



STC NEWSLETTER

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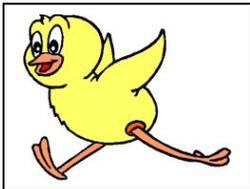
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April 2005 

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.

STC CAMPOREE 2005



Details for the 35th STC Annual Camporee will be in the July newsletter.



Club Patches available for \$3.50 (which includes postage) from Club Address



REPORT ON DUES INCREASE

In our last newsletter we gave reasons for raising the dues structure from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for individual members and \$6.00 to \$10.00 for a family membership. The higher cost of printing and mailing the Club's newsletter; higher costs of answering mail and sending out Club brochures, business letters and information to inquiries; increased costs in rental of halls and gathering places to hold club functions were all steadily eating into the treasury causing deficit spending.

Members being made aware of the situation and asked to voluntarily increase their dues this year 2005 near and far responded unanimously. Because of the Club's bylaws, the present dues structure will remain for 2005 and the new dues structure will take effect in 2006.

The officers and members responsible for taking care of the business end of the Club's operations are thankful for your quick response to the dues increase. My sincere thanks to all members. Special thanks to those of you who gave additional donations to the Club; your generosity is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wil Ahn, President

KEYSTONE TRAIL CREW- 2005

From Joe Healey, Keystone Trail Crew Coordinator

NINTH YEAR OF KEYSTONE TRAIL CREW



Keystone Trail Crew, sponsored by KTA, will again have three weeks of volunteer hiking trail maintenance in the month of June.

The work week will run from Wednesday through Sunday. The dates are:

- **June 8 through June 12**

Mid State Trail Southern Extension

- **June 15 through June 19**

Mid State Trail Northern Extension

- **June 22 through June 26**

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.

GREAT ATTENDANCE AT THE WINTER FROLIC

(Portions excerpted from Bob Knowles *STC* column in February 23, 2005 *PotterLeader Enterprise*)

The 35th annual Susquehannock Trail Club Winter Frolic was held during the Presidents Day Weekend on Saturday, February 19 with sixty members and guests attending.



Saturday morning Joe Allis, Galeton, led eight cross country skiers on a "nice ski tour, thin in spots" from the Bureau of Forestry buildings off Rt. 6 on the Susquehannock Trail's White Line Trail beyond Lyman Run Road, a dead end logging road toward Splash Dam and return. Numerous fox tracks were observed. Skiers were Bill Boyd, Coudersport;

Virginia Musser, Lititz; John Clark, Scio, NY, with daughter Judy Presutti; Beth Lounsbury with sister Nancy, and Joe and Barbara Allis, Galeton. Charles Kern, Jonestown, lone cross country skied the blue blaze trail from Patterson State Park on Rt.44.

On Saturday evening, sixty members and guests enjoyed the Winter Frolic Dinner held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Coudersport. A baked ham/ stuffed chicken breast buffet was catered by "Bernie" LeFever, Coudersport.

The committee of Donna Batterson, Steve and Debbie Quelette organized the door prize drawing of camping / hiking items and table decorations. Winners were Wil Ahn, Hazel Bez, Bill Boyd, Alice Buchanan, Patricia Flowers, Virginia Musser, Judy Presutti and Sandy Timms.

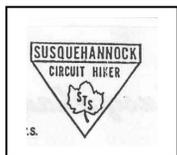
Wil Ahn, president, conducted a short February *STC* monthly meeting. New members approved for membership were Tom and Debbi Janci, Shinglehouse; Adam and Doreen Salek, Danville.

The committee comprised of Terry Simkins, Steve Quelette and George Petrisek investigated the use of e-mail to forward the *STC* Quarterly Newsletter to members requesting the service. A member volunteer is required to assume the work of copy preparation and transmission. Volunteers should contact any committee member at the Club address.

Carl Davis, Wellsboro, and Wanda Shirk, Ulysses, volunteered to plan and lead a day hike in the Cross Fork area for the April 3 – 5 Spring Weekend Meeting of the statewide Keystone Trails Association in Renovo.

Dave McMillan, Landisville, after several years of service, has resigned as *STC* representative to the statewide Keystone Trails Association Council. The activity involves attendance at four Saturday meetings each year plus participation in committee meetings. A *STC* member volunteer is urgently needed to fill the vacancy. Contact Wil Ahn at the Club address to volunteer.

For the evening program, Curt Weinhold, Coudersport, narrated a slide show of his visits to Mt. Washington in the White Mountains and to Death Valley California. His slides down memory lane of *STC* activities many years ago were appreciated by long time members.



CIRCUIT HIKER AWARDS

From Lois Morey,
STC Archivist

Circuit Hiker # 918 –Carlton Windle from Swansea, MA. He hiked the trail from October 21st to 25th in 2004.

STS Journey, submitted in December 2004 by a family group of five, was by far one of the best logs ever submitted for review and approval. The group consisted of a mother-in-law, the Mom, her daughter and two nephews (ages ranged from 8 to 53). They day-hiked the trail sections starting on June 15, 2003 and completed the circuit on June 25, 2004. While reading and viewing all the gorgeous photos compiled so carefully and meticulously in a hand-crafted burlap covered journal, I could not help but feel that I was walking right along with this family as they experienced all the sights and sounds along the 85-mile long STS. What a wonderful learning adventure they had!! It is obvious that many hours were spent putting this well-written journal together. Congratulations!!

#919 – Gwyn Bower, Selinsgrove, PA

#920 – Jenifer Bower, Selinsgrove, PA

#921 – Cindy Bower, Selinsgrove, PA

#922 – Grant Jessup, Selinsgrove, PA

#923 – Emerson Jessup, Selinsgrove, PA

As an added note, I personally met each of these hikers on June 23, 2004, just two days before my retirement from DCNR, Lyman Run State Park. During my career of 30 years plus with Forests and Waters, DER and then DCNR, I had many opportunities to meet and converse with STS hikers, answering questions ranging from State Forest or Parks Rules and Regulations to where to park vehicles, how long does it take and location of the best camping spots. Those conversations were enjoyed because of the shared interests and love of the outdoors and nature.

Another group of four recently completed earning their awards from hiking the STS in June 2004.

They are as follows:

#924 – Sandra Cassel, Shillington, PA

#925 – Martha Quigley, Pottstown, PA

#926 – Diane Paxson, Bernville, PA

#927 – William Wentzel, Boyertown, PA

► **Again, congratulations to all of you completing the STS Circuit.**

This letter was in the envelope with dues from Carolyn Enoch addressed to me and I want to share it with you. She is Circuit Hiker #894 from Reinholds, PA

Letter was dated 1-17-05

Dear Lois Morey,

The STC certainly lives up it its purposes. What a wonderful group of people. I know not one of them.

However, in your October 2004 issue, I saw one name to be sure. Circuit hiker #914 – Donald Kirkland from Devon, PA. Now here is a fellow hiker from the Horse-Shoe Trail Club of which I belong. He's a dedicated member from leading hikes to maintenance. He has section-hiked the entire Appalachian Trail and has given me many pointers for my solo thru AT trek in 94. Needless to say we have a lot in common. We have many miles of walking. They say that this lengthens your life by 2 years. Hhmm...? We will see. The world is changing so quickly. I hope there will always be a footpath to follow somewhere.

Happy Trails to you

"Dannie B.E." (Carolyn Enoch)

JUNE 10, 2005: NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please have your information in the mail by June 10, 2005 to:

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

Or roxanne_mcmillan@hotmail.com

ALONG THE TRAIL...by Wil Ahn

STS JOURNAL

The Circuit Hiker Award Committee received an embroidered covered album 2" thick scrapbook style with very descriptive trail findings and information and photos galore. The five individuals applying for the award hiked the entire trail during 5 days in June 2003, 7 days in June 2004 and 3 days in July 2004. The hikers and their ages in 2003 were Grant Jessup, age 8, Gwyn Bower, age 9, Emerson Jessup, age 11, Jennifer Oden Bower, age 39, and Cynthia Mengel Bower, age 53. Jennifer is Gwyn's mother and the aunt of Grant and Emerson; Cynthia is Gwyn's grandmother and Jennifer's mother-in-law.

During the hiking they stayed at a family camp owned by Ken & Jan Oden (STC members), known as Folded Hills Lodge on Rt.44 between Ole Bull State Park and the village of Cross Fork.

A note from their introductory letter – we hope you like our story and find us credible circuit hikers. We had a truly wonderful experience hiking the STS and are grateful to the STC for such a beautiful trail. This group of circuit hikers not only enjoyed hiking the STS, but enjoyed sharing their love of the trail and the deep forests of Potter and North Clinton Counties with others.

When I read of their experiences "Along the Trail", I know that all the hard work and maintenance the STC has put into STS over the years was well worth the effort.

STC MEMBER – WANDA SHIRK ON NATIONAL TV

"WACKY WANDA PREMIERS TOMORROW" – That was the headlines in the local weekly newspaper, the Potter Leader – Enterprise, on February 16, 2005. Don Gilliland, Managing Editor of the newspaper, had much to say about his former school teacher, Wanda Shirk, when she taught him English and other subjects at the Northern Potter High School in Ulysses Township, Pa.

Wanda was to appear as one of the 20 Castaways on Thursday, Feb. 17th premier of CBS 10th Edition of

its reality show "Survivor". She was known as Wacky Wanda on the show, partly because of her singing self-penned "Survivor Songs". Shirk's reputation for singing and other unconventional behavior is well established at school. The kids at school love her antics, singing and clapping to the "Adverb Song" - "an adverb modifies an adjective or another adverb."

Although Wanda was one of the Castaways eliminated early in the show, she deserves much credit for a 50 year old to be chosen out of 50,000 original applicants and chosen as one of the final 20 out of 50 competitors. HATS OFF TO WANDA. She said it was a wonderful experience she will never forget.

BOB KNOWLES RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Bob Knowles of Ulysses, Pa. has been a member of the STC for many years. During that time he has been a loyal and dedicated member, promoting the STC, its activities and the continued protection of the STS. Bob has always been willing to go the extra mile when it came to trail maintenance and participating in the operation of the trail club.

Bob was the Club's first archivist and started photographing and collecting photos of members in action on hikes and work parties. He was the editor and organizer of the first issue of the Club's booklet "Susquehannock Hiker" in 1971, and continued doing so through 1976. Bob is and has been a member of the STC advisory council for a good portion of the Club's existence.

Several years ago he wrote and compiled a "History of the STC" which was printed in booklet form and sent out to all members. Bob presently writes a weekly column in the Potter-Leader Enterprise under the heading "Susquehannock Trail Club". The weekly column is popular with local members and many others seeking news about the Club activities and Bob's personal observations of birds, animals, flowers and surrounding scenic wonders.

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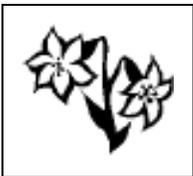
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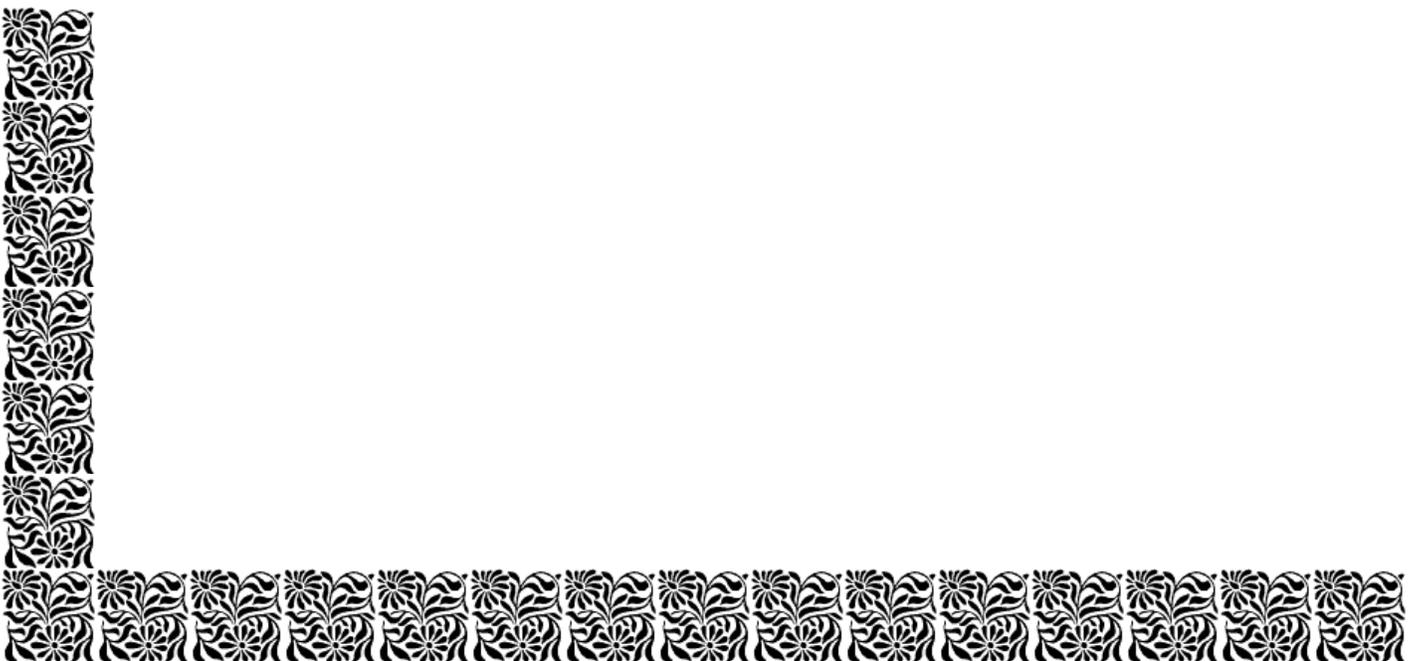


SEE YOU ALONG THE TRAIL

Wil



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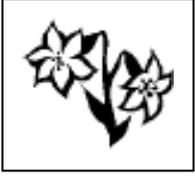
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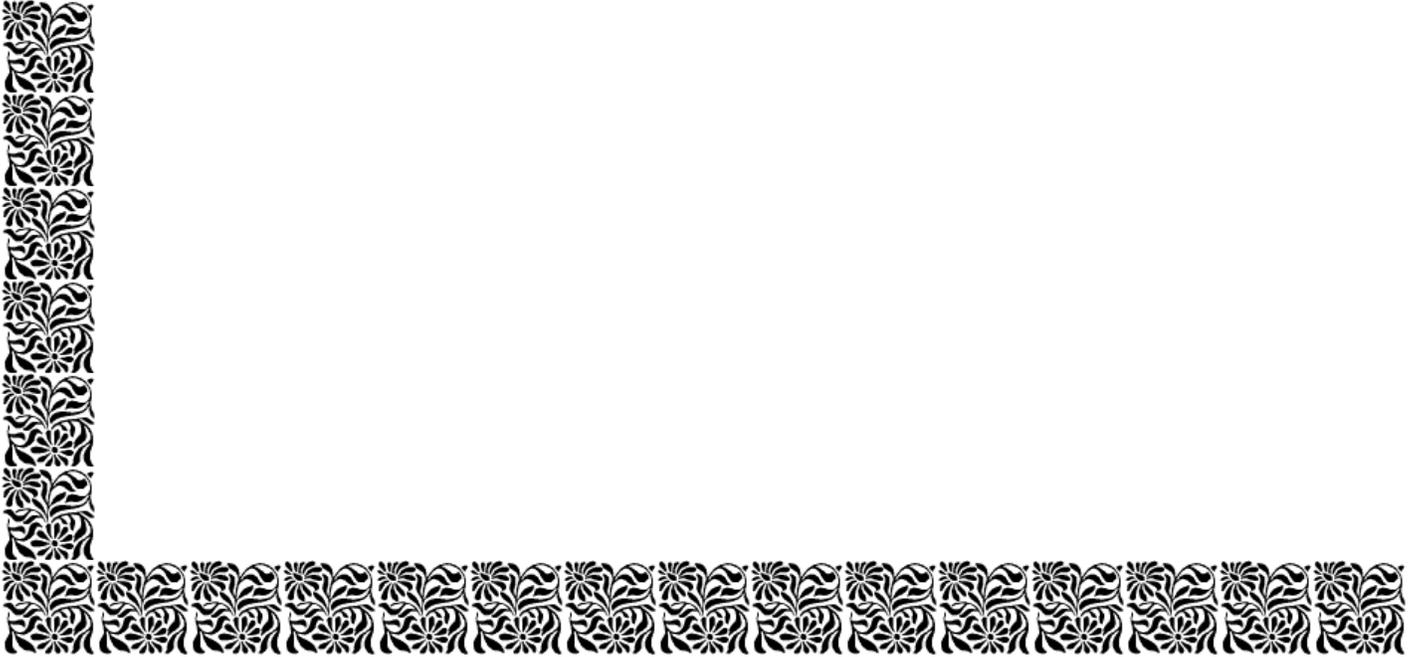
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