



STC NEWSLETTER

“ON FOOT IN POTTER COUNTY”

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Coudersport, PA 16915

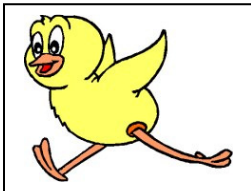
April 2004



The purposes of the STC are to build and maintain trails; aid in the conservation of wetlands and wildlife and promote good fellowship through the medium of hiking and nature study.



STC HIKING SCHEDULE



It's spring and time to take a hike or two! This issue of the newsletter contains the April thru July hiking schedule, compliments of the Hiking Committee. Members are Wil

Ahn, Bill Boyd, Pat Childs, Bob Knowles, Tom Leete, and Bill Morey. A big thank you to the Hiking Committee and to all the hike leaders who made this hiking schedule possible! Plan to join the club on one or more hikes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Trail Club is grateful for the continued support of members renewing their membership. A special thank you to those of you sending additional financial contributions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A ballot is enclosed to elect officers for the next two years. There is an open space on the ballot for more nominations in all office categories. Please obtain the nominee's consent before placing his/her name in the open space on the ballot. Ballots will be counted at the May meeting.



▶▶▶ **Return ballots by May 1 to
STC, P.O. Box 643, Coudersport, PA 16915**

STC Hike Committee Needs YOUR Help

The need for new volunteer hike leaders has become urgent. New volunteers are needed to replace hike leaders that have moved out of the area or can no longer participate due to age and/ or health problems.

Unless STC members volunteer to plan and lead one or more hikes during the annual April through October hike season, the STC Hike Committee will be forced to schedule fewer hikes. Specifically, we need hike leaders for July thru October.

---▶ **To volunteer to become a hike leader, contact Wil Ahn at the STC address P.O. Box 643, Coudersport, PA 16915.**

The STC Hiking Committee requests members and interested hikers to mail them hike suggestions for Saturday hikes five or more miles in length and for Sunday hikes two to four miles in length.

----▶ **Mail your hike suggestions to the STC Hike Committee, P.O. Box 643, Coudersport, PA 16915.**

STC CAMPOREE 2004 July 30- August 1



The 34th STC Annual Camporee will be held at Ole Bull State Park, with Dave and Roxanne McMillan organizing the activities.

Set up camp Friday July 30 in the Group Camp Area. Come hiking Saturday July 31 on either the short or long hike.

Join us for the dish-to-pass picnic and club meeting Saturday evening July 31 in the large pavilion near the Ole Bull State Park office.

More information will be in the July newsletter, but for now mark your calendars!



KEYSTONE TRAIL CREW- 2004

From Joe Healey, Keystone Trail Crew Coordinator



EIGHTH YEAR OF KEYSTONE TRAIL CREW SET

Keystone Trail Crew, sponsored by KTA, will again have three weeks of volunteer trail maintenance in

the month of June. The work week will run from Wednesday through Sunday.

The dates are:

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

Meals and lodging/campsites will be provided. If you can spare a week, volunteer a weekend or come for just a day or two, please think about signing up. No volunteer will be turned away. Forward all inquiries to Joe Healey, 93 Cedarwood Drive, Laflin, PA 18702, e-mail jnlhealey@aol.com or feel free to call at (570) 655-4979. Detailed information and a map directing you to the respective lodging/campsite will then be forwarded.



DCNR ACQUIRES MINERAL RIGHTS BENEATH HAMMERSLEY

That was the headlines of the Potter Leader Enterprise newspaper on January 28, 2004. The headline is followed by the writer stating Potter County's Susquehannock Trail Club is applauding the State's recent purchase of mineral rights beneath thousands of acres of State Forest land in the Hammersley Wild Area. For decades the club has advocated measures which would preserve the land, located within the Susquehannock State Forest, from exploitation.

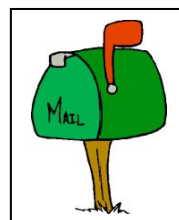
Pa. Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary, Michael DiBernardis announced the acquisition of the rights from two energy companies, insuring the future protection of one of the State's largest wild areas. Many other newspapers through out the state had released articles to their readers of DCNR acquisition of the Hammersley mineral rights and several of our club members sent clippings of the good news to STC headquarters.

As most of you members know, a 10 mile section of the 85-mile STS runs thru the Hammersley and is recognized by hikers and back packers as a pure delight to traverse. Yes, we are certainly pleased of the DCNR action and thank them most heartily.

▶▶▶ I recommend all members send thank you letters to DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, P.O. Box 8552, Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-8552.

Wil Ahn, President

JUNE 12, 2004: NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please have your information in the mail by June 12, 2004 to:

Roxanne McMillan
STC Newsletter Editor
P.O. Box 427
Landisville, PA. 17538

Or roxanne_mcmillan@hotmail.com



GREAT ATTENDANCE AT THE WINTER FROLIC

(Excerpted from Bob Knowles STC column
in February 18, 2004 PotterLeader Enterprise)

The 34th annual Susquehannock Trail Club Winter Frolic was held during the Presidents Day Weekend on Saturday, February 14 with seventy-eight members and guests attending.



On an overcast Saturday morning, Curt Weinhold led 16 cross-country skiers in the depths of Pine Creek Gorge on the Pine Creek Trail, the abandoned Penn Central/ Conrail

Railroad grade. On excellent snow conditions the group skied from the Darling Run access/ parking area off Rt. 362 to Four Mile Run. Lowell Luft, Columbia, a distance ahead of the group, identified a large bird flying overhead as an adult bald eagle with gleaming white head and tail. Joe Allis, Galeton continued alone to Tiadaghton.

Charles Kern, Jonestown, snow shoed the Denton Hill area. Bill Boyd, Coudersport, cross country skied the Denton Hill Cross Country Trails across Rt. 6 opposite the Bureau of Forestry buildings. Numerous tracks of deer, fox, and turkey were observed.

Saturday evening, seventy-eight members and guests enjoyed the baked ham/ stuffed chicken breast buffet catered dinner held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Coudersport. After the dinner, a short club meeting followed.

Applicants approved for new membership were Mary Buca, Coudersport; Robert and Josephine Hill, Ulysses; Charles Crossan, Elkland; Frank Mosch, Corning, NY; Carl and Shirley Zebracki, Fredonia, NY.

Wil Ahn reported recent DCNR purchase of mineral rights in the proposed Hammersley Wild Area was a surprise to the STC. The Hammersley is now fully protected by DCNR.

Lowell and Barbara Luft, Columbia, have agreed to assume trail maintenance care on the 7 mile section of the STS between Custer's Last Stand camp on Short Run Road and Ole Bull State Park.

A volunteer trail maintainer is needed for the 5.6 mile STS section from Patterson State Park on

Rt. 44 to Prouty Lick State Park on Long Toe Road. The Winter Frolic Committee of Jean Reep and Maryann Griscavage, Wellsboro; Wayne Baumann, Bill Boyd, Coudersport; Bill Morey, Galeton, were given a thank you round of applause for an excellent job well done.

The featured speaker was Curt Weinhold, STC vice president. On his "third Alaska trip since 1997", Weinhold lone camped and photographed with various "lenses up to 500 mm" in three different Alaska National Parks during a three week period in July 2003. One week he base camped in Denali National Park, home of extraordinary sights and natural wonders. At Katmai National Park, home of 150 brown bears, he spent several days within a stone's throw taking shots of bears catching salmon at falls. Wrangel-St. Elias National Park, Weinhold learned, is "the largest US National Park, six times larger than Rhode Island and nine of the 16 highest peaks are within its borders."

The clear, sharp color slides depicted impressive views of Denali Mountain taken on several clear days, glaciers, old mine buildings, sunrise, wildflowers, a few birds and numerous animals photographed at elevations from sea level to 3,000 feet. On the slide of the classic Dall sheep on the mountainside, one could almost count the hairs on their bodies. Weinhold remarked that the "most abundant flying creature was mosquitoes".

The Potter Leader Enterprise also had an article by Blair Heimel entitled "Susquehannock Trail Club 'Winter Frolic' Big Success" in the February 18, 2004 paper. Mentioned were that Wil Ahn, club president, expressed appreciation to all who were involved in the State's acquisition of mineral rights beneath thousands of acres of State Forest land in southern Potter County. As reported in the January 28 Leader Enterprise, this transaction will protect the land in the Hammersley Wild Area from exploitation for gas, oil or mineral reserves by the private energy firms that previously owned those rights. Among the special guests at Saturday's Winter Frolic program was Tim Schlitzer, a producer from GreenWorks, an award-winning syndicated television program that profiles people involved in protecting the environment. STC Club secretary Betty Ahn and STC president Wil Ahn are Tim Schlitzer's aunt and uncle.

ALONG THE TRAIL...by Wil Ahn



As members of the Potter County Bird Club, Betty and I receive the quarterly newsletter "Ruffled Feathers". Mary Hirst, President of the Club and also newsletter editor, is doing a great job of putting out this colorful newsletter. Many of you know Mary is Manager of Ole Bull and Kettle Creek State Parks. Dave Hauber, well known birder in Potter and Tioga Counties, is Vice President of the Bird Club. The latest newsletter has an article by Mary Hirst: *Backyard Birds - Ole Bull*. Many of our club members are familiar with Ole Bull State Park and camping and picnicking there. I thought you would enjoy this article by Mary and am including it in my column.

***Backyard Birds - Ole Bull* by Mary Hirst**

Winter: Had a nice winter surprise on the 13th of December. I was walking the dogs across the road from the house and noticed a group of birds in the dead cedars in the beaver pond. I thought they were cedar waxwings (how appropriate) but the light was bad and I needed my binoculars. As I headed for the house, I caught a flicker of blue landing on a multiflora rose bush. Two bluebirds perched on top of the bush – almost brilliant in the dull winter light. I returned the dogs to the house and came back, binocs in hand. The cedar was alive with waxwings – 15 or more – and a dozen or so goldfinches. In amongst the mixture were 5 bluebirds! The birds were flying down to the multiflora rose and then back up to the cedar. I watched until my eyes hurt from the failing light conditions. All through the multiflora rose were a dozen or more tree sparrows as well. For being a noxious weed and a pain in the you-know-what, the rose bushes were bustling with activity and I was happy to have them that day. The feeders have been active. The Carolina wren is still around. And a towhee had been around until late December. One day in mid-December there was a red-winged blackbird on the feeder and the next, a grackle. We don't see them too much in winter. Had a female rusty black bird show up several days. Have tons of tree sparrows, juncos, both nuthatches, chickadees, titmice and purple finches. Goldfinches around. Finally a siskin on the thistle sock in late December. And two evening grosbeaks on one day in early January. There are about 12 mourning doves. Had thirteen until one met an unfortunate

(well fortunate for the hawk) demise. Didn't see what got it – all that was left was a pool of blood and some feathers in the snow. Hawks have got to eat too! A lone deer and a rabbit and an occasional flock of turkeys complete our feeder visitors.
Happy Birding: Mary



HERE AND THERE WITH OUR MEMBERS

It is always good to hear from our members far and near. We receive letters, e-mail, photos, news clippings and information throughout the year and I am always happy to share the interesting and sometimes amusing information.



An E-mail from member Dave McMillan gives information on STC hike leaders that have volunteered to lead hikes for those KTA members attending the KTA Spring Council meeting in Wellsboro, the first weekend in April 2004. They are: Pete Fleszar, Curt Weinhold, Ginny Musser, Charles Kern, Pat Childs, Tim Morey, Wanda Shirk, Maryann Griscavage, Carl Davis and Wil Ahn. A good representation I would say.



Cathy Greisinger from near Pittsburgh, long time member and now retired from nursing, sends clippings of "Hammersley Wild Area" which was recently published in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. I remember when I hiked through the Hammersley with her husband Jim, now deceased, and their young son, Eric. Seeing a large rattler at close proximity was exciting for all of us.



Bob Bernhardt, member from Levittown, PA sent a copy of the letter he received from District Forester #15, John "Tom" Wallace. Bob had written to Wallace reporting damage to Billy Brown Trail by ATV's. Billy Brown Trail is an important hiking trail on State Forest land that intersects the Ridge Trail STS. The District Forester replied he would investigate the matter, post the trail closed to ATV's and have State Rangers include it in their patrol schedule. Thanks, Bob, for your letter alerting the District Forester of the problem.



In December, John and Pat Clement, STC members from Coudersport took their truck and Fifth Wheel Trailer for an all winter vacation in Florida. John sends e-mail: "Here we are at Naval Station, Mayport just outside Jacksonville, Fla. We

are right where the St. John's River empties into the ocean." On the way they enjoyed their stay at Lake Okeechobee. There was a hiking trail at the campground, the Florida National Scenic Trail. It was part of Rails - to - Trails and a great place to walk their dogs. They rode their bikes, saw many birds, ospreys, kestrels and alligators sunning themselves on the banks of the canal bordering the trail.

✿ Can you imagine X-country skiing in Raleigh, N. C.? That is exactly what member Marjorie "Gay" Gledhill was doing in February of this year. Two separate storms weeks apart left 2 to 3 inches and 6 inches on the ground in her front yard and surrounding neighborhoods. Gay strapped on the boards and skied the area making believe she was up in "Ol Potter" minus the hills and cold weather. Time to head north "honey", we miss you.

✿ Arnold and Karen Larsen, who lived in Coudersport for a while, now in Wayne, PA sent a postcard from Slovenia. They were there for their son's wedding. The card says this country is a miniature Switzerland or Montana with some seacoast thrown in. People are very hospitable.

✿ Larry Peterson, from Wellsboro, sent photos his daughter took when I led a hike through the "Hammersley" in late September 2003. One interesting photo enclosed is a shot of deer antlers, skull and neck vertebrae bones we discovered lying close to the STS trail. It was a nice heavy 8-point rack, no hide or meat on the skull or neck bones. A mystery! Water in the Hammersley Run was very high that day and a challenge to ford. The hike ended in a one-hour walk during a heavy thunder, lightning and rain storm.

✿ Sabine Araya from Addison, NY writes on January 30th about seeing a bluebird at the birdfeeder and that the turkeys are enjoying the corn she scatters for them. The local mother bear got caught in town with two of her babies and was tranquilized then relocated to Greenwood, NY.

✿ Mary Wetmore, member from Westfield, PA., writes she will be cooking and working in the kitchen for a week this summer at Three Springs Ministries, near Nauvoo in Tioga County.

Three Springs is owned by the Clemens and Hatfield Packing Co., Bucks County, Pa. Mary hopes to attend the STC Camporee at Ole Bull this coming summer.

✿ Gary Buchanan, STC member and Scout Master of a Coudersport Boy Scout Troop, sends a report that his troop of scouts and their adult leaders worked a total of 341 hours in April and September 2003 on sections of the STS brushing out and clearing trail. Thanks folks for all your help.

✿ Now an amusing story (I'm cutting it short) from members Tim and Jackie Schlitzer, Audubon, NJ. They took a 10-day vacation this past February to Arizona. They flew to Phoenix, rented a car and drove to the world famous Grand Canyon. Tim and Jackie hiked the 7 ½ mile Kaibab Trail down to the Colorado River which they said was running quite high. Sections of their hike on the trail were so crusted with frozen ice they had to strap on "Cramp-ons". They stayed one night at Bright Angel Campground and luckily the next night got bunk beds in rooms at the lodge. They hiked out next day. The trail was closed to horse travel as workers were working on trail damage and improvements. They did some more touring and camped at Clear Creek Campground. They arrived in the night and no one else was in the campground. While Jackie was setting up the camp tent, Tim, with strapped on headlight, went to get water a distance from their camp. Tim bent down at the water faucet to draw water and while doing so a large furry animal appeared opposite him. Bigger than a large dog but not a bear, it snarled and scared Tim away from the water. He had never seen such an animal. They searched the campground with their headlights and saw the animal again, which they learned was a Javalina or Wild Pig. Needless to say it was an experience they will always remember.

I'm running out of space, have to quit now.

▶▶▶▶ Ballots are enclosed for upcoming election of officers. Don't forget to vote. We look forward to hearing from you.



SEE YOU ALONG THE TRAIL

Wil

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April – July 2004



HIKES AND EVENTS SCHEDULE



SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB



- ▶ **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ON ALL HIKES**
- ▶ **Hike Leaders will not travel to hike meeting location if no reservations are received.**
- ▶ **Telephone hike leader for reservations or for additional information (if no answer, try 435-2966).**
- ▶ **Telephone area code is 814, unless otherwise noted.**
- ▶ **Rain or bad weather will cancel hike.**
- ▶ **Non-members welcome on all hikes.**

April 24 - SATURDAY - STS Hike – Wild Boy Road to Rock Ridge Road, via STS beyond Vista to blue blazed Larsen Trail to Rock Ridge Road. 4½ miles. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Patterson State Park on PA Rt. 44 at 10:00 a.m.

Leader: Pat Childs – 585-593-4077

May 1 - SATURDAY - Bike Trip on Pine Creek Trail in PA Grand Canyon. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Darling Run Parking Lot off Rt. 362. Bring lunch and water.

Leaders: Pat and John Clement – 274-0221

May 2 - SUNDAY - Denton Hill Loop Hike – Billy Lewis Ski Trail, Lyman Run Road and White Line Trail back to Bureau of Forestry. Meet at Bureau of Forestry building atop Denton Hill at 2:00 p.m.

Leader: Bill Boyd – 274-7529

May 8 - SATURDAY - Game Land Hike – via Clark Farm Road, Dry Bottom Trail, Johnson Brook and Thunder Run to starting point. 5 mile hike. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Dean's Gravel Pit, west of Galeton on Rt. 6. Bring lunch and water.

Leaders: Wil Ahn – 435-2966; Bill Boyd – 274-7529

May 16 - SUNDAY - State Forest Hike via gated Ellis Hollow Road, Crowell Hollow to Rt. 6. Meet at school house on Sweden Valley/ Brookland Road at 2:00 p.m. Bring water.

Leader: Wil Ahn – 435-2966

May 22 - SATURDAY - Billy Lewis Hike via Billy Lewis Ski Trail to Sunken Branch Road, Splash Dam Trail and Palmatier Trail Loop. 5 miles. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Potato City Country Inn parking lot. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Tom Leete – 274-8627

May 29 - SATURDAY - State Forest/ Park Hike -- STS Ridge Trail, Elm Hollow Trail to Denton Ski Area. 3 miles. Meet at 10 a.m. at Bureau of Forestry Buildings atop Denton Hill. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Wayne Baumann – 274-7725

June 5 - SATURDAY - Wellsville Ridge Walk -- 5 mile hike in woodland of Alma Mountain Country. Easy to moderate hike. Visit beautiful vista, big rocks and fire tower. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Genesee (PA) Fire Hall. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Pat Childs – 585-593-4077

June 12 - SATURDAY - State Forest/ STS Hike -- 7 mile loop hike. Log Grade Trail off Rt. 44, STS, Bolich Hollow Trail to Rt. 44. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Cherry Springs State Park opposite airport. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Tom Leete – 274-8627

June 19 - SATURDAY - Fire Tower/ Rt. 44 Hike -- 4 ½ miles via Fire Tower Trail, Wingard Trail and Hopper House Trail to Rt. 44. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Cherry Springs Fire Tower off Rt. 44. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Bill Boyd – 274-7529

June 27 - SUNDAY - Laurel Hike - 3 to 4 miles. Fire Tower Site on Ansley Road - Game Break/ snowmobile trails. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at Dean's Gravel Pit on US Rt. 6, west of Galeton. Bring water.
Leader: Pat Childs – 585-593-4077

July 3 - SATURDAY - Mina Hike - Left Branch of Dingman Run, around the mountains on old logging roads to Mina. Meet at Gospel Tabernacle Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. in Coudersport (corner of Dingman Run Road and US Rt. 6). Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Bill Boyd – 274-7529

July 10 - SATURDAY - Hogback Hike - 5 ½ miles Cherry Springs Fire Tower to Custer's Last Stand Camp on Short Run Road. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Cherry Springs Fire Tower off Rt. 44. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Bill Morey – 435-6380

July 18 - SUNDAY - Hike 'n Swim along the Black Forest Trail - Meet 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of Rt. 44 & the Potter County line. The Black Forest Trail crosses here. Shuttle cars to Slate Run. Hike is level or downhill all the way. Distance is approximately 6 miles. End of hike is a world-class swimming hole! Swimming is optional. Will go in almost any weather, but **only if four or more phone by July 16.**
Leader: Curt Weinhold – 274-9858

July 24 - SATURDAY - Patterson State Park on Rt. 44 to Prouty State Park - 6 mile hike. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Patterson State Park on Rt. 44. Bring lunch and water.
Leader: Dick Hribar – 274-8248

July 30 to August 1 – FRIDAY to SUNDAY - STC Annual Summer Camporee at Ole Bull State Park. Long and short hikes Saturday morning July 31 leaving from Ole Bull State Park Group Camping area. More details in the July STC Newsletter.
Leaders: Dave and Roxanne McMillan – 717-898-0358



LAST CALL FOR 2004 DUES!

OUR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS SHOW THAT YOUR 2004 DUES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AS OF MID-MARCH. PLEASE REMIT \$6.00 FOR FAMILY DUES OR \$3.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL DUES TO: STC, P.O. BOX 643, COUDERSPORT, PA 16915

- **AS PER OUR STC BY-LAWS, THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY REMINDER AND A NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE SENT OUT IN JULY TO ANY MEMBERS WITH DUES UNPAID BY THAT ISSUE DATE.**

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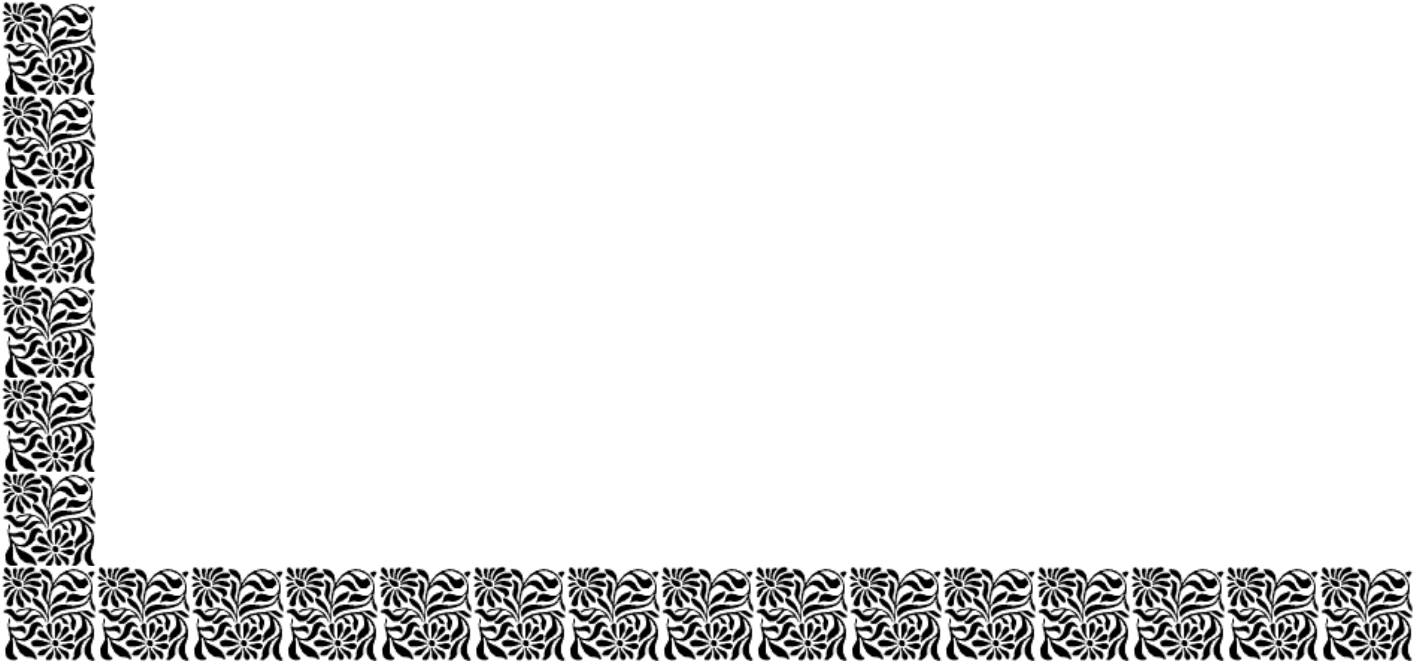
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KTA Corner

Keystone Trails Association is an organization of member clubs and individuals that promotes the interest of hikers throughout Pennsylvania. Through interaction with government agencies, legislative monitoring, trail building and trail maintenance, KTA provides many benefits to all of Pennsylvania’s hikers. For information on joining KTA go to www.kta-hike.org/member.htm

On April 2, 3&4 of 2004 KTA will again have their spring meeting in Wellsboro at the Penn-Wells Hotel. Plan to attend the meetings or join in a hike. Several members of the STS will be leading hikes on Saturday and Sunday.

During the day on Saturday, KTA will hold the council meeting and will be discussing regular business items as well as several initiatives to modify the structure and function of the organization. Committees have been working for the past 6 months on various portions of these initiatives. The results of the day’s meeting could lead to significant changes in the operation of KTA. On Saturday evening there will be a general membership meeting and entertainment program.

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TRAIL MAINTENANCE



Correction: In the “2003 STS Trail Maintenance” article of the January 2004 issue of the STC Quarterly Newsletter, I omitted the name of Wayne Baumann, Coudersport, as one of the STS Trail maintainers. My sincere apologies. Bob Knowles



