



STC NEWSLETTER

“ON FOOT IN POTTER COUNTY”

P.O. Box 643
Coudersport, PA 16915

July 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.

SUMMER CAMPOREE July 30-August 1, 2004



The 34th STC Annual Camporee will be at Ole Bull State Park, with Dave and Roxanne McMillan organizing the activities. We once again have the pleasure of camping in the

beautiful Group Camping area. The itinerary for a fun-filled weekend is enclosed. A short hike Friday evening will take you to the beaver dam. Saturday morning make a choice between the short or long hike, both leaving from the Group Camping Area. Take a swim or a nap Saturday afternoon. Pull up a chair around the campfire Friday or Saturday evenings to share some stories. Come to the Main Pavilion Saturday evening for the dish-to-pass supper and enjoy the wide selection of home-cooked food. After dinner, stay for the monthly STC meeting and informative evening program. You'll be glad you came to the 34th Annual STC Camporee!

The schedule of events and details are included later in this newsletter. Please detach the schedule and bring the information along with you to the Camporee.

We hope to see YOU there.



STC OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2-YEAR TERM

Ballots have been received and counted at the May meeting of STC. Ninety-eight ballots were received, a gratifying number considering the far reaching locations of members outside of Potter and Tioga Counties.

Officers elected -

- Wil Ahn - President
- Bill Morey - Vice President
- Betty Ahn - Secretary
- Sandy Timms - Treasurer
- Lois Morey - Archivist
- Advisory Council - Bob Knowles
- Advisory Council - Joe Allis
- Advisory Council - Terry Simkins



There were no write-in candidates on the ballots.

► We thank all members who voted and we will do our very best to serve the membership in all matters pertaining to the operation of the Susquehannock Trail Club.

Signed - Elected Officers



STC HIKING SCHEDULE

July thru October

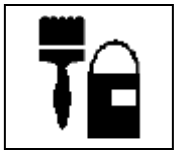
This issue of the newsletter contains the Hiking Schedule, brought to you by the Hiking Committee. Members are Wil Ahn, Bill Boyd, Pat Childs, Bob Knowles, Tom Leete and Bill Morey.



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.

STC TRAIL MAINTENANCE

by Bob Knowles



Twenty-nine members plus Boy Scouts and adult Scout Leaders of Troop 32, Jonestown, reported performing 2004 Susquehannock Trail annual maintenance during the

March 9 through May 30 period totaling 451 hours; 302 work hours and 149 travel hours.

Susquehannock Trail workers were Wayne Baumann, Bill Boyd, Pat and John Clement, Dorothy Erway, Dick Hribar and Bruce Robbins, Coudersport; Joe Allis, Bill Morey, Andy Salek, Galeton; Robert Buck, Gold; Roger Buck, Mansfield; Wil Ahn, Raymond Buck, Cliff Wood, Ulysses; Jeff Clarke, Canton; Lowell and Barbara Luft, Columbia; Tom Weiner, Erie; Bernie and Jake Goch, Johnstown; Dave McMillan, Landisville; Dave Singer, Lititz; Leo Boyer, Tower City; John Clark, Scio, NY.

Boy Scout Troop 32, Jonestown, reported named members clearing the STS were Scouts Zack Warick, Greg Henne, Logan Starton and Rich Wolfe; Adult leaders Charles Kern, Jonestown; Curt Wunderlick, Lebanon and Richard Wolfe, Jonestown.

Report trail work hours and round trip hours promptly to Bob Knowles or Wil Ahn at the STS Club Address P.O. Box 643, Coudersport, PA 16915.

Quarterly HIKE SUMMARY

by Bob Knowles



Thirty-four STC members and guests hiked 21 miles on five STC sponsored hikes three to five miles long during the April 24 through May 29 period.

Pat Childs, Wellsville, NY led five hikers five miles on Saturday April 24 from Wild Boy Road to beyond the Card Hollow Vista, 100 yards past the blue blazed Larsen Trail on the Susquehannock Trail; and on a grassy logging road to Rock Ridge Road.

The May 1 Bicycle Trip on Pine Creek Trail was cancelled due to the lack of hike leaders.

The May 2 Denton Hill Loop Hike was cancelled due to rain.

Wil Ahn, Ulysses, and Bill Boyd, Coudersport, led three hikers five miles on Game Lands Hike on Saturday May 8 via Clark Farm Road, Dry Bottom Trail, Johnson Brook Hollow and Thunder Run despite threat of rain and annoyance of pesky tiny black flies.

Wil Ahn, Ulysses, led eight hikers three miles on Sunday May 16 on the State Forest Hike via gated Ellis Hollow Road and Crowell Hollow to U.S. Route 6. The group hiked a wet trail in Crowell Hollow due to water seeping from hillside springs.

Tom Leete, Coudersport, led six hikers on the Saturday May 22 Pioneer Farm Hike in the North Hollow Road area. Wildflowers were the hike's highlight.

Wayne Baumann, Coudersport, led two STC members and five guests on the four-mile hike in the Susquehannock State Forest via the STS Ridge Trail, Elm Hollow Trail to Ski Denton area in Denton Hill State Park on U.S. Route 6 on Saturday May 29.

Hikers during this quarter were Hal Baumann, Wayne Baumann, Bill Boyd, Mary Duca, Tom Leete, Becky Monger and Steve White, all from Coudersport; Bill Morey, David and Deborah Mack, Galeton; Wil Ahn, Charlotte Freeman, Sara Squier, Ulysses; Tom Weiner, Erie; Faith Carey, Nelson;

Tom Janci, Myrtle; Pat Childs, Clair Almeter, Ralph Stockman, Wellsville, NY; Ken and Joan Hall with sons Kenny and Orin, Rochester NY; Harry Penderton, Portland, Oregon.

Wayne Baumann attended four of the five hikes; Wil Ahn and Bill Boyd, three hikes.

Nine STC members led eight Saturday and five Sunday day hikes, two to nine miles long totaling 77 miles, at the statewide Keystone Trails Association Spring Council Meeting and Hiking Weekend held April 2 to April 4, 2004 based at the Penn Wells Hotel, Wellsboro.

Saturday and Sunday hikes were led by Curt Weinhold, Coudersport; Virginia Musser, Lititz; Carl Davis, Wellsboro; and Pete Fleszar.

Saturday hikes were led by Wil Ahn, Ulysses; Charles Kern, Jonestown; Maryann Griscavage and Tim Morey, Wellsboro. The hike planned by Patricia Childs, Wellsville, NY was cancelled due to a lack of participants.

Wanda Shirk, Ulysses, led a Sunday hike.

ALONG THE TRAIL...by Wil Ahn

VISITING IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Our very busy newsletter editor, Roxanne McMillan and friend Lynne, took a 10-day vacation in May to Utah and Arizona. They visited various National Parks and Monuments, State Parks and Scenic Byways. The gals camped out in the hot, dry section of the USA - 80 - 90 degrees during the day and cool nights in the low 40-50 degree range. Some places they stayed: Arches National Park, Bryce and Zion National Parks, Utah State Parks and Petrified Forests. Looking forward to hearing more about it when we meet up with Roxanne.

HEADING NORTH AGAIN

STC members, Art and Neen Davis, from Camp Hill, Pa. are on their way to Labrador with their pop-up trailer and truck. Left Pa. around May 20th. They are heading for an Eskimo village and Polar

Bear country. Art and Neen are well known for their visits to the far north country, having made many trips by canoe to the Hudson Bay area and sections of Northern Canada and Alaska. Art served at Secretary of DER for 8 years under Governor Casey.

HISTORIAN WRITES FIRST BOOK

I have known him since he was born. Twenty-six year old Eric Greisinger, from Bakerstown, Pa. near Pittsburgh, has visited Potter County since he was an infant. As he got older he accompanied his parents on many hiking trips on the STS. Eric recently finished the entire 85-mile STS and will be applying for the Club's prestigious Circuit Hiker Award. Eric, always quiet and studious, was interested at an early age in American History, especially periods of war time. Earning his Masters Degree in American History, Eric Greisinger has written "**A World Away But Close to Home**" for the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County in Pa. His 262 page book depicts interviews with over 200 veterans and civilians of Somerset County, remembering World War II and covering all theatres of the war. I have a copy of the book and having lived at the time of Pearl Harbor and V-Day have found Eric's writing most interesting. Eric is the son of Jim and Cathy Greisinger, STC members.

THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Lois Morey, our STC Archivist, will be completing 35 years of service with Pa. DCNR at the end of June 2004. She has served as Secretary in both departments of DCNR, Bureau of Parks and Bureau of Forestry. The present DCNR was once called PA. Dept. of Forest and Waters. Lois is presently working at Lyman Run State Park where she has served for a number of years under Park Manager Chip Harrison.

Lois Morey has been a faithful member of the STC for many years and has served as an officer in different offices during that time. Lois and her mother and father, Lewis and Jeanette Baker, are recorded in the clubs history as the first family to

hike and complete the 85-mile STS. We will miss her friendly service at Lyman Run State Park but thankful she will be with us here in Potter County and still active in STC operations. Thanks Lois, for all your years of service to the public.

 **JOSEPH HEIMEL - 1918-2004**

Joe Heimel of Coudersport, Pa. passed away on June 9th, 2004 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Erie, Pa. He was 85. Joe was one of the early pioneers of the Susquehannock Trail System. He was a brother-in-law to Bill Fish, who is known as the father of the idea of the STS hiking trail. He is survived by wife, Barbara, also a longtime member of the STC. Joe Heimel, Bill Fish, Tom Leete, Jim Berger and Denny Goodenough, all young lads from the Coudersport area, roamed the mountains and valleys of the Denton Hill area in their early teens, hunting and fishing and enjoying the beauty of "God's Country".

Joe Heimel was a veteran of WW II and served in the U.S. Airforce, having made 50 bombing missions over Europe as a tail gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was awarded the Purple Heart. In recent years, he and wife Barbara enjoyed hiking their favorite section of the STS, the White Line-Splash Dam Trails. Joe will be remembered by many of his friends in the STC.



SEE YOU ALONG THE TRAIL
Wil

**Harvest/Wild Game
Dinner Saturday
October 16, 2004**

**Save the date. Details in the October
STC newsletter.**

**KTA
Trail Maintenance
Weekend on the STS
October 22 to 24**



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW
FOR THIS SPECIAL
TRAIL MAINTENANCE EVENT.**

Dave McMillan, STS representative to the Keystone Trails Association, will lead a KTA weekend of Trail Care on the Susquehannock Trail.

There will be free camping at the Ole Bull State Park Group Camp Area for participants. Come join the KTA trail care crew. Come for a day or for the weekend.

Contact Dave McMillan at 717-898-0358 for more information.



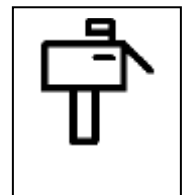
More details to appear in the October STC Newsletter.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

September 10, 2004:

Please have your information in the US mail by September 10, 2004 to:

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



Or e:mail to roxanne_mcmillan@hotmail.com

Bring this schedule along to the camporee!!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB 34th CAMPOREE
Ole Bull State Park
Friday July 30 – Sunday August 1, 2004

Committee Members: Dave and Roxanne McMillan 717-898-0358

Camping in the Ole Bull Group Camping Area

- No camping fees for STC members camping in the group area only.
- Sites for both tents and RV's but no hookups are available.
- If electric hookup is desired, you must obtain a regular campsite in the park family camping area at your own expense.
- State Park Regulations include a **no alcohol** and **no pets** rule.

FRIDAY July 30:

Afternoon & Evening: Set up camp and sign roster.

8:00 pm - Short walk to the Beaver Dam (led by Roxanne McMillan)

- Bring flashlight and insect repellent

8:30 pm - Evening Campfire – Bring a few logs for the campfire if you can

SATURDAY July 31:

8:30 am – Long Hike (Led by Dave McMillan)

- Meet at Ole Bull Group Camping Area
- The long hike will be approximately 8 miles in length, returning in time for the evening meal. A shuttle will be organized the morning of the hike.
- Bring lunch and plenty of water

9:00 am – Short Hike (led by Roxanne McMillan)

- Meet at Ole Bull Group Camping Area
- Approximately 4 to 5 miles – Joerg Road to Impson Hollow to STS to Ole Bull Park
- Bring a snack and plenty of water

6:00 pm – DISH-to-PASS Dinner

- Held at the large Ole Bull Park Main Pavilion
- Bring a generous dish-to-pass, a beverage and your own place settings
- STC monthly meeting held immediately after the dinner
- Evening Program held after the STC meeting

This year our guest speaker is Denise Mitcheltree, Wildlife Conservation Officer for the Pennsylvania Game Commission North Central Region. She will tell us about Bobcats.

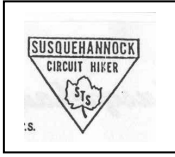
Late Evening: Social Campfire at the Group Camping Area.

SUNDAY August 1:

- No formal activities planned – break camp

CIRCUIT HIKER AWARDS

From Lois Morey, STC Archivist



No logs were submitted or approved This Quarter.



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IN CASE YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE PREVIOUS SCHEDULE:

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 July 31. See details in this Newsletter issue.