduling the traditional annual walkthroughs. The walk-through of lower portions will be scheduled in May while that for upper elevations will await the complete melting of snow in June.

Cold River Road Parking:

It was unanimously approved (m/s/p Connie Youngstrom/Ray Catozzi) that the section recommend to the GMC that it not plan for any parking lots on the upper Cold River Road. At present there is a wide spot offering spaces for two or three vehicles and this is deemed sufficient.

Gov. Clement Shelter:

Numerous proposals for keeping vehicles away from the shelter, a frequent target of vandalism and site of rowdy partying, were discussed but, each having drawbacks, it was decided to do nothing for now.

Trails & Shelters Adoption Program:

Dave indicated that the GMC is expanding its present trails and shelters adoption program to include sections of trail. Thus if it were agreeable to us the main club could assign sections within the Killington Section to outside adopters. This is merely a proposal at this point but it prompted concern by some directors that it would erode the traditional role of the section as trail maintainers. The adopters would report to the section's Trails & Shelters chairman.

GMC Wilderness Support:

Dave indicated that the GMC plans to support legislation calling for the designation of additional wilderness areas within the Green Mountain National Forest. One of the proposed new areas would be in the Philadelphia peak region south of Vt. 125 while the second would take in the virtually unpopulated Glastonbury mountain region thereby extending the present Lye Brook wilderness south to Kelley Stand Road. The legislation could be written up in a way favorable to existing trails and campsites.

GMC Director's Report:

Phil Smith reported at the last main club

meeting the New York Section voted by a margin of 156 to 68 to leave the club. Dissatisfaction over the uniform dues was seen as a major factor in this unfortunate decision.

Also at this meeting a motion to purchase some 40 acres of land adjacent to the Waterbury headquarters to create a campus-like environment and protect the "viewshed" was tabled after 1 1/2 hours of discussion. The prospective purchase at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars left "a sufficient number of people uneasy." However, an expenditure of \$10,000 over what was budgeted was approved for renovations and changes to the headquarters facility. Also, it was voted to expend \$30,000 to upgrade the club's maps and get them into digitized form. The club is looking at several cartographers before selecting one to carry out this process.

There is a GMC meeting March 20 in Manchester at the Equinox and the Long Trail meeting will take place June 12 at Stratton Mountain. The main club is looking for nominations from the sections for life memberships.

Gov. Clement Masonry Repair:

Herb Ogden hopes to secure a grant from the Appalachian Trail conference for this needed repair work, but if he were not able to obtain the grant, he sought permission to use Kirk Funds to hire a mason to do the work. It was estimated that four hours would be required. A motion to authorize \$200 from Kirk Fund interest (m/s/p Bob Perkins/Al Pulling) to pay for this job was passed unanimously. It was hoped that the Shrewsbury Snowbirds, a snowmobiling club, might go 50-50 on the job and that Roy Arthur might be willing to do the work.

Resignation:

Linda Smith has resigned from the position of hiking schedule coordinator. Appreciation was expressed for her past efforts in this important post.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place Saturday, April 24 at the Annual Meeting and Potluck at the Unitarian Universalist church on West Street in Rutland.

Check Your Smoke & Blazes Label

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. If your mailing label on this issue of *Smoke and Blazes* has a red check mark it means that, according to our records, you have not yet paid dues for 1999.

Please send \$27 (for individual) or \$35 (for family) to:

**Killington Section, GMC
Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038**

There also is a membership application at the end of this newsletter. This includes membership in both the Killington Section and in the main Green Mountain Club.

Subscriptions to Smoke and Blazes and to the Long Trail News must soon be terminated if 1999 dues are not paid. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

Keep a Section Member in Your Thoughts

Our thoughts go out to Herb Ogden, president of the Killington section, who's mother passed away a few months ago after a brief illness. She was 84. Ruth Emily Ogden was born in New York and received her bachelor's degree from Vassar College in 1936 and her master's degree from Columbia University School of Library Science in 1938. In 1946 she married Herbert Gouverneur Ogden, and they moved to Hartland. Together they owned and operated a dairy goat and sheep farm, a sugarbush, the Lull's Brook Inn, and Ogden's Cider and Grist Mill, all in Hartland. Mrs. Ogden started the Hartland Elementary School Library and did volunteer work. Ruth and her husband moved to Rutland in 1993.

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Summer 1999

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted. **Non-members are welcome!** Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader. Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Saturday, April 24 - **ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK** - 5:30 p.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185 for information.

****Location Change**** Unitarian Universalist church basement, West Street, Rutland. Bring a dish to share and a place setting.

Sunday, April 25 - **BRISTOL PLANE WRECK** - 9 a.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208.

Hike to the site of a WWII plane wreck, some bushwhacking. 6 miles moderate.

Saturday, May 1 (Rain Date, Sunday, May 2) - **MAY DAY AT SHAW MOUNTAIN** - 10 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Benson. A slow paced hike through many varied habitats, bring binoculars and field guides, we'll see many returned migrants and early wild-flowers. (This is a Nature Conservancy Preserve, no dogs please.) 2 1/2 - 3 miles, easy with some climbing.

Saturday, May 8 - **MOUNTAIN BIKE TREK** - 9 a.m. Lynn Pilcher, 459-2851. Approximately 20 miles on old roads, moderate.

Sunday, May 16 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. A short trip, great for children and families.

Saturday, May 22 - **LOWER WALK-THRU** - 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

Join us for our spring clean-up on the Long Trail from Rt. 140 in Wallingford to Gov. Clement Shelter. Tools provided or bring your own.

Sunday, May 23 - **A BOTANIZING RAMBLE** - 2 p.m. Roy Pilcher, 459-2851.

Joint outing with Rutland County Audubon. Join botanist Jim Graves to explore and identify some of our spring woodland flowers. Meet at Barstow School, Chittenden.

Saturday, May 29 - **STONE HUT COOKOUT** - 10 a.m. Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997.

Shrewsbury - 3 miles, easy. Bring hot dogs to roast, club will furnish hot beverages.

Saturday, June 5 - **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY** - Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

Help us get the Long Trail in shape for summer hiking. Gov. Clement Shelter to Sherburne Pass. Tools provided or bring your own.

Saturday, June 12 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 6:30 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. An evening hike for kids and families.

Saturday, June 19 - **MYSTERY HIKE** - 10 a.m. Gretchen Crowley, 483-9448. Moderate.

Saturday, June 26 - **BAKER PEAK** - 8:30 a.m. Karen Cartier, 773-3509.

Via the Long Trail and out the Old Job Trail past Griffith Lake. 13 miles, moderate.

Sunday, July 11 - **HURRICANE MOUNTAIN TRAVERSE** - For meeting place and time call Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310.

Adirondacks. Joint with Breadloaf Section. Steep ascent to a bald summit with excellent views. 6 miles, moderate.

Saturday, July 17 (Rain Date Sunday, July 18) - **TONGUE MOUNTAIN** - Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502.

Lake George - a long hike with spectacular views of the lake, possibility to see rare timber rattlesnakes. 12-13 miles, difficult.

Sunday, July 18 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. A short trek for children and families.

Saturday, July 25 - **WORK PARTY** - 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350. Help out with trail maintenance, tools provided or bring your own.

Saturday, July 31 (Rain Date Sunday, August 1) - **NINTH ANNUAL TACONIC RAMBLE** - 1 p.m. Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east, and west, a Japanese Garden and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2-5 miles easy to moderate, walkers can leave the group at several points and wait on the lawn for the rest.

Saturday, August 7 (Rain Date Sunday, August 8) - **FIFTH ANNUAL FALLS OF LANA RAMBLE** - 10 a.m. Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake encircled by white birch. 3 miles, moderate, good family excursion. Walk to Silver Lake optional, swimming there or at Lake Dunmore possible.

Sunday, August 8 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208. For kids and families.

Saturday, August 14 (Rain Date Sunday, August 15) - **MT. IRA ALLEN** - 8:30 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Fayston - via the Hedgehog Brook Trail and the Long Trail. We'll pass over Burnt Rock Mountain with excellent views and a glacial pothole. 8 miles, difficult.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? - Our next schedule will include mid-August through mid-November. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas, 773-2185 by July 17 to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

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Animal tracks meandered through the woods, crossing the trail several times. Snowshoe hare, red squirrel, coyote and deer tracks were among those seen. Any hopes of hearing winter bird calls was next to impossible because of the loud crunch, crunch of our booted or snowshoed feet on old crusty snow. Henry, a youthful energetic golden retriever, and Woody, a young brown Labrador, stole the show with their playful antics. They rolled, tumbled and chased up and down the snowy trail, never once letting up.

Warm mellow sunshine greeted us when we sat ourselves down on the marble boulders at the top of the cliff for lunch. We took in the view overlooking the valley while overhead two ravens circled lazily. Karen's chocolate chip cookies were a welcome treat! It was a speedy downhill return and soon we were back to the cars. A fine day it was in the good company of those who love the outdoors.

Pittsford Trails Network Hike

By Jean Davies, leader
January 17, 1999

For the first time in years, I prayed for 40-degree temperatures in January. The problem was the thick layer of ice over the snow. X-C skiing is fun on snow, but impossible on ice. Happily, by 1 p.m. on the 17th, the weather cooperated, and even the sun showed up to greet Sue Thomas, Bernie Donahue, Connie Youngstrom, Lynn Pilcher, Bob Perkins, Charlie Edgar, Cody Hesse, and me. Seven-year-old Cody, the kid next door, represented the youngsters we wish we'd see more of on our GMC hikes. This was Cody's first introduction to the GMC, and he's eager to come again.

We admired Bob's 1940's ski equipment, but we agreed that he's in style, sort of. He used close to what they're using now for back-country skiing.

The warm snow caused us to move on the slow side, stop to admire the views, geography, and history of the area, and allowed Bernie to keep up by walking. For once we were glad to see the snowmobilers, since skiing was good only where they'd broken in the trails, but none of us wanted to convert to machines.

After an hour or so, some of the group opted to leave (to watch a game on TV). Lynn, Sue and Connie snowshoed on the Cadwell section of the trail, seeing interesting animal tracks on the way.

It was cold and icy the day before, and poured the day after our hike. We lucked out for a fine day.

Quarterline Road

By Roma Pulling
February 6, 1999

Editorial Deadline

Hike Leaders and Other Inspirational Writers

Please get your hike reports and stories in to the editor no later than **Friday, July 30**, for the next issue of *Smoke & Blazes*. Remember to put your name, date and hike destination on the report. You can send your stories handwritten, typewritten, on disk, or via fax or email to:

Kim Armstrong, PO Box 346, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035
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The Killington Section frequently sponsors ski or snowshoe hikes this time of year. Skating trips are less common, but this outing qualified as one. For most of its length the road was glare ice disguised by a thin coating of snow. Although we slewed and skidded, no one fell.

After meeting six other people at the park, Alfred and I led the way to the point where the Quarterline Road turns to dirt and parked beside the road. While usually not maintained in the winter, it showed signs of having been plowed and had been driven on. One car passed us.

A nice view that I remembered from the past was obscured by haze on that cloudy day. We saw some animal tracks, but other than squirrel and rabbit most were not identified.

When we stopped to take a break about 2:30, it was mutually agreed we should reverse course and return to our cars. Think spring!

Robert Frost Mountain in Ripton, Hike or Snowshoe, Joint Outing Breadloaf/Killington Sections

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders
March 6, 1999

The trip was cancelled due to winter storm warnings. The back roads of Ripton are not place to be in 10-12 inches of snow. We had planned to hike the snowmobile trail from Lincoln Road to the peak. In winter there are good views to the north along the trail, and to the west from the peak. All were notified of the trip cancellation.

Pine Brook Ski & Stick Tour

By Herb Ogden, leader
March 13, 1999

Despite a new snowfall and nice, seasonable weather, only three skiers showed up to tour some of Green Mountain National Forest ski trails in the Bingo area of Rochester. We parked at the last house on Bingo Road, crossed the Bingo Brook bridge, and headed north up the Pine Brook Trail. This gains about 400-feet before crossing Pine Brook and heading west, and herringboning was in order on the steeper pitches. Soon we came across the

track of a moose with a little fresh snow on it. Then, right in the trail, there was a large packed-down area, the sign of a moose-nap. We thought we could see where it had moved its head around eating snow. Nice not to have to get out of bed when thirsty! After the second moose-nap crater, there was no longer any snow on the track or the piles of moose manure, so we knew we were close to it. We never saw or heard it though.

Some gullies on the way up required delicate side-stepping so we wouldn't get our skis wet in the little brooks that crossed the trail. That got me a bit worried about the crossings of the two branches of Pine Brook. I was glad to discover that since that last ski tour I'd led up there, the Forest Service had bridges both of the crossings nicely.

We lunched at an old farm site overlooking the remains of a pasture and an old apple orchard, with nice views south over the Bingo Brook valley. Then misfortune hit the skier with the waxless skis. As the day warmed, the fine-grained new snow reached just the consistency that makes it stick to a waxless ski like instant cement. Maybe the disaster would have been avoided if the skis had been resurfaced recently. At any rate, we could scrape the snow off them only to have it stick again in a few yards. The only solution was for the two skiers who had waxed skis to pack down the trail ahead by making several passes, so the waxless skis would no longer have much to stick to. Eventually, though the owner of the waxless skis just took them off and walked. I learned a lesson from this: when leading a ski tour, carry not only all the waxes you might need, but carry everything that might be needed for the other style of ski. I had everything conceivable for waxed skis, from green wax to yellow wax (which I used at the end), plus extra tips in case a ski broke - but nothing, let alone glide spray, for waxless skis.

There may be something about weather conditions in the Bingo area that makes for tricky snow. The last tour I led in this area went all the way up to the end of the Bingo Road in Hancock, and we encountered such sticky snow that neither waxless nor waxed skis worked well.

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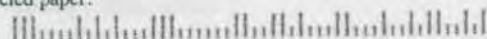
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Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

August 1999

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Annual Meeting, April 24, 1999

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, was held Saturday evening, April 24, in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Rutland following the traditional pot luck supper. President Herb Ogden conducted the meeting and special guests representing the main club were Dave Hardy, director of field programs; Sandy Tarburton, membership and volunteer coordinator; and Gregg Western, supervisor of caretakers and crews in the Coolidge Range and closely involved with the many trail relocations currently being carried out in our section.

MINUTES

The secretary's minutes, which had previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*, were approved unanimously without being read aloud (Al Pulling, Jean Davies).

MEMBERSHIP

Following discussion of the fact that section membership is down and members seem to be slow in renewing this year, it was moved and seconded (Bob Perkins, Bill Robichaud) that membership reminder notices be sent out by the main club. This was carried unanimously. Sandy Tarburton noted that their regular procedure is to send out an initial notice followed by two reminder notices.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Herb was pleased to report that Bob Perkins and Bill Robichaud have agreed to take over as the new co-chairmen of Trails & Shelters, relieving him of that responsibility. Clearing and blazing will take place during walk-throughs coming up in May and early June. There were 151 hours of volunteer labor between 1992 and 1998 contributed to maintaining trails in the Killington Section.

PICO CAMP

The American Skiing Company doesn't have the funds to build its planned interconnect between Killington and Pico thus sparing Pico Camp for at least another year. However, the structure should be jacked up and leveled out as the register is full of complaints from overnight visitors unhappy with having to sleep on a slant.

GMC DIRECTOR

Phil Smith is unable to serve another term as director to the GMC. Al Pulling, the alternate director, agreed to take over the position and keep us abreast of the many plans and projects being formulated at the Waterbury headquarters. All agreed GMC leadership is much more sensitive to section needs than in the past.

TRAIL REPORTS

The Cauty Trail is in good shape but problems exist near the trailhead. These include lack of parking, wet terrain, and liability from semi-abandoned buildings. Much of this could be solved by relocating the trail to all federal land.

On the Long Trail itself, relocations are progressing well on the whole. North of U.S. 4 it is "pretty much ready to go" and the flag line is easily followed. South of Rte. 4 a lot of work remains to be done but hopefully will be completed by Labor Day.

The relo in Little Killington is partly done. No relo is planned for the Bucklin Trail but a good bridge is needed across Brewers Brook. Gary Salmon is currently building a bridge with the Youth Corps across the lower Brewers Brook crossing.

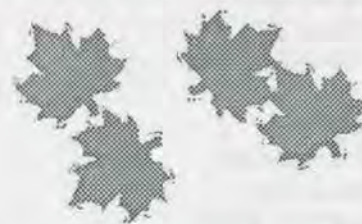
North of Gov. Clement Shelter there are plans for a possible relo but nothing has yet been picked out.

On the Bear Mountain relo there is a difference of opinion between the GMC and the U.S. Forest Service archaeologist with regard to the treatment of old cellar holes. The debate centers on whether it is better to go right past them or give them a wide berth and approach only by short side trails. The Minerva Hinchey to Vt. 140 portion is mostly done. New signage will be needed on Vt. 140 to properly indicate the changes. Local volunteers who would like to work with Dave and Gregg on Long Trail Patrols building new routes in the section are more than welcome.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Herb complimented editor Kim Armstrong on the new professional look of *Smoke*

FALL POTLUCK AND PROGRAM



Saturday, November 20
5:30 p.m.

The Unitarian Universalist Church
basement,
West Street, Rutland
Bring a dish to share
and a place setting.

Call Sue Thomas at 773-2185
for more information

& *Blazes*. Connie Youngstrom has agreed to take over as Outings Chairman replacing Linda Smith. She will be helped by Sue Thomas.

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGREEMENT

Section historian Bob Perkins has worked out an agreement with the Rutland Historical Society to serve as a permanent repository for our scrapbooks, albums, *Smoke & Blazes* collection, meeting notes, and other memorabilia. Anyone with such material or perhaps a personal collection is encouraged to donate it to the Society.

CLARENDON GORGE

Bob is currently wearing another hat as chairman of the Clarendon Gorge Park Association. This group is concerned that the lower part of the Clarendon Gorge just east of where the Mill River crosses Rte. 7 will fall into private hands and no longer be publicly accessible. The group would like to have some pub-

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Killington Section, Green Mountain Club ANNUAL REPORT, JUNE 1999

The Killington Section maintains the Long Trail (and hence the Appalachian Trail) from Route 140 in Wallingford Gulf to Route 4 at Sherburne Pass, the Killington Spur Trail, the Bucklin Trail up Killington from the west, and the Pico Link. We also maintain the Cauty Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain, which is no longer part of the Long Trail System. This amounts to 21.6 miles of Long Trail and 6.4 miles of side trails, for a total of 28 miles. That works out to precisely half a mile of trail for every membership in the Section.

Even a few years ago, the ratio was much better. We usually had over 100 members, and approached 150 in the last decade. Now we have 14 Life Members, 27 Individual Members, and 13 Family Memberships. Counting two people per family, that works out to 67 members. I'm a little puzzled at the slump. We know some reasons. Several formerly very active members, including one long-time President, quit as soon as unified dues greatly increased their dues. The added cost alone apparently wasn't the only reason, since it appears no one took advantage of the \$7 low income or trail maintainer discount. Some may have quit to protest the loss of autonomy by all Sections. Of course, some just moved away or lost interest. To make up for the losses, maybe our dues reminders have to be more forceful, and maybe we need to work with sporting goods stores and others to publicize the Section better.

Despite our relatively low membership, our outings are generally well-attended. Except during mud season and hunting season, we offer about one activity per week. Jerry Parker's series of Children's Adventure Outings has been popular. We have also had canoe trips, bicycle tours, cross country ski treks, and snowshoe outings. We continue to try to reduce traffic on the Long Trail by scheduling most of our trips on side trails and old roads that are known only to the hike leader and a few others.

Our part of the Long Trail is in the best shape ever. Puncheon donated by Eastern Mountain Sports has fixed the mud wallows in the saddle between Pico and Killington. Hours of work by Trails & Shelters Co-Chair Bill Robichaud and others have slowed the erosion on the north slope of Pico. Rocks moved by the GMC trail crew and griphoist have let hikers cross Gould Brook dryshod except during real high water. The relocation north of Cooper Lodge has moved the trail onto a better footway away from Killington's ski trails, thanks to GMC crews.

Speaking of relocations, this will be the year for them. By this fall, about one-third of the Long Trail in our section will be moved from where it was last fall. Another several miles will probably move in the next few years. We have helped some and will continue to do so, but most of the work has been done by GMC crews and the Youth Conservation Corps. Although the resulting trail will be significantly longer than it is now, the Section has, however, voted to maintain all the new trail plus the present route from Pico to Sherburne Pass, which will become a side trail.

We continue to be very pleased that GMC President Rolf Anderson is attentive to the needs and wishes of the Sections. He has ushered in a new era of cooperation between headquarters and the local groups. I am sure I speak for all nine members of the Killington Section's Board of Directors in applauding him for this.

Rutland, 11 June 1999

Herbert G. Ogden, President

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lic entity such as the Town of Clarendon own it and is hoping to raise money toward this goal through grants.

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LONG TRAIL GUIDE

Dave Hardy noted that a new edition may be published next year and sought input on how many of the new changes ought to be included. A motion to include description of all or as many as possible of the new relocations in our section was passed unanimously (Jake Sherman, Al Pulling). A motion was also passed to recommend to main club that relocations be published in the Long Trail News.

HONOREES

Churchill Scott suggested that Ellen Russell be honored by the Club as a benefactor. Sandy Tarburton noted that the GMC asks for names of individuals eligible for five and 10 year service awards as well as Volunteer of the Year. There are also honorary Life Members.

DIRECTORS MEETING

At a special Directors' meeting Bill Robichaud was unanimously elected to a three-year term replacing Ray Catozzi whose term has just expired. Bob Perkins was elected vice-president to fill the term of Phil Smith who has resigned. Al Pulling will take over Phil's term as GMC Director with Connie Youngstrom serving as alternate. Ruth Gibbud was also elected to another term as a director. All of these new officers were unanimously approved by the general membership. The business portion of the meeting was then adjourned upon a motion by Janet Martin.

PROGRAM

The evening's program was a slide talk presented by Cara Clifford Nelson who, two years ago with her sister, hiked the Long Trail from end-to-end to honor the 70th anniversary of her grandmother's hiking the trail. Her grandmother, Kathleen Robert Clifford, along with two other young women, thru hiked the LT in the summer of 1927, the first women ever to do so. Known as "The Three Musketees," they carried their rations and extra clothes in pack baskets and completed the journey in a remarkable 26 days. In paying tribute to her grandmother's accomplishment, Cara and her sister also raised \$30,000 for the Long Trail Protection Fund. Cara was introduced by program chairman Ray Catozzi. The presentation cleverly interwove yesteryear with today and was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

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Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting, November 20, 1999

A meeting of the Killington Section's officers and directors was held Saturday, Nov. 20, 1999, at 4:30 P.M. at the Unitarian Church in Rutland prior to the club's annual fall potluck supper. Attending the meeting were Herb Ogden, section president; Bob Perkins, vice-president and 'historian'; Al Pulling, treasurer and GMC director; directors, Bill Robichaud and Ruth Gibbud, and secretary, Jake Sherman.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Al Pulling reported that the section currently has \$1,124.74 in its checking account and \$1,317.58 in the savings account. There has been no change in the Kirk Fund. The section now numbers 41 individual members, 36 family members, and 14 life members.

It was noted that membership renewal letters are now being sent out from the main club in Waterbury. Dues can be paid either directly to the main club or to our own section treasurer, the same percentage being returned to the section in either case. It was also noted that the main club's letter can be tailored to section needs and in our case should include a reminder that dues include *Smoke & Blazes*.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT -- Bob Perkins reminded the meeting that the section's archives are now being stored and preserved at the Rutland Historical Society's building on Nickwackett Street. If anybody has any photos, diaries or other memorabilia related to the section looking for a 'permanent home,' they would be most welcome.

SMOKE & BLAZES -- All were pleased with the job being done by editor Kim Armstrong (now Jackson). All hike leaders were reminded about the need to submit hike reports promptly.

NOMINATIONS -- Several candidates were suggested to fill two directors' terms that will be beginning in April 2000.

GMC DIRECTOR'S REPORT -- Al Pulling reported that at the last main club meeting there was much discussion of a recent \$100,000 donation in relation to the purchase of land surrounding the Waterbury headquar-

ters. The donation is apparently limited to that purpose only. The amount of money available, however, is still well short of that needed for the 40-odd acres the club would like to purchase to preserve a suitable natural environment around itself and prevent unwanted development.

SECTION LEADERS MEETING -- Bob Perkins and Bill Robichaud represented the section at this meeting held Saturday, Nov. 13, at Vermont Law School in South Royalton. Among items discussed there was an earlier suggestion by section leaders that the main club return a larger percentage of dues to the sections. This proposal, however, has been referred by the club to its membership committee and still remains 'on the table.'

Another item brought up was that some sections now have Web pages. Some sections have them while others don't. Ours is among those who don't. A section's web page can contain a tremendous amount of info about the section including its history, membership, and hike schedules. A section web page might also be linked to the main club's web page as well as to the web page of the local Chamber of Commerce under 'Recreational Opportunities.' Obviously, some sections contain members with the skills to put these pages into operation. Bob is going to look into what would be required to 'get one up.'

Another topic raised was group use of the LT, particularly in sensitive areas or times such as during mud-season, on Alpine summits, etc. The trail traverses land under many different ownerships including state land, U.S. Forest Service land, etc. each with its own set of rules. The rules are unclear and lack uniformity. The club plays a dual role because while we aim to be protectors of the trail we are also users. It was felt that 10 people on an overnight hike and 20 on a day hike were reasonable limits but these do not represent anything hard and fast.

The section leaders also addressed the need to recruit younger members into the club. One successful idea has been the creation of so-called 'Turtles' hikes presently popular in the mid-state area. 'Turtles' hikes are geared to families with young children and are less than five miles, involve less than 500 feet of

climbing, and take no more than four hours. There are about eight or 10 of these hikes during the year. Any section can schedule 'Turtle' hikes if it wants to and is free to make use of the name.

RENAMING OF SIDE TRAIL -- After much discussion of possible names for the section of old LT between Pico South and Sherburne Pass, which with the new rerouting of the AT/LT has now become a side trail, the name Sherburne Pass Trail was selected from about a dozen possibilities. It was felt this name would avoid confusion and provide a geographical place name that would make the purpose of the trail clear to hikers. The section will now report its recommendation to the main club which had requested us to come up with a name. They needed it fairly quickly to be able to use in new maps and guidebooks.

HIKE PUBLICITY -- It was felt the section needed better hike publicity and that the appointment of a publicity chairman would be a good idea. Some other thoughts about publicizing hikes included a 'postcard' size schedule that would be handy for attaching to refrigerators or just carrying; a table display at such locations as the mall, the Rutland Fair, and Arts in the Park, and having hikes with a leader possessing special knowledge, for example, a geology or a botany hike.

In terms of trail maintenance, it was suggested that in the newsletter volunteers should be sought for specific jobs rather than just being asked for generally. Bill Robichaud felt the main club needed to go after the state for more money for this purpose. It was noted that more 'ridge-runners' or caretakers were needed and also needed to be better paid. Herb asked what the section might do to assist the ridge-runners charged with patrolling the Coolidge Range.

Also, it was felt that with Castleton, College of St. Joseph and Green Mountain in the area more college students ought to be interested in associating with the club.

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Killington Section Directors, Including Officers

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Pico Camp Register - September 19, 1998 - June 16, 1999

Below is a summary of the Pico Camp use from September 19, 1998 through June 16, 1999. Bear in mind plenty of hikers do not sign in, and some do not indicate they are only one of a large party.

9/19-30/98	43	10/98	33
11/98	23	12/98	12
1/99	6	2/99	45
3/99	22	4/99	13
5/99	32	6/1-16/99	32
Total	261		

Most hikers did not say where they lived, but Argentina, Germany, and the Netherlands were included. AT and LT end-to-enders apparently signed in more regularly than those hiking a shorter distance. Comments (verbatim; include all mention of conditions at any shelter and background of writer, if apparent)

10/5/98	Warmer than expected night. All new shelters should be enclosed. AT '96, LT '98.
10/7/98	Cooper Lodge sucked. LT end to ender.
10/26/98	Here for the night. Cooper Lodge sucks. Headed to Burlington.
5/11/99	What a great cabin this is, by far the best yet. AT MA-ME
5/11/99	Great cabin. AT hiker from PA.
5/19/99	I feel as if the shelter may tumble down the mountain at any second.
5/20/99	This fine little cabin. Canada.
5/29/99	Glad to see Pico Camp is still on the trail. It was a welcome sight.
6/6/99	What a great place to stay.
6/13/99	Pico's a great old camp.
6/16/99	Feel sorry for the folks up at Cooper w/ no windows. LT end to ender

Compiled by Herb Ogden, Killington Section GMC, July 1999.

From The Field

EXPLORING LOWELL LAKE

August, 29, 1999

by Ruth Gibbud

Five canoers traveled to Londonderry to explore one of the prettiest lakes around on August 29th. With its multiple coves and four islands, there was lots to see. We found blossoming pitcher plants in the bog and got fairly close to what we determined, by consensus, was a cormorant. We saw a beaver lodge and several stashes of food awaiting the winter. Although the lake level was quite low, we had an enjoyable day, quitting the water and loading our craft before the winds came up and the rain came down.

ROBERT FROST MT., RIPTON, VT

October 16, 1999

by Helen & Greg Crawford

Someone on today's hike organized a beautiful, warm, sunny October day for

us. The trip leaders can't take credit. Seventeen of us, including six from the Bread Loaf section and five from the Rutland area, charged into the woods on a snowmobile trail from the Ripton-Lincoln Road. The trail led to the peak of Robert Frost Mountain. There was no snow or snowmobiles to get in the way. But mud boots proved useful.

At the peak we met George Smith and his wife from White River Jct. George had called to go on our trip. But somehow, we missed connections. Being resourceful, the Smiths climbed on their own.

We stopped at a viewpoint facing east, a short distance below the summit for lunch and relaxation. I'm sure Sue Thomas' photos will show just how relaxed we got, and what a good view we had of Bread Loaf Mountain and the surrounding Greens.

Killington Section, GMC Director's Meeting, from page 1

On the matter of adopters, the only ones presently working in the section are Ruth and Sandy Lamb of the Lake George area who are taking care of Cooper Lodge. It was felt that if Waterbury would have the adopters work directly through the section rather than the main club, the section would be much more receptive to the idea.

Finally, it was felt that follow-up letters for membership should be sent to all who come on hikes and sign the hike register.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M. as the clamor of eager potluckers and the aroma of a variety of home-cooked dishes focused all further attention on the food and program portion of the evening. In all, about 35 individuals participated.

PROGRAM -- A very interesting slide talk was presented by Ruth Mary Cooper Lamb who as mentioned above, with her husband Sandy has adopted Cooper Lodge, the log camp high on the west side of Killington Peak. This structure has been much abused by skiing parties and others over the past few decades and has required a great amount of work and attention to keep it serviceable so the efforts of the Lambs are much appreciated. Cooper Lodge was named after Ruth's uncle Edward Cooper, who was president of the Green Mountain Club in the 1920s and instrumental in the establishment of the Long Trail.

Ruth's talk focused mainly on her aunt Mary Cooper Back who wore many hats during her 86 years including girlhood years in Vermont (during which she hiked the LT from Sherburne Pass up to Warren solo), art school in Chicago, and marriage to a Wyoming artist-cowboy with whom she settled in that state's Wind River Valley in 1935. Ruth has chronicled her aunt's struggles and passion for life in a memoir based on her letters and journals entitled 'Mary's Way.' The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman
Secretary*

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Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter 1999/2000

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sat. December 4 - **SNAKE MOUNTAIN** 9a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

4 miles round trip, weather depending.

Sat. December 11 - **BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW TO THE LOOKOUT** 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

From Bridgewater Hollow, we will climb to the Appalachian Trail north of the Pinnacle on an old road that passes the remote Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery and the more remote site of a large farm. We will follow the AT from the Lookout Farm Road to the Lookout, which has a wonderful panorama. We'll continue west on the AT to an old highway leading from Barnard back to Bridgewater Hollow, past the remains of more farms that disappeared about a hundred years ago. 5.5 mi. moderate, with about 1000' vertical climb. Return around 4 p.m.

Sat. January 8 - **QUARTERLINE ROAD HIKE** Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997.

1p.m. Easy to moderate, 3 miles.

Sat. January 15 - **SHREWSBURY PEAK SKI AND SNOWSHOE** 10 a.m. Connie & Mark Youngstrom, 492-3502.

Snow conditions permitting we will cross country ski along snowmobile trails to where the Shrewsbury Peak hiking trail crosses. From there we will stash our skis and hike the rest of the way to the summit on snowshoes. Ought to be fun if the snow is fine. Difficult, about 6 miles round trip. Call for details.

Sat. January 22 - **AIKEN STATE FOREST WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION** 10 a.m. Gary Salmon, 492-3315.

Learn the winter trees by bark and bud with the expert. This will be a snowshoe or ski event depending on weather conditions. Please call for details. Easy. 1 - 2 miles.

Sat. February 5 - **GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER AND BEYOND**, in Shrewsbury. 10 a.m.; return about 2:30 p.m. Depending on snow cover, we'll ski, snowshoe, or walk from the Upper Cold River Rd. up the Gov. Clement Rd. to this historic stone shelter, the Long Trail's oldest. Any skiers, at least, may want to continue up to the Sargent Brook crossing before turning back. There will also be a visit to the long abandoned farm north of the shelter, and probably a fire in the shelter's inside fireplace for lunch. 3 mi. Easy, expandable to about 4 mi. Moderate.

Sat. February 12 - **MERCK FOREST** 10 a.m. Gretchen Crowley 483-9448.

Ski, snowshoe, or hike depending on the weather. Please call for more information.

Sat. February 19 - **OLD TURNPIKE ROAD SNOWSHOE HIKE** 9 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

We will hike from the Old Turnpike Road to the Long Trail.

Sun. February 27 - **MYSTERY SNOWSHOE HIKE** 10a.m. Gretchen Crowley. Please call for info.

Sat. March 11 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** 1p.m. Jerry Parker, 775-6208.

1-3 miles, Easy. Great time for kids!

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include mid-March through mid-June. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **March 1** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
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Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

March 2000

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting, February 2, 2000

The meeting was held Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Herb Ogden in Rutland. Present were Herb Ogden, president; Bob Perkins, vice-president and "historian;" Al Pulling, treasurer and GMC director; Directors Bill Robichaud and Connie Youngstrom, and Secretary Jake Sherman.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - The minutes of the Nov. 20, 1999 meeting were passed unanimously without additions or corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The section as of Feb. 1 had \$1,091.77 in its checking account and \$1,346.22 in the savings account. We owe \$185 to the main club as their share of dues. Currently there are 19 family memberships, 14 life memberships, and 43 individual members. Kirk Fund interest for the year was \$649.32. Starting next year on a one-year trial basis the GMC will refund the sections 25% of dues instead of the current 20%.

MEMBERSHIP FORM -- The main club has drawn up a section membership renewal reminder form which will go out under the signature of Herb Ogden. Herb suggested a number of changes including an indication of how much of dues is tax-deductible. This year the reminder letters will go out only to those who haven't renewed but next year they will be sent to everybody. Dues may be sent directly to Waterbury or to section treasurer Al Pulling. When dues are sent to the main club, our portion has been received promptly. A suggestion was made that life members could be asked for an additional contribution or to volunteer

for particular activities. A short note in *Smoke & Blazes* could accomplish this.

HISTORIAN - We are planning to cooperate with the Burlington Section in adding a section on archives to the proposed Section Leaders' Handbook. Bob Perkins will be getting in touch with the Burlington Section historian, Dot Myers, on this. At present there is great inconsistency among sections in the thoroughness with which minutes and other records are kept. Herb suggested that the proposed handbook should be reviewed by at least one person from each section. It is unclear at just what stage this handbook is at. Meanwhile, a new Long Trail guidebook is slated to be published this year. This is most welcome since there have been so many relocations including many in the Killington Section.

SMOKE & BLAZES -- Hike leaders are again reminded to submit reports in a timely manner to editor Kim Jackson. They're best done while the event is still fresh. Connie agreed to call procrastinating hike leaders.

OUTINGS -- Connie suggested it would be a nice idea to send hike leaders a postcard of thanks which at the same time could serve as a reminder of the hike report. We just happen to have a large supply of section postcards. Meanwhile, Jake offered to draft a letter which would be sent to non-members who go on hikes with the club inviting them to join.

As a solution to the problem of getting the hike register from the last leader to the next, Herb offered to keep the register in box outside his office where it could be conveniently picked up. The

Killington Section Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 25

Potluck at 5:30 p.m.,
Business meeting at 7 p.m.,
and short program on hiking in the
Sierras by Bob Perkins following.

Fellowship Hall (downstairs) of the
Unitarian-Universalist Church,
117 West St., Rutland

office at 92 Center Street is about a block away from Koltonski Fire Station. He would see that accompanying it would be hike schedules for distribution.

We've had bad luck with the weather on recent outings. Both Gary Salmon's and Connie's hikes were on bitterly cold days and no one showed up.

GMC DIRECTOR'S REPORT -- Al Pulling reported on a recent GMC meeting in Waterbury at which some new and probably controversial proposals were put forward. The first was a proposal that the GMC become involved in overseeing the recreational use of the so-called "Champion lands." These are large tracts of land primarily in the northeastern part of the state which were recently acquired by the state from the Champion Lumber Co. On the face of it this activity seemed to have little connection with the Long Trail or its side trails. The board after much discussion passed a motion instructing our Director to express serious concern about any GMC involvement in the Champion lands unless it can be shown that this will contribute to the objectives of the club.

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Trails and Shelters Committee Needs Workers

The story of the Green Mountain Club is the story of volunteers who conceived, built and maintained the Long Trail. It is essential for the future success of the Club that volunteers continue to play a major role. A major function of the Killington Section is to provide an opportunity for members to do just that.

Each year we list a few "work parties" in the outing schedule. We are finding, however, that we are unable to know, several months in advance, when, where, and what work will be needed. Therefore, we're hoping that several members will volunteer to join the Trails and Shelters Committee.

Membership on the Trails and Shelters Committee does not constitute a commitment to any specific trail work. It simply means that you would like to be notified and invited to participate in any "work parties" that are needed in addition to those listed in the schedule. Trails and Shelters work is at times strenuous, but it also includes tasks appropriate for any member such as trimming brush, painting blazes, or even just walking over a short section of trail to report its condition.

The moral and financial support of every member is truly appreciated but if you would enjoy making a hands-on contribution to the "oldest long-distance hiking trail in the country" please join the Trails and Shelters Committee by giving me a call.

Bob Perkins, (802) 773-0184
Co-chair, Trails and Shelters

From The Field

QUARTERLINE ROAD, RUTLAND TOWN

January 8, 2000

By Roma Pulling

A winter hike leader faces a lot of uncertainty. Weather conditions on the day of the hike can range from freezing rain to gale force winds to below-zero temperatures. But we encountered none of that. January 8 turned out to be mostly sunny with mild temperatures. That was partly responsible for the fact that there were 14 of us on the hike, and being an afternoon hike was another factor.

Quarterline Road was a popular winter hike destination in the early days because it wasn't maintained for vehicular traffic. Now we find it plowed and sanded but with little traffic and still provides a pleasant outing. One of the most rewarding parts of the hike comes at the beginning, when there is a great view of the Green Mountain range. At 2:30 p.m. we turned back toward our cars because some of our hikers had commitments later in the afternoon.

Burlington Free Press Celebrates the GMC's 90th Birthday

The Burlington Free Press has invited readers to send in their favorite memories of hiking the Long Trail. The best submissions will be printed as part of "90 Tales from the Long Trail." Mail entries to Long Trail Memories, 191 College Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401; email: bfreepress@aol.com; or fax: (802) 660-1802. We encourage all to send in their stories and memories.

In Memory Of Merritt Thomas

Our thoughts are with KS Life Member Catherine Thomas on the loss of her father, Merritt L. Thomas, on January 19. Merritt was 73-years-old and had been in fragile health for some time.

Mr. Thomas was a graduate of Rutland High School and was part owner of Thomas Dairy in Rutland Town. He was a Vermont State Representative, a director of the First Vermont Bank and a trustee for the Vermont State Fair.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie Thomas, six daughters, a son, and two brothers. Three brothers predeceased him. Cathy is married to KS president, Herb Ogden.

National Trails Day: Saturday, June 3, 2000

It's a great day to give back to the trails you love year 'round! If you are looking for a complete listing of National Trails Day events in Vermont, contact Karen Sharpwolf at (802) 244-7037 ext. 23 or after May 1.

GMC Annual Meeting Weekend: June 9 - 11, 2000

Inn at the Long Trail, Sherburne, Vt.
Hosted by the Ottauquechee Section, this year's GMC Annual Meeting is right in our own backyard, providing us a great opportunity to learn about the entire club. Details and registration forms can be found in the spring 2000 *Long Trail News* or by contacting the GMC at (802) 244-7037 or gmc@greenmountainclub.org.

Killington Section, GMC Director's Meeting, from page 1

It was suggested that the state forest and parks department would be the proper agency for such oversight.

Another proposal was for the GMC to purchase a bed & breakfast across the highway from its headquarters for conversion into office space. The price would be \$275,000. The GMC is considering this move because it has been unable to reach a satisfactory agreement on price with the landowner on its (western) side of Rte. 100 where it had hoped to purchase 40 or so acres for expansion and protection. The B&B would cost money to renovate and in addition lacks sufficient sewerage capacity for projected use by the GMC.

After much discussion, the board passed unanimously a motion expressing concern about these plans and that based on the information available it would seem the club would be better off paying a higher price on the western side to get what it really wants rather than get involved in a complex and potentially risky venture with the B&B property. The next GMC meeting will be in March in Middlebury.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT SHELTER

-- Several suggestions were made for dealing with vehicular access to the shelter with its potential for serious vandalism which has occurred in the past. It was agreed the best approach was for a gate to be installed just after the second bridge and no parking lot. This proposal will first be taken to landowners who own camps in the vicinity as well as the Shrewsbury Snowbirds, the local snowmobiling club. If they approve, the next step would be to approach the Shrewsbury selectmen which would be done by Connie, a Shrewsbury resident, and a GMC representative.

SHERBURNE PASS TRAIL -- A decision was made to extend the name Sherburne Pass Trail to cover that portion from U.S. 4 north to the former Maine Junction. It was felt this would provide the most logic and clarity for hikers. Ear-

Welcome New Members to the Killington Section Since December 1999

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Pilcher, Paul	22 Gibbs St	Proctor, VT 05765
Southworth, Ann	19 Town Line Rd	Rutland, VT 05701-9707

lier the board had endorsed the name for that portion of the old LT between Sherburne Pass and Pico Camp. Also discussed was whether the section would want to take on the maintenance of this mile-long stretch of trail north of the pass. The Ottauquechee Section comes up to Maine Junction but not to the highway. This may be brought up at the annual meeting.

RTE. 4 LT/AT TRAILHEAD -- The main club has come up with a proposed parking lot for the new trailhead of the LT/AT where it crosses Rte. 4. The parking lot would be directly opposite the entrance to the Fox Hollow condominiums and would be quite sizeable with space for what appears to be at least 20 vehicles. The plans were prepared by Enman Engineering. There is some parking there right now but it is not well maintained particularly in winter. Plowed snow presently blocks the entrance.

ANNUAL MEETING -- The annual meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rutland. There will be a potluck supper followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m. and then a slide show of the High Sierras presented by Bob Perkins. Killington Section memorabilia will be on exhibit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Sherman, Secretary

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF *SMOKE & BLAZES* IS

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000

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Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Spring 2000

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Saturday, March 11 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439, 1-3 miles, Easy. Great time for kids!

Saturday, March 18 - **AIKEN STATE FOREST LATE WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION** - 10 a.m. Gary Salmon, 492-3315. Learn the winter trees by bark and bud with the expert. This will be a snowshoe or walk depending on the weather conditions. Call for details. Easy, 1 - 2 miles.

Saturday, March 25 - **KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING** - 5:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. brief meeting. See front page of newsletter.

Sunday, April 2 - **MOOSALAMOO MTN HIKE** - Gordon and Helen Cawood, 352-4310. A joint hike with Breadloaf Section. 5 miles. Please call for details.

Saturday, April 8 - **DORSET TO DANBY HIKE** - 9 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185. Via an old forest road, we will traverse a ridge where we'll pass a natural rock bridge and explore a marble quarry. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate.

Sunday, April 16 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439. Look for signs of spring on this easy family hike.

Saturday, April 22 - **EARTH DAY: HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN IN PAWLET** 9 a.m. Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502. We'll travel to Pawlet and hike the trails, do some birding and botanizing, too.

Saturday, April 29 - **MYSTERY HIKE** - 10 a.m. Gretchen Crowley, 483-9448. Please call for details.

Saturday, May 6 - **HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN** - 9 a.m. Connie Youngstrom 492-3502. We'll travel to Pawlet and hike the trails, do some birding and botanizing, too.

Saturday, May 6 - **8TH ANNUAL MARSH CLEANUP** - 9 a.m. West Rutland Town Hall. Join the Rutland County Audubon Society in helping preserve this important local wetland and observe marsh dwelling birds at the same time. More information: David McDevitt, 438-2381.

Saturday, May 13 - **PERU PEAK WILDERNESS HIKE** - 8:30 a.m. Lynn Pilcher, 492-2401. Mileage 12.1 miles, Difficult.

Saturday, May 20 - **SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE** - 10 a.m. Sue Thomas, 773-2185. Location to be determined. You may need your bug dope for this one!

Sunday, May 21 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439. Fun for the kids. Easy 1-3 miles.

Saturday, May 27 - **LOW ELEVATION WALK THROUGH** - 9 a.m. Bill Robichaud, 775-2567. Trail inspection & maintenance of Wallingford Gulf Road (Route 140) and Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Moderate. Sturdy shoes, gloves, & a light lunch. Tools provided.

Sunday, May 28 - **GRANDPA'S KNOB HIKE** - 9:30 a.m. Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997. Views of Hubbardton. 3 miles, moderate.

Saturday, June 3 - **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIGH ELEVATION WALK-THROUGH** - 9 a.m. Bill Robichaud, 775-2567. Celebrate National Trails Day by joining us in inspecting and maintaining our trails between Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury and Route 4 in Mendon. Moderate to Strenuous. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves and a light lunch. Tools provided.

Sunday, June 4 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES** - 1 p.m. Jerry Parker, 747-4439. Easy, 1-3 miles.

Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11 - **GMC ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND**. See article for more information.

Saturday, June 17 - **BIKE TRIP** - 9 a.m. Sandy McGowan, 775-8841. Moderate to difficult. Location to be determined, call for more detail.

Saturday, June 24 - **BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW HIKE** - 9 a.m. Herb Ogden, 775-1350. From Bridgewater Hollow, we will climb the Appalachian Trail north of the Pinnacle on an old road that passes the remote Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery and the more remote site of a large farm. We will follow the AT from the Lookout Farm Road to the Lookout, which has a wonderful panorama. We'll continue west on the AT to an old highway leading from Barnard back to Bridgewater Hollow, past the remains of more farms that disappeared about 100 years ago. 5.5 miles, moderate, with about 1000' vertical climb. Return around 4 p.m.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include mid-June through mid-August. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **June 15** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

Long Trail's New Trailhead at Route 4

The Long Trail has a new trail head on Route 4, just West of Pico and right across the street from the Fox Hollow Condominiums.

This spot is currently an open area, a sort of pull off. The appearance of the site dates back to the mid 1950s. Most people probably know that Route 4 used to be more windy than it is now. When the highway was straightened the property of the abandoned right of way usually reverted to whoever the neighboring land owner was. However, at the spot that is now the trailhead the state retained ownership of the sliver of land between the highway and the brook that parallels it.

Fast forward to the year 2000 - since the state retained ownership, the land is available to use as a public parking lot and trail head.

Over the past couple of years we have focused our energy on building the new route of the Long Trail around the west side of Pico. Now that this trail is open, we are turning our attention to improving the trailhead.

Eventually we would like to have a safe, solid, constructed parking lot at the site. The current site is OK as a temporary parking area - but it's not a long term solution. The ground is rough, gets muddy, and runoff from Route 4 tends to make gullies there. In addition, as everyone knows - cars on Route 4 drive pretty fast - so in the long run we should have a regular driveway entrance to the parking so that folks can safely pull on and off Route 4.

In 1999 the Green Mountain Club got a small grant from the National Park Service to hire an engineer to design a parking lot. The gist of the design is a gravel lot that will take up about half of the current open area near the trail head. (That would make it big enough to accommodate a similar number of cars as the parking lot at the top of Sherburne Pass.) The lot would be in the East half of the current open area, away from the route of the hiking trail. (People who are walking through will not have to walk through the parking lot.) It will have a paved entrance that will be directly opposite the drive way for the Fox Hollow

Condominiums. (AOT says that driveways should be directly opposite each other - it is safer and also makes it easier to put in traffic controls like turning lanes if needed in the future.)

We've shown this parking lot plan to some contractors in the Rutland area, and it looks like the parking lot would cost around \$40,000 to build. That means it may be a while before it gets built. There is some federal highway money set aside for projects like this, and we're actively putting the GMC's name in to be considered for that money.

In the meantime it would be great if folks kept an eye on how the current "unimproved" parking area is doing - and spoke up with any simple things we could do to make it work better.

In anticipation of eventually having money for construction, we are going ahead and getting the permits we will need. AOT issued a permit last fall. The Town of Mendon Planning Commission will review the plans at an upcoming meeting.

In the Fall of 1999 the Mendon Planning Commission asked that the project include a "landscaping plan." This is a really good idea. The goal of the "landscaping" would be to revegetate or reclaim the disturbed area around the parking lot. In the end it would look like the woods (and the edge of the woods) - not like a vacant lot with a parking in the middle.

If folks have ideas about how this trailhead and parking area should look, are interested in helping with planning or planting the landscaping, or want to know more about this project - just call Greg Western at the GMC office 244-7037 ext. 18 (greg@greenmountainclub.org).

Also, it would be great if anybody who lives in Mendon, particularly, would like to look over the trailhead plan before it is presented to the town planning commission - and/or could come to the planning commission meeting and help present the plan.

A Preliminary Idea of What Planners Would Like the Parking Area to Look Like When Finished, and How You Can Be Involved

Greg has provided us with some simple, rough ideas of how the parking lot might look when it is finished. However, he is looking for input, especially from those who are members of the Section and have interest in gardening or landscaping, especially being involved in actually laying out the plants and work on the ground, when the time comes. As more news comes to us, we'll get it out to you. Here are some preliminary ideas:

For people driving by and for people who live across the street: Between the parking lot and the road would be low plants and/or jumbled boulders. This would visually "break up" the view of the parking lot.

For hikers:

- A clear path from the parking lot to the LT/AT. For example: a gravel turnpike similar to that built just north of Route 4.
- A clear route of the LT/AT for people hiking through (who are not going over to the parking lot at all). All ready in place: metal highway signs and blaze posts. When landscaping is done the route of LT/AT south of the road could also be turnpiked to make it very clear.

For the land: Aside from the area taken up by the parking lot itself, the land at the trailheads would be "reclaimed." There would be a healthy community of native plants behind the parking lot and away from the road. This would eventually just grow up and be "the woods."

For the GMC staff and volunteer maintainers: The landscaping would not require unusual amounts of ongoing maintenance. The point of the landscaping would not be to have a "yard" or "garden" that would need regular care. The "landscaping," as such, would be a one time effort to "recover" the disturbed land around the parking lot and at the trail head. After this initial effort the management needs would be the same as for any patch of natural ground near a road, near a parking lot, or at a trail head.

Is Your Membership Up for Renewal?

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. Could the next issue of *Smoke & Blazes* be your last because you have not paid your dues for 2000? If your mailing label on this issue of *Smoke and Blazes* has a red check mark, it means that you have not paid your dues.

Please send \$27 (for individual) or \$35 (for family) to:

Killington Section, GMC
Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
883 US Route 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701-9038

There also is a membership application at the end of this newsletter. This includes membership in both the Killington Section and in the main Green Mountain Club.



**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

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NAME: _____

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The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

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Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

July 2000

Killington Section Annual Meeting; March 25, 2000 Unitarian Universalist Church, Rutland, Vt.

The annual meeting of the Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, was held Saturday evening, March 25, in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Rutland following the traditional potluck supper. President Herb Ogden conducted the meeting. Special guest representing the GMC was Greg Western, assistant supervisor of field operations, who has been very involved the past couple of years directing trail relocations in the Killington Section.

MINUTES - The secretary's minutes of the last annual meeting, April 24, 1999, were approved unanimously. They had previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*.

TREASURE'S REPORT - Treasurer Al Pulling was unable to be present and submitted a written report. In our regular funds we have a total of \$3,428.18 as of Dec. 31, 1999. This consists of \$869.77 in the checking account, \$1,346.22 in the savings account, and \$1,212.19 in a CD at Charter One Bank. This represents a gain of \$51.79 over last year's balance. The balance in the Kirk Fund is \$15,201.40, a gain of \$812.17 over last year. Kirk Fund money is kept in three CDs at the Chittenden Bank. Membership as of the end of '99 was 78, an official decrease of one from the previous year, but there have been several new members recently. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT -

Sherburne Pass Trail: Herb reported that section directors recommended the former Long Trail between Pico Camp and Maine Junction, north of Sherburne Pass, be renamed the Sherburne Pass Trail. The main club officially approved this new designation at its latest meeting.

Vehicles at Gov. Clement Shelter: The section is continuing to deal with the

problem of full-sized vehicles getting into Gov. Clement Shelter and possibly being used for vandalism. Our present idea is to put a gate on that road by the upper bridge and not include a parking lot. The first step is to take this proposal to landowners in the vicinity for their approval. If this is obtained, we would then go to the Shrewsbury snowmobile club and to the town select board.

Road Widening at Brewer's Corners: The Town of Mendon has proposed that Wheelerville Road be widened at Brewer's Corners to provide for parking. From that 90 degree bend in the road the Bucklin Trail takes off for Killington Peak. The goal would be to create five or six parking spaces even in winter. Bill Robichaud expressed concern that such widening would involve taking down trees and this would further open up the area to ATV four-wheelers, which have already wrecked water bars. Gary Salmon of the state forestry department has rounded up resources including funds to build ATV barriers on the Bucklin Trail, but it may not be possible to do much with the beginning part of the trail given its flat and open terrain.

Work parties: Dates have been set for this year's work parties. The "low-level walkthrough" from Gulf Road to Gov. Clement Shelter will take place on May 27. One week later on June 3 will be the "high-level walkthrough" from Gov. Clement north to Rte. 4. With the GMC's Annual Meeting taking place the following weekend at The Inn at Long Trail, it would be nice to have trails in the area including the Deer Leap Trail, in very good shape. Greg Western noted there may be a group of volunteers who've signed up through Eastern Mountain Sports in Manchester to supplement our own work parties for the June 3 date.



Ira Hawley, 84

Our section has recently lost another of its most stalwart members. Ira Hawley, who was a Life Member, passed away June 19 at the age of 84. Until his health failed, he was one of the more popular hike leaders whose outings were always well prepared and accompanied by knowledgeable commentary. Ira's daughter Lorraine is also a Life Member and assists in distribution of *Smoke & Blazes*. His wife, Irene, who passed away in 1996, was a member and enthusiastic hiker. Ira did many hours of work on the trails and shelters. He will be widely missed.

Smoke & Blazes: Compliments were voiced on the professional look of *Smoke & Blazes* and the work of editor Kim Jackson. Kim, who was unable to be present, has mentioned that the number of hike reports has been dwindling. It was urged that all hikes be written up whether by leaders or their designees.

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From The Field . . .

ETHAN ALLEN TO BURNT MT. - JOINT HIKE WITH KILLINGTON AND BREAD LOAF SECTIONS April 2, 2000

By Gordon & Helen Cawood

Five hikers embarked on today's expedition. Several other callers were put off by the forecast of rain in the afternoon, or chose not to go for other reasons. We decided to take the shorter quick-exit route, and not go to the peak of Mt. Moosalamoo. We started at Branbury State Park campground, visited Ethan Allen cave and Pitch Pine point where we had limited views of Lake Dunmore. It started to rain while we were having lunch at Pat's Pad. Our fastest exit was to Upper Plains Rd., where we left a car, saving Burnt Mt. for another trip. Thanks for coming, Tony Lahendro, and Barbara and Al Stiles. We enjoyed your company.

SPRING WALK THRU May 27 and June 3

By Bob Perkins

On May 27 and again on June 3 a small but dedicated group of members conducted our annual Spring Walk Thru. This event is designed to inspect our trails and to perform light maintenance prior to the start of the summer hiking season. We want to be sure the trails are ready for use, and we want to identify what additional work will be needed. By working in teams of two or three and assigning a manageable piece of trail to each team we were able to cover most of our section of the Long/Appalachian Trail and as well as the former Long Trail (now the Sherburne Pass side trail) on Pico.

In general we can report that our trails are in quite good condition. There are two or three blow-downs to be removed and several wet spots where puncheon should be installed. Some new signs would be helpful. The center post supporting the roof of Governor Clement Shelter was ripped out by vandals and has been missing for some time. We hope to replace it this year.

Our next work party is on the schedule for August 12 but Trails & Shelters co-chair Bill Robichaud no doubt will be out on the trail in the meantime. Anyone willing to help can give Bill a call at 775-2567.

GRANDPA'S KNOB May 28, 2000

By Roma Pulling

The day of our hike was cool and cloudy, but considering the many rainy days in this rather wet spring, we felt very fortunate. With eight hikers besides ourselves, we left the park in three cars, headed for Hubbardton.

Grandpa's Knob is notable for several things including the location of an early experimental wind tower erected during World War II. A small amount of power was generated but came to an end when the blades blew off. The cement foundations of the tower and some of the hardware are still visible.

Secondly Grandpa's Knob is the location of transmitting facilities for Channel 28, Vermont Public Television. Years ago on our first hike to the summit the studio was still manned and we went inside to talk with the operator. It is now operated remotely.

Last but not the reason for our trip to the summit, the view from the top is remarkable and panoramic. A cool breeze discouraged most of us from admiring the view for a long period. We escaped to a sheltered place near the transmitting facility and ate our lunch before returning to our cars and heading home.

BRIDGEWATER HOLLOW TO THE LOOKOUT June 24, 2000

By Herb Ogden, Leader

Despite fine weather, only four people went on this hike. It must be that rumors of my bushwhacking to old cellarholes have spread. Like most rumors, there is some truth in them, but mostly we stayed on cleared old roads or trails.

We left our cars at the intersection of Bridgewater Hollow Rd. and Bridgewater Hollow Rd. Extension. No, I'm not making up the second name. Though it sounds pretty urban it's what the Town of Bridgewater calls the road west from the former pond at the Hollow, after you've climbed up the narrow valley from the Chateaugay Road. We crossed the brook, went right through the snowmobile gate, passed the Hollow Schoolhouse site, and soon turned left uphill on the always-muddy old highway that runs over The Pinnacle to North Bridgewater.

After climbing about a tenth of a mile on it, we struck off west through the brush and reached the Hollow Cemetery in a few hundred feet. It was beautiful with a canopy of ferns, but the ferns made it hard to see some of the lower gravestones, many of which are simple unfinished fieldstones. The oldest stone, at the top of the graveyard, is a proud marker from 1811. I understand a Boy Scout or a troop has made it their project to keep down the underbrush. They've done a good job, but the place is due for a cutting now.

Back on the old highway, we soon kept going straight on an overgrown road where the more used one bore right, crossed a brook, and climbed between stone walls about three rods apart, an almost sure sign of a former public highway. No other trace of the highway remains at this point, though it may show on the 1868 map of Bridgewater. At a fairly level spot, we came to the large foundation of a house. We got some idea of how long it had been since a house stood there from the presence of a big yellow birch stump right on one of the walls. Obviously no tree had grown there while a house stood on the foundation, and the big birch had been born and died since then. Just north of the cellarhole was a mostly filled-in well. South, across the former road, are a barn foundation and barnyard walls, but we didn't visit them because the underbrush was in full foliage. Instead, we bushwhacked another several hundred feet to an old road (now used by ATVs) running from the highway over the Pinnacle up to the high point of the Lookout Farm Road. Near where the Appalachian Trail joins it, we saw a small cellarhole to the west. We pondered what farming must have been like in the early 1800s in such a high, isolated spot.

After the AT crosses the Lookout Farm Road, it follows an old road to The Lookout. So did we. The view from The Lookout was excellent. To the north, we could see beyond Mansfield. Below us lay Lake Lakota. To the east, we could probably see Lafayette in the White Mountains, and, further south, Tripityramid. To the southeast, we could see Ascutney and probably Monadnock. To the southwest were the outlines of Okemo, Stratton, and probably Equinox. To the west lay the whole Coolidge Range, from Shrewsbury to Pico, and more. Many thanks to the private landowners who not only allow the public to visit The Lookout but even maintain a viewing platform on the roof of their cabin!

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Hike Register: Starting this weekend, the official hike register will be kept in a letterbox on the porch of Herb's office at Center & Nickwackett Streets, a block away from Koltowski Fire Station. We also want to make sure to get addresses of any guest hikers in order to better contact them regarding joining the section.

GMC Board Meeting: Al Pulling, our director to the GMC, submitted a written report summing up the recent GMC Directors meeting March 18 at the Kirk Alumni Building at Middlebury College. The main item of business was the unanimous approval of the club's decision to purchase some 40 acres of land adjacent to the club headquarters in Waterbury to allow for

growth and control development in the area. After a long period of negotiations, the landowner Don McCain agreed to meet the price the club was willing to pay. Details pertaining to maintenance of the property such as snow plowing and grass moving are still being negotiated. All by \$120,000 of the purchase price is assured from grants and donations and raising the balance was not thought to be a problem.

Meanwhile, there is less enthusiasm about another proposed deal at headquarters, the purchase of a bed & breakfast property across Rte. 100. This property was being considered at one time for expansion space as well, but has numerous problems such as inadequate sewage dis-

posal associated with it. The above is welcome news to the Killington Section, which at its last directors meeting Feb. 2, had expressed the view that the main club not get involved with the B&B property if the McCain property was what it really wanted. The final item was the vote to adopt the name Sherburne Pass Trail as well as to rename other side trails caused by the LT relocations.

GMC Report: The following items were brought up by Greg Western:

Champion Lands Involvement: Greg noted that there are people in the Northeast Kingdom who want to form a new section of the GMC in order to take care of trails in that area including those in the huge tract recently purchased by the state from the Champion Lumber Co. The news that the GMC was contemplating involvement in the area so far removed from the CT and its side trails prompted skepticism at the last Killington Section directors meeting at which the section instructed its GMC director to express serious concern about this involvement unless it could be shown to contribute to the club's objectives. Some feel that area is more geographically and geologically linked to the White Mountains and in fact the AMC was contemplating starting a section there.

Other proposed developments still in the thinking state include a Taconic Trail and a proposed trail from Mt. Equinox to Merck Forest.

Guidebooks: A new version of the Long Trail Guide Book should be ready by June or July. Meanwhile, work is proceeding on a complete revision of the guidebook to be released a year from now. Bob Perkins requested that a preliminary text of these revisions concerning our section be sent to us in advance for editing and proofreading. A new edition of the day hiker's guide is also being readied.

Killington Section Annual Report 2000

The Killington Section is responsible for maintaining the following:

- The Long Trail from Vt. 140 in Wallingford Gulf to Tucker-Johnson Shelter 25.1 mi. (This is also the Appalachian Trail as far north as Maine Jct. at Willard Gap.)
- The Sherburne Pass Trail from the Long Trail north past Pico Camp to 3.0 mi. U.S. 4 in Sherburne Pass (this was the Long and Appalachian Trails until 1999)
- The Bucklin Trail from Brewers Corners on the Wheelerville Road in 3.3 mi. Mendon to the Long Trail near Cooper Lodge on Killington Peak
- The Pico Spur from Pico Camp (on the Sherburne Pass Trail) to Pico Peak 0.4 mi.
- The Killington Spur from Cooper Lodge to Killington Peak 0.2 mi.
- The Cauty Trail from Elbow Road in Mendon to Blue Ridge Mountain 2.4 mi.

This is 34.4 miles, an increase of about six miles over 1999. We not only agreed to keep maintaining the old route of the Long Trail in addition to taking on the reroute west of Pico Peak but also took responsibility for some of the Long Trail north of U.S. 4 for the first time since it was moved from west of Deer Leap to east of Deer Leap in the 1960s. We and our shelter adopters also maintain Minerva Hinchey Shelter, Clarendon Shelter, Governor Clement Shelter, and Pico Camp.

Ruth and Sandy Lamb have independently adopted Cooper Lodge, which belongs to the State of Vermont. We hope we can manage all this. Our three or four work parties per year have had as few as six and as many as 20 participants. The high count was thanks to the EMS store in Manchester and to a contingent from Headquarters.

The Killington Section conducts frequent outings, described in the calendar sections of the Rutland Herald and the Mountain Times of Killington. In the late spring, summer, and early fall these occur weekly or more often. In the last year, outings have included not only ordinary hikes on official and unofficial trails but also special children's "discovery" hikes, bicycle trips, cross country ski tours, and snowshoe hikes. Members receive a quarterly, *Smoke & Blazes*, which we think is the oldest continuously published section newsletter. We are also trying to gather the archives in one place, led by Section Historian Bob Perkins. He has already gathered a complete set of *Smoke & Blazes*, which was given to the Rutland Historical Society for better access by the general public.

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Annual Meeting, from page 3**

Interpretive Billboard: Greg noted that Deer Leap day hikers and other hikers new to the Sherburne Pass area are likely to be confused as to why the Inn at Long Trail is located there when the relocated LT/AT now crossed far below, a mile to the westward. He suggested that an interpretive billboard display at the top of the pass explaining the history and significance of the trail, the pass, and the inn would be a welcome addition to that area.

Elbow Road Logging: Greg noted that logging is presently going on just a little north of Sherburne Pass. This area is in the Green Mountain National Forest and the logging is perfectly legal, but it may be upsetting and confusing to some hikers who think they are in a wilderness. Greg suggested a sign explaining that this is a "working forest" and, perhaps facetiously, "watch out for trucks." This is part of the price for having the LT follow a logging road in a national forest. The trail is still blazed and can be easily followed but a staircase has been torn out. The loggers are expected to be there through this fall and can be expected back in 15 years.

Clarendon Gorge Suspension Bridge: This is described by Greg as an "ongoing hot potato." Dave Hardy, GMC director of field operations, is currently trying to get the Federal Highway Administration to send a natural bridge engineer to the site to make sure the bridge is safe and structurally sound. Last summer a crew replaced some of the boards and this was a "scary experience."

New Cooper Lodge Outhouse: The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps will be constructing a new outhouse this summer at Cooper Lodge. The new "Cooper Pooper" is going to be "a really big outhouse" with a 70-gal. capacity which will enable it to be used year-round.

Shrewsbury Peak Trail: The Shrewsbury Peak Trail is about to be moved. The goal is to get it off the Juggernaut Ski Trail. This work will be done by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. If anyone is interested in talking to these young people about the natural history of the area or the history of the GMC, these young people are always looking for speakers. It is a good opportunity to interest them

specifically in the GMC.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trail Maintenance North of Sherburne Pass: A motion was made and seconded to have the section expand its maintenance responsibility to the section of trail between U.S. 4 and Tucker Johnson Shelter. The Ottauquechee Section at present maintains the area westward to Willard Gap but is not willing to do it up to the highway. Jake Sherman suggested the section might have its hands full with the Killington Section itself particularly in light of the many relos and that the area north of Rte. 4 was a much traversed one that might be better handled through the main club and adopters. After some discussion it was voted with at least one nay to take responsibility for the trail from U.S. 4 to Tucker Johnson Shelter.

AT/LT Parking Lot on Route 4: The new parking area for the relocated AT/LT on Route 4 is described as a "weedy mud-hole" right now. The GMC is presently looking for input on what a finished parking lot should look like, what kind of landscaping it should have, etc., what kind of simple things could be done if money is not forthcoming.

It appears that the Park Service seriously under budgeted the cost of a parking lot at the site, according to Greg, by a factor of 10. The \$3,000 originally budgeted went entirely for architectural plans drawn up by Enman Engineering of Rutland. The Appalachian Trail Conference is also looking for funds but nothing is certain at this stage. Anyone's help as amateur landscapers or otherwise would be welcomed.

Election of New Directors: Gretchen Crowley and Sue Thomas were nominated as directors to replace Phil and Linda Smith whose terms had expired. Also nominated as part of this slate for re-election was Al Pulling. The slate was unanimously elected.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING - Following adjournment of the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. a special director's meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers. Elected as vice-president was Connie Youngstrom replacing Bob Perkins who

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Letter to the Editor:

To Killington Sec. G.M.C.
Thank you for your generous gift to the Mission in honor of Merritt. He would have been very pleased.

Sincerely,
Natalie Thomas

(Regarding a memorial gift for her late husband Merritt Thomas)

declined to run citing two other section offices he held. All other present section officers were elected: Herb Ogden, President; Al Pulling, Treasurer; Jake Sherman, Secretary, and Bob Perkins, Historian.

Following the meeting, all enjoyed a slide program presented by Bob and Thelma Perkins. They showed slides of family hikes along the Pacific Crest Trail of California between Yosemite and Mt. Whitney during the 1960s. The Perkins' and their four children completed this 212-mile stretch over a period of five summers averaging five miles a day.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman, Secretary

Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Summer/Fall 2000

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Saturday, July 8 - **SIXTH ANNUAL FALLS OF LANA RAMBLE** - 10 a.m. Leader: Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

One of the most spectacular waterfalls in Vermont, a panoramic view of Lake Dunmore, an enchanted sort of forest, and a mountain lake surrounded by white birch. 3 miles moderate. Walk to Silver Lake optional; swimming there or at Lake Dunmore possible afterward. Rain date: Sunday, July 9, call leader if in doubt. Joint hike with Appalachian Mountain Club.

Sunday, July 16 - **STRATTON MOUNTAIN LOOP** - 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Climb the mountain where the Long Trail was born! A fire tower on top offers spectacular views, and we'll descend via beautiful Stratton Pond. 10.7 miles - a long hike of moderate difficulty.

Saturday, July 22 - **OKEMO MOUNTAIN** - Leaders: Gordon & Helen Cawood, 352-4310.

Via the YCC trail, with a fire tower on top affording spectacular views. Joint hike with the Breadloaf Section, call leaders for meeting place and time.

Saturday, July 29 - **TENTH ANNUAL TACONIC MOUNTAINS RAMBLE** - 1 p.m. Leader: Kit Davidson, 273-2982.

Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east & west, a Japanese garden and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2-5 miles easy to moderate, walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date Sunday, July 30. Call leader if in doubt. Joint hike with Appalachian Mountain Club.

Saturday, August 5 - **BIKE TRIP** - 9 a.m. Leader: Sandi McGowan, 775-8841.

Moderate to difficult, location to be determined. Call leader for more details.

Saturday, August 12 - **TRAIL MAINTENANCE** - 9 a.m. Leader: Bill Robichaud, 775-2567.

We'll be doing whatever needs doing! Come help us keep the Long/Appalachian Trails in good shape. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves & lunch. Tools provided.

Sunday, August 20 - **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES - PITTSFORD ICE CAVES** - 1 p.m. Leader: Jerry Parker, 747-4439.

Trek to the ice caves and venture inside if you dare! Short but steep hike, 2 miles roundtrip. Call leader for details.

Saturday, August 26 - **JACKSON GORE, OKEMO** - 9 a.m. in Rutland. Leader: Eric Deustchbein, 875-1001.

Beautiful waterfalls, cascading down the mountain, a special place not often seen. 4 miles moderate, some bushwhacking. (Can also meet the group at trail head at 9:30 a.m.) Call leader.

Saturday-Sunday, September 9-10 - **BACKPACKING WEEKEND** - Leader: Gretchen Crowley, 483-9448.

Leaving at 10 a.m. Saturday, location to be determined, call leader for details. Moderate pace.

Saturday, September 16 - **PROSPECT ROCK** - 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling, 773-6997.

Manchester. Follow the Rootville Road for a view of Manchester and Mt. Equinox. Moderate, 4 miles.

Saturday, September 23 - **MT. ASCUTNEY** - 9 a.m. Leader: Herb Ogden, 775-1350.

Up the Windsor Trail and down the Brownsville Trail for beautiful views, waterfalls, an old quarry and a fire tower. 5.3 miles difficult. Return by 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 30 - **CANOE TRIP** - Leader: Eric Deustchbein, 875-1001.

A day trip in the historic Mt. Independence area. Contact leader a week in advance, if you want to borrow a canoe or have space for another person in yours.

Saturday, October 7 - **PLYMOUTH 5-CORNERS** - 9 a.m. Leaders: Roma & Al Pulling, 773-6997.

Explore a ghost town with cellar holes, an old cemetery and mill site. 4 miles, easy - moderate.

Saturday, October 14 - **SLEEPING BEAUTY MOUNTAIN** - 9 a.m. Leader: Sue Thomas, 773-2185.

Lake George. Great views of the lake, the Adirondack Mountains and the Green Mountains. Ascend on old carriage roads and on the way down visit remote Fishbrook Pond. 7.8 miles, moderate. Rain date Sunday, October 15.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include October through December. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **September 15** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

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Smoke & Blazes Seeks New Volunteer Editor

It is with regret that I must pass the baton for the position of volunteer editor of *Smoke & Blazes* to another member interested in being the new editor.

Smoke & Blazes is published quarterly, coordinating with the outing schedule's different seasons. Very little needs to be typed as members and directors send their reports and articles by email or disk. Those that do need to be typed are usually short pieces. I have used Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter, but any software will work. The only other aspect that you should be conscious of is proofreading, which I do once the entire newsletter is laid out. From there, other members become your support team in producing the finished product.

The newsletter is copied/printed in Rutland at Prime Offset and then Roma and Al Pulling, along with other volunteers, prepare the newsletter for mailing.

Smoke & Blazes is by far a team effort. If it weren't for its contributors and those who take the newsletter from print to distribution, it would never happen! What I'm trying to say is that producing the newsletter is fun and you are contributing to your GMC section . . . and you don't have to do it all by yourself!

In the section's Annual Report, Herb mentioned that the section believes that *Smoke & Blazes* is the oldest continuously published section newsletter. Let's keep the spirit going!

If you are interested in taking on the newsletter, please call me at 802-672-3157 or email me at kapr@vermontel.net, or contact Herb at 775-1350 or lco@together.net.

Thanks,
Kim Jackson

High Water Warning

As of late May, Gould Brook, between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads, is so high that it probably cannot be crossed dryshod and must instead be forded. To stay dry, use the Wilmuth Hill Road between the Lower and Upper Cold River Roads, west of the Long Trail. We regret the inconvenience. Your local trail maintainers: Killington Section, Green Mountain Club, Rutland, Vermont. For further information, or to volunteer for any of our activities including trail and shelter maintenance, write or call Section President Herb Ogden, 20 Birchwood Ave., Rutland VT 05701, (802) 775-3368, LCO@together.net.

Green Mountain Club - Pico Camp Register

Nov. 3, 1990 - June 9, 1991

Compiled by Herbert G. Ogden,

April 22, 2000

Hikers per month:

November	5	December	3
January	3	February	11
March	14	April	23
May	57	June	11 (through 6/9 only)

State or country of origin (which many did not give)

CA	x	CT	xx	FL	x	LA	x
MA	xxxx	ME	x	NH	x	NJ	xxxxx
NY	xxxxxxx	TN	x				
VT	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx			VA	x	Germany	x

Selected comments:

10 Dec. 1990: Windows busted; needs shutters. AMC member from Hartford, CT.

30 Dec. 1990: "All in all a nice camp. These cabins are a good idea and I would like them in other states along the trail." Elizabeth, NJ.

14 Apr. 1991: "On the map, the beginning of the trail from Pico Peak to this cabin wasn't detailed enough. So, we searched for the entrance of the trail" 2 from Rutland.

8 May 1991: "Started at Route 103 yesterday, stayed at Governor Clement Shelter last night when my boyfriend proposed to me. I accepted, of course, and this is the best hike I've ever been on!" CT.

8 May 1991: Came from Gov. Clement and saw her first "trail closed until Memorial Day" sign only at Cooper. Wonders if she missed a sign at Clement. Boston.

19 May 1991: "Trail is super. FABULOUS VIEWS." Ontario.

24 May 1991: "Hiked in from Rt. 4 across from the Inn. Saw a large coyote or timber-wolf on the way up." Long Island NY.

25 May 1991: "Good Lord! When you hit the slope down hill from here, don't just do something, stand there. Right where the trail comes out there's a cluster of trout lilies right in the trail! And how 'bout these trillium? And the sweet flower smell! To feel my heart beat so strong I can hear it, to set my feet down on the soft trail, to move once again through the forest, and be with it, hear it beckon. A fine home coming for 2 former thru-hikers who've pined for this, dreamed of this, longed for this trail in their souls. Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU to the trail maintainers!!!! You make this happen. To those who aren't, clear a blowdown on your way out, clear a waterbar with your boot heel." [No address]

26 May 1991: "After a 25 year absence I returned to Pico Lodge. Much has changed but still much remains the same. I am here with my son - his first time also. We went up to the peak -- ski lifts and towers and debris. View beautiful. Hope to get back many more times." [Rutland]

27 May 1991: "Started on May 24th from Rt. 103. Trails in excellent shape." Shaftsbury.

27 May 1991: "This is the best Memorial Day weekend I can remember - wildflowers abound, wonderful conversations, three of Tim's gourmet dinners, mist and clear cold water. Oh yes, two white tailed deer and noises from one coyote and one bulky smelly bear." Cambridge MA

29 May 1991: "This is the nicest shelter that I have seen in quite a while. It's a shame it will not be here for much longer." Massachusetts to Canada

31 May 1991: "Slogged up here tonight in the downpour. No fun at all!! Took shelter a few times on my way up, which turned out to be a mistake. Due to the delays I did not reach the cabin until 10:00 p.m. Coming up from Route 4 in the dark during a heavy rain can be quite a challenge!" [no address]

GMC Director's Meeting March 18, 2000

The March meeting of the directors of the Green Mountain took place March 22 at the Kirk Alumni Building at Middlebury College. It was well attended with about three members absent.

As the first order of business, Executive Secretary Ben Rose announced that Don McCain, the owner of the property adjacent to the headquarters in Waterbury Center, which the club was interested in buying, had met the price the board was willing to pay. The pros and cons of the matter were discussed at length and it was voted unanimously to accept the offer. Details pertaining to maintenance of the property such as plowing snow and mowing grass are still being negotiated.

All but \$120,000 of the purchase price is assured from grants and donations, and raising the balance was not thought to be a problem.

The directors were less enthusiastic about the May property across the road than they were previously. Problems with sewage disposal and dangers of crossing Rt. 100 between the two properties, also costs of renovating the buildings, were the factors in the change of opinion.

Near the end of the meeting votes were taken to rename parts of the side trail north of Rt. 4 the Sherburne Pass Trail to correspond with the trail south of Rt 4 and to rename some other side trails necessitated by the Long Trail relocation. The meeting was adjourned about 2 p.m. with the next meeting planned for the Inn at the Long Trail in June.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred L. Pulling
Killington Section Director

Are You a Turtle?

By Bob Perkins

Do you love to get out for a walk in the woods but fear that Killington Section hikes may go too far or too fast for you? Then maybe you're a turtle.

Randy Travis of the GMC in Waterbury has been leading a series of outings for a group calling themselves the Turtles. My wife Thelma and I joined them on May 31 for a most enjoyable stroll and picnic lunch in the Texas Falls area. Although mostly "mature" hikers, the group welcomes anyone who prefers to enjoy the outdoors at a slow pace.

To learn more about the Turtles and to get on their mailing list, contact Randy at: randall-travis@netscape.net or 802-244-5783.

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
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Killington Section - Green Mountain Club

October 2000

Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting: August 22, 2000

PRESENT: Herb Ogden, Bob Perkins, Bill Robichaud, Al Pulling, Sue Thomas, Gretchen Crowley, Connie Youngstrom, Mark Youngstrom, Jake Sherman, GMC Director of Field Operations Dave Hardy, and special guest Roy Arthur.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes from the March 25 annual meeting held at the Unitarian Church were unanimously approved with no additions or corrections.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER: One of the main purposes of tonight's meeting was to consider solutions to ongoing problems of partying and vandalism at Gov. Clement Shelter. The situation has become so bad that hikers no longer feel welcome there and are avoiding the shelter. In fact, it was noted that both the current edition of the Long Trail Guidebook and the AT Wing-foot book urge hikers not to stay there. Tired hikers may arrive to find a loud, alcohol-fueled party in progress or the partiers might show up at 10 or 11 P.M. after the hikers have sacked out. Often this occurs on weekends. Other damage reported by those present included deep ruts left by a pickup truck, beer bottles around the fireplace, trees cut down, and sometime ago the middle post of the roof support yanked out. Gretchen stated that every hiker Jerry Parker meets asks about the safety of the shelter.

Over the course of a long discussion many solutions were raised including getting more law enforcement up there, posting strong warning signs, banning fires, and relocating the trail away from the shelter. Other more radical measures included gating the access road, a "tank trap" and actually relocating the shelter a mile or two further up the trail.

Since Gov. Clement is the oldest shelter on the LT and a historic landmark, tearing it down and moving it was definitely a last

resort. Problems were also seen with gating which would have to secure town approval, would not likely be favorably received by camp owners along the road, and would not keep out ATVs or even trucks which could approach from another direction. Also, experience has shown that gates themselves can become a target of vandalism.

Roy Arthur pointed out that the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), a snowmobile club, puts up money to pay for sheriff's patrols who go up to Gov. Clement every weekend between Dec. 15 and April and keep things in order. He didn't know what the cost of this was as it was coordinated by Frank Wilk of VAST.

Herb proposed we initially adopt a three-fold approach: (1) contract with sheriff's and constables to go up each weekend day and one day during the week, (2) put up durable signs saying the shelter is for hikers' use only, and (3) moving the trail away from the shelter. This approach was subsequently adopted with the exception that instead of contracting with the constables Dave Hardy suggested checking with the forest service's law enforcement officer to see what kind of higher profile program could be set up between now and Columbus Day. In a memo the following day, Dave reported that he had talked to Kim Kinville of the U.S. Forest Service and she had agreed to visit the shelter the next few weekends, probably after dark. With regard to fires, he stated that legally they would have to be banned from a resource perspective not a behavior perspective. He also noted again that ATVs are illegal on public lands or town highways and could be ticketed. In addition, the GMC, per the motion, will post signs at the shelter, distribute brochures, and proceed with a trail relo.

Herb said he still needs to contact a mason

Congratulations!

Those members who remember Sandy Tarburton from the GMC staff will be interested to know that she gave birth July 19 to a baby boy, River, weighing 7 lb., 11 oz. Congratulations, Sandy, from all of your KS friends!

regarding repair of stonework at Gov. Clement.

CLARENDON GORGE: Dave reported that a paved parking lot with a better bulletin board at Clarendon Gorge is in the works. There will be money to build the lot through a Federal Highway Enhancement Grant and they are presently getting design bids. However, the parking lot work can't happen until the railroad work gets done. The GMC is hopeful that ultimate management of the gorge will be changed from the state to the U.S. Forest Service.

Another positive development reported by Dave is that the present suspension bridge across the gorge has been checked out by federal engineers and found to be safe due in large part to "overdesigned abutments." These federal inspectors will be coming back every two years to check it out. Still, many hikers find the swaying traverse of the structure a scary experience. Dave said its replacement by a rigid-arch, pedestrian-static, bikeway-type bridge would be the ultimate solution.

PICO CAMP: The GMC plans to build a new Pico Camp a little less than half way up the new Long Trail south from Rte. 4. Dave asked for input from the section as to how it felt about locating the shelter in that area. The proposed site is 1.8 mi. from Rte. 4 and at an elevation of 2490 feet (above 2500 feet requires filing for an Act 250 permit!!). The shelter would be five miles from Cooper Lodge and 3 1/2 to

Directors Meeting, continued on page 3

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From The Field . . .

MT. OKEMO HIKE - BREAD LOAF/ KILLINGTON JOINT HIKE

July 22, 2000

by Gordon & Helen Cawood

The trip was cancelled due to threatening weather. Thunderstorms were predicted. The observation tower would not be the place to be. Only one person from Breadloaf Section had registered - Carol Kress. Only one person from Killington Section had registered - Ray Catozzi. Jack Burbank (Bread Loaf) called late Friday evening. By that time we already decided to cancel.

PROSPECT ROCK, MANCHESTER

September 16, 2000

by Roma Pulling

We studied the large, black cloud hanging over the park on the morning of this hike and didn't like what we saw. I took a quick mental inventory of the contents of my pack because I

wanted to be sure my poncho and rain bonnet were inside. But as seven of us headed south in two cars, the sky started to clear and was blue with white, fluffy clouds for the duration of the hike.

There is a Prospect Rock in northern Vermont, also, which leads to some confusion. They both give good views of valleys below, and the one where we hiked has a pleasant view of Manchester and surroundings. The trail follows the old Rootville Road, now no more than a rocky jeep trail. We hadn't encountered much traffic on previous trips but this time met several 4-wheel-drive vehicles and a group of four 4-wheelers.

As we settled on the rock to enjoy the view and eat our lunch, a strong, cold wind struck us; so we weren't inspired to linger longer than necessary. We returned to our cars and homes, pleased that we hadn't let the dark cloud spoil the day for us.

INTERVIEW WITH W. CHURCHILL SCOTT

12 June 1999 - By Herb Ogden

I interviewed Churchill while driving him to and from the Green Mountain Club's Annual Meeting at Stratton, where he received an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his years of service to the Killington Section and the Club.

Churchill graduated from high school in 1932. Willis Ross, a postal employee in Rutland, supervised Churchill in Killington Section trail crews in 1933 and probably 1932. It was the depth of the depression and Churchill could not find a job, so Ross recruited him to be caretaker at "Porky Camp," the closed camp on Killington Peak near the present Cooper Lodge. Churchill spent the summer of 1934 there. His parents would drive up to Sherburne Pass with provisions. Though the hike to Killington was shorter via the Bucklin Trail, Churchill preferred the scenic hike in from Sherburne Pass.

The Killington Summit House was gone by the time Churchill first climbed Killington. He could see its foundation stone piles and some debris. The hotel lay between the Bucklin Trail and the pre-1999 Long Trail, just north of the Cooper Lodge spring. Its croquet lawn was the level spot just above Cooper Lodge.

By the time Churchill began trail work in 1932 or 1933, the Long Trail alternate route around the west side of Pico had been abandoned. He never took it. One of the alternate routes in the Pico-Killington saddle had also been abandoned?

Churchill is familiar with the route of the old Carriage Road from Brewers Corners to Killington Peak. He does not know why the Bucklin Trail was built to replace it.

After the 1938 hurricane made the LT between Pico and Killington impassable, Churchill was one of a crew who cleared it. He is not sure who supervised the crew. It may have been Willis Ross if he was still alive then. The hurricane ended the building of Cooper Lodge in 1938. Before the hurricane, materials were hauled up the Bucklin Trail. After it, they were hauled up the Juggernaut Trail from West Bridgewater, now abandoned to the Killington Ski Area's development.

Sometime in the 1970s, Churchill and Preston Bristow scouted a new route for the LT from Gov. Clement Shelter to Cooper Lodge. It ascended west of the present route and went over Little Killington. The present route is not the first that Churchill remembers. The first he remembers followed the brook farther north than the present route does. About a mile north of Gov. Clement, it turned sharply west away from the brook.

Somewhat north of Gov. Clement, an east-west road crossed the LT. There were ruined buildings on it. (Perhaps one of them stood over the cellarhole GMC Field Supervisor Dave Hardy reported finding somewhat north of Gov. Clement in 1998.)

Mortimer Proctor was higher-class than other Killington Section members Churchill thinks he did no trail work, but gave lots of money for the Long Trail Lodge. One of his cohorts from Proctor, named French, was active in the GMC. For a while, there was a GMC Proctor Section. It maintained the LT from Sherburne Pass north to perhaps Brandon Gap.

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4 mi. from Tucker-Johnson Shelter to the north. Dave said he is leaning toward a three-sided structure and that it would be 100 yards off the trail. The selected site is by a permanent stream. He needs to make sure the shelter is not going to be too near a possible proposed lift and therefore needs to talk to Killington-Pico about their development plans.

Plans are to leave the old Pico Camp until the new one is built but Sue Thomas and others warned that a big chunk cut out of the porch of the badly worn structure is "really hazardous."

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: The section is fortunate to have had volunteers from various parts of the country working for the past three weeks on the Bucklin Trail. This included a second stream crossing. Bill Robichaud was very pleased with the quality of the work. He added that overgrowth of nettle was becoming a problem and that every hiker should put a pair of clippers in his backpack. Others present however suggested that we have excellent trails compared to "up north," the long section from Johnson up through Hazen's Notch being described as "nettle heaven." While not in our section the nettles up around New Boston are described as "terrible." It was noted that the lower part of the Canty Trail is getting brushed in and clipping was needed. Herb will seek Bill Robichaud's input on a thank you letter to the volunteers who worked on the Bucklin Trail.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION: It was moved and unanimously approved that the Killington Section make a \$100.00 contribution out of its general fund to the Long Trail Protection Fund in memory of Ira Hawley. Al and Roma Pulling will write something up for the Herald about the contribution and about Ira's many years of service to the Killington Section and the hiking community.

SMOKE & BLAZES: Kim Jackson has resigned as editor but will keep going for a while until a replacement is found.

VERMONT GROCERS ASSOCIATION HIKE: The Vermont Grocers Association, who apparently will be meeting at Killington, has requested that a member of the

section lead them on a hike Friday, Sept. 15, around Killington Peak. The leader would meet them at 10 a.m. at the base of the gondola, ride up with them to the summit, then perhaps hike down the spur trail to Cooper Lodge and the LT. In return they would contribute \$200 to the section. Herb appealed for volunteers with the time and inclination to lead it. He himself had initially agreed to do it but subsequently had a scheduling conflict.

HIKE PUBLICITY: The section hasn't had a publicity chairman in some time and publicity on upcoming hikes has been lacking. Gretchen volunteered to take up the slack by calling the Herald and The Mountain Times. We particularly want to get listed in the Herald calendar where our events haven't been included the past couple of weeks. This may be their fault as well as their calendar person just left and a new one is being trained. Herb volunteered to send the hike schedule to the Shopper, the Good News, the Mountain Times, the Manchester Journal, and the Black River Tribune. Meanwhile, Herb has prepared an excellent fact sheet on the section which he plans to post at major trailheads. We should also make a better effort to post our hike schedule on store bulletin boards as well as at the library.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Al Pulling reported that there is presently \$943.88 in the checking account and \$1346.22 in the savings account. There is also a Killington Section CD worth \$1263.79. The Kirk Fund has a balance of \$777.61 with \$14,606.94 presently in the Kirk Fund CD. The section presently has 74 members including 19 family members, 14 life members, and 41 individual members. Counting all the family members there are 93 members in all.

HIKING GROUP FROM WALES: Sue Thomas noted that there is a hiking group from Wales coming over in October and they want to do a program for us at Green Mountain College, Poultney. Beyond that there isn't too much information at present, though any program would probably be more convenient and attract a larger audience if it were held at a Rutland location such as the city library's Fox Room. It could cost us for stamps if we wanted to send a mailing.

JAMES P TAYLOR EVENT: Herb announced the section has agreed to sponsor a James P. Taylor Series event. Connie Youngstrom will help with the planning.

HIKING GNOME: Hundreds of hot sweaty hikers have enjoyed an ice cold, brook-chilled soda this summer courtesy of the "Hiking Gnome(s)." These unnamed benefactors have distributed over 900 sodas near the Kieffer Road in Shrewsbury, leaving them in the stream for hikers who then deposit the empties in a bag provided for that purpose. Grateful hikers have noted the kindness in a number of trail registers, but the good times are ending as Labor Day is the cutoff. The gnomes not only put the sodas out, they purchase them themselves. We won't give you their identities but the initials are J.P. and G.C.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Sherman, Secretary

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF

SMOKE & BLAZES IS January 10, 2001

**You can send your stories
handwritten, typewritten,
or via email to:**

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Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter 2001

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footgear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sat. Oct 21 - 9:00 am **LAKOTA LAKE TO NOTOWN ON APPALACHIAN TRAIL**. 9 mi. and about 1500' total climb; difficult. Walk road from Barnard to Bridgewater Hollow, abandoned about 140 years ago, south as far as the Appalachian Trail near Lakota Lake. Then hike the AT west along ridges to Notown. Some good views and cellar holes. Return after 5pm. Herb Ogden (h) 775-1350 (w) 775-3368

Sun. Oct 22 - 10:00 am **WORK PARTY**. Simple preventative maintenance on the swinging bridge at Clarendon Gorge. Tools provided. Bob Perkins 773-0184

Sun. Oct 29 - **BIKE TRIP**. Ripton area, 12-14 mi. Mostly dirt roads, moderately hilly. Meet at 10am at ROBERT FROST INTERPRETIVE TRAIL, ROUTE 125. Ruth Hare (d) 747-6121 ext 1152 (e) 223-1196

Sat. Nov 4 - **AT HIKE IN MOUNT TABOR** 9:00 am Hike the AT north to Little Rock Pond, returning on the Green Mtn Trail, or possibly head south to Baker Peak for some late autumn views. Mileage variable 8-12 mi, moderate. Connie Youngstrom 492-3502

Sat. Nov 11 - 10:00 am **HISTORY WALK - CHAMPLAIN FEEDER CANAL**. Follow the tow path along the historic feeder canal in Fort Edward, NY. Explore the remains of the old locks, with signs explaining their operation and the significance of the canal in the region's history. Possible side trip to the new visitor's center on Roger's Island, featuring models of the two pre-revolutionary forts once sited there, and artifacts. Flat, easy walk, 3-5 mi at your discretion. Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sat. Nov 18 5:30pm - **ANNUAL FALL POTLUCK SUPPER**. Unitarian Church. Join us for our annual potluck and slide presentation (possibly of Nepal). Bring a dish to share (with some good food in it) and a place setting, everyone welcome. Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sat. Dec 9 10:00 am - **MYSTERY HIKE**. Moderate snowshoe or hike, depending on conditions. Gretchen Crowley 483-9448

Sat. Dec 16 10:00 am - **SPRING LAKE SKI TOUR**. Shrewsbury. About 3 mi, easy to moderate. Follow wood roads from Spring Lake Ranch to the Long Trail and then south to Patch Hollow. Beaver ponds, views and an old home site with orchard. Good for any moderately experienced skier. Call if in doubt whether we're skiing, snowshoeing or hiking. Return about 2pm. Herb Ogden (h) 775-1350 (w) 775-3368

Sun. Jan 7 9am - **MYSTERY HIKE**. Moderate. Ski, snowshoe or hike depending on conditions. Jerry Parker 747-4439

Sun. Jan 14 9:30am - **HIKE AND HOT DOG ROAST** - Half Moon State Park, Bomoseen. Mileage variable, ski or snowshoe if conditions are favorable. Bring hot dogs, or whatever, to roast over the fire. Hot drinks will be provided. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997

Fri. Jan 19 7:00pm **GMC TAYLOR SERIES - TRAIL MAGIC**. Jeannie Hines presents slides, music and stories from her 1997 Appalachian Trail thru hike from Georgia to Maine. Unitarian Church, West Street, Rutland. Admission \$4 members, \$7 non-members. Refreshments available.

Sat. Jan.20 9:30am - **OLD TURNPIKE ROAD / LT SNOWSHOE**, Killington. About 5 mi, moderate. Sue Thomas 773-2185

Sat. Jan 27 - **JOINT TRIP WITH THE BREADLOAF SECTION - MOOSALAMOO MTN** - We'll snowshoe, walk or ski depending on conditions. 4-5 mi, moderate. Call leaders for meeting time and place. Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include January through April. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **January 10** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

Interview with Craigie Perkins - 21 May 1991

by Herb Ogden

I interviewed Craigie at his home on the Old Turnpike Road (Elbow Road) in Mendon. His wife was present, but I don't think any of the following information came from her. The purpose of the interview was to determine the uses that had been made of the land between Sherburne Pass and Killington Peak, so the Green Mountain Club could use the information to help the National Park Service get the best route for the Appalachian Trail (hence also the Long Trail) on the best terms.

I asked about Mortimer Proctor, who granted the public an easement to use the Long Trail over land he once owned. Craigie said Mortimer Proctor was a figure-head rather than a doer in the GMC. He knew nothing about the deed by which Mortimer Proctor gave the public the right to pass over Vermont Marble Company land from Sherburne Pass south toward Killington. Proctor did no trail work. Proctor was not an outdoors person and had little contact with the Killington Section. He was pleasant but had no social contact with the Killington Section. He never heard Proctor express an opinion on anything. Proctor gave the right to build Cooper Lodge.

Craigie was not sure when this area was last logged. He graduated from high school in 1920 and began hiking it around 1923. He did not recall seeing any logging roads, skid roads, or brush from logging.

The Killington Section always maintained this part of the LT. The fire lookout who was stationed at the fire tower on Pico Peak (since moved to Killington Peak) probably did no maintenance. The ground return phone line (of which a few insulator pegs can still be seen attached to old trees in 1999) was installed in the 1930s. He is not sure when it was abandoned. It served the fire lookout tower.

The central Green Mountain Club erected a metal camp on Killington Peak. He was there riveting seams in black fly season. The materials were hauled up from the west, probably with a horse. They probably used the LT. (This does not seem consistent with coming up from the west.) They may have had to make more than one trip.

Pedestrian use of the LT varied; he probably could not even give an average number of hikers per year. When he was in high school, he knew few people who hiked up there. He graduated from high school in 1920. When he was on the trail, he usually met no one. He could not guess use in the 1930s; it went in cycles. Other uses of the LT included snowshoe hikes.

His first ascent of Killington, probably when he was in high school, was probably up the Bucklin Trail. They pulled toboggans up with blankets and slept at a metal camp once. They also went up the Bucklin Trail another winter. He recalls no snowshoe hikes from Sherburne Pass to Pico Shelter (now Pico Camp). He does not recall skiing on the LT. George Peck and others skied down the west side of Killington, probably on the Bucklin Trail.

The Long Trail is more worn in recent years, but the first half mile south of Sherburne Pass was always muddy.

To reach Cooper Lodge from Sherburne Pass, he may usually have used the alternate trail that went west around Pico (from Pico Jct. to a point south of Pico Peak, shown on old guidebooks). I don't think he said why.

The Bucklin Trail was opened about when Perkins began to be active. The Carriage Road from Brewers Corners to Killington Peak was still passable then.

He thinks he hired people, maybe the Bucklin boys, to clear the LT after the 1938 hurricane.

The Hellebore Trail up Blue Ridge Mountain existed since about the time he began hiking. It was not used much. He was vague on when it was replaced by the Cauty Trail. When he began hiking, the Killington Section barely existed.

The GMC used to be more of a social affair than it is now. Perhaps there used to be fewer competing social activities. The Killington Section used to put more pressure on members to do trail work. When he was a GMC Trustee, it was the same in other Sections. The Worcester Section was the most active in trail work. The Killington Section kept an average balance between socializing and working outdoors.

Smoke & Blazes Seeks New Volunteer Editor

It is with regret that I must pass the baton for the position of volunteer editor of *Smoke & Blazes* to another member interested in being the new editor.

Smoke & Blazes is published quarterly, coordinating with the outing schedule's different seasons. Very little needs to be typed as members and directors send their reports and articles by email or disk. Those that do need to be typed are usually short pieces. I have used Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter, but any software will work. The only other aspect that you should be conscious of is proofreading, which I do once the entire newsletter is laid out. From there, other members become your support team in producing the finished product.

The newsletter is copied/printed in Rutland at Prime Offset and then Roma and Al Pulling, along with other volunteers, prepare the newsletter for mailing.

Smoke & Blazes is by far a team effort. If it weren't for its contributors and those who take the newsletter from print to distribution, it would never happen! What I'm trying to say is that producing the newsletter is fun and you are contributing to your GMC section . . . and you don't have to do it all by yourself!

In the section's Annual Report, Herb mentioned that the section believes that *Smoke & Blazes* is the oldest continuously published section newsletter. Let's keep the spirit going!

If you are interested in taking on the newsletter, please call me at 802-672-3157 or email me at kapr@vermontel.net, or contact Herb at 775-1350 or lco@together.net.

Thanks,
Kim Jackson

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)
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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
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Killington Section - Green Mountain Club Director's Meeting: January 2, 2001

PRESENT:

Herb Ogden, Bob Perkins, Bill Robichaud, Al Pulling, Sue Thomas, Gretchen Crowley, Connie Youngstrom, Ruth Gibbud, Jake Sherman, and guest Mark Youngstrom. GMC Director of Field Operations Dave Hardy was absent due to illness.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

The minutes of the Aug. 22 directors meeting were unanimously approved with no additions or corrections. These minutes have already appeared in the October, 2000, issue of *Smoke & Blazes*.

BUCKLIN TRAIL CONTROVERSY:

The past few months have seen growing controversy over measures taken to reduce and eliminate usage by ATVs or other motorized vehicles of the Bucklin Trail, the popular side trail from Wheelerville Road to the Long Trail and ultimately Killington Peak.

In October a letter-to-the-editor writer to the *Rutland Herald* complained about the boulders and tank traps that have been set up to discourage motorized traffic. Herb Ogden responded in November with a letter defending these measures, noting that ATVs had destroyed half the water bars on the upper portion of the Bucklin and these would require hundreds of man hours to replace. In December Herb's letter drew an irate and personal response from an ATVer.

Directors felt it was important to approach the issue in a calm manner, avoid fruitless exchanges, and explain the legalities. It was also important to involve the state, the city of Rutland, and the main club. The city of Rutland owns the watershed from the Wheelerville Road to the Killington line and does not want to encourage motorized use that would adversely affect water quality. Nevertheless it might be

reluctant to ban it completely due to logging. The upper portion of the trail is on land owned by the state. It is illegal to run ATVs on state land without permission and such use is subject to fine. Bill Robichaud reported that about four years ago the state was giving consideration to finding a new route for the Bucklin but later changed its mind and told Dave Hardy it wanted the GMC to keep the trail on the road.

It was finally decided that the Killington Section along with the GMC should request that Conrad Motyka, chief of the Vermont Forest, Parks & Recreation Department, and the City tell us their stand on motorized vehicle traffic on the trail. State forestry official Gary Salmon has suggested that the best response would be a joint state/city/USFS statement. Another thought was to contact the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) to see if they become involved in side trail issues.

GOV. CLEMENT SHELTER:

Herb, Dave Hardy, and others have given much thought to the wording of a sign at the shelter that would make clear that it was primarily intended for nighttime use by backpackers. One draft stated: "Welcome to the Governor Clement Shelter. This shelter is maintained by the Green Mountain Club for public use; overnight use is limited to backpackers only. Continued overnight use that discourages backpackers will result in removal of this shelter." Various modifications of this wording were discussed and it was also suggested that additional wording to the effect that the shelter "may be patrolled" would help stem mayhem and vandalism by rowdy partiers. Al Pulling said he had been up to the shelter last fall and put in two center posts. This is important since a heavy load of snow on an unsupported roof could cave it in.

Welcome New Members!

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682 Vt Rt 30, West Pawlet, VT 05775

Come spring Bill and Greg Western, the GMC Assistant Director of Field Operations, plan to eyeball a possible relocation of the trail around the shelter. Also suggested was that we encourage the main club to scout out potential sites for a second shelter between Clarendon Shelter and Cooper Lodge. This shelter would more or less replace Tamarack Shelter which was taken down a few years ago because of its proximity to Killington's Juggernaut Ski Trail. There was discussion as to whether this shelter would be better sited higher up at or near Consultation Point or lower down near a brook. It was noted that Consultation Point might be too windy and exposed.

There continues to be discussion about preventing access to Gov. Clement Shelter by vehicles. Dave Hardy has noted

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From The Field . . .

PLYMOUTH FIVE CORNERS

October 7, 2000

by Roma Pulling, leader

Nine of us met at the park on a very frosty morning and proceeded to Plymouth Five Corners, where we were met by three people who live in that area. The weather, although cool and breezy, was ideal for hiking.

Five Corners was settled as the result of a gold rush in the late 19th century. For a while there were mills, a blacksmith shop, a school, store and hotel, but it did not prove to be a profitable enterprise. Now all that remains are foundations of former buildings. Five corners are formed by roads running to South Woodstock, Reading, Hale Hollow Road, Coolidge State Park, and one that connects with Rt 100 near the Coolidge Cemetery. Two of these roads are closed to traffic now.

Our first goal was to inspect the remains of a foundation in the brook believed to be that of one of the mills. Leaving our cars parked in that area, we walked up Bradley Hill, looking for cellar holes as we climbed. The Plymouth residents were helpful with this enterprise, and we were able to locate four. Continuing on Bradley Hill, we kept to our right where there is a sign for the Five Corners Cemetery and walked there. We were interested to find a listing of the burials under glass near the entrance gate.

Finding comfortable places to sit, we ate our lunch in the cemetery and then returned to our cars. This is an area that never fails to arouse my interest.

PATCH HOLLOW

December 16, 2000

by Herb Ogden, Leader

This was meant to be a ski tour, but the half-dozen participants all walked instead. We did meet a skier on one of Spring Lake Ranch's trails, but he said it was uncomfortably bony. The bridges on the relocated Long Trail leading south to Patch Hollow would have been especially difficult with the shallow snow cover.

Thanks to Spring Lake Ranch, there was plenty of parking at its trailhead. Several cross country skiers had made a track west to Minerva Hinchey Shelter; we walked to the side of it, observing proper trail etiquette. We stopped briefly at the shelter and reflected that its predecessor, Sunnyside Camp, was once the Blue Triangle Camp and stood near Gov. Clement Shelter. We then followed the LT south through pretty winter woods to the old road up to Patch Hollow, which the

relocation uses. Although the relo opened only in 1999, the old trail south over Button Hill could not be seen.

At Patch Hollow, now that the weeds were down, we could see the little foundation just west of the LT. We also noted the old orchard. We wondered who lived there, and when. We lunched amidst the beavers' handiwork (or should it be teethiwork) of many gnawed-down trees. They had even taken down some pretty big ones. The view south across their pond was pretty.

We varied our route a little on the way back, using a Spring Lake trail that runs west of the LT. There were tracks of moose and other animals. This was a nice little three mile jaunt.

HALF MOON STATE PARK

January 14, 2001

by Roma Pulling, leader

This was a gloomy day because there was no sunshine, like so many days this winter, but the temperatures were comfortable and we actually had snow on the ground. It was one of the most enjoyable winter outings I have been on in several years.

We met four other hikers at the park and headed for Half Moon, passing Lake Bomoseen and Austin, Roach, Bresee and Black ponds on the way. Ice fishermen were out in large numbers, mostly on Lake Bomoseen. We saw no one at Half Moon, even though there were tracks of hikers and skiers who had been there before us. Animal tracks were common too, especially those of deer who had been pawing in the snow under oak trees, perhaps to feed on acorns.

Some people came equipped with both skis and snow shoes, but after some discussion we all headed out on snow shoes. Two people hiked all the way to High Pond while the rest of us went a short distance and then returned to a trail junction Alfred had chosen a place for our fire. We had used a plastic toboggan to haul wood and supplies in and now took those items off so we could use it for a table! On it we spread hot dogs, rolls, ketchup, mustard, hot beverages and cups.

Meanwhile, Alfred had quickly built a fire, and by the time the hikers returned we were ready. It is amazing how good the hot dogs, coffee and even soup mix tastes in the outdoors, and we made the most of it. The subject of doing more hiking was discussed, but one person had another commitment and we made a day of it, returning home with very pleasant memories.

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in e-mail correspondence that the routes to the shelter could be regarded as driveways and blocked off with boulders. If vehicles were then parked on the town road, they would be in violation of blocking a town road.

PICO CAMP:

It is clear that the days of the present Pico Camp are numbered but no one has a definite date for when the old and ailing structure will come down. Meanwhile, there are plans for a new Pico Camp which will be erected on the new LT about a mile south of Route 4. This shelter will be built by the GMC but it is unclear whether Killington or the GMC is going to pay for it. We might put out a request for volunteer help to section members once construction gets closer.

GMC TAYLOR SERIES:

Arrangements and assignments were made for the next GMC Taylor Series lecture which is being hosted by the Killington Section. The event is entitled "Trail Magic" and will take place Friday, January 19, at 7:00 P.M. at the Unitarian Church, West Street, in Rutland. Featured will be Jeannie Hines who will present slides, music and stories from her 1997 Appalachian Trail thru hike from Georgia to Maine.

Sue Thomas volunteered to take responsibility for posters and signage; Connie Youngstrom and Ruth Gibbud will share responsibility for refreshments; Bob Perkins will set up a GMC Exhibit on the back tables, and Herb Ogden will make sure the facility is ready and needed equipment such as a screen provided. Herb will also introduce the speaker. Sue and Gretchen will share publicizing the event to local media. There is a \$50 rental fee to the church. It was decided that it would be much nicer and roomier to hold the event upstairs.

SMOKE & BLAZES:

Bob Perkins has risen to the challenge by volunteering to take over *Smoke & Blazes* from outgoing editor Kim Armstrong. Kim had appealed for a successor in the last two issues without success.

Bob's willingness to take this on was conditioned on a replacement being found for him as co-chair with Bill Robichaud of the Trails & Shelters Committee. A search for a replacement is now in progress. Special thanks to Bob for taking on this vital job.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Al Pulling reported that there was presently \$1007.63 in the section's checking account and \$1,346.22 in the savings account. In the Kirk Fund savings there is \$777.61. There are 14 life members, 19 family members, and 53 individual members for a total of 86 memberships representing 105 actual members.

ANNUAL MEETING:

A date of March 31, 2001 was set for the Killington Section annual meeting. There will be no special program that night as the directors meeting and the main meeting take up a good bit of time after dinner. The terms of three directors will be expiring at this time but no additional candidates are needed unless any which to step forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Sherman, Secretary

On Spruce Ledge

by Roma Pulling

Since the day I read about the replacement for Ritterbush Camp being built south of Devil's Gulch in 1998, I was determined to see it. At the time of the dedication May 1, 1999, we had other commitments; so our plans for that date were foiled. This fall (November 2000) an opportunity came our way when we were in northern Vermont visiting family. We spent the night in a motel, listening to election returns on TV, and early the next morning we were off.

The trail starting on Route 118 had been relocated since Alfred and I were there in 1983, and we were momentarily confused by a side trail that seemed to head north whereas we wanted to go south. Getting oriented and picking up the Long Trail across the road from the new parking lot, we made good time on our route. The location of the old Ritterbush camp seems to have been completely obliterated, or at least we didn't see it, and we were soon at Devil's Gulch, a part of the trail that has always fascinated me with its boulders the size of houses, requiring a great deal of scrambling. The new shelter is .7 mile south of the gulch and about .6 mile on a side trail east of the LT.

Spruce Ledge camp was built by the Laraway Section and other volunteers and has sliding doors and bunk space for eight campers. The area has been developed with a picnic shelter off to one side and a camping area with a bench. We were very favorably impressed and made use of the picnic facility to eat our lunch before starting north on the trail to return to our car. The Laraway Section and other workers are to be congratulated on a job well done.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF SMOKE & BLAZES is April 1, 2001

You can send your stories to:

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Killington Section Green Mountain Club - Outing Schedule Winter/Spring 2001

Trips leave from Main Street Park at east end of Rutland City Fire Station at the time shown. Participants should bring lunch unless noted.

Non-members are welcome! Wear sturdy, weather-resistant footwear, dress for weather changes, and stay with the leader.

Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Leaders are not necessarily trained in first aid. If you ride with someone, please share car expense.

Sat. Jan 27; Call for time and meeting place. **JOINT TRIP WITH THE BREADLOAF SECTION - MOOSALAMOO MTN** - We'll snowshoe, walk or ski depending on conditions. 4-5 mi, moderate. Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310.

Sat. Feb 3; 9 a.m. Return after 4 p.m. **BARNARD DISTRICT NO. 2** from the Smith Hill Rd. in Stockbridge. Ski tour, snowshoe, or walk, depending on snow cover. Call the leader to find out. Up to 8 mi., moderate for snowshoers, difficult for skiers, although entirely on old roads. Visit the long abandoned part of Barnard east of Delectable Mountain and see what the early settlers' life must have been like in winter. Leader: Herb Ogden 775-1350.

Sun. Feb. 11; Noon. Return after 5 p.m. **SHREWSBURY PEAK**. Ski out to the trail crossing, then switch to snowshoes to climb to the summit. Difficult 6-7 miles. Meet at the Shrewsbury Meeting House and then carpool to Tin Shanty. Call for details. Leaders: Mark and Connie Youngstrom 492-3502.

Sun. Feb. 18; Please call for location and time. **SLEDDING PARTY**. Bring sleds, toboggans, inner tubes, or whatever you have. Suitable for kids and the young at heart! Cocoa and other hot drinks provided, dress warmly. Leader: Gretchen Crowley 459-2098.

Sat. Feb. 24 10 a.m. **LAKE NINEVAH Mt. Holly Snowshoe, Ski or Hike**. Moderate 5-6 miles round trip. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sat. March 3; 10 a.m. **THE BIG ROCK**. Snowshoe on the slopes of Shrewsbury Peak to visit the largest glacial erratic in Shrewsbury. Not appropriate for skis or walking, moderate to difficult. Leaders: Barry and Barbara Griffith 492-3573.

Sat. March 10; Call for time. **PICO PEAK Snowshoe Hike** from Rte. 4 to the proposed site of the new Pico camp. Moderate, under 4 miles. Leader: Bill Robichaud 775-2567.

Sat. March 17; 1 p.m. **GLEN DAM Rutland Hike, Ski or Snowshoe** depending on weather, refreshments following. About 2 miles, easy. Leaders: Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997.

Sat. March 31; 5:30 p.m. **KILLINGTON SECTION ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER**. Bring utensils and a dish to share, coffee and hot drinks provided. Followed by a short meeting and election of officers. All are invited to bring photos to share of club hikes or trips. Non-members are welcome! Unitarian Church, West Street, Rutland.

Sun. April 1; 10 a.m. **MYSTERY HIKE**. Moderate. Leader: Gretchen Crowley 459-2098. Please call for details.

Sat. April 7; 10 a.m. **LYE BROOK FALLS**. Manchester. A moderate 4 mile hike to one of Vermont's highest waterfalls. Some steep climbing. Leader: Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sat. April 14; 10 a.m. **MT. HANLEY**. West Rutland. Easy to moderate with a few steep climbs. Raindate will be May 15. Leader: Ray Catozzi 773-7006.

Sat. April 21; Call for time and details. **SUCKER BROOK TRAIL**. Goshen/Ripton. 6-7 miles, easy to moderate. Gordon and Helen Cawood 352-4310.

Sun. April 22; 1 p.m. **CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES**. Easy, 1-2 miles. Jerry Parker 747-4439.

Sun. April 29; 1 p.m. Return after 4:30 p.m. **LONG TRAIL from Rt. 103 to Lottery Rd. in Shrewsbury**. Ascending the Great Gorge Gulch to Gorge Lookout, passing Clarendon Shelter, and getting a nice view from Beacon Hill. Return via Adams Rd. and attempt to find the cemetery. 4.5 miles, moderate. Leader: Herb Ogden 773-1350.

WANT TO LEAD A HIKE? Our next schedule will include May through September. Please call Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502 or Sue Thomas 773-2185 by **April 1** to guarantee a spot on our schedule.

Harold C. Rogers

1916-2000

Harold Rogers was a loyal member of the Killington Section for many years before he was forced to discontinue hiking due to physical problems. He had been a Board Member and a good hike leader. A lot of old-timers remember the winter hikes he led nearly every year on the Quarterline Road in Rutland Town. There was always a saw in his right hand. Harold said he couldn't hike without something to carry, and that saw came in handy many times when the group wanted to build a fire at lunchtime.

When Harold passed away October 21 he was a resident of Genesis Eldercare, but his home was on Kendall Avenue with his wife, Alberta. He was the father of five daughters and three sons by his first wife, Florence, who predeceased him. He had worked as a carpenter, also at Vermont Tubbs, Wilson Moving and Storage, and at Trinity Episcopal Church as sexton. Those who knew him have many fond memories.

Letters From The Field . . .

Greetings. We have received the generous \$100 contribution from the Killington Section in memory of Ira Hawley. We very much appreciate this support in honor of a long-time member of the GMC who was a strong supporter of the Long Trail Protection Campaign. Please convey our thanks to all members of the Section.

Robert L. Lincoln, Jr.
Director of Development
Green Mountain Club

Dear Mr. Ogden,
I met you at the trailhead parking lot on hwy Vt. 140 on 23 Sept., a wet Saturday morning. We were all hiking up White Rocks Mt. I was thru-hiking the LT at the time. I am glad to say that I arrived at the northern terminus on 8 Oct, and I am now back at home in Alabama with my family. My purpose in writing is to commend you, as GMC President of the Killington Section, for the condition of the LT from Vt. 140 to Sherburne Pass. This was one of my favorite sections of the trail. As a hiker, I would like to thank you and your supporters/maintainers for the obvious hard work that has gone into the maintenance of this section of the LT. Please ... keep up the good work, Herb.

Warmest regards,

E.T.

Bob Perkins New *Smoke & Blazes* Editor

Bob Perkins has graciously volunteered to continue publishing *Smoke & Blazes* starting with the next issue in April. I have enjoyed compiling the issues for the section, but it is time for me to pass the torch. For the April 1 deadline, please remember to submit anything to Bob, at the address listed on page three. It has been a pleasure receiving all the fun stuff about the section over the past few years!

Sincerely,
Kim Jackson

Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club

Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper

Saturday, March 31
5:30 p.m.
Unitarian Church
West Street, Rutland

Bring utensils and a dish to share. Coffee and hot drinks provided. Supper will be followed by a short meeting and election of officers. All are invited to bring photos to share of club hikes or trips. Nonmembers welcome!

**KILLINGTON SECTION, GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I/we apply for membership in the Killington Section, a chapter of the Green Mountain Club. I/we understand that I/we will receive the *Long Trail News* (club quarterly), *Smoke and Blazes* (section quarterly with schedule of outings, work parties, and social events), reduced rates at most shelters with caretakers, and a membership card. Dues help maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 - Route 4, plus side trails) and throughout the Long Trail system in Vermont.

DUES

Individual \$ 27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$ 35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (entirely tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (entirely tax-deductible)

* People who volunteer substantial time for the Section or the G.M.C., or whose income is unusually low, may deduct \$7 from dues.

TELEPHONE: _____

The Killington Section collects dues on a calendar year basis. As required by the G.M.C., the Killington Section retains 20% of annual dues and passes the rest on to the central Green Mt. Club. All Section members are also members of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

I/We would like information about volunteering for the following activities (circle your choices): trail work, shelter work, signmaking, publications, leading outings, publicity, education, other: _____.

I/We also enclose a contribution of \$ _____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund, supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Please make checks payable to Killington Section, G.M.C.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
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Killington Section Holds 2001 Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

By Jake Sherman, Secretary

The March 31 meeting was as usual held at the Unitarian Church in Rutland. Following a tasty potluck supper, it was called to order about 6:35 by Pres. Herb Ogden. About 30 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from the 2000 annual meeting were unanimously approved. They had previously appeared in *Smoke & Blazes*.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was provided by Al Pulling. As of the end of the year 2000 there was a total of \$3,653.26 in assets with \$965.63 in the checking account, \$1,375.49 in the savings account, and \$1,312.14 in a CD. The Kirk Trails & Shelters Fund ended the year with total assets of \$15,586.73, a gain of \$385.33 from the previous year. This consisted of \$14,639.37 in CDs and a savings balance of \$947.36. Meanwhile, the section has a total of 88 members, a gain of 10 from the previous year. There were 50 individual members, 24 families, and 14 life members. If two were assigned for each family

membership, the total would be 112. Al's report was unanimously approved. In discussion it was noted that at least a part of the funds to replace Pico Camp might have to come from the Kirk Fund. It is still not known if the GMC will bear all the cost. Part of the money may also come from the American Skiing Co.

President's and Trails & Shelters Reports: Herb Ogden and Trails & Shelters Chairman Bill Robichaud brought us up to date about section news in a variety of areas:

Bucklin Trail: -- A few years ago this popular side trail from Wheelerville Road to the summit of Killington Peak began to be heavily used by all-terrain vehicles. The ATVs unfortunately wrecked numerous stone waterbars, particularly on the upper half of the trail, which had taken many man-hours to build and required many more to fix. To deal with the problem the state had "tank traps" and large boulders put in the trail, tore out some log bridges, and dragged deadwood onto the sides of the woodroad to narrow it. Some ATVer's have protested these measures as "overkill". Last fall the issue surfaced in the Rutland Herald letters column where a letter from

Herb, in response to an ATVer's letter, drew an irate response from another writer. State officials now feel that they may have acted too aggressively and should have first posted signs to warn the ATVer's. Herb agreed that signs should have been posted first but expressed skepticism about their effectiveness. At any rate, state, federal and GMC people came together over the issue and there will be a concerted effort to enforce ATV prohibition on the trail this summer, possibly by contracting with sheriffs to provide policing.

Gov. Clement Shelter -- This venerable stone structure is the oldest shelter on the entire Long Trail. Unfortunately, it is easily accessible to normal vehicles and has become a popular spot for rowdy beer partiers who intimidate and discourage hikers from staying there. Some guidebooks even make a point of warning hikers to avoid it. Signs, visits by Forest Service and law enforcement personnel, and a short trail relocation around the shelter are some of things the club is trying to do about the situation.

See Page 3: **Meeting**

Killington Section Directors:**Term expiring in 2002:**

Ruth Gibbud*
Herbert Ogden*
William Robichaud

Term expiring in 2003:

Gretchen Crowley
Alfred Pulling*
Susan Thomas

Term expiring in 2004:

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Jacob Sherman*
Connie Youngstrom*

* Indicates second consecutive three year term;
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From the Editor

It is with mixed feelings of nostalgia and anticipation that I step into the capable shoes of Kim Jackson who has so competently edited this publication for the last several years.

I remember helping my parents, Craig and Mary Perkins, crank the mimeograph machine in our living room to turn out copies of the early issues of *Smoke and Blazes* which they inaugurated in October, 1948. For half a century while I was away from Rutland, S&B was my primary, almost only, connection with the club. I could not turn down the opportunity to continue the Killington Section tradition of sponsoring the oldest continuously published section newsletter in the Green Mountain Club.

Another attraction of this assignment for me is the excuse it gives me to learn desktop publishing. My professional computing experience did not include that skill, but I am making good progress.

A concern was that there might be a shortage of material to fill the pages. It's clear that this hasn't been a problem for this issue. My sincere thanks go to all who contributed. I encourage hike leaders to continue to send in their reports, and I invite everyone to submit suggestions, letters to the editor, or pieces on any topic that might be of interest to fellow members. My e-mail and snail-mail addresses are at the bottom of the column to the left

I hope to publish S&B quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Over the years the schedule has varied: sometimes three, four, or six times a year. In its earliest years S&B was a monthly. In those days first class postage was three cents.

Don't Forget to Renew

Green Mountain Club and Killington Section dues are collected on a calendar year basis.

If dues are not paid for year 2001
you probably will receive no more issues of
Long Trail News or *Smoke & Blazes*.

Meeting

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At present we are negotiating with the Forest Service over how strongly worded the sign can be. There has also been discussion of digging a barrier between the road and the shelter but this is seen as a maximum measure. A few years ago the shelter's middle support post was pulled out and still needs to be repaired. At some point we plan to go to the Shrewsbury Select Board and explain to them what's going on and what we're trying to do.

Cooper Lodge -- There is ongoing debate over whether this shelter, another venerable shelter in our section, originally built by the CCC in the 1930s, high up on the west face of Killington, should be removed. The shelter, for the past 15 years or so, has been the responsibility of the main club and there is an adopter, Ruth Cooper Lamb, whose family name the shelter honors. However, damage to the shelter from skiers has become a chronic problem and every winter it takes a beating. Five or six years ago a new roof was put on, but, with people skiing off the roof, it now leaks. The adopter has expressed the belief that the ski area should oversee the winter use of the shelter and that if that can't be worked out the shelter ought to be abandoned and relocated elsewhere. Three years ago the directors passed a motion encouraging the ski area to do more on the upkeep of Cooper Lodge.

Pico Camp -- The present shelter will need to be replaced when the Killington-Pico interconnect is built and, at any rate, is not in good shape. Two sites for a new shelter are being considered on the new LT relocation. One is at the biggest brook between Route 4 and Pico Peak, while the other is higher up in a birch glade. The question with the latter site is whether the water source is good enough.

Clarendon Gorge Bridge -- There is good news on this front. The bridge has been inspected by professional inspectors from the National Park Service and found to be in good condition, safe, and likely to last a long time. Moreover, the Park Service has agreed to inspect the structure every two years.

Route 4 Trail Head -- We owe a debt to the Vermont Department of Transportation and state highway crews for keeping the parking area of the new LT trail head on Rte. 4 plowed out this winter. However, this area on the south side of the highway about two miles below Sherburne Pass still has a rather rough appearance. There is a beautiful landscape architect's plan for its development but at present no money to fund it.

James P. Taylor Series: Section vice-pres. Connie Youngstrom reported that our sponsorship of a Taylor Series lecture on Jan. 19 was a success. The event was held at the Unitarian Church and attracted more than 30 people, which was not bad at all considering the weather. The speaker was Jeannie Hines of Plainfield, NH, who presented in slides, music and stories her Appalachian Trail thru hike from

Georgia to Maine in 1997. Connie felt she did a nice job and had a great sense of humor. Herb asked if there was sentiment for hosting another Taylor lecture next year and Sue Thomas, who contributed posters and other publicity for this event, suggested scheduling it when the weather was better, perhaps during foliage season. It may be, however, that the series is only done during the winter months. A show of hands indicated support for sponsoring another event.

Smoke & Blazes: Kim Armstrong Jackson served admirably for a couple of years as editor of our publication but was finally compelled to relinquish the reins. Fortunately, she agreed to stay on until a successor was found. All are pleased that Bob Perkins has stepped forward to assume this responsibility.

Bob said he was learning a lot about desktop publishing and thanked all who have submitted material to him. He reminded and encouraged hike leaders to submit their reports in a timely fashion. The newsletter comes out every three months and deadlines are the first or second week of the month of publication.

Outings Committee: Sue and Connie have been handling this all-important committee that puts together the quarterly schedule of hikes, outings, and other get-togethers. Sue expressed the need for those who wish to lead hikes to notify them in a timely way.

Gretchen Crowley has volunteered to contact various local media about publishing our hike schedule. It was noted that the Herald has been better in this regard now that Jack Crowther is handling it.

Historian's Report: Bob reported that we are making efforts to preserve our history. A big part of this has been our agreement with the Rutland Historical Society to provide a permanent home for any scrapbooks, clippings, archives, memorabilia, or complete runs of *Smoke & Blazes* we care to submit to them. Anyone with pictures or other material is encouraged to add them to our holdings at the Society.

Green Mountain Club Director's Report: As usual there are many new developments and projects emanating from Waterbury, but as GMC director Al Pulling noted, "95% of the time the talk is of money." The last GMC board meeting was held Jan. 20. One big project on the front burner is a new pedestrian bridge crossing of the Lamoille River. The proposal is for a suspension bridge over the river's main and secondary channels, which would cost \$165,000.

Also mentioned was an agreement with Jay Peak to control more land around the Jay Peak ski area. Another area up north to receive attention was the former Champion lands in the Northeast Kingdom where the

GMC has expressed interest in becoming the "corridor manager" for hiking trails. Al also reported that he raised a question at the meeting about the club's policies on cleaning up after your dog during a hike and allowable distances from the trail for canines to "do their business".

The GMC is also seeking volunteers to make presentations to school, scout, and other groups about its goals and in particular the "Leave No Trace" program. It was noted that long before this our section was the first to adopt a "pack it in, pack it out" policy.

Old Business: There was none from last year.

New Business: Herb sought input on the question of memorial gifts...whether the section ought to be making contributions outside the club, even if it is in memory of a valued member. The feeling was that memorial contributions from our limited funds should be limited to the GMC.

Election of Directors: Unanimously reelected to second three-year terms as directors were Bob Perkins, Jake Sherman, and Connie Youngster. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Election of Officers: The directors adjourned for the traditional brief meeting to elect officers. This was quickly accomplished by reelecting the present slate. The officers are: Herb Ogden, Pres.; Connie Youngstrom, Vice-Pres.; Jake Sherman, Secretary; Al Pulling, Treasurer and GMC Director; Bob Perkins, Historian; Bill

Robichaud, Trails & Shelters Chairman.

Ray's Hobblebush: Before the meeting adjourned, Ray Catozzi reminded all those interested in a few sprigs of hobblebush to sign his list. It will be another few weeks however, as right now there is so much snow he can't even find the bush.

Program: Providing the evening's entertainment was Herb Ogden who offered a humorous account of the life of one Jarvis Snodgrass, who gave his name to the famed Jarvis Snodgrass Memorial Sanitary Annex at Gov. Clement Shelter. Actually, this celebrated "two-holer" was purchased by Herb's father back in the '60s and trucked to the location it would occupy for the next 30 or so years. Unfortunately, the structure burned three years ago. The various phases of Snodgrass's career occasioned much hilarity, notably his opposition while a legislator to a "clean privy" bill and his death of "aromatitis" at Consultation Point. While it was tempting to believe in a real Snodgrass, whose tenure as Percival Clement's Lt. Governor was all too brief, the whole thing was an April Fool.



Ripton Area Bike Trip

29 October, 2000

By Ruth Hare

This ride never happened as planned. The morning in late October dawned with blustery wind, swirling snow and a temperature probably around 30. After waking up and looking outside, and reflecting that I had received not one inquiry beforehand from an interested rider, I concluded that no one could possibly be crazy enough to show up for that ride in that weather. So I went back to bed. If anyone was indeed crazy enough, I apologize for disappointing them and promise to try it again in a more favorable season.

Hike to Baker Peak

4 November, 2000

By Connie Youngstrom

Once again the Killington Section was blessed with a lovely autumn day. The skies were pale blue, the air balmy and calm. After delivering the cars to the bottom of the Lake Trail, our group of seven set off on the AT/LT south in the direction of Baker Peak. Passing over the bridge that spans Big Branch Brook, we noticed several perfect swimming holes but got no further than discussing and daring each other to take a dip.

The trail followed an old road on a gentle grade so walking was easy. The loud crunching of dry leaves underfoot and the splash and tumble of the brook alongside was our background music most

of the way. Now that the trees are entirely free of leaves, their trunks stood out boldly against the warm tans and browns of the forest floor. The different tree species held varied textures and hues, fascinating to observe closely. Evergreen ferns and club mosses, as well as the many different lichens and mosses, were in showy greens and blues now that they were not competing with the rest of the summer greenness.

We made Baker Peak our lunch stop and found plenty of rocks to sit on. Clouds began to move in from the northwest as we finished up our lunches and munched Halloween candy. Other hikers arrived and shared the hazy view to the west of the hills and fields in Danby and the big marble quarry on the mountainside. Via the Lake Trail, we crossed several splashing streams while making our return to Route 7 and the cars.

Mt. Moosalamoo

27 January, 2001

By Gordon and Helen Cawood

This was meant to be a joint Breadloaf/Killington Section snowshoe. The morning of the hike Sue Thomas called to say that it was snowing heavily in Rutland, and that the Killington group decided against making the trip.

Six of us started out in spite of the looks of the sky. From Camp Keewaydin we snowshoed up Summit Road to its junction with Keewaydin-Overcliff Trails. Dull, hazy conditions limited

viewing. Nevertheless, we saw Lake Dunmore and the hills to the west from Overcliff Trail. From that height the fishing shanties on the lake looked like Monopoly game hotels.

Thanks for coming Pat, Barbara, Fern, and Kim. We enjoyed your company.

Barnard District No. 2 in Winter

3 February 2001

By Herb Ogden

This was billed as a hike, snowshoe or ski tour, depending on conditions. Luckily, everyone brought snowshoes, for the snow was at least two feet deep in places. Also luckily, no one brought skis, for various moose had made such a hummocky mess of the old roads in places that skiing would have been frustrating and difficult.

While we saw no moose, one hiker's dog did find a moose antler while we were lunching, and one of us soon found the antler's mate close by. Apparently a moose feels off-balance once one of the heavy antlers comes off and works like mad to get rid of the other as soon as possible. The antler finder cut quite an interesting figure on the way back, with two huge antlers tied to his pack.

We went in from the Smith Hill Road, which leads from the Stony Brook Road in Stockbridge east to the Nye District of Barnard, over Delectable Mountain (of

which Mount Hunger is a peak!). Leaving our cars where the 1869 *Beers Atlas of Windsor County* shows a side road heading south, we walked up Smith Hill Road to the next brook crossing, followed the old Smith Hill Road for a couple hundred feet, then diverged southerly on a wide woodroad. After a half mile or so, we turned west on another wide woodroad, crossed Davis Hill Brook, and reached the old side road shown in the 1869 atlas.

We soon passed an enigmatic huge rock pile on the north. On several sides it is laid up in nice dry masonry but apparently contains no cavity and serves no apparent purpose. One of us heard from an old-timer that it was an Indian grave. Coming to a height of land with a nice view west, where a house stood in 1869, we encountered smaller laid-up rock structures, also mysterious. From here, it was easy going to the road from Stony Brook to Barnard District No. 2, apparently abandoned soon after 1911. Years before that, it used to lead over Delectable Mountain to the Chataugay Road in Barnard, as shown in the 1869 atlas. Parts of it are now very hard to find, as some people who were with me on a hike a few summers ago found out firsthand in an unplanned way.

From a cellar hole in the middle of a log landing, we snowshoed east on the old road, soon reaching an old farm site on a terrace overlooking a brook. At the edge of the terrace, a root cellar had been dug. The stone

chamber is still mostly intact, though the entrance is mostly blocked by a big fallen tree. We crossed the brook, ascended past another old farm site on the left, and finally came to the site of School No. 2, where there is a large cellar hole. William M. Newton's *History of Barnard, Vermont* (Vt. Historical Society 1930) has a photo of it, half caved in. If the original school was the building shown in the photo, it was unusually careful construction for a backwoods school, for they usually lacked cellars or even a full foundation. Maybe what began as a dwelling house was converted to a school when the original school fell down. At any rate, though it boasted 31 pupils in 1815, it is long gone, and the whole district has been uninhabited for about a century.

We turned around at the next brook crossing, because a horde of snowmobilers was passing on the far side. We lunched at the old school site and varied our return by taking an old woodroad east to the snowmobile trail over Delectable Mountain, then returned to our original route on that trail. Reflecting on what life in No. 2 must have been like in winter in the early 1800s, we concluded it probably wasn't that much different from life in the country generally, since even non-remote farms were pretty self-sufficient in those days. Still, we wondered what folks did in case of sickness or catastrophe with so few neighbors near, and what it was like to slog a couple miles over hill and dale to that old

school every day through the snow.

Shrewsbury Peak Ski and Snowshoe

11 February, 2001

By Connie Youngstrom

With snowshoes strapped to our daypacks our group of four set off on x-c skis on the snow covered CCC road. After two days of warm temperatures and rain, the snow surface proved to be very fast and hard. Clear blue skies and a frigid wind kept us moving to stay warm. We had a nice view of Shrewsbury peak, Saltash Mountain, and several nearby hills as we reached a high point on the road.

After our skis were stashed in a thick stand of balsams, on went the snowshoes for the climb up the Stone Chimney Trail at the site of the old CCC pavilion. We crunched our way noisily up the trail on a crusty snow surface 36 or more inches deep. While the mountain protected us somewhat from the bitter wind, it could be heard whistling in the high branches overhead. Occasionally a chickadee or a white winged crossbill sang from a spruce or balsam spire. Steadily upward we climbed, until the hardwoods gave way to conifers and the going became somewhat tricky. With several feet of snow under underfoot, we were up in the dense evergreen boughs.

Once on the summit, the view stretched from the mountains in New Hampshire to Stratton,

Bromley and Magic Mountains, and west to the Taconics. Nearby we saw the wetland areas in Plymbsbury Wildlife Management Area and the hills: Kinsman, Jockey, and Ingalls

The descent was rapid and at times a big slide on our bottoms. With the temperature dropping as sunset approached, we kept up a brisk pace. The ski back was a fast downhill run as the setting sun cast a deep rosy glow on the hills.

Sledding Party

18 February, 2001

By Gretchen Crowley

This outing was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Snowshoe to Pico Peak

10 March, 2001

By Steve Williams

Following the significant snowfall of the preceding Tuesday, the first question was where could cars be parked if the parking area on the south side of Route 4 was not open. Bill Robichaud contacted the traffic department responsible for that section of Route 4 who then did a great job of clearing the area, leading to parking space for a whole army, let alone the two cars requiring space.

The hike objective was to reach the proposed new site of the shortly to be relocated Pico shelter. This involved following the Long Trail over a steady but undulating grade generally south

east from Route 4. The key features of the hike were one excess and one shortage; the excess being the snow and the shortage being trail blazes. With the recent twenty plus inch snowfall, naturally deeper in gullies, this led to some hard work for the leader, who did a sterling job of making things easier for those behind. The depth of snow also led to some challenges in the crossing of gullies where the technique of avoiding sinking up to your waist was not known to all, and in particular to the writer who found himself in a "locked down" position which required some in-depth digging to allow disentanglement.

With the trail covered by virgin snow, and many tree trunks having snow patches stuck on to them, the visibility of blazes (white, at that) was far from optimum. Several times the trail appeared to have been lost altogether, but Bill, with what we can only assume was training by native Americans at some time in his past, found indentations on the surface of the snow implying the location of a path beneath, leading eventually to the finding of additional blazes.

After some two and a half hours of steady ascent, it appeared that reaching the objective and returning at a reasonable hour were incompatible ideas. During a soup and refreshment break, the democratically arrived at decision was made to declare, "we won" and set off on the return.

Thanks to Bill for the leadership.

Shrewsbury's Big Rock

3 March, 2001

By Barbara and Barry Griffith

Soon after moving to North Shrewsbury we became privileged to know Gordon, Glendon and Marjorie Pierce, proprietors of the Northam store operated by their family since 1918. The Pierces were -- among many other things -- faithful stewards of the land and our local historians.

During our early explorations we discovered a large glacial erratic on the south slope of Shrewsbury Peak. Marjorie identified our find as Picnic Rock. On summer Sundays after church in Northam as a girl, Marjorie related, folks would pack lunches and travel by horse and buggy up the old logging roads for an afternoon picnic at the Big Rock. On March 3, eight of us passed Pierce's Store for our own trip to Picnic Rock. The gods smiled on us, presenting us with a perfect winter day for our hike. Starting at the Tin Shanty, we began our trip on snowmobile trails maintained by VAST, as well as the Catamount Cross-Country Ski Trail. Our snowshoes, optional for the first hour, became necessary for the second half of our trek, as we continued our climb on long-abandoned logging roads. The rock cairns, which mark the way, were covered with snow, but discreet tree markers left last summer kept us going in the right direction.

We made it to the Big Rock by noon. After a circumferential tour, we celebrated with a picnic lunch, which was satisfying, although perhaps not as grand as those of a century ago. After the usual obligatory photographs, the return was all downhill.

Marjorie Pierce recently passed away at age 98, joining her siblings who had predeceased her. The Pierces -- who never married and left no children -- placed the family property in trust, to be preserved and enjoyed by future generations. This report is dedicated to their memory.

Glen Dam

17 March, 2001

By Roma Pulling

After several "open" winters, I was pleased when this winter brought ample snowfall for winter sports. On St. Patrick's Day fifteen of us went to Glen Dam, which used to be a popular winter hike when Churchill Scott was one of our volunteer hike leaders. It seemed like a good time to repeat this outing.

It had been my plan to delegate a lot of the responsibility for this hike to my husband, as he grew up not far from Glen Dam and was more familiar with the territory. But the 17th turned out to be the day of the GMC directors' meeting in Middlebury, leaving me on my own. There were two people on skis; the rest used snowshoes.

What can I say? We followed the road, which had been plowed, to the dam, and then struck out across lots past the old reservoir and across lands of the Rutland Town recycling shed and athletic fields. After some brief confusion at the town lands, we made our way back to the plowed road, although not exactly at the point I had planned.

I want to thank three people especially: Sue Thomas for coming to my rescue when I was temporarily without wheels; John Rantanen for helping sort out the maze of trails near the athletic field; and Virginia and Churchill Scott for allowing us to park at their house nearby.

1st Annual Shrewsbury Moose Tracking Hike

1 April 2001

By Gretchen Crowley

I must first give credit to Jerry Parker, the real trip leader, who led three women through five feet of snow in the wild Shrewsbury wilderness on the 1st annual Shrewsbury Moose Tracking Hike. The exact location of the hike will not be disclosed; as we are hoping to have more folks join us for the second annual moose tracking hike next year.

It was a dreary Sunday morning as we departed from Rutland to the hills of Shrewsbury for our moose tracking expedition. When we arrived at the designated parking area to begin our expedition, Parker's truck decided to get stuck in the snow, so it took

three strong women to help him get his truck out before the expedition could go on. Men drivers!!!

We went out into the woods and tramped around in snow shoes for about 30 minutes when Parker found us a big, old bull moose about 800 lbs., taking a little afternoon siesta in the snow. I was so excited, as this was the first moose I had seen out in the woods in this part of Vermont. Mr. Moose got up from his bed and paced back and forth while Parker tried a few moose calls. The moose was not impressed with this noise, as it really sounded like a dying cow rather than something that would be of interest to him. We got to view the moose for about five minutes (total) when he decided it was time to go find another restful spot without two-legged varmints interrupting his nap time.

We then hiked around for about another hour looking for more moose tracks, but no further tracks or moose did we find. We did get a little misdirected out there in them woods, but a little chocolate from Sue Thomas got the leader right back on track to the cars.

We hope more folks will join us next year for some more moose tracking fun.

P.S. Jerry Parker has more than 35 years of experience when it comes to being out in the woods, and is an excellent tracker and hiking guide.

Killington Section, GMC Outing Schedule: May - August 2001

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call trip leader.

Sat. May 5, 1p.m. White Rocks Picnic Area, Wallingford. Easy one mile hike down to the ice beds area, then back to the picnic area for a cookout. Bring food to grill; hot drinks furnished. Rain date: May 6. Ray Catozzi 773-3006

Sun. May 6, 10 a.m. Bicycle the Middlebury Loop on dirt roads. 12-14 miles, moderate. Helmits strongly recommended. Ruth Hare 223-1196.

Sat. May 12, 9 a.m. Appalachian Trail from Pomfret to W. Hartford, passing Bunker Hill Cemetery and historic Kings Highway with many scenic vistas. 8.6 miles, moderate, 1800 ft. elevation gain. Return about 5 p.m. Herb Ogden 775-1350.

Sat. May 19, 10 a.m. Wildflower Hike to Shaw Mountain, Benson. We should see white trillium, bloodroot and wild ginger among others at this Nature Conservancy preserve. Possible side trip to East Creek Waterfowl Preserve. Bring binoculars and bug repellent! 3-4 miles, moderate, slow pace. No dogs please in the preserve. Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sun. May 20, 1 p.m. Children's Adventure Series. An easy 1-2 mile hike for the whole family, all welcome! Jerry Parker 747-4439.

Sat. May 26, 9a.m. Low Elevation Walk Through. Inspection and light maintenance of sections of the Long Trail between Wallingford Gulf Road (Route 140) and Gov. Clement Shelter in Shrewsbury. Moderate. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided. Bill Robichaud 775-2567.

Sat. June 2, 9a.m. National Trails Day High Elevation Walk Through. Inspection and light maintenance of our trails in the Coolidge Range between Gov. Clement shelter in Shrewsbury and Route 4 in Mendon. Moderate to strenuous. Bring sturdy shoes, work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided. Bill Robichaud 775-2567.

Sun. June 10, 9 a.m. Griffith Lake via the Old Job Trail. Explore the summer home of Vermont's first millionaire, Silas Griffith. Down the old carriage road, with an optional climb to the summit of Baker Peak for a beautiful view. 6-8 miles, moderate. Barry and Barbara Griffith 492-3573.

Sat. June 16, 7:30 a.m. The Long Trail in Stowe, from Smugglers Notch north to Route. 15. 12 miles, difficult. Rain date: Sun. June 17. Gretchen Crowley 459-2098.

Sat./Sun. June 23/24. Hike and camp weekend at Reading Pond, Plymouth. We'll set up a base camp and explore the area in day hikes. Call the leader for time and details. Eric Deutschbein 875-1226.

Sat. June 30. Treadway Mountain in the eastern Adirondacks. We'll be parking at Putnam Pond: \$5 fee per car. A moderate 7-mile hike with 900 feet elevation gain to an open summit with spectacular views. Call leaders for meeting time and place. Gordon and Helen Cawood. 352-4310.

Sat. July 7, 10 a.m. Bear Mountain Loop, Wallingford. Easy to moderate hike with a few steep pitches. 3.5-4 miles. We are going north on the old Long Trail from Route 140 to junction with new LT., then south to top of Bear Mountain and down to new 140 crossing. Rain date: Sun. July 8. Ray Catozzi 773-3006.

Sat. July 14, 9 a.m. Butler Lodge, Mount Mansfield. Erected in 1933, Butler Lodge on Vermont's highest peak got a thorough face-lift last year. We'll climb to the shelter, and then hike down the Long Trail to Nebraska Notch. 6 miles, moderate, steep. Rain date: July 15. Sue Thomas 773-2185.

Sat. July 21, 10 a.m. Haystack Mountain, Pawlet. Hike to an open summit with beautiful views of the surrounding Taconic Mountains and Mettowee River valley. Three miles, moderate with some steep spots. Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529.

Sat./Sun. July 21/22. Canoe the Battenkill, Vermont's most famous trout stream with lots of beautiful scenery along the way. This will probably be an overnight trip; weather dependent. Call leader for time and details. Eric Deutschbein 875-1226.

Sun. July 29, 1p.m. Children's Adventure Series. An easy 2-mile hike for the whole family. All welcome! Jerry Parker 747-4439.

Sat. Aug. 4, 9a.m. Killington Peak via the Bucklin Trail. At 4241 ft., Killington is Vermont's second highest peak. We'll keep a slow pace but be prepared for some steep climbing. 7.5 miles, difficult. Roma and Al Pulling 773-6997.

Sat. Aug. 11, 1p.m. Eleventh Annual Taconic Mountains Ramble - Waterfalls, rock ledges, rolling meadows, mountain peaks with views north, south, east and west, a Japanese garden and other goodies. Wine and cheese on the lawn afterward. 2-5 miles, easy to moderate. Walkers can leave the group at several different points and wait on the lawn for the rest. Bring no lunch. Rain date: Sun. Aug. 12. Call leader if in doubt. Kit Davidson 273-2982.

Sat. Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m. Camel's Hump via the Burroughs Trail. 5 miles, difficult, with stunning views at the top. Gretchen Crowley 459-2098.

Sat. Aug. 25, 9 a.m. Black Mountain, N.Y. Easy to moderate hike with a few steep pitches. Beautiful 360-degree view looking right down to the west on Lake George. Will ascend trail to top, down to the south, then east past two shelters. 5.6 miles. Rain date: Aug. 26. Ray Catozzi 773-3006.

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas, 773-2185, and Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502. The fall schedule will include September through November. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule give Sue or Connie a call before August 1. Don't wait 'til the last minute.

Rutland Senior Hikes: May – August 2001

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and avoid treacherous footing. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue on Fridays at 9 a.m. and return in early afternoon. Leaders are Charlie and Jean Davies, 483-6623; Bob and Thelma Perkins, 773-0184; or Al and Roma Pulling, 773-6997.

Fri. May 4. **Town Walk**, Proctor/Pittsford. Leaders: Davies

Fri. May 18. Part of **Trail Around Middlebury**. Leaders: Davies.

Fri. June 1. **Slack Hill**, Plymouth. Leaders: Pulling.

Fri. June 15. **Via the Elbow**, North Sherburne to Chittenden. Leaders: Perkins

Fri. June 29. **Lead Mine Mountain**, Chittenden. Leaders: Pulling.

Fri. July 13. **Cook out, Robert Frost Wayside**, Ripton.. Leaders: Perkins.

Fri. July 27. **Mount Peg**, Woodstock. Leaders: Pulling.

Fri. Aug 10. **Blueberry Picking, Green Mtn. Nat. Forest**, Goshen. Leaders: Davies.

Fri. Aug 24. **Little Rock Pond**, Mount Tabor/Wallingford. Leaders: Perkins

Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

By Brian Aust,
GMC Headquarters

Teach school groups, outing clubs, scout troops, and other organizations about the Long Trail. Impart your knowledge of how to prepare for the backcountry to groups of varying ages. Become part of the GMC's upcoming traveling "Leave No Trace" presentations while learning about wildland ethics and state-of-the-art minimum impact backcountry skills. The mission of the Leave No Trace (LNT) program is to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnerships. Materials and a weekend LNT training course with presentations on and off the trail will be provided. Contact AmeriCorps Member and GMC Group Outreach Coordinator Brian Aust at 802-244-7037 ext. 27.

Vermont Wildernes Slide Show

Courtesy of *The Vermont Sierran*

On May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Fox Room of the Rutland Free Library the Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club will be sponsoring a talk and slide show about the push to preserve wilderness in Vermont. The speaker, Matteo Burani of Worcester, VT, is Vermont Outreach Coordinator for the Northern Forest Alliance, a coalition working to protect the northern forests of NY, VT, NH, and ME. She has been particularly interested in the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area and the Nulhegan Basin Unit of the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge, both in Essex County, VT. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

DUES: collected for a calendar year:

Individual \$27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (all tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime \$750 (all deductible)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____


PHONE: _____

* People who volunteer a substantial amount of time for club work or who have a limited income, may deduct \$7.

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

Make check payable to: Killington Section, GMC and mail with application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
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Rutland, VT 05701



Smoke & Blazes

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Bill Robichaud Earns Trail Service Award

Bill Robichaud, Killington Section Trails & Shelters Co-chair, received some well-deserved recognition recently at the Green Mountain Club annual meeting in Bolton. Bill was named winner of the prestigious Roy O. Buchanan Award for ten consecutive years of trail service for the GMC.

It was noted, "He has worked on just about every inch of trail the Killington Section maintains." [That would be more than one and a half million inches. *Ed.*] In addition to working the trail

himself almost every week, Bill leads work parties of Killington Section members and of volunteer youth groups, and serves as an Appalachian Trail corridor monitor in Shrewsbury. Bill says he enjoys chatting with thru hikers that he meets on the trail and that nearly all of them express appreciation for his work

The award is named in honor of Professor Roy O. Buchanan, legendary father of the Long Trail Patrol, which he organized in 1931, and lead for the next 36 years.

Cindy Taylor-Miller Adopts Minerva Hinchey

No, this isn't a probate court story. Cindy, a section member from Wallingford, has adopted *Minerva Hinchey Shelter* under the GMC's shelter adoption program. This means that she has volunteered to visit the shelter at least three times a year, inspect and report on its condition, and do minor maintenance and repairs on the shelter, the outhouse, water supply, and wash pit.

In her new role Cindy joins other shelter adaptors in our area: Carleton Maxwell, *Clarendon*; Roy Arthur, *Gov. Clement*; Ruth Lamb, *Cooper*; and Erling and Kristian Omland, *Tucker-Johnson*. *Pico Camp* is still an orphan. To learn more about the shelter adoption program contact office manager Jane Coffey at Green Mountain Club headquarters in Waterbury.

Steve Williams New Co-chair of Trails & Shelters

Steve Williams, section member from West Pawlet, has accepted the post of Trails & Shelters Co-chair, which he now shares with Bill Robichaud. Thank you, Steve.

Ray Catozzi Attends Appalachian Trail Days in Virginia

Section member Ray Catozzi recently attended Appalachian Trail Days in Virginia. Read his impressions on page 8.

Be an Exhibitionist

The Killington Section gets together twice a year for an evening potluck and slide presentation. We're always looking for new presenters. If you've been on an interesting trip lately, or in the past, and would like to share your slides, call Sue Thomas, 773-2185 or Connie Youngstrom, 495-3502. We guarantee you an appreciative audience and good food!

Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

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* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

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2002..... * Ruth Gibbud
 "..... * Herbert Ogden
 "..... William Robichaud
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 "..... * Alfred Pulling
 "..... Susan Thomas
 2004..... * Robert Perkins
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From the Editor

Thanks Jon

Any writer or editor knows that it is nearly impossible to verify the accuracy of one's own work. Whatever is on the printed page seems to be what was intended. Fortunately, Jon Mathewson, section member from Middletown Springs, has volunteered to proofread *Smoke & Blazes*. Of course, I'll be responsible for the errors that slip through, but I can assure you, based on my first issue, that they will be far fewer due to Jon's careful work.

Where's Cold River Cave?

During World War II in the early '40s gasoline was in short supply and was rationed. Section outings were sometimes scheduled to be within walking distance from town. One destination I remember was Cold River Cave.

As I recall, perhaps incorrectly, the cave was on the north side of the river. The crawl-in entrance, maybe three by five feet, was nearly at water level and not more than a few yards from the river. But I have no recollection of where on Cold River it was.

A few weeks ago, in search of the cave, I waded up the river from Old Route 7 to Cold River Road with no success. I'd be happy to hear from anyone who can show me the way to Cold River Cave.

Trip Reports

My thanks to all who contributed material for *Smoke & Blazes*. Trip leaders: If you prefer not to submit a report, please recruit a volunteer to do so.

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Mt. Hanley**Castleton Rail-Trail**

14 April 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

On this day in mid-April I had planned an interesting hike one way up Mt. Hanley in West Rutland to the mountain top, then back down to the hang glider take-off platform for lunch, then down a different route to the Whipple Hollow Road.

We had had the heaviest total snowfall of any March in recorded history, so I checked out the trailhead a couple of days before our hike date. There was still two feet of snow covering our trail. I cancelled the hike, but...

We still gathered at our Main Street meeting place where I told the gang of eight my change of plans. We headed for Castleton State College where the D & H Railroad ran right behind the college. This railroad is now a rail-trail. We left a car there and then drove to where the rail-trail crosses Route 30, and hiked five miles back to the college. No elevation gain except climbing over a foot of snow every few hundred yards. It was mostly bare ground, which made an easy, enjoyable hike.

I'll save Mt. Hanley for this fall.

Sucker Brook

21 April 2001

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders

Six or eight folks snowshoed from the Ripton-Goshen Road to Sucker Brook Shelter for lunch,

and returned.

Kids' Hike to Rocky Pond

22 April 2001

By Jerry Parker, leader

The first children's hike of the season turned out a small group, which I led up to Rocky Pond in Rutland for some pollywog and frog hunting. The children had a great time, and no one took an early spring dip in the chilly water.

Clarendon Shelter Loop

29 April 2001

By Herb Ogden, leader

Among the sixteen participants in this outing were two octogenarians or thereabouts, and four children, the youngest only 7. All made it from Vt. 103 up the Great Gorge Gulch to Clarendon Lookout, however. At Clarendon Shelter, we met an elderly fellow who had come in on an ATV, I guess from Lincoln Hill Rd., and was busy cleaning up the place. Apparently he does this often. Was this the mysterious "Kestrel" who used to leave beverages in the brook?

We headed up the abandoned Gaynor Road to the brook crossing and then began looking for the two-grave Bullard Cemetery from the 1840s, using directions from the Pullings and Churchill Scott. We found a likely looking spot at the confluence of two streams, but no graves, despite much poking around in the ground by the enthusiastic children. The group then divided. Some went back down the old public road to

Route 103, while others explored the barn and house cellarholes above the brook crossing. The children found bits of crockery, an old handle, and possibly the skeleton of a perambulator. Although the Gaynor Road presented sloppy going at this point, apparently having confused itself with a brook, we slogged up it to the Lottery Road, which we followed east to the Long Trail. The LT south of the Lottery Road was so wet I had to carry the 7 year old at one point. The children combed the little cellarhole at the foot of Beacon Hill for artifacts but found none. Just north of Beacon Hill, we walked for a few feet through lingering snow. The brook crossing at Clarendon Shelter was a little tricky on account of meltwater, but most made it dryshod. We then took the Gaynor Road the rest of the way to Route 103, ending a very pleasant sunny Sunday afternoon walk.

White Rocks Picnic Area

5 May 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

This afternoon hike is one I've led many times over the years. One time we hiked up the Keewayden Trail to the top of the White Rocks talus slopes and back to the picnic area for a supper cookout.

This time I took the group up the short trail to the open lookout to see the whole talus slope, then down to the ice beds at the bottom of the slope. We did find some ice, a very small amount, but it was there.

We then hiked back to the picnic area for our cookout supper.

Leicester Hollow Bike Trip

6 May 2001

By Ruth Hare, leader

At the park I gathered my "group" for the day – myself and Lucy, whom I'm told is an enthusiastic new club member and outing participant. She proved it that day by explaining that she had dug her bike out from long disuse, determined to tackle the ride.

We decided to change the plans for the day to keep us closer to home and afford a somewhat shorter ride, so we headed up to the Leicester Hollow Trail in Goshen. It was a sunny and reasonably warm early-spring day, perfect for riding. The route, however, demonstrated once again that my sunglasses must be rose-colored: as usual the climbs proved tougher and the trail rougher than I remembered. But Lucy was a good sport and even tackled the many deep water-bars with more aplomb than her leader. Point the handlebars down and -- thump, bump -- she'd be through.

At one point about halfway, temporarily defeated by a particularly cavernous and muddy ditch, we stopped for a short wildflower-identification session.

"Hmm, what's the one with the spotted leaves?"

"Oh, I don't remember."

"Doesn't that little yellow one look familiar?"

"Hmm, sort of."

"Oh, (with relief in the voice) there's a trillium!"

"Yes! That's definitely a trillium."

"Yup, no doubt about it."

Only slightly reassured as to our identification skills, we pressed on and finally reached Silver Lake, where we met up with a couple of club members who had hiked in. There we all basked in the spring sunshine for a while along the beach. And eventually the cyclists coaxed themselves back on the bikes for the bumpy ride back down.

Pomfret to W. Hartford A/T

12 May 2001

By Herb Ogden, leader

The weather forecast said 80% chance of rain, and we five hikers got more than 80% of the way before it rained, so I guess we did all right although 100% of us got somewhat wet at the end. Actually, we did quite well, since the sun was out for a good half of this hike and it had been so dry that we were not bothered by bugs.

Driving from Rutland and spotting a car took an hour and a half, so we hit the Appalachian Trail at the South Pomfret to Pomfret Center Road at 10:30 a.m. A steep climb brought us to what one guidebook says is part of the King's Highway, one of the first roads in Pomfret, now a grass-grown snowmobile trail. Just northeast of an old four corners, we found the cellarhole of a house that shows on both the *Beers Atlas of Windsor County* and the 1911 U.S.G.S.

quadrangle. We liked the old road, but the A.T. diverged east near a smaller foundation. Atop a bare hill, we found a half-dozen members of the G.M.C. Ottauquechee Section enjoying the view, which included Ascutney, probably Stratton, and Okemo. They continued west while we continued east to another nice open hilltop where we lunched in the sun and enjoyed a view of the above plus the whole Coolidge Range.

After lunch, we descended to a very pretty part of Cloudland Road, ascended to the junction with the side trail to Cloudland Shelter, followed it a ways north but concluded it would be too far, and continued over Thistle Hill to a spur trail to the new Thistle Hill Shelter. We didn't go to it, but another hiker said it was nice. Here, we heard an owl hoot repeatedly. Sign of a coming storm? Soon, we encountered three runners on the trail. We descended to the Joe Ranger Road through beautiful woods and fields. Just after we crossed another old road, we found a big cellarhole and barn just south of the trail and a catch basin just north of it. Then the promised rain began, accompanied by rumbles of thunder. The rain was actually refreshing and surely needed. It rained off and on for the rest of the hike, and the continued thunder led us not to linger on the last nameless hill with the beautiful view of the White River Valley.

Fauna: Aside from birds, we saw one deer, two little toads, and a few squirrels and chipmunks.

Flora: Painted and purple trilliums, wild leeks, spring beauties, trout lilies, mayflowers, yellow and blue violets, flowering hobblebush, and some stunningly blooming apple trees.

Kids' Hike to Kit Davidson's

20 May 2001

By Jerry Parker, leader

We had a nice turn out for our hike over to Kit Davidson's in Hubbardton. The kids couldn't get out of the car fast enough to scoop up a fishing net and race down to the ponds to see who could catch a frog the quickest. You have to be pretty quick to catch some of the frogs in Kit's ponds.

The second part of the adventure that day involved looking for rock crystals or diamonds, as some kids called them. The kids could have stayed there all day long filling their pockets if I let them. I did eventually have to drag them away so we could hike out to the overlook and then hike down the trail to the rocky ledges. You had to hang on to a cable to get down in some places. The kids loved this - fearless they are.

I do hope everyone had a good hike, including the adults, and look forward to seeing everyone again on my next hike.

Trail Walk-Thrus

26 May 2001

2 June 2001

By Bob Perkins

As is our custom, maintenance

walk-thrus of our section of the Long Trail were scheduled for National Trails Day (this year on 2 June) for the higher elevation portion north of Gov. Clement shelter and, on the preceding weekend, for the lower portion to the south.

The weather looked somewhat iffy on the 26th but eight volunteers showed up and Trails & Shelters Co-chair Bill Robichaud assigned four teams of two to cover the trail thru Wallingford and Shrewsbury. The trail was found to be in fairly good condition. Minor maintenance was performed and the locations of a few mud holes and larger blowdowns were noted for future work.

There was nothing iffy about the weather on the following Saturday, however. Our Trails Day outing was completely rained out. (But see Gretchen Crowley's story on the 16 June outing below.)

Griffith Lake

10 June 2001

By Barry & Barbara Griffith, leaders

We began by spotting two cars at the end of the old carriage road (now known as the Lake Trail) at Danby's south end. We then proceeded up Forest Road 10 in Mt. Tabor until we reached the AT/LT, parking in a very nice, roomy Big Branch parking lot. As we started we noticed that three of the vehicles in the lot had been vandalized with windows smashed out. In the near distance we could hear shots from the direction of a

private camp nearby. This made us a bit nervous about leaving our vehicles there.

Our hike started with eight people and ended with eight. We always see that as quite an accomplishment. From the parking lot (elevation 1500 feet) we walked east on the road for a short distance, then turned right and began a gradual descent heading south on the Old Job/Long Trail. It's an easy hike to the Big Branch Shelter. The trail then paralleled the Big Branch Brook, eventually turning right and crossing the stream via a suspension bridge. At the end of the bridge we admired two huge white-pine trees that appeared to be well over a hundred years old.

Once over the bridge, instead of continuing south on the AT/LT, we turned left and followed an abandoned road (now a trail) along and up Big Branch Brook. Along the way we saw the remains of charcoal kilns from a century ago. Eventually we reached Mill Glen, the Old Job site, where we paused to review the history of the area and the man who once owned this forested expanse, Danby's Silas L. Griffith.

Born in 1837, Griffith returned to Danby after the Civil War intending to operate a general store. However, after acquiring woodlands in Mt. Tabor in payment of a debt, he turned to the business of logging and lumbering. He pioneered the use of saws rather than axes and mills powered by steam rather than water wheels. He used his raw materials efficiently, operating

numerous kilns to make charcoal from the branches of the trees not large enough for lumber, and even shipped the sawdust to ice companies to use as insulation.

The Old Job site at Mill Glen was the location of Griffith's first sawmill. By the late 1880s there was a bustling community at this site, with more than forty structures including a large sawmill and charcoal kilns, a large boardinghouse for single men, tenant houses and cottages for families, a schoolhouse, a general store, and a post office where mail was postmarked "Griffith, Vermont". Changing times led to abandonment of the site a century ago. Only a few remnants remain.

Leaving the Old Job site we passed a large mound of sawdust on the left and followed Lake Brook along the Corridor Trail about five miles to Griffith Lake. It was here that Silas Griffith built his summer home where he entertained guests and pursued his passion for trout fishing. Griffith had a carriage road constructed to get supplies and guests to his summer home on the lake. At the Danby Library one can see pictures of how the men built the carriage road.

We didn't linger long at Griffith Lake, as thunder and lightning descended upon us from over the ridge to our west, so down the carriage road we went. This three-mile descent brought appreciation from all as to the road building skills of a century ago to engineer this trail into the side of the mountain. We

retrieved our vehicles at Town Highway 10, intact, and went home.

Smuggler's Notch Killington Work Party

16 June 2001

By Gretchen Crowley, leader

The 16 June outing that was supposed to go to Stowe for a 12-mile hike on the Long Trail turned into a work party up at Killington. The weather that day was kind of crummy, so I decided to lead a work party (with the help of Bill Robichaud) up to the peak of Killington. Bill's work party from the previous week was a wash out, so there was still plenty of work to be done up there.

At 9:00 AM six of us got to ride the gondola up to Killington Peak. That was a nice treat. At the top, the group and a million bugs set off on the side trail to Cooper Lodge. At Cooper Lodge we doused ourselves in bug juice and then set out in two groups to do some trail work. We worked for about four hours north and south on the Long Trail and called it a day.

Mount Treadway

30 June 2001

By Gordon & Helen Cawood, leaders

Ten of us started out from the Putnam Pond Campground off New York Route 74 west of Ticonderoga. From the campground parking area we followed the Grizzle Ocean Trail around the southern tip of Putnam Pond to the trail's intersection with the Rock Pond

Trail. North on the Rock Pond Trail brought us to the Treadway Mountain Trail. The bugs were hungrier than we were at the lower elevations. We waited until we got to the wind-blown lower peak to have lunch. After lunch most of us hoofed it over to the higher peak for views. There were distant rumbles of thunder so we didn't stay long.

Our congratulations to Bill Lucas who negotiated the hike with some tricky rock scrambles in spite of impaired vision. And our thanks to those who helped guide him along.

Bear Mountain-Loop White Rocks Lookout

7 July 2001

By Bob Perkins

When a trail is relocated and the original trail is abandoned one might think that it would take many years for the old trail to become obscured. Not necessarily so. The Long Trail north of Route 140 was relocated a couple of years ago and replaced with a new trail over Bear Mountain. Our leader, who prefers to remain anonymous, planned to take us up the old trail and to loop back to Route 140 via the new trail.

Cars were spotted and we set out up the road that the old trail had followed. We soon realized that we had missed a right hand turn and had followed the road too far. After some consultation one of our hikers, being of the female persuasion, actually asked a local resident for directions. ;-)

Once on the old trail the

challenge was to follow the blazes. There is a good reason why our blazes are painted white. The blazes on the abandoned trail had been carefully painted over in a very rustic cocoa color and were nearly invisible. We never did get lost. We knew where we were at all times. But, eventually, the trail did get lost. The wood road we were following just petered out.

Realizing that discretion is the better part of valor, we reverted to plan B. We retraced our steps to Route 140, retrieved the cars, and drove to the White Rocks picnic area for lunch. After lunch we all went up to the lookout and two of the group went on to the ice beds. The weather was beautiful; the flies were minimal and, in spite of the change in plans, a good time was had by all.

Haystack Mountain

21 July 2001

By Steve Williams, leader

Sue Thomas led a small convoy from Rutland to the assembly point at the Williams' residence in Pawlet, a convoy notable for its diversion as a result of the Wells' fair and the loss of one car whose driver elected to follow his own route. Before departure from the Williams' another potential participant was regrettably lost, though whether through the intimidating intrepidity of the remainder of the party or because, as a new hiker, three hours was longer than expected, was never determined. Including the

leaders, Steve and Diana Williams, this left ten to tackle the Pawlet Haystack, the southernmost of three small hills running north-south on the east side of Route 30 (not to be confused with the Wilmington Haystack or one other Haystack reportedly located in the northern part of the state).

Accessed from a Route 30 side road some two miles north of Pawlet, the trail follows an overgrown old track for some six tenths of a mile before reaching the Nature Conservancy maintained trail. From this point it is about an hour's hike to the 1900-foot summit. The trail, the undulations, the foliage are all standard Green Mountain, or in this case, Taconic Mountain, fare for which no new literary description immediately comes to mind. However, the view from the rocky summit, north and south along the Mettowee valley, east to Danby and the Green Mountains and west to the Adirondacks does provide a very high reward to effort ratio.

After a half hour of peak and place identification, lunch and use of the photo opportunities available, the descent began. The return trip was notable for meeting up with the previously lost participant who had demonstrated great initiative in finding both the peak and the trail, and was merely an hour and a half behind the rest of the party.

The outing concluded with iced tea and lemonade in the Williams' garden and the cooling of feet in the adjacent

Mettowee River. The Williams have to date received no reports of any persons missing from the return trip to Rutland.

Kids' Hike to Chaffee Falls

29 July 2001

By Bob Perkins

Toads and toadstools were the fauna and flora that attracted the most interest of the half-dozen pre-schoolers and the two pre-teens that joined Jerry Parker on this mid-summer kids' hike. Also along for the fun were several parents, grandparents and other adult friends.

We did a loop of about two miles on some of the Pittsford trails with the key destination being Chaffee Falls on Furnace Brook. The brook and falls were flowing quite full in spite of a near record dry July, and the pools below were most inviting. Several of us doffed hiking boots to wade in cool, clear water. You can guess which two managed to get in all over, clothes and all.

These kids are our future club leaders and trail maintainers, folks, and this is the age at which they can be hooked.

A Senior Climbs Vermont's Second Highest

4 August 2001

By Roma Pulling, co-leader

It was always a possibility that we wouldn't be able to complete the climb up Killington but have to wait on the trail for our younger hiking companions to meet us on their way down, but three hours after starting on the Bucklin Trail from Brewer's

Corners we hauled our septuagenarian bodies into the clearing at Cooper Lodge. There we parked ourselves for rest and recharging our batteries while the four others crawled the remaining .2 mile to the actual summit to join the communication towers and enjoy the view.

It was a very active day on the mountain. We were told that early that morning there had been a wedding at the top. Among the people entering the clearing at the lodge was a couple looking for "Trail C." We showed them the trail leading down the mountain, which they thought was the right one, but later we met them coming back up, saying they were on the wrong side of the mountain. Further down we saw a plane flying very low, perhaps doing a little aerial photography.

The trail was in good shape and well blazed. It was longer, steeper and strewn with more rocks than it was five years ago (I swear this is true). And I'm not referring to the boulders the size of our car that have been placed to deter 4-wheelers and other motorized atrocities. Those I approve of. [Or ... of those I approve.] The carpets of violet wood sorrel that would have been covered with bloom in July still had a few delicately beautiful blossoms. Wildlife was scarce, but at the lodge a chipmunk came close, but when Alfred tossed it a crust of bread it disappeared, not to be seen again.

[Note: Shortly after writing this

Appalachian Trail Days in Damascus, Virginia

By Ray Catozzi

As many of you hikers already know I have been section-hiking the Appalachian Trail for over 15 years now, having completed about 1300 miles of the total 2168-mile trail.

I planned a trip for this May to do a 42-mile southbound piece ending in downtown little Damascus, VA on the weekend of Appalachian Trail Days. The AT goes right thru the center of town and, on Trail Days, thousands of hikers and their families tent all around the town.

This was the fifteenth year Damascus has celebrated the hikers coming through their town and the celebration gets bigger and bigger every year. Saturday afternoon all the hikers and their families gathered at the east end of Main Street and, at a given signal, a parade through town started, led by their fire trucks, police cars, and a Scottish band playing marching music. Up and down the march the hikers were throwing water balloons at the spectators and vice versa. It was

a grand, fun-filled parade.

At a gazebo at the recreation field, there were many rock bands playing at different times and hundreds of hikers and families, including young children, were dancing on a large black area in front of the gazebo. Hundreds and hundreds more were sitting down around the dancers, watching and enjoying it all.

Sunday afternoon another band played at the gazebo. A dozen or so young boys and girls were dancing all around the paved area, mostly alone. Then a three-year-old boy came out on the pavement and danced totally naked while all the spectators applauded from the sidelines. It was a completely unexpected occurrence but everyone, including the three-year-old boy, enjoyed it immensely.

Oh, the week-long hike you asked. Yes, it was good. Many miles of the trail were through open, wild horse pastures at 3000 to 4000-foot elevation. The wild horses came right up to us looking for food. I tried to pet them but they immediately backed away from me.

I stayed in three shelters, tented four nights, and, because of the hot weather, drank far more water than what little food I ate.

T'was a great backpack! But AT Trail Days was more fun.

spoof, I read about 80-year-old Bob Northrup completing the Long Trail for the 7th time. That put me in my place. The idea of an 80-year-old person climbing Camel's Hump and Mansfield is, to repeat an overused expression, mind-boggling. I'm re-energized. So take away that rocking chair and leave my walking stick where I can reach it. From now on it's full speed ahead.]

[Note: Ray's story was edited to fit in this space. Ed.]

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Sept. – Nov. 2001

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right.

September 1 Saturday 10 AM	Bridgewater Hollow From the west, over a long-abandoned road with one glorious old farm site along the way and some nice nearby views. We'll also visit the hard-to-find Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery and the site of the school. Moderate 4-mile hike with 800-foot elevation gain.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
September 8 Saturday 10 AM	Long Trail Work Party Join us for a day of light maintenance on the Long Trail. Bring work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided, or bring your own.	Bill Robichaud 775-2567
September 15 Saturday	Robert Frost Mountain, Ripton A joint hike with the Breadloaf Section. Five miles, moderate, with scenic views to the east and southwest. Note: Call leaders for meeting time and place.	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310
September 22 Saturday 9 AM (Rain date 9/23)	Mount Hanley, West Rutland We'll ascend from Whipple Hollow Road, stop for lunch at the hang glider platform, and descend by a different route. Four miles; easy to moderate; some climbing.	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
September 29 Saturday 9 AM	Abbey Pond, Middlebury A beautiful, remote beaver pond. Four and a half miles; moderate, with some climbing.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
October 6 Saturday 10 AM (Rain date, 10/7)	Bear Mountain, Wallingford Easy to moderate with some steep climbing to the top of the mountain. Three miles. Note, for this hike only: Meet near the 99-Restaurant in Green Mountain Plaza on Route 7 south. (Due to Art-in-the-Park).	Ray Catozzi 773-3006
October 14 Sunday 8:30 AM	Stratton Mountain, Stratton Rained out last year, so we'll try it again! Spectacular views from the fire tower. We'll descend via beautiful Stratton Pond for a 10.7-mile loop. A long hike of moderate difficulty.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
October 20 Saturday 10 AM	Shrewsbury Peak, Shrewsbury Up the Black Spruce Swamp trail to Shrewsbury Peak. Easy to moderate; steep near the peak. Enjoy sweeping views to the northeast, east, and south. Return by the same route, or via the more difficult trail down to the "chimney". Round trip about 4 miles.	Barbara & Barry Griffith 492-3573
October 27 Saturday 10 AM	Mystery Hike Five miles; moderate. Destination: leader's surprise.	Gretchen Crowley 459-2098

November 4 Sunday 8:30 AM	Pharaoh Mountain, near Lake George, NY Ten to twelve miles; 1600-foot elevation gain. Difficult due to distance.	Connie Youngstrom 492-3502
November 17 Saturday 5:30 PM	Annual Killington Section Potluck Supper Join us at the Unitarian Church, 117 West Street, Rutland for a potluck supper and a slide program. Bring a place setting and a dish to share. Coffee provided.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
November 18 Sunday 10 AM	Long Trail Work Party Join us for a day of light maintenance on the Long Trail. Bring work gloves and a lunch. Tools provided, or bring your own.	Bill Robichaud 775-2567
December 1 Saturday	Mystery Hike Save this date and see November Smoke & Blazes	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas, 773-2185, and Connie Youngstrom, 492-3502. The winter schedule will include December thru February. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule give Sue or Connie a call before November 1. Don't wait 'til the last minute.

GMC /Forest Watch Wild Hikes on Wednesdays

Easy to moderate trips; leave Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Space limited. You must register in advance.

September 5	Abbey Pond Area, Middlebury	Must register by August 29	223-3216
September 19	Cape Area, Goshen	Must register by September 12	223-3216

Rutland Senior Hikes – September – November 2001

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department sponsors a series of "Turtle" hikes for seniors and others who wish to enjoy their outings at a somewhat slow and easy pace. The outings typically cover two to four miles, involve limited elevation gain, and avoid treacherous footing. All trips leave from the Godnick Adult Center on Deer Street off Woodstock Avenue on Fridays at 9 AM. and return in early afternoon

September 7	Carriage Trails to the Pogue, Woodstock	Charlie & Jean Davies	483-6623
September 21	Chittenden Brook Trail, Rochester	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997
October 5	Around Lefferts Pond, Chittenden	Bob & Thelma Perkins	773-0184
October 19	Trails at Camp Betsy Cox, Pittsford	Charlie & Jean Davies	483-6623
November 2	McLaughlin Falls, Mendon	Al & Roma Pulling	773-6997

Killington Section Members – August 1, 2001

Robert L. Badger	Potsdam, NY	Dave Mathis	Rutland
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Maria L. Carreno	Saxton's River	Gerald Parker	Cuttingsville
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Rachael W. Charland	Springfield, MA	Robert & Thelma Perkins	Rutland
George Conlon	Rutland	Mark Pettrone	Averill, NY
Dave & Clare Coppock	Rutland	Paul Pilcher	Proctor
Susan Corrigan	Rutland	Pat Pranger	Wallingford
Gretchen Crowley	Proctor	Ronald & Sarah Pulcer	Rutland Town
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Alice Flyte	Wallingford	Ellen B. Russell	Rutland
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Individual memberships: 73. Family memberships: 25.

Total members: 123 (assuming two people per family).

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

DUES: collected for a calendar year:

Individual\$27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*
Family\$35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*
Individual Lifetime\$500 (all tax-deductible)
Family Lifetime\$750 (all deductible)

* Anyone who volunteers a substantial amount of time for club work or who has a limited income, may deduct \$7.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education, ___ other.

Make check payable to: Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701

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Don't Miss Our Fall Potluck

The annual Killington Section fall potluck supper and program will be held at 5:30 PM on Saturday, November 17 at the Unitarian Church, 117 West Street in Rutland.

Members and nonmembers are welcome. Bring a place setting and a dish to share. After supper we'll be treated to slides and a talk by section member Paul Pilcher from Proctor.

This event goes rain or shine. Rating: easy.

Welcome New Members

We're happy to welcome the following folks who have joined the Killington Section since our membership list was published in August. We hope to see you on the trail.

Lynda Baydin	Morristown, NJ
Gerard Coursey	Rutland
Michael H. Foster	Killington
Margaret Johnson	Rutland
Pamela Johnson	Rutland
Peter Kirk	Rutland
Bonnie Lucas	Rutland
Robert Lucas	Rutland
Charlotte Schwartz	Goffstown, NH
Kathleen Wood	Chittenden

Coolidge Range – Our Home Turf



Killington and Mendon Peaks over the Notch from Rutland Valley. Killington, at 4241 feet, is the high point of Rutland County and the second highest in Vermont.

Come Join Our W * * * Parties

By Herb Ogden, Section President

Work should not be thought of as a four-letter word, despite the title of this. Please help!

This began as an article about our 8 September work party, which consisted of one Leader (Bill Robichaud) and one Follower (me). Between us, I think we carried a one-man crosscut saw, a shovel, a pick-mattock, a crowbar, pruning

shears, and lunch. Our main work was at a couple of usually wet spots about half a mile south of US 4 on the new Long Trail. We heaved some pretty big rocks into place, improving a waterbar or two. We also sawed down the rest of a large birch, the top of which had nearly fallen on some hikers earlier

See page 8. **Work Parties**

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Green Mountain Club

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* Second consecutive 3-year term.

Not eligible for re-election.

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 "..... Susan Thomas
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 ".....* Jacob Sherman
 ".....* Connie Youngstrom

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From the Editor

More on Cold River Cave

As I related in the August issue, I have had no luck in locating Cold River Cave, which I recalled having visited years ago. Ray Catozzi says he remembers the Cave as being just west of the Cold River Road but that the entrance has been long since obliterated. Diligent research, however, has turned up the following photographic evidence that supports my memory.



Killington Section junior members Marjory Perkins, Jean Spaulding, and Bobbie Spaulding (l. to r.) emerge from Cold River Cave on a section outing circa 1937.

Smoke & Blazes Illustrated

Now that we have the technology for including pictures I encourage one and all to submit photos of recent or not-so-recent section activities or, in fact, any pictures that would be of interest to other members. We are printing in black, white, and gray only but, in most cases, color prints will reproduce reasonably well.

Taconic Ramble

11 August 2001

By Sanjukta T. Ghosh

After the sweltering 90-plus days in the first week of August, we deserved it -- the sunny skies, the occasional white fluffy clouds, the mild temperatures and the low humidity. It was a day perfect for a hike: a perfect day to meander along the Taconics, taking in the serenity of the Japanese Gardens, the breathtaking panoramic vistas of the historic Hubbardton Battlefield and beyond.

Led by owner Kip Davidson, whose frail appearance belies his energy and strength, about a dozen of us and two energetic dogs winded our way through mountain brooks, meadows and rolling hillsides. The approximately 4-mile leisurely hike took about three-and-a-half hours.

Starting from the car park at the base of Mount Zion, we first strolled across the lush meadows to East Hubbardton Road. Crossing this major road, we went up the fields along the east side to the trails leading up to the waterfalls on Breton Brook. The thick forests almost caused some of us to lose our way. Unfortunately, the intense heat of the summer had all but dried up the brook, so the waterfalls were down to a trickle. But with a little imagination and help from others who'd been on the hike before, it was easy to hear the rush of the brook and feel the sprinkle of the mountain waters. We crossed the brook and zigzagged our way out back to

the fields and East Hubbardton Road. In less than an hour we had made a giant loop and were at the Japanese Garden at the foot of Zion Minor.

The Japanese Garden has miniature pagodas and bridges over parts of a small pond. At the center of the pond are the falls, created just by strategically placed rocks. After resting here a bit, a smaller group started off for the top of Zion Minor. Though it looks steep, we were at the apex in less than 15 minutes taking in the spectacular view of the majestic Taconic range and the Pittsford Ridge. We wound our way to another overlook, sardonically named "Moot Point" by Kip's friend. Though the view is not as extensive, we could, this time, see the southern extension of the Taconics. From Moot Point we backtracked our way and started off for Zion Major.

The path to Zion Major is tricky and steep. For the adventurous, there is an even riskier path complete with cables to cling to. (Only one of us chose this latter path!). Though this too was a short trek up, the incline was enough to make even the fittest of us sweat a lot. But it was all worth it at the top -- we were greeted with breathtaking views of the Adirondacks on our left and the Hubbardton Battlefield, looking like a small backyard from that height, to the front of us. While we picnicked here red-tailed hawk soared the blue skies above us. After a good rest, we started our descent -- a path just as narrow and

tricky as the ascent. But we were down in minutes trudging through lush vegetation. I was told by one group member that on a previous hike, a botanist friend of his had commented on the wide variety of ferns he had seen here. At least 11 different varieties of fern are found in these forests, he told me.

The stillness in the green forest base made me wonder how my dog, who had accompanied us, had experienced the hike -- after all she can hear sounds and sniff out odors we hardly know even exists. I was reminded of a saying by the Greek philosopher Heraclitus: what if the nose was the seat of judgment? Certainly, it would have been a different hike!

Camel's Hump

18 August 2001

By Gretchen Crowley, leader

Has anyone seen Bill Robichaud? He met us down at the park and was going to meet some folks in Pittsford to bring on the hike, but he was never seen again that day. Did Bill make it to the top of the Camel's Hump? I hope he is not still waiting at the top for us.

I had hoped that the weather was going to clear up a little better for our hike but the clouds hung on, so there wasn't much of a view from the top. Who would have thought that gloves would be needed in August, but it was 58 on the top and very windy. It did clear up nicely when we got back to our cars, but that is par for the course. Next year we will have to try it again.

Black Mountain, NY

25 August 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

Black Mountain over in New York State is one of the nicest mountains to climb and it's relatively close to Rutland. It's an easy-to-moderate climb up an old logging road for the first mile and a-half or two. Then, as you near the summit cone, it's a steep uphill for the last half-mile or so to the top.

On a small, rocky open spot there are gorgeous views looking right down on the northern half of beautiful Lake George. There, along with a couple of dozen other hikers, our ten sat down and ate lunch while we viewed the Taconic and Green Mountains of Vermont off to the east.

After lunch I took our group down to the south off the steep mountaintop on a different trail. Shortly after we started down we took a short side trail that led to an open rocky spot with another gorgeous view -- this one looking down on the southern half of Lake George, all the way to the Lake George Village.

Eventually our trail turned east. We walked past two nice boggy ponds and a shelter, then turned north to rejoin the old logging road and returned to our cars. I've done this loop hike twice now. I think next time I'll reverse the loop to add interest.

We had an interesting group on this trip: one was from Massachusetts, one from Lebanon, New Hampshire, one from Windsor, one from Orwell,

two from Norwich, and two from West Pawlet. Only two were from Rutland.

Bridgewater Hollow

1 September 2001

By Herb Ogden, leader

Despite the lack of notice in the *Rutland Herald*, eight people showed up for this hike. I think this disproves our theory that there is no point in scheduling outings on Labor Day Weekend because no one will come.

We began by driving to, as one hiker put it, "parts of Bridgewater that I never knew existed." Leaving the cars where the Bridgewater Hollow Road leaves the Chateaugay Road, we walked up the latter to the Walker Hill Road. The North Branch of the Ottauquechee River was so low that we saw some interesting bedrock and boulders that normally are under water.

I had planned to follow entirely the old roads shown in the 1868 map of Bridgewater and the 1869 *Beers Atlas*, but tall wet grass and shrubs on the barely visible first right off the Walker Hill Road dissuaded me. Instead, we climbed further, almost to the first cellar hole on the left, and turned right onto a VAST trail. First, we marveled at a machine that takes long logs, saws them into firewood length, splits them, and then conveys them to a truck. About all it doesn't do is run around the woods felling the trees. Also at the log landing were some old railroad rails. I spun a tall tale about how there used to be a

lumber railroad way up there. Somebody asked how the train could get up such a steep grade. I replied that it had to get up a terrific head of steam down in Bridgewater Center and charge north at such a clip that the momentum would carry it up the grade. After some folks looked a little inclined to believe this, I thought I'd better admit there never was a railroad in Bridgewater, and that the rails probably were railroad scrap, cheaper than regular girders, that held up an old bridge.

Crossing a low ridge on the snowmobile trail, which was also a logging road, we joined the old road at an unnamed stream. Following a badly washed out road north along the stream, we came to a beautiful farm site, owned by the Chamberlain family in 1868. It is in a little bowl, where a spur of the old public road dead-ended. The big barn remains are a little uphill to the west and are more elaborate than most. Judging from its absence on the 1911 USGS map, house and barn were all gone by then.

On our way to the barn, we met an ATV rider named Beauregard ambling in from his house on the Walker Hill Road. I do mean ambling; he wasn't chewing up the wood road or running loud. When a small pack of dirt bikers snarled their speedy way up the valley in a few minutes, he seemed as annoyed as we. Mr. Beauregard turned out to be a good source of information and even a guide. His family has owned land on

Walker Hill Road since his great-grandfather bought it in the 1800s. While we lunched in the sun, which had just come out, he went back a little along our route and flagged for us his private route to a mysterious approximately two by six foot laid-up rock heap next to a ledge a good tenth of a mile from where the old road first crossed the brook. It was on too steep a side hill to have been rocks turned up while plowing. No one could think of a use for it other than the one Mr. Beauregard suggested: maybe something was buried there.

Retracing our steps up to where the Chamberlain spur left the road to Bridgewater Hollow, we headed up hill to the east, where Mr. Beauregard soon pointed out the spring for the next farm site we'd see. The site, up on the ridge, was unusual in that part of the very deep cellar hole had no exit (except, presumably, long gone stairs to the first floor); the rest appeared more crudely built. About a hundred feet south on the ridge were the remains of a big barn and maybe an outbuilding or two. This shows on the 1868 and 1869 maps but not on the 1911 one. A little farther along, about 30' to the north of the road, Mr. Beauregard had flagged for the remains of the sugarhouse. The stone "arch" for the fire under the evaporating plan was easy to make out.

Following the old road east, we crossed the main ridge and headed down to Bridgewater

Hollow, passing some nice southerly views and stopping to munch a few blackberries. We appreciated the flora more than the fauna; all we saw of the latter was a toad and a snake.

In Bridgewater Hollow, we crossed the brook and headed south, then east, to reach the Bridgewater Hollow Cemetery, with graves from about 1810 to 1850. Luckily, the fall of a huge pine had just missed the most elaborate, that of Mrs. Perkins. Many of the headstones are just upright fieldstones, presumably erected by pioneer families too poor to afford a carved memorial. Many are hard to see in the brush. I hear a Boy Scout troop adopted the cemetery some years ago, and someone did brush hog it, but now it is rapidly growing up again. This historic site needs help.

We finished by taking what probably was the original road up to Bridgewater Hollow, which keeps to the east of the brook all the way down. The 1868 map shows it as an old road, and it's pretty obscure in places. It ends within sight of the Chateaugay Road, but we left it where a small landslide had torn a gap in it. We finished up on the present Bridgewater Hollow Road, admiring the dappled sunlight on the beautiful ledges over which the brook flowed down from the hollow.

Robert Frost Mountain

15 September 2001

By Gordon Cawood, co-leader

The day turned out to be cool and sunny, perfect for

hiking. Twelve folks from the Killington and Breadloaf Sections started from the Lincoln-Ripton Road at the snowmobile trail crossing, approximately one mile south of the road junction with the North Branch Road. Following the snowmobile trail to the west, we crossed the North Branch Road at a camp with beautiful gardens. Continuing to the peak we had lunch and visited the east-facing lookout. Breadloaf Mountain and neighboring Green Mountains were clearly visible. We returned with the same number of hikers that we started with (per Sue Thomas, this is a Killington Section requirement). Our thanks to the Killington and Breadloaf Section hikers who made this a successful outing.

Mount Hanley

22 September 2001

By Ray Catozzi, leader

This was intended to be a loop hike. My plan was to hike from the Whipple Hollow Road up a nice, well maintained road to the hang gilders' takeoff ramp and to return to a different spot on the Whipple Hollow Road via an older, more overgrown road a little to the south that was the only way I had previously climbed Mount Hanley.

The usually good view to the west from the ramp was very hazy. We couldn't see Lake Bomoseen, and even Bird Mountain, close by to the southwest, was in the low clouds much of the time.

After lunch we started down and began searching for the

intended downhill route. We tried two different ATV roads heading south but both kept going uphill, so we went a little farther down and tried a third. This one seemed to be the right one; at least it headed downhill. But it soon became completely overgrown with bushes and trees, so we turned back, bushwhacking, to our nice uphill road and returned to our cars.

We had left one car in the parking lot where we had intended to come out. The whole gang, plus one dog, gathered there and many enjoyed the wine and cheese party that I hosted.

The Sequel

On the Monday after this hike I got a call from Killington Section member George Smith who used to live in Rutland. George moved to Hartland about thirty years ago but comes over to hike with us every so often. Could I, he asked, tell him how to climb Mount Hanley.

To make a long story a little shorter: A few days later George and I left from the parking lot that had been the site of the wine and cheese party on Saturday, and headed up the road I had intended to come down with the Killington Section group. We went up and for a couple of miles it was in pretty good shape. But as we approached the area where we should have connected up with the "nice, well maintained road" it suddenly became overgrown with bushes. We whacked through and in a short way

found ourselves on the ATV trail where I had turned back with the Killington Section group on Saturday. Wow! I had found the connection.

The next time I lead a hike to Mount Hanley it will be a loop hike (after I do a little trail clearing).

Abbey Pond

29 September 2001

By Roma Pulling, co-leader

Sometimes we joke about losing a hiker (it hasn't happened), but this is the first time I added some on the way. We started out with six and returned with ten, after picking one up at Mac's Convenience Store in Brandon, another at Abbey Pond parking lot, and had two catch up with us on the trail.

The weather was good. A few dark clouds looked threatening but didn't produce any rain.

The Abbey Pond Trail is rocky and climbs steadily. A bridge carried us over the stream early in the hike, while two other crossings posed problems. We were glad we had chosen a dry year for the hike. Wildlife on the way consisted of one red eft, but at the pond we were entertained by a school of fish. Several people tossed pieces of bread into the pond, which the fish snatched up promptly. We could see a beaver lodge across the pond.

As always, this hike gave us a good workout and a pleasant outing.

Bear Mountain

6 October 2001

This trip was cancelled due to rain.

Stratton Mountain

14 October 2001

By Sue Thomas, leader

For the second time in two years the weather thwarted our plans to climb Stratton Mountain and hike the 10.7-mile loop via the old Long Trail route. Unlike last year, at least it wasn't pouring, but as we left the sunny valley and drove up the Kelley Stand Road toward the mountain we entered a cloud that seemed to be enveloping all the higher elevations that day. Inside the cloud it was cold, damp, and misty, with so little visibility that a quick vote at the trailhead was all that was needed to change our plans. Rather than venture any higher into the cloud we opted to hike to Stratton Pond and around it, only a couple of miles shorter but without the viewless climb.

About 3.5 miles in we stopped at the new Stratton Pond Shelter, truly a Ritz-Carlton of open-fronted trail shelters, with a large, deck-like porch and vented sleeping loft. At the pond we stopped for a chat with the caretaker and his large white dog Clover who, after a season of greeting hikers, has become adept at panhandling. (Clover, that is, not the caretaker.

As we stood on the shore we could hear an occasional whoop and holler across the water, and we stared off around the pond expecting to find young folks. Much to our surprise we found

instead a group of middle-aged men having a golf tournament in the woods! What with the mist, it had a sort of Alice in Wonderland quality. They'd dug little holes here and there and we stopped long enough to watch three of them tee off. The first ball hit a root and went careening off into the woods. The second hit a tree with a resounding THWACK and nearly decapitated the bystanders when it ricocheted back. Only the third made a clear path, though I suspect it was still pretty hard to find in the underbrush. We thought it odd that anyone would carry golf clubs four miles in for that, but to each his own.

Shrewsbury Peak

20 October 2001

By Barbara Griffith, co-leader

Our day started at 7:45AM with phone calls from potential hikers asking if the hike was still "on" as the day was drizzly, but warm. Our optimistic leader, Barry Griffith, refused to cancel, citing the weather forecast as "clearing late morning".

Ray Catozzi led a convoy of vehicles to the Griffith's in North Shrewsbury. We then proceeded up the CCC road, spotting cars at the Chimney and parking at the Black Swamp Road. The summit was socked in with clouds but all 17 optimistic hikers, donning various forms of rain gear, ascended Shrewsbury Peak by the East route.

We found the terrain easy-to-moderate; steep only at the

peak. The closer we hiked to the peak the more the rain gear was stowed away. Shortly after reaching the top we were rewarded with clearing skies and substantial views. Our leader's optimism won out. On a good day one can see all the way to the White Mountains, Mount Ascutney, Mount Monadnock and a long chain of the Green Mountains.

After lunch trekkers chose which descent route they wish to take. Fifteen went down to the Chimney. This trail was more difficult, the first few hundred feet climbing over ledges and rocks. Two hikers chose the more moderate trail via the Black Spruce Swamp road. One person was missing temporarily, but a few whistles and a bit of shouting brought the wayward one back to the fold.

Mystery Hike

27 October 2001

By Gretchen Crowley, leader

Four of us headed out on this chilly day from the end of Lottery Road to the top on Kinsman Hill. At the top of the hill there is a picnic table to enjoy some nice views and a little lunch, but not when it is snowing. Who ordered this white stuff on my hike? We did sit up at the picnic table and catch a few views when the clouds broke. We followed the logging road down the hill and made a very short bush whack to connect with the Long Trail south, which led us back to Lottery Road.

Jerry Parker then took us for

a short hike off of Lottery Road to find the final resting place of the Bullard's, which Herb Ogden has been looking for for quite some time now. (Herb, you just take a left off Lottery Road onto the logging road and a right at the downed tree.) We then bush whacked back to our cars and headed back to Rutland.

Bromley Mountain

4 November 2001

By Connie Youngstrom, leader

The day dawned clear, but soon heavy gray clouds pushed their way in and remained so for our hike up and over Bromley Mountain. Our group of five plus the dog set off at the trailhead on Route 11, climbed gradually, and met several other hikers out doing the same. Woody the dog splashed his way through every stream and was quite entertaining.

We passed through slightly stunted birch and beech woods as we neared the summit. Our lunch stop was out of the wind inside the ski patrol cabin, where we read the hikers log, ate Halloween candy, and had some good conversation while trying to stay warm.

Continuing north, we descended gradually and entered thick balsam and spruce forest. We noted the interesting rock formations, lush outcrops of moss and deep green carpets of clubmoss and woodferns along the way. Our day ended with a visit to the Hapgood General Store where we enjoyed hot drinks and a leisurely browse through the oldest continually running store in Vermont.

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this summer. Not much pruning was needed. We also visited with a number of hikers and, I hope, educated them a little about what it takes to keep the Long Trail in good shape.

Bill and I were pretty discouraged at the low turnout. The weather was nice enough, but hardly anyone came. Were some folks still on vacation? Did some stay home because the newsletter notice didn't say where we'd be working? It was too bad, because there was a lot more work to do than we could finish. For example, the relocated Long Trail has scores of waterbars and diversion ditches to keep the treadway dry. Most of them silt up in one to two years. When that happens, the water runs down the trail. That is not only unpleasant underfoot, but it also can erode away the painstaking product of days of trail workers' time building things like stone steps. Eventually, the trail turns into a little gully. This can be seen on parts of the Sherburne Pass Trail, and even more dramatically on the Long Trail between Smugglers Notch and Sterling Pond (which is not in our Section, thank goodness).

Speaking of waterbars: I took the Sherburne Pass Trail south from Sherburne Pass on the last weekend in October to "put the trail to bed" for the winter. In the first six tenths of a mile, guess how many waterbars there are! *[Look for the answer on page 11, Ed.]* If our part of the Long Trail

averages even one third of that number of waterbars per mile, we have about 400 just on the Long Trail, let alone on our miles of side trails. Help clean them out! It's not hard work. It just takes a hoe. If your schedule doesn't fit our work parties, please call Trails & Shelters Co-Chairs Bill Robichaud or Steve Williams. They can tell you which parts of the trail need work and loan you our Section's tools to work on them.

On a positive note, perhaps now is a good time to recognize those who have participated in scheduled work parties over the last nine years. They are listed on page 11 with the years and number of days each volunteer helped clear trail, clean out waterbars, saw away blowdowns, maintain shelters, and do the other things that make the Long Trail a pleasant place to be. Many thanks to all who gave their time and effort! *[My apologies to anyone we may have left out. Ed.]*

Trail Crews Work on Killington Section

By Greg Western

[The following is taken from an informal report by Greg Western, Field Supervisor for the Green Mountain Club. Ed.]

I am writing to update folks on how the trail crew work went this year on the Killington Section.

The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps crews did eight weeks of work on Pico

building solid trail through the muddy spots up where the trail crosses through the birches. Another crew worked four weeks on the Long Trail just north of the junction with the Bucklin Trail. It'd be great to hear what folks think of this work! A note for next year: the GMC has already arranged with VYCC for another four weeks of trail crew on the LT somewhere north of Cooper. If folks have in mind specific spots they want worked on, just contact me sometime.

The Volunteer Long Trail Patrol added some more stairs and water bars on the north side of Bear Mt. south of Minerva Hinchey Shelter. They also, as I noted below, repaired some All-Terrain-Vehicle damage along the Patch Hollow Road and put ATV discouraging boulders in the old road way.

It turns out that the boulders on Patch Hollow Road were placed in such a way that they will make the trail difficult to ski on. This was a mistake, as we did not intend to block ski use of the trail. I looked at the trail with Bill Robichaud and a couple of local folks from Spring Lake Ranch who frequently ski back there (Becky Bates and Peter Grace) and we figured out a better way to arrange the boulders so that they won't obstruct skiing.

[On October 27 Greg and a group including Section Vice-President Connie Youngstrom returned to Patch Hollow and rearranged the boulders. Ed.]

Killington Section, GMC – Outing Schedule: Dec. '01 – Feb. '02

Trips leave from Rutland City Main Street Park near the east end of the fire station at the times shown. Non-members are welcome. Bring drinking water and, for morning departures, bring a lunch. Wear sturdy footgear and dress for weather changes. Distances are approximate round trip; difficulty indicates steepness and footing. For more information about a trip, please call the trip leader listed at the right

December 1 Saturday 9 AM	Mount Antone, Rupert Mount Antone offers views of Dorset Peak and beyond. Five miles; moderate. Snowshoes may be needed, depending on conditions.	Steve & Diana Williams 645-9529
December 15 Saturday 9 AM	Senior Shuffle Hog Hill Cemetery in historic Old Brandon. Two miles; moderate. Walk or snowshoe, depending on conditions.	Roma & Al Pulling 773-6997
December 29 Saturday 9 AM	South Hill, Stockbridge Loop trip from South Hill Cemetery to Fletcher Brook and back, all on old roads. Ski, snowshoe, or hike, depending on conditions. If in doubt, call the leader. Remote area with some nice nearby views and cellarholes. Cemetery with the famous "killed by the fall of a tree" stone. Five and a half miles; moderate.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
January 5 Saturday 9 AM	Pico Camp via Sherburne Pass Trail Snowshoe from Sherburne Pass south to Pico Camp on the former Long Trail. Go from the hardwood forest up into the conifers with a great vista to the north. If you've not been on this trail in snow season, you won't recognize it. Five miles; difficult.	Herb Ogden 775-1350
January 12 Saturday 10 AM	Mystery Hike Leaders are keeping the destination a secret. Ski, hike, or snowshoe. Five miles; moderate.	Barry & Barbara Griffith 492-3573
January 20 Sunday 12:30 PM	Glen Lake Overlook, Bomoseen A scenic hike along the shore and a short climb to the overlook for a snack break. Hike or snowshoe depending on conditions. Three miles; moderate.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
January 27 Sunday 9 AM	Snake Mountain, Addison Snowshoe to the summit for panoramic views of the Champlain Valley and Adirondacks. Four miles; moderate; steep.	Larry & Viv Walter 775-3855
February 2 Saturday 9 AM	Little Rock Pond and Green Mountain, Danby (Actually, the pond's in Wallingford and the mountain's in Mount Tabor.) Ski to the pond and then snowshoe up the mountain if weather permits. Call for details. Four to six miles; moderate.	Connie Youngstrom 492-3502
February 10 Sunday 10 AM	Shrewsbury Bushwhack Snowshoe off the trail, in the woods where animal tracks will be abundant. Two to three miles; moderate.	Jerry Parker 747-4439

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February 16 Saturday	Grandpa's Knob, Castleton Snowshoe or hike, depending on conditions. Hike up the TV service road to the open summit, site of an installation of a wind generator that failed in the 1940's. Excellent views from the summit and geological oddities en route. Three miles; 1000-foot elevation gain. Easy hike; moderate snowshoe. <u>Call leaders for meeting time and place.</u>	Gordon & Helen Cawood 352-4310
February 24 Sunday 10 AM	Tiny Pond, Tyson A beautiful upland pond recently acquired by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department for preservation. Three to four miles; moderate. Snowshoes may be needed.	Sue Thomas 773-2185
March 2 Saturday 10 AM	Skyline Lodge, Ripton Snowshoe up the Skylight Pond trail to this shelter on the Long Trail. Five miles; difficult.	Gretchen Crowley 459-2098

Want to Lead a Hike?

Our outing schedule is coordinated by Sue Thomas (773-2185) and Connie Youngstrom (492-3502). The spring schedule will include March through May. To make a suggestion, or to get your favorite outing on the schedule, give Sue or Connie a call before March 1. Please don't wait 'til the last minute.

Do Turtles Hibernate?

The every other Friday turtle hike series, sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, has ended for this year but some of the participants would like to continue in the same slow and easy spirit on snowshoes during the winter. If there is sufficient interest, and if volunteer leaders come forward, such a series of outings might be arranged. If you're interested in leading or joining a Winter Turtles group (we need a better name) please call Laurie at the Godnick Adult Center (773-1853) and let her know.

KILLINGTON SECTION VOLUNTEERS

8 Nov. 1992 - 30 Oct. 2001

Volunteer's name with year worked (number of times)

* received 5 year service patch ** received 10 year service pin Twenty-nine waterbars

Abatiell, Andy	'98	Hawley, Ira *	'96	Rieger, Wendy	'97
Amadon, Erin (staff)	'00	Helms, Deane	'00	Robichaud, Ann	'98
Anderson, Leon	'99	Hurley, Lucille	'01 (2)	Robichaud, Bill *	'96
Armento, Judith	'94	Jaenecke, Pete	'94	+	'94 (2)
Backus, Kathleen	'00	Jaenecke, Peter	'94	+	'95 (2)
Bickford, Channing	'95	Kokines, Ray	'00	+	'96 (3)
Bishop, Gunilla	'95	Lamb, Ruth *	'96	+	'97 (2)
Bloomer, Kristin	'96	Lamb, Sandy *	'96	+	'98
Blumenthal, Joel	'98	LeBlanc, Jill	'98	+	'99 (4)
Brennan, Brian	'98	Little, John	'98	+	'00 (2)
Brownell, Betsy	'94	+	'99	+	'01 (3)
Briggs, Ted	'97	Lopez, Virginia	'98	Sherman, Jake	'01
Bump, Frank	'96	Lucas, Bill	'01	Simpson, Brian	'00
Carey, Mara	'93 (2)	Lynch, Peter	'94	Simpson, Kimball	'00
+	'94	Mark, Molly	'94	Smith (Pellerin), L	'93
Carey, Rob **	'96	Martin, David	'97	+	'94
+	'94	Marx, Roland	'00	Southworth, Ann	'93
+	'95	McKenna, Brendan	'00	Stein, Willow	'94
Carey Seth	'93	McNeil, May	'97	Stoff, Becca	'00
+	'94	Mellon, Mary	'93	Tavares, Luisa	'98
Carey, Sue **	'96	Mitchell, Ann	'00	Taylor-Miller, Cynthia	'99
+	'94 (2)	Mitchell, Maureen	'00	Tenzak, Sue	'99
+	'95	Montague, Alan	'96	Thomas, Sue **	'96
+	'96	Nicoll, Nancy	'98	+	'94 (2)
Catozzi, Ray	'93	Ochs, Walter	'94	+	'95 (2)
+	'95	Ogden, Herb **	'96	+	'96
+	'97 (2)	+	'94 (2)	+	'97 (2)
+	'99 (2)	+	'95 (2)	+	'98 (2)
Cayer, Jennifer	'98	+	'96 (3)	+	'99 (2)
Cayer, Judy	'98	+	'97 (3)	+	'00
Cayer, Paul	'98	+	'98 (3)	Thorne, Doug	'98
Cemanski, Joe	'97	+	'99 (3)	Thorne, Marta	'98
Champayne, Chris	'95	+	'00 (3)	Tufano, Al	'97
Collins, Rick	'98	+	'01 (2)	Waldhauer, Carolyn	'95
Crowley, Gretchen	'00	O'Neill, Michael	'98	Walczkowski, Jane	'01
+	'01	Parker, Jerry **	'96	Wallem, Klaus	'95
Deinzer, Walter	'98	+	'94 (2)	Walter, Larry	'95
Deutschbein, Eric	'96	+	'95 (2)	Ward, Mary	'93
+	'98 (2)	+	'96 (2)	+	'95
+	'00	+	'97 (2)	Ward, Tim	'93
Donahue, Bernard	'93	+	'98	+	'95
+	'98	+	'99 (2)	Welch, Tim	'93 (2)
Driscoll, Katy	'98	+	'00 (3)	+	'95 (2)
Dutch, Phil	'94	+	'01 (2)	Western, Greg (staff)	'98
Ehrlich, Jason	'98	Perkins, Bob	'97	+	'00
Eich, Kat	'00	+	'98 (2)	Williams, Diana	'01
Fish, Kate	'00	+	'99 (3)	Williams, Steve	'01
Fusco, Ron	'97	+	'00 (2)	Winans, Jon (staff)	'00
Gibbs, Tim	'97	+	'01	Withbeck, Ryan	'97
Gilmore, Dave	'96	Pettrone, Mark	'94	Woodhouse, Bev	'98
+	'98 (2)	+	'96	Woodhouse, Chuck	'98
Greene, Greg	'98	Phillips, Don	'97	Yost, Molly	'98
Gregory, Carol (staff)	'00	+	'98	Youngstrom, Connie	'97
Hardy, David (staff)	'00	Pingree, Rick	'97	+	'00
Hare, Ruth	'95	Pulling, Al **	'96	Youngstrom, Mark	'97
+	'96	Pulling, Steve **	'96	Zizis, Maryellen	'95
Hannegan, Pat	'95	Rantanen, John	'99	+	'97

Killington Section, Green Mountain Club

Application for Membership

The Killington Section, based in Rutland, VT, is a chapter of the statewide Green Mountain Club. Membership in the Section includes membership in the Club. Members receive a membership card, the Club quarterly *Long Trail News*, and the Section quarterly *Smoke & Blazes* including a schedule of outings, trail work parties, and social events. Members also receive reduced rates on items from the Club bookstore and at most overnight sites served by caretakers. Membership dues help to maintain trails and shelters in the Killington Section (Route 140 to Route 4) and the Long Trail system throughout Vermont.

Membership dues for one year:

Individual \$27 (\$19 tax-deductible)*

Family \$35 (\$25 tax-deductible)*

Individual Lifetime \$500 (all tax-deductible)

Family Lifetime..... \$750 (all tax deductible)

* Anyone who volunteers a substantial amount of time for club work or who has a limited income, may deduct \$7.

NAME: _____

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I also enclose a contribution of \$_____ to the Kirk Trails and Shelters Fund supporting the Killington Section's maintenance and preservation of trails and shelters.

I would like information on volunteering for:

___ trail work, ___ shelter work, ___ sign making, ___ publications, ___ leading outings, ___ publicity, ___ education, ___ other.

Make check payable to: Killington Section, GMC and mail with this application to:

Alfred Pulling, Treasurer
Killington Section, Green Mountain Club
883 US 4 East
Rutland, VT 05701

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Smoke & Blazes

Newsletter of the Killington Section,
Green Mountain Club

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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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