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Ottauquechee River in foreground and Dewey's Mill Pond on the other side of the Quechee Gorge trail between the two bodies of water. See article on Page 4.

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▶ **In Memoriam, by Sue Thomas:**

Tom Copps, 84. The Killington Section lost one of our most loyal members in March with the passing of Tom Copps. Tom was born in Rutland in 1936, graduated from Rutland High School and attended UVM, served in the military and traveled the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Alaska before returning home to rediscover the Green Mountains. He served on the Killington Section Board of Directors, led many hikes and enthusiastically pitched in on work days, helping to maintain the Long/Appalachian Trails and shelters. In 2008, he completed hiking the Long Trail, at the age of 72. Tom's enthusiasm for the mountains was infectious and his encyclopedic knowledge made each trip a learning experience . . . it seemed he had been everywhere, done everything! He was unfailingly generous and kind. We'll miss him and think of him often as we hike in the places he loved.

▶ **Trail Maintenance/Clean-up Work Parties:**

June 5, 2021, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. for upper elevation trail maintenance. June 6, 2021, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., for Mill River trash pick-up day south of the swinging bridge. Meet at the usual place, off Center Street south of the Rutland City Fire Station. For more details call Larry Walter (775-3855) or Dave Coppock (683-1614).

MOUNT TABOR TO WALLINGFORD POND (MAYBE), by Barbara Griffith

This was the title of my hike report for the last Smoke and Blazes. I have received a couple of nice notes with offers to set us on the right path since then. I forgot to include in the report that Barry got out our 1869 Beers Atlas of Rutland County and identified the area we ended up on was Wilder Mountain. The large cellar hole/stone foundation was apparently the Wilder residence. Wilder Mountain abuts Homer Stone Mountain. Herb Ogden has offered to lead us in the future. So, stay tuned for a report on that!

Outing Reports

Since we still didn't have any official outings to report due to the pandemic, the following are articles and pictures of what some of our members have been doing to pass the time:

OLD ROAD HIKING, by Herb Ogden

Even with the pandemic subsiding in Vermont, some folks still may want to avoid the more popular trails. Hiking on old roads can be a good alternative. Unlike on most trails, you will see stone walls, cellar holes and even an occasional abandoned cemetery. Here are some suggestions on how to enjoy abandoned Vermont highways, based on about 65 years' experience. I hope some other old road fanciers will correct any mistakes and send the Editor their own observations.

One good way to locate interesting abandoned roads is to look on the Vermont Agency of Transportation website under Town Highways, <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/maps/town-maps>. Choose the most recent version of the map for the town you are interested in, then look for Legal Trails and Unmaintained roads. Do not assume, however, that all Legal Trails have a footway you can follow. Some of them merely show where a town once laid out a road. Some roads that were laid out were never built. About a decade ago, the Ancient Roads statute forced towns to decide whether to keep roads that were laid out and never legally abandoned ("thrown up"). In response, some towns designated some of these routes as Legal Trails just to maintain public access, even if not so much as a horse trail had ever existed along that route. One good example of this leads over Delectable Mountain from Barnard into Stockbridge. Rick Pingree and I followed the mapped route perhaps ten years ago and concluded not only that there was no trace of a road on parts of it, but also that the terrain on parts was so rugged that, if a road had once crossed it, so much earth or rock moving would have been necessary that some trace would still exist. A pretty good way of identifying traceless "roads" is to look them up on Vermont LiDAR, at <https://maps.vcgi.vermont.gov/LidarStatus/>. Particularly in hilly areas where roadbuilding involved varying from the terrain by more than a couple feet, old roads will be visible even if they are now in dense forest. If the LiDAR shows nothing where the town highway map shows something, what's on the highway map probably never existed as a road.

Another way to find abandoned roads is to use the county atlases published by Beers, Ellis & Soule around 1869. The Rutland Free Library has a set. Some local libraries have at least the atlas for their county. These atlases have detailed maps of every town. Compare the roads shown on the Beers atlas with the ones shown on the modern highway map. If the modern map doesn't show the road, it's very likely abandoned and may be fun to hike. Two caveats, however:

First, if the road is not on the modern map even as a Legal Trail, it probably is private property and may be posted against trespass. Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 13, § 3705, regarding "Unlawful trespass," says "(a)(1) A person shall be imprisoned for not more than three months or fined not more than \$500.00, or both, if, without legal authority or the consent of the person in lawful possession, he or she enters or remains on any land or in any place as to which notice against trespass is given by: (A) actual communication by the person in lawful possession or his or her agent or by a law enforcement officer acting on behalf of such person or his or her agent; (B) signs or placards so designed and situated as to give reasonable notice," or some other means relating to abandoned property.

Second, roads shown by Beers as dashed lines (====) rather than solid double lines, and roads shown without distances between intersections, may well not be where Beers shows them. The same is true of houses along these roads. The best guess among Beers aficionados is that the Beers surveyors asked a householder on the more traveled road where these other roads led and who lived along them. Beers' engravers then plotted them based on this sketchy information rather than actual surveys. In contrast, the roads shown on the Beers atlas by solid double lines, with measurements in rods, are shown with remarkable accuracy.

Earlier atlases are mostly less useful. Going back to at least the 1850s, there are huge wall maps of the whole state and of counties that show most roads, but they are less detailed than the Beers maps and the surveying (or guessing?) is generally much less accurate. I have used these earlier maps mainly to search for cellar holes along roads shown by both Beers and the earlier maps. Sometimes the earlier maps show houses where Beers doesn't, and usually something remains of them.

Another useful source is U. S. Geological Survey quadrangles. Some go back to the 1880s in Vermont. They show houses and roads and are generally very accurate regarding both. Sometimes what a quadrangle shows as a trail by a dashed single line (- - - -) was once a highway. Others never were. Older quadrangles, some as recent as the 1960s, sometimes show trails where none existed. Probably this resulted from misinterpreting aerial photos. More

modern quadrangles, including those available from the U. S. Forest Service headquarters in Rutland, seldom contain such inaccuracies.

One good sign that you are on an abandoned highway is the presence of side walls either two or three rods apart. (One rod is 16.5 feet.) Almost all Vermont roads were laid out to one of these widths. Of course, the traveled road occupied less than the full width. Perhaps the width was chosen so that, as roads eroded over time, the route (or rut) could be shifted slightly to provide a better thoroughfare. One sign that you probably are **not** on an abandoned highway is displaced stones on either side of the road where it crosses a stone wall. Few highways were built after stone walls were, so it is rare that roadbuilding back in the 18th or 19th century involved breaching a stone wall and strewing the displaced stones on either side. Out in the backwoods, a wall crossing like that is almost always the sign of a more recent wood road.

Unlike abandoned highways, modern highways may of course smash through stone walls. They may also run, more or less, parallel to now-abandoned highways that were their former routes. Bear this in mind if you are looking for modern signs of a house shown to the west of a highway on the Beers atlas, for example. A modern highway may now run west of the old route, so the cellar hole may lie to the east of it, or it may have been filled in when the new road was built.

Towns in our area with many abandoned roads include Chittenden, Mendon, Killington (look at the Little Sherburne area next to Bridgewater), Stockbridge, Shrewsbury, and Bridgewater.

SOLACE OF THE WOODS, by Sue Thomas

My Garden has become a battleground -- last fall Phat Phred, a very persistent squirrel, ate the tulip bulbs I had just planted and dug up the crocus and daffodils nightly. Each morning I would bury them, and the next morning there they'd be up top again. We continued to play this game until the ground became frozen, and I wondered how much stress the poor bulbs could withstand. Come spring, the intrepid little crocuses bravely emerged and produced beautiful multicolored blooms . . . only to be immediately beheaded by rabbits. I tried sprinkling on some foul-smelling stuff from the garden center meant to repel the little darlings, but they seemed to regard it as a condiment and continued to munch. But that's not all, a plague of voles has descended on the neighborhood destroying lawns, including mine, surely feasting on larvae of the Japanese beetles that will shortly be enjoying my petunias.

Needing desperately to make peace with Mother Nature, I did what I always do to welcome spring, and took to the woods to look for wildflowers, which flourish with no help from me.



Coltsfoot



Bloodroot



Fiddlehead Fern



Hobblebush Viburnum



Trout Lily

QUECHEE GORGE AND VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE, by Vivian Bebee

Larry and I spent a pleasant day walking along the Quechee Gorge Trail past the dam and out to Dewey's Mill Pond and back and then took the short trail from one of the parking lots at the Gorge through the woods to VINS. It was a beautiful blue sky, sunny day and since we chose a spring weekday to do this, there were no crowds yet at the Gorge.

Our walk on the Gorge Trail out to the Pond and back included identifying various wildflowers with the aid of my "Wildflowers of Vermont (Third Edition)" book and trying to identify various birds from another book that Larry brought along in his pack. Of course, we saw geese and ducks, but the non-water birds proved more difficult to identify for a couple of "novice" birders such as ourselves. It was still fun to listen to all of their songs.

After walking the Gorge Trail, we headed back to our car to grab the picnic basket we had packed and sat on the grass near the trailhead to VINS to eat our lunch. The trail to VINS was short and easy. We had not been to VINS in a few years and were amazed by the Forest Canopy Walk that has been built since then. We really enjoyed it and I actually made it to the tippy top (pictured below) for a great view looking across to the Ottauquechee River and Dewey's Mill Pond, with a stretch of the Gorge trail between the two (see picture on front cover). This view also gave us a better perspective of the size of the wetland area on the shores of the River as well as in the middle of the Pond. The framework of the Canopy Walk is seriously heavy duty and gave a person like me, who doesn't enjoy climbing open, possibly moving structures, enough confidence to go to the top. Even being that large of a structure, it blends well with the trees.

For those of you not familiar with VINS, they also have several exhibits, including those with live birds. When I was approaching the bald eagle caged area, the eagle close to the front was perched only a few feet from me, but basically ignored me. As a young lady approached this area, the eagle definitely watched her all the way. When she stopped to look at the eagle, the eagle made a loud squawk and looked right at her. As she took out her phone to take a picture, the Eagle continued looking straight at her for a perfect picture. I'm thinking, should I be offended or what? No . . . it was just fascinating watching this all unfold.

During the outdoor bird demo, Larry had a close encounter with a Harris' hawk (originally from the southwest), which the staff coaxed, using treats, into flying back and forth across the crowd. The bird's flight over Larry's head missed his left ear by a couple of inches. They do such a wonderful job there showcasing the birds. Sorry, no bird pictures. Can't believe we forgot that!

LOWER ELEVATION MAINTENANCE DAY REPORT, by Larry Walter

On May 8, 2021, we formed into two teams with Team Un being myself, Lorne (from the Main Club) and Wayne, and Team Deux being Dave, Sandy and Herb.

Team Un spotted Lorne's little (and up to then, clean) Honda at the Route 140 parking lot and drove back around in Wayne's slightly larger pickup to Spring Lake Ranch and walked into Minerva Hinckley Shelter. Herb had already cleaned out most of the ditches from there southerly to Patch Hollow, so we spruced up the outlets a bit. This entire segment was already cleared earlier by our roaming axman, Tom. We stopped at the ATV trespass site for lunch and brain-stormed as to how we could plug up their route, once again. Lorne said he could probably schedule a rigging crew from the main club to come down sometime just before next deer season to grip-hoist some large boulders into the upper side of the pinch point. There's still plenty of material uphill to work with. We continued on to Route 140, clearing out and in some cases restoring waterbars to the Route 140 parking lot. Also clipped most of the small stuff off the side. Special thanks to Lorne for coming all the way down from MontPeculiar to help us out.

Team Deux worked on cleaning waterbars and clearing out about 6 blowdowns (all less than 6", used a Silky 420) from Keiffer Road northerly to Upper Cold River Road. Even Gould Brook was fairly easy to cross . . . somewhat surprising given all of the rain we've had. The crew also moved some unused bog bridging into a wet spot just south of Kieffer Road. Herb broke off and checked out the trash situation on the south side of Mill River and the swinging bridge. We'll have to schedule a separate visit to pack all of the old tents, tarps, etc. out of there. He also cleaned out water bars from the Mill River bridge southerly to Knipes Road (1/4 mile, more or less) and the side ditch from the parking lot to the bridge. He also hoed out the waterbars from Lottery Road to Clarendon Shelter. He noted a half-cut blowdown about 0.1 mile south of Beacon Hill and another 12" step-over right at Beacon Hill (as of 5-12-2021, Tom had removed those as well).

About a week earlier, Dave and I brushed out from Route 4 north to Maine Junction (Willard Gap) and then continued on clockwise to the Inn at Long Trail on the AT and Sherburne Pass Trail. Did not get out to Tucker Johnson Shelter. All of this will need to be water-barred by the end of the season.

BARRY & BARB'S TRAIL CLEARING REPORT (Rosa Multiflora vs. B&B), by Barb Griffith

On April 5, 2021, it was a beautiful Spring day, so we decided to tackle the Rosa Multiflora plants off Lottery Road heading south on the Long Trail. We had thought that, if we got to them early in the season, it might be a piece of cake. Alas, we were wrong! We were in long sleeves, thick gloves and had knives, saws and pruners for this mission. Armed for battle we surged ahead . . . to be met with some of the most awful thorns and bushes growing in the trail. Initially, we had to prune the growth growing over the trail. Then we went deeper and cut the bushes at their base. I really believe that over the years this just encourages more growth. However, a hiker couldn't weave through the mess without battle scars. We clipped, we sawed, we pruned again and again.

I have been told that these bushes were imported during WW II to act as fences and hedgerows. Metal was needed for the war effort so couldn't be used in necessary fencing. Once again, exotic, invasive plants invaded and continue do so. Aaron Korzun pastures cattle in the adjoining land, so it is felt no chemicals should be used on these rose bushes. He even battles them in his pastures as he has been busy opening up his fields for grazing.

Years ago, I found some rose bushes on the Old Plymouth Road. I was ticked off because the bushes were being mowed down. So, Barry and I dug some up and transplanted to my perennial garden. Well, we have been busy pulling and digging them out of the garden ever since! It was the wrong thing to do (transplanting them that is)! They are miserable and not easy to eradicate.

Back to the Lottery Road . . . we battled all afternoon and emerged bloody and worn out. But I believe we made some progress. Made it to the top of Beacon Hill. I always marvel at the stone wall just before the top. It is tall. We have been told that the stone walls in Vermont were all this tall when they were first assembled. Every now and then when out hiking we will come across this height in least disturbed places.

Killington Section Annual Meeting

Minutes of Annual Meeting
April 25, 2021 via Zoom
By Allison, Secretary (edited by Vivian Bebee)

April 25, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Present: President Wayne Krevetski, Vice President Gerry Martin, Treasurer Sandy Bragg, Secretary Allison Henry; Directors Larry Walter, Susan Thomas, Melissa Reichert, Ruth Hare, and Spencer Wilson; History and Archives Chairperson Amy Peacock; Smoke & Blazes Editor Vivian Bebee; Herb Ogden; several additional Section members. Also present: Green Mountain Club Executive Director Mike Debonis, Green Mountain Club President Tom Candon.

Meeting Minutes from Annual Meeting 2020 (September 13, 2020) were accepted (Henry/Martin; passed)

President's Report by Wayne Krevetski:

- Feels like the Club and the Trail have been in "hibernation" but are coming back out!
- Thank you for Larry Walter and Dave Coppock for keeping the Trail maintained and for keeping all informed of necessary projects.
- Thank you to Vivian Bebee for her hard work on Smoke & Blazes . . . the newsletter has kept us connected.
- The Main Club has released guidelines for holding outings within covid-19 restrictions. We can expect to have an Outings Schedule in the coming months.

Vice President Comments by Gerry Martin:

- Thank you to Amy Peacock, Historian for her hard work.
- Thank you to Barb and Barry Griffith and to Cindy Taylor-Miller for their trail maintenance work.

Secretary's Report by Allison Henry:

- Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report by Sandy Bragg:

- Total assets: \$30,733.
- Very little activity in our accounts . . . the only costs have been Smoke & Blazes and the website.
- Our Section is "fiscally sound" and will be able to move forward with projects as things open up.
- Wayne asked how we are kept informed regarding membership dues. Sandy said that the Main Club shares a worksheet on a regular basis and notifies us of changes. They can give us a full list upon request.
- Treasurer's report was approved (Martin/Walter, passed)

History and Archives Report by Amy Peacock:

- We have been updating the "About Us" section on the website.
- Bob Perkins' slide show with narration is available online.
- Our site also has information about the history of Cooper Lodge, Governor Clement and Clarendon Shelter.
- Members welcome to contribute personal history of experiences on the LT and/or with GMC. No need to have been previously published.
- Amy has been gathering information for our archives . . . the Perkins family has contributed a lot.
- The Rutland Historical Society has offered to store some of our materials.
- Sue Thomas shared K-Section has several old photo albums with photos dating back to 1910s. Believes Historical Society may have them.

Outings Report by Susan Thomas:

- "Outings: We miss them!"
- Sue spoken with usual hike leaders on possibility of holding outings again. Has been range of opinions. Most are learning toward "not yet." Some of the comments/questions have been: Maybe wait until after July 4 as more restrictions expected to be lifted; concerns with "policing" restrictions of fellow attendees; what about covid-19 variants; following Main Club restrictions, one of which is all attendees on an outing must actually read all the restrictions.
- Sue has spoken with Lorne Currier, Volunteer and Education Coordinator of the Main Club, and we cannot require proof of vaccination.
- Larry asked Mike Debonis what he hears from other Sections. Mike said that all are trying to adapt and provide guidance as things change. Some groups are holding outings, while others are limiting outings to Section members only.
- Following this discussion, we decided to wait and not hold outings at this time, other than work parties.

Trails and Shelters report by Larry Walter:

- Thank you to Tom Shanahan who has cleared blowdowns with his ax from 103 to Minerva Hinchey.
- We can hold Work Parties and maintain covid-19 safety. Groups are usually small and we tend to all know each other.
- Work Parties have been scheduled: Lower Elevation May 8; Upper Elevation June 5.
- We will hold a "Put the Trail to Bed Day" in the fall.
- Herb Ogden asked us to let him know our volunteer hours for report to Main Club. Melissa pointed out that these reports contribute to funding.
- Mike Debonis will try to find out whether we can carpool if vaccinated.
- Other: Melissa shared there is a concern near Clarendon Shelter. Local Select Board gave nearby property owner permission to make old Gaynor Road passable all the way from Vt. 103 to Lottery Road. Earlier, the Select Board gave owner permission to make passable from Lottery Road down to his new house, which is north of Clarendon Shelter on the old road. Owner had problems with that part of Gaynor Road and wanted to drive up from Vt. 103 instead. Work has begun. This may make Clarendon Shelter accessible by normal vehicles.
 - Sandy asked whether we could write to the Select Board and share our concerns.
 - We discussed asking Select Board to change Gaynor Road from Class 4 road to a Legal Trail so that locked gate could be installed and landowner could have a key, as was done with Clement Shelter Road north of upper Sargent Brook bridge.
 - Will the shelter be moved? It is not on an updated list of projects in the short term.
 - Sue pointed out that the property owner most likely wouldn't want parties in the area either.

Main Club Directors Report by Larry Walter:

- No mention of Cooper Lodge at last meeting with Main Club.
- Mike Debonis shared that usage issue not been addressed by the resort. The State does not want to remove structure, while Killington Section does not want to maintain it. The Club is working on a sustainability plan. There are also structural issues.

Executive Director Comments by Mike Debonis:

- VYCC will be doing trail work between Governor Clement and Little Killington.
- Another VYCC will be near Kent Pond.
- Work will be done within the next two years between Cooper Lodge and Jungle Junction. Unknown if it will be VYCC or GMC.
- We have a full crew of backcountry caretakers this year.
- We also have two full time Long Trail Patrol crews and a Construction Crew.
- There has been an increase in funding this year as part of post-covid relief; it will benefit us this year and next.
- Trail saw a 35% increase in use in last year over previous years. "Secret places" are busy, while "busy places are super, super busy." Lots are already full early in morning some weekends. Main Club has been discussing how to educate public about stewardship.
- Fundraising, memberships and end-of-year donations have all been strong this year.
- A Capital Campaign was started in 2019 and has raised two million dollars already.
- The Main Club's Annual Meeting will be held on June 12 as a virtual event.
- Mike said a "thank you" to all of us, the "shared partnership" model between Sections and the Main Club is very helpful and is working!

Main Club President Comments by Tom Candon:

- Thank you to the Killington Section volunteers for all the hard work.
- This past year has been challenging, but all have done well with handling the covid restrictions.
- Meetings like this one show how the Green Mountain Club works.

Smoke & Blazes Report by Vivian Bebee:

- Vivian is ready to retire from position of Smoke & Blazes Editor . . . will finish out 2021, but then a new editor is needed. She has been using a template from a previous editor, with some tweaks. Round of applause was given for Vivian's hard work.

Election of Directors:

- Current Status: current Directors are Sandy Bragg, Ruth Hare, Gerry Martin, Larry Walter, Allison Henry, Spencer Wilson, Melissa Reichert, Sue Thomas, Wayne Krevetski.. Sandy, Ruth and Gerry are at end of three-year terms. Sandy is ineligible for re-election as he is at end of his second term. Gerry said he does not want to be a candidate. Ruth said she would continue for a second term if asked.
- Sue nominated Herb Ogden, seconded by Ruth. Herb accepted as a courtesy, but would step down if someone else wanted to be Director.
- Ruth was nominated and her nomination seconded.
- Herb nominated Gerry, seconded by Sue. Gerry declined the nomination.
- Gerry nominated Diane Bargiel. Diane declined.
- Gerry nominated Amy Peacock, seconded by Diane. Amy who asked what the role entails.
- Gerry moved to close the nominations, seconded by Diane.
- Wayne moved that the secretary present the candidates Amy Peacock, Ruth Hare and Herb Ogden as a slate, seconded by Gerry.
- The slate was cast and elected unanimously by voice vote.

New Business:

- New USFS headquarters being built on Route 4 in Mendon. We want to know whether there will be room for a Green Mountain Club display. Wayne said he has discussed it with the Main Club but hasn't heard back yet.
- Sue mentioned the loss of long-term Killington Section member and volunteer, Tom Copps. The family is planning a service in July. Diane suggested a memorial hike in the fall. Tom's memory and contributions were acknowledged by all present.
- Larry asked about pipeline on Pico (crosses the Sherburne Pass Trail). Melissa mentioned according to Land Conservation Committee, it is in violation of the easement. Wayne said the issue had been on hold temporarily due to covid.
- Herb asked if K-Section should post sign in Cooper Lodge stating it is no longer maintained by GMC. Wayne will look into this possibility.
- Sue mentioned that there is a lot of garbage including tents, coolers and other gear at Clarendon Gorge.

Herb moved to adjourn the General Meeting and go into the Directors' Meeting, seconded by Mike Roussel. Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

DIRECTORS MEETING

- The Directors' Meeting was held for the purposes of electing officers.
- Herb nominated Wayne for President, seconded by Allison. Herb moved to close the nominations.
- Allison nominated Herb for Vice President, seconded by Sue.
- Long discussion held on position of Treasurer. None of current Directors were interested in role. Several members' named, including former Directors. Unable to come up with nominee for Treasurer who wanted the position, so this portion of the discussion was put on pause.
- Ruth nominated Allison for Secretary, seconded by Sue.
- Sue motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Herb, and passed.
- The President, Vice President and Secretary were elected unanimously.
- We decided the Treasurer role was TBA. Wayne offered to contact several potential candidates from the membership.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Melissa, seconded by Larry, and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Addendum . . . Post-meeting Update:

- Wayne was able to find a relatively new member, Maura Wildman, who was interested in joining the Board and becoming Treasurer. On April 29 via email, Wayne moved that Maura be elected to the Board of Directors and appointed Treasurer. Maura would be replacing Herb who would step down. This motion was approved over email by Sue, Melissa, Allison, Herb, Amy, and Larry. Wayne officially invited Maura to the Board on May 2.

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KILLINGTON SECTION

Your Invitation to Join **Killington Section, Green Mountain Club**

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.

ANNUAL DUES:

Individual\$45
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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:

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Make check payable to "GMC" and mail with this application to:

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