





# BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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**OUR OBJECTIVES: GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION**




**SEE END OF HIKE SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION AND CODES FOR HIKES**

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| <u><b>May 22</b></u><br>Sunday<br>9:00 AM       | 20 hwy miles<br>                 | <u><b>Appalachian Trail Work Trip, Stony/Sharp Mts.</b></u><br>Work and location to be determined by the leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear appropriate clothing. Full day or morning option. Meet ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rtes 225 & 325 East (Clarks Valley Road), which is north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, <a href="mailto:athikerjb@aol.com">athikerjb@aol.com</a>  |
| <u><b>May 24</b></u><br>Tuesday<br>9:00 AM      | <b>2-C-5</b><br>8 hwy miles  | <u><b>Boyd Big Tree Conservation Area</b></u><br>Hike on a myriad of trails and woods roads. Bring water, snacks and boots. Optional lunch stop after hike. Meet ONLY at Fort Hunter near the barn. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196  |
| <u><b>May 30</b></u><br>Memorial Day<br>8:30 AM | <b>3-C-8</b><br>20 hwy miles   | <u><b>AT: Duncannon to Rt. 850 – Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week</b></u><br>One substantial climb to Hawk Rock for the first mile, then ridge hike the AT to PA Rt. 850. Meet ONLY at parking area on Rt. 850. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Karen Balaban, 232-3708, <a href="mailto:kmbalaban@Balabanllc.com">kmbalaban@Balabanllc.com</a>  |
| <u><b>May 31</b></u><br>Tuesday<br>5:30 PM      | <b>1-A-3</b><br>0 hwy miles  | <u><b>After Work Sneaker Hike with Congressman Tim Holden and State Representative Ron Buxton – Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week</b></u><br>Enjoy the Harrisburg riverfront and City Island. Voice your concerns about Pennsylvania trails and the environment. Meet ONLY at PennDOT parking lot, 1101 S. Front St. (south of I-83 bridge). Optional: Albany Yankees v. Senators baseball game begins at 6:35 PM. Co-Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357, <a href="mailto:kmbalaban@balabanllc.com">kmbalaban@balabanllc.com</a> |
| <u><b>June 1</b></u><br>Wednesday<br>9:00 AM    | <b>2-C-7</b><br>6 hwy miles<br> | <u><b>Darlington Trail–Lamb’s Gap to Cumberland Valley Overlook and return – Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week</b></u><br><b>Leased dogs are permitted on this hike.</b> Hike on the Darlington Trail to the AT and down to a nice view of Cumberland County from overlook. Bring water, lunch/snacks and boots. Meet ONLY at the large parking area on Rt. 114 near I-81. Leaders: John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, <a href="mailto:pzinn@comcast.net">pzinn@comcast.net</a>   |

**NEXT BUSHWACK BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: AUGUST 1, 2005**  
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<b><u>June 1</u></b> Wednesday 6:00 PM	<b>2-C-4</b> 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Peters Mountain After Work Hike – Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week</u></b> Celebrate Pennsylvania Hiking Week by stretching your legs after work on the way to the summit of Peters Mountain for a fine view of the Susquehanna River. This is an out and back hike on the AT with a vertical climb of approximately 900 feet. Bring hiking boots and water. Meet ONLY parking lot at the junction of US 22/322 and PA 147 near the east shore of the Clark's Ferry Bridge. Leader: Steve Stroman, 233-7019(H), 350-0437(C), <a href="mailto:stroman@penfuture.org">stroman@penfuture.org</a>
<b><u>June 4</u></b> Saturday 9:00 AM	20 hwy miles 	<b><u>Appalachian Trail Work Trip – National Trails Day</u></b> Celebrate National Trails Day! Work and location to be determined by the leader. Bring lunch, water and work gloves. Wear appropriate clothing. Full day or morning option. Meet ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Routes 225 & 325 (Clarks Valley Rd.), which is north of Dauphin. Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, <a href="mailto:athikerjb@aol.com">athikerjb@aol.com</a>
<b><u>June 5</u></b> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>2.5-C-9</b> 80 hwy miles	<b><u>Rocky Knob</u></b> Two miles in on AT. Side trail to Rocky Knob. One long, moderate climb. Bring lunch and water. Alternate meeting place: parking lot at Big Flat 9:35 – 9:45. Leaders: Sam and Barb Harvey, 766-7868
<b><u>June 12</u></b> Sunday 10:00 AM	<b>2-C-4</b> 40 hwy miles	<b><u>King's Gap Environmental Center</u></b> Hike on a number of trails starting at the pond at King's Gap and see a fine view. Bring sturdy shoes, lunch/snacks and water. Alternate meeting place: pond area parking lot at 10:45 AM Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<b><u>June 13</u></b> Monday 6:00 PM	<b>1-A-3</b> 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Boiling Springs Ice Cream Hike</u></b> Easy walking, sneakers are fine. Bring water. Meet ONLY at the Boiling Springs Post Office parking lot. Leaders: Louise and Richard Sis, 774-0196
<b><u>June 18</u></b> Saturday 9:00 AM	<b>2-C-6</b> 20 hwy miles	<b><u>Boyd Tree Conservation Area Loop</u></b> Loop hike through Boyd Big Tree Conservation area and a section of the old Darlington trail along the ridge of Blue Mountain. Bring water and snacks. Alternate meeting place: Boyd Conservation Area parking lot at 9:30 AM. Leaders: Terry and Wanda Godar, 717-502-1034, <a href="mailto:tgodar@verizon.net">tgodar@verizon.net</a>
<b><u>June 19</u></b> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>1-C-8</b> 90 hwy miles	<b><u>Rausch Gap Rail Ramble</u></b> Historical loop hike on relatively flat ground on the Rail-Trail to Rausch Gap then back to Gold Mine on the Upper Rail-Trail. While in Rausch Gap, the hike will slow down to explore the history of the former town. Bushwhacking over rocks and through other obstructions is for certain along with possible stream crossing. Bring lunch, extra drinking water and bug spray; wear sturdy boots. Alternate meeting place: SGL #211 Rail-Trail parking lot on Gold Mine Road (west side) promptly at 10:00 AM. Leaders: Brandy M. Watts, 838-8392, <a href="mailto:Stoney_Valley_History@verizon.net">Stoney_Valley_History@verizon.net</a> ; Annette Watts
<b><u>June 25</u></b> Saturday 9:00 AM	<b>2-C-9</b> 90 hwy miles	<b><u>Gettysburg –2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Days of the Battle</u></b> Bring lunch and water. Hike leaders in period dress with historical commentary along the way. Alternate meeting place: Gettysburg Visitor Center at 10:00 AM Leaders: Louise and Richard Sis, 774-0196
<b><u>June 26</u></b> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>2-C-5</b> 24 hwy miles	<b><u>Miller's Gap to Scott Farm</u></b> Hike from Miller's Gap via Darlington Trail west to the A.T. south on the A.T. to Scott Farm. Wooded, fairly level. One steep downhill grade with view of Cumberland Valley on the south side of Blue Mt. Bring lunch/snacks and water. Hiking boots recommended. Alternate meeting place: Route 114 just north of Rt. 81—Exit 18—parking lot at 9:15 AM. Leader: Thyra Sperry, 258-5262, <a href="mailto:HikeSperry@aol.com">HikeSperry@aol.com</a>
<b><u>June 28</u></b> Tuesday 6:00 PM	<b>2-A-3</b> 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Wildwood Park Ice Cream Hike</u></b> Meet at the Wildwood Park north end parking lot near Route 39. Leaders: Will and Jane Webster, 526-2127

<u><b>June 29</b></u> Wednesday 6:30 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b><u>SATC Board of Directors Meeting</u></b> Members are welcome to attend. Location: East Shore Area Library, Meeting Room A, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg, PA. The Library is located near the Colonial Park Mall. Contact: Barbara Harvey, 766-7868
<u><b>July 10</b></u> Sunday 10:00 AM	<b>2-B-4</b> 15 hwy miles	<b><u>Big Boyd Tree Conservation Area</u></b> Hike on a myriad of trails and woods roads. Some climbs and descents. Bring water, snacks and boots. Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318
<u><b>July 12</b></u> Tuesday 5:30 PM	<b>2-A-3</b> 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Summer Evening Stroll (Prior to Members and Guests' Meeting)</u></b> Hike an easy and pleasant walk on sidewalks before the SATC Members and Guests' Meeting at 6:30 PM. Bring water. Complimentary refreshments will be available at the meeting after the walk. Meet at the West Shore Senior Citizens' Center, 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland. Leaders: John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, pzinn@comcast.net
<u><b>July 12</b></u> Tuesday 6:30 PM	<b>Summer Meeting for Members and Guests</b>	<b><u>Summer Meeting for Members and Guests</u></b> Following refreshments and a review of last quarter's activities, we will schedule hikes and work trips for September, October, and November. Barbara and Sam Harvey will present a slide show on their Ireland and Grand Canyon trips. See article on page 11. Location: West Shore Senior Citizen's Center, 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland, Contact: Barbara Harvey, 766-1318.
<u><b>July 16</b></u> Saturday 9:00 AM	hwy miles vary 	<b><u>Trail Work Trip</u></b> Trail work and location to be determined by leaders. Bring lunch, plenty of water and work gloves. Wear long pants and boots. Meet ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rtes. 225 & 325 East (Clarks Valley Road), which is north of Dauphin. Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, <a href="mailto:ATHIKERJB@aol.com">ATHIKERJB@aol.com</a> ; Tom Scully, 576-0324, <a href="mailto:scully@rjfisher.org">scully@rjfisher.org</a>
<u><b>July 16</b></u> Saturday 1:00 PM	<b>2-E-4</b> 90 hwy miles	<b><u>Tumbling Run to Lewis Rocks In and Out Hike</u></b> We'll climb along scenic Tumbling Run past falls and over large boulders to Lewis Rocks and back. Bring good boots, snacks and water. Leader: Katie Barker, 249-6727
<u><b>July 17</b></u> Sunday 1:00 PM	<b>2-C-5</b> 30 hwy miles	<b><u>Victoria—White Tail—AT</u></b> Hike the Victoria, White Tail and AT trails. Follow the AT to our shelter for a break. Return on the AT and Victoria. There is one long climb. Bring snacks and water. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u><b>July 19</b></u> Tuesday 6:00 PM	<b>1-A-3</b> 0 hwy miles 	<b><u>Hershey Ice Cream Hike</u></b> Meet ONLY at Bullfrog Valley Park, sneakers okay. Bring water. Leaders: Louise and Richard Sis, 774-0196
<u><b>July 23</b></u> Saturday 10:00 AM	<b>2-C-5-7</b> 44 hwy miles	<b><u>Appalachian Trail—Lickdale</u></b> Moderate pace, some steep hills. Wear boots. Bring lunch and water. Ice cream stop after hike. Meet ONLY at Hershey Outlet's Dress Barn/Bus Stop. Leader: Sylvia Miller, 533-5422, <a href="mailto:hiker@paonline.com">hiker@paonline.com</a>
<u><b>July 24</b></u> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>2-C-7</b> 20 hwy miles 	<b><u>Darlington Trail-Lambs Gap to Tower Road and return</u></b> <b>Leased dogs are permitted on this hike.</b> 500 foot climb. Nice evergreen area with stream for our lunch stop. Bring boots, lunch, and water. Alternate meeting place: Lambs Gap Road parking lot on top of Blue Mountain at 9:30 AM. Leaders: John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, <a href="mailto:pzinn@comcast.net">pzinn@comcast.net</a>

<u><b>July 31</b></u> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>2-C-6</b> 25 hwy miles	<u><b>Old Darlington Trail In and Out Hike</b></u> Hike along a section of the old Darlington Trail north of Harrisburg on Blue Mountain. Several gradual climbs and descents. Bring water and snacks. Alternate meeting place: Lower Paxton Township's Hocker Park (top of Blue Mountain) picnic area, west end at 9:30 AM. Leaders: Terry and Wanda Godar, 502-1034, <a href="mailto:tgodar@verizon.net">tgodar@verizon.net</a>
<u><b>August 6</b></u> Saturday	<b>SATC Picnic</b>	<u><b>SATC Annual Picnic</b></u> Join SATC members and families at Governor Stable Park for hiking, food and fun. See article on page 11 for schedule, times, and information.
<u><b>August 7</b></u> Sunday 1:00 PM	<b>2-C-5.6</b> 40 hwy miles	<u><b>The AT on Peter's Mountain</b></u> Hike in and out from Route 325. One long climb. The Club has made many improvements on this section. Come see! Bring snacks and water. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<u><b>August 13</b></u> Saturday 9:00 AM	hwy miles vary  	<u><b>Trail Work Trip</b></u> Trail work and location to be determined by leaders. Bring lunch, plenty of water and work gloves. Wear long pants and boots. Meet ONLY at the parking area at the intersection of Rtes. 225 & 325 East (Clarks Valley Road), which is north of Dauphin. Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281, <a href="mailto:ATHIKERJB@aol.com">ATHIKERJB@aol.com</a> ; Tom Scully, 576-0324, <a href="mailto:scully@rjfisher.org">scully@rjfisher.org</a>
<u><b>August 18</b></u> Thursday 6:00 PM	<b>1-A-3</b> 0 hwy miles 	<u><b>Two Bridges Ice Cream Hike</b></u> Easy walking, sneakers are fine. Hike across the Susquehanna River and around City Island. Bring water. Meet ONLY at the Lemoyne Post Office. Leaders: Louise and Richard Sis, 774-0196
<u><b>August 21</b></u> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>3-C-8</b> 80 hwy miles	<u><b>AT/183 to Hertlein Campsite</b></u> The trail winds west passing a historical marker noting site of Fort Snyder. There is a gradual climb until the pipeline where it drops sharply down to Hertlein campsite. A refreshing lake awaits us. Can wade, explore and have lunch here. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots. Leader: Joyce Kunkle, 273-5605
<u><b>August 28</b></u> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>2-D-6</b> 40 hwy miles 	<u><b>Kinter Point Hike via Victoria, Whitetail and Appalachian Trails</b></u> <b>Leased dogs are permitted on this hike.</b> 1000 foot climb. Panoramic vista. Boots required. Bring lunch and water. Alternate meeting place: parking lot at intersection of Rtes. 225 & 325 at 9:30 AM. Leaders: John and Pat Zinn, 697-0648, <a href="mailto:pzinn@comcast.net">pzinn@comcast.net</a>
<u><b>Sept. 2,3,4,5</b></u> Weekend	<b>3-D-9 to 3-E-10</b> 300+ hwy miles	<u><b>Bean Cove Anniversary Hiking Weekend Bedford Co., PA &amp; Allegany Co., MD</b></u> See <a href="http://www.fleszar.org/bcann05.htm">http://www.fleszar.org/bcann05.htm</a> for full details. Three hikes using the Mid-State Trail, Green Ridge hiking Trail and other trails around the Mason-Dixon Line. \$30 deposit required by August 1 for chalet (first come, first serve until rooms are filled). Other lodging/camping options are available. Meet at the Easter Hill Chalet, Rocky Gap State Park, MD, Interstate 68, exit 50. Leaders: Peter Fleszar and Krista Cessna, 583-2093, <a href="mailto:peter@fleszar.org">peter@fleszar.org</a>

# GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION

## Special Note: Riders' Fees Increased

On April 5, the SATC Board, because the riders' fee was last set when gas prices were about half what it is now, increased the riders' fees to ten cents per mile. If you ride with someone, you should give the driver ten cents times the highway mileage shown on the hike schedule to help defray the cost of transportation as now noted below under "Transportation".



### 1. **MEETING LOCATION**

Unless otherwise noted in the hike schedule, all hikes on weekends and holidays leave from **Fisher Plaza** (entrance to the State Library, access from 7<sup>th</sup> Street) behind the State Capitol Building. Should Fisher Plaza be closed, the alternate meeting site is the parking island in front of the East Gate Office Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, opposite the Herr Street underpass. Five additional minutes will be allowed for arrival at the alternate site.

### 2. **TRANSPORTATION**

If you ride with someone, you should give the driver **10 cents** times the highway mileage shown in the hike schedule to help defray the costs of transportation.

### 3. **REGISTRATION**

All hikers are asked to register with the hike leader at Fisher Plaza or at the trailhead before starting any scheduled hike. Some hikes require advance registration with the hike leader. Please check the schedule for this requirement.

### 4. **NO PETS ALLOWED UNLESS STATED IN THE HIKE SCHEDULE**

### 5. **PACK IN, PACK OUT (LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND)**

### 6. **SMOKING GUIDELINES**

SATC prefers that hikers refrain from the use of tobacco products during Club activities. Smokers are individually responsible for damage to the forests.

## CODES FOR THE HIKE SCHEDULE

### **PACE Codes**

- 1 - Leisurely: nature or historical walk; frequent stops for observation
- 2 - Moderate: steady, 1 to 2 miles per hour (mph)
- 3 - Brisk: steady, 2 to 3 mph
- 4 - Fast: 3 to 4 mph; very short breaks; an anaerobic workout

### **TERRAIN Codes**

- A - Solid pavement/sidewalk
- B - Soft ground/sand/carriage trails; nearly level; few rocks or obstructions (roots)
- C - Some rocks/roots/obstructions; climbs and descents totaling up to 1000 feet possible
- D - Steep hills, rocks/roots/obstructions likely; frequent climbs and descents with a total of more than 1000 feet
- E - Extremely difficult; some or all of these features possible or likely: rough footing (rocks, roots); unbridged stream crossings; non technical rock climbing/scrambling; boulder fields; bushwhacking; individual climbs and descents over

Mileage – Estimated by the hike leader

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear SATC Members,*

*I am having concerns about the SATC becoming reactive instead of proactive. The Club is proud that we helped save Stony Valley. We helped prevent the construction of a hydroelectric plant in the pristine valley full of wonderful hiking trails. However, what energy conservation steps have we taken to help make up for the loss of a clean source of electricity? We as an organization complain about the polluted air on the AT. Have we given up SUVs, high mileage cars, and pickup trucks? It is not the utilities or industry that is causing the large amount of pollution. It is each one of us. We have not conserved electricity in our homes. We have not tried to conserve gasoline by car pooling or using public transit.*

*I suggest that we become proactive in energy conservation by, first, setting examples. Let us start by using fluorescent bulbs in our homes, keeping the heat set at 64 degrees and the air conditioning set at 78 degrees, and not using outdoor Christmas lights, to name a few. Let us start objecting to housing developments requiring that you use a dryer to dry your clothes. (How much extra power is used in drying clothes in a dryer vs. line drying?) Let us start car pooling or taking public transportation to work. Let us encourage everyone to do the same. Let us write to our representatives in both Harrisburg and Washington to enact legislation to increase the efficiency of appliances and vehicles. Let us become proactive in energy conservation.*

*Happy Trails, Barb Harvey*



Special thanks:

To Mary Ludes, longtime member since the 1960s, who has generously donated hiking equipment to our club. She has hiked and traveled around the world, but is not able to use the equipment anymore.

To Kris Kyler for setting up the banquet. It was a great evening, but a poor turnout. Let us know what we can do to improve attendance.

To Fred Cox for doing the database, creating a new members application, and making a new members booklet.

To John Zerphey for creating the new club brochure.

To John Zinn, the new Editor of the Bushwack Bulletin.

To Chris and Lisa Seiders, the new Database Managers.

To Allison MacGillivray for her fine work as Editor of the Bushwack Bulletin over the past two plus years.

To John and Pat Zinn for manning the SATC display table on Earth Day at Mechanicsburg Naval Depot.

To all of the board members, committee members, and those who did special projects or tasks.

To this year's hike leaders through May 31: Karen Balaban, Katie Barker, Frank Bohn, Susanne Donmoyer, Janet Eshleman, Laurel Fleszar, Terry and Wanda Godar, Jane and Randy Greber, Richard Green, Barb Harvey, Kris Kyler, John Lenahan, Allison MacGillivray, Ron Manweiler, Dick Martin, Silvia Miller, Tom Scully, Louise and Rick Sis, Thyra Sperry, Barbara Van Horn, Mary and Phil Walsh, John Zerphey and Pat and John Zinn.

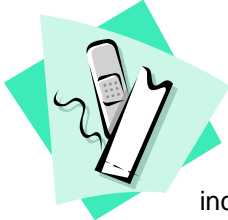
To this year's trail workers through April 30: Tim Bachman, Leo Boyer, Jeff Buehler, Jack Bushey, Lee Casher, Dan Christopher, Susanne and Carl Donmoyer, Robert Doren, Gene Evans, Sara Ford, Sean Gimbel, Barb and Sam Harvey, Carolyn Jones, Gary LaBelle, Joshua McKinney, Dan Ocko, Charlie Paul, Tom Scully, Daryl Stahl, John Stein, Park Trullinger, Neal Watson, Jane and Will Webster, Jeff Willard, Pat Yale and John Zinn.



## Email Changes Requested

Please check to see if the email listed in our Directory is correct. Emails change frequently. When you email changes please notify the Secretary at [hikemartin@aol.com](mailto:hikemartin@aol.com) or 258-5261. This will help us notify you of our Club's activities. Please notify us as well when your name, address, or phone numbers change.

Thank you, Dick Martin, Board Secretary



### Wilderness First Aid Course - June 18-19

An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted in Harrisburg, PA. The course includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification. The cost is \$160.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information phone (703) 836-8905 or visit <http://wfa.net>.

## NEW MEMBERS

*Please join us in welcoming these new members:*

Darla Allen	Hershey	Stephen Mack	Mechanicsburg
Laurene Baker	Camp Hill	Sandy Marrero	New Cumberland
Craig Barnhart	Mechanicsburg	Stephanie Posey	Dillsburg
Marjorie Berkheimer	Boiling Springs	Edward K. Schatz	Elliottsburg
Steven E. Buss	Middletown	Jeff Schiefer	Harrisburg
Tom & Michelle Daunton	Hummelstown	Daryl Stahl	Enola
Daniel & Adeline Farber	Harrisburg	Richard & Rhonda Stiver	Bainbridge
Andrew Hutnik	Elizabethtown	Kathleen Wildauer	Camp Hill
Carolyn K. Jones	Lemoyne	Kevin G. Wilson	Mechanicsburg
Alphus S. Klinger II	Hegins	John J. Wojcik	Camp Hill
Stephen Klotz	Jacobus	Beth Wojcik	Camp Hill
Jamie Leiberher	Jonestown	Christian & Amber Zuna	New Cumberland

### Our Treasury, March 31, 2005

Checking Account	\$645.12
Interest bearing Checking	\$1,765.77
Vanguard Fund	\$11,321.67
Land Purchase-Restricted	\$3,089.17



## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

JUNE 4, 2005

**"TAKE THE PATH TO A HEALTHIER YOU"**

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day is the only nationwide trails celebration, bringing together thousands of outdoor enthusiasts to participate in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects on the first Saturday of June. Check the KTA and other hiking websites for events near you. The SATC is having a National Trails Day work trip up in the Peter's Mountain area. Meet at the parking lot at the intersection of Rtes. 225 and 325 above Dauphin at 9:00. The Lebanon Hiking Club is hiking five miles on the AT from the Carlisle Pike (Rt. 11) to Sterrets Gap Road (Rt. 944). Meet at 9:15 at the AT bridge over Rt. 11. Contact Lois at 737-0753 for details.



## SATC Joins Opposition to "Land Swap" in Stony Valley

The SATC's Board voted to support the Stony Valley Coalition's opposition to the proposed "Land Swap" in the Valley. Stony Valley (Saint Anthony's Wilderness) is a unique area. Our state government recognized that fact twenty-five years ago, when Governor Thornburgh signed the Stony Creek Wild and Scenic River Act (Act 18 of 1980).

The Act protects the 16-mile mainstream of Stony Creek, three tributary streams and related adjacent land areas (from the headwaters in Lebanon County to the Pennsylvania Game Commission gate at Ellendale Forge). The National Guard (Fort Indiantown Gap) now wants 2100 acres of that land, claiming that Second Mountain is not sufficient as a backstop for their firing range. Their problem of "escaped ordnance" is a result of poor performance of Range Safety Officers, not to any new technology.

This unique area must be protected. Once the land is transferred, there would be no state control over what happens to it in the future. In addition, recent

Federal Administration policy has been to exempt military facilities from most environmental rules.

SATC joins the many other organizations that have organized to fight this threat to this unique local historical and natural treasure. We feel that the National Guard would not be a responsible environmental steward; Stony Creek Valley should be protected under the stewardship of the Pennsylvania Game Commission as long as streams flow and trees grow.

The Stony Creek Valley Coalition has been reactivated to oppose the transfer of this land from the Pennsylvania Game Commission to Fort Indiantown Gap.

For further information, contact:

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Also, see [www.savestonyvalley.com](http://www.savestonyvalley.com)

Richard A. Martin, Secretary

## Understanding the Land Swap Proposal

According to National Guard officials, approximately 2,100 acres of land, if the proposal comes to fruition, will serve as a buffer zone and safety zone for future firing ranges along the installation's northern border. The exchange would involve the National Guard purchasing 2,100 acres of land around DeHart Reservoir, owned by the Harrisburg City Authority, and swapping this land with 2,100 acres of land owned by Pennsylvania Game Commission on State Game Lands 211.

The State Game Lands tract the National Guard is seeking to swap runs adjacent to the installation's north boundary on Second Mountain in Lebanon and Dauphin counties. The land is located near the peak of Second Mountain and runs to the mountain's north base in Stony Valley. The tract's east boundary is Cold Spring Road, Cold Spring Township, Lebanon County; the west boundary is in Middle Paxton Township, Dauphin County; the north boundary is the foot of Second Mountain, some 50 meters short of Stony Creek. The land purchased from the Harrisburg City Authority will become part

of SGL 211 and connect with SGL 210 at several locations making it the largest contiguous Game Land in Pennsylvania.

National Guard officials claim they will build parking areas along the top of Second Mountain to increase access to the land, undertake a number of flora and fauna surveys and incorporate the new area into existing wildlife research and management programs. Environmental surveys will also be performed on all properties involved with this proposed land swap. The surveys will be part of the current Environmental Impact Statement being prepared in connection with the transformation of Pennsylvania's 56th Brigade into one of six Stryker Brigades in the United States. The new Stryker Brigade will field the Army's most advanced technology in the Pennsylvania National Guard and will involve federal expenditures of about \$1.5 billion. Guard officials have scheduled a public meeting at the Fort Indiantown Gap Community Club May 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., to discuss this proposal with the public.



## CLUB SNIPPETS

### Stony Valley Coalition Hikes Set

The Stony Valley Coalition sponsored a well-publicized hike on April 17, 2005 to protest against the land swap proposal. Additional hikes are set for May 22 and 26. Participants are asked to meet at the Stony Creek game lands' gate at 8:00 AM. Hikers walk the entire eighteen miles of the railroad bed, and then shuttled back to the parking area. Bikers ride in and out for a total of thirty-six miles. Interested hikers may call Gene Stilp at 443-6421.

### New SATC Brochure Published

John Zerphy recently redesigned our "Take a Hike" brochure that explains the club's purpose and briefly describes what we as members do. A membership application is included. We need volunteers to place these brochures in libraries, schools, fitness centers, trail boxes, etc. Please pick some up from Louise Sis or John Zerphy, keep them in a safe place in your car, and when you go to a library or a place suitable to display the brochure ask if you could display our brochure.

### Frank Bohn becomes President of the Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club (CVATC)

Frank Bohn, an active hike leader and member of SATC, is now President of the trail club immediately to the west of our club. Frank has organized out-of-state trips for our club and routinely has slides for us to view at our various functions. We wish Frank success in his endeavors at CVATC.

### Jane Greber Gets the Boot

The Giant Boot Award this year went to Jane Greber, a former Board President, for her dedicated work over the years for SATC. Jane's many accomplishments include the construction of the Peter's Mountain Shelter and leading work trips to relocate the A.T. near Route 225. Among the many



hikes she has led is the popular "full moon annivers

ary hike". She brought SATC into cyberspace during her presidency by creating the Club website. Since 2000, She has volunteered and co-lead a SATC sponsored outreach program working with urban youth to experience the A.T. through day hiking and overnight backpacking (Harrisburg Boys and Girls Clubs).

The Trailmaster, Jeff Buehler presented the award at our annual spring banquet. Certificates were also given to all hike leaders and trail workers over the past twelve months.



Barb Harvey and Kris Kyler on Hawk Rock - April 10

### New Directors Approved

At the March 19, 2005 Banquet, club members approved the nominated Directors: Stacey Creech, Jonathan Kohn, and Richard Green. The three individuals will serve a two-year term ending March 2007. Our other Directors, Sharon Brumbaugh, John Lenahan and Barbara Van Horn will complete their two-year term in March 2006. A complete list of Directors with contact information is provided on page 14. The traditional hike up to Hawk Rock to install the directors was held on April 10.

## Board supports Wilderness Proposal for the Allegheny National Forest

The Wilderness Proposal for Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest has identified a total of 54,460 acres of public land in eight different tracts within the proclaimed boundaries of the National Forest that qualify for inclusion in America's National Wilderness Preservation System. On April 5, 2005, the SATC Board passed a motion to endorse the goal of establishing these wilderness areas in the National Forest.

## Avid Hiker to Leave Area

Bonnie Booth, long time club member, hiker, hike leader, and former Board Director is going west to Boulder, Colorado. She is trading the Appalachian Trail for a go at the Continental Divide Trail. Bonnie is best known for her card parties, St. Patrick's Day parties, and organized trips to the western states and overseas. Bonnie will be missed by her many companions and friends she had made in our club.

Goodbye Bonnie

## NINTH YEAR OF THE KEYSTONE TRAIL CREW SET

The Keystone Trail Crew, sponsored by KTA, will again have three weeks of volunteer hiking trail maintenance in the month of June. The workweek will run from Wednesday through Sunday. The dates are:

June 8 thru June 12, Mid-State Trail Southern Extension

June 15 thru June 19, Mid-State Trail Northern Extension

June 22 thru 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, email [jnlhealey@aol.com](mailto: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.

**How Many Miles Did You Hike with the Club Last Year?**

**How Many Hiker and Backpacker Miles Last Quarter?**

**Who Hiked the Most Miles?**

**Who Was on the Most Hikes?**

**How Many Miles Did You Backpack Last Year?**

**Who Led the Most Hikes Last Quarter and Last Year?**

With the additional information that will be recorded in the Club database, the answer to these questions and many more will be readily available. Statistical reports of overall Club activities can be published in each issue of the Bushwack Bulletin. Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet for a number of different categories.

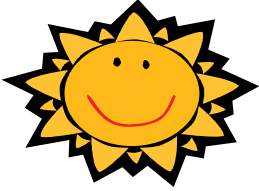
What is required to accomplish these results? The database has been augmented to record needed information but it is necessary that Hike Leaders send the Hike sign-up sheets to the Database Manager in a timely fashion. It is also necessary that each member write their name clearly on the sign-up sheets so their name can be read. Information will be recorded only for Club members.

The addition of hike and hiker information to the Club Computer Database was approved at the April 5, 2005 Board meeting.

Fred Cox  
Database Manager

## CLUB NOTICES

### Summer Meeting for Members and Guests West Shore Senior Citizens' Center 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 PM Before Meeting Hike at 5:30



We will plan our hikes and work trips for the upcoming quarter. Recent activities will be discussed. Bring your questions and ideas. Barb and Sam Harvey will show their slides of their inn-to-inn Ireland trip and their Grand Canyon trip. Contact: Barb Harvey, 766-7868

### SATC Annual Picnic Saturday, August 6 at Governor Stable Park

Come and have fun at our summer picnic at Governor Stable Park. Barbeque and drinks will be supplied. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Directions: from Route 230, take 441 toward Columbia and Marietta. Turn left on Turnpike Road at Falmouth (near TMI south entrance). You will pass a "Home of the Goat Races" sign. Go one mile and turn right onto Governor Stable Road. Park is several hundred yards on the left.

From Marietta and Columbia, take Route 441 toward Middletown. Turn right on Turnpike Road. Go one mile and turn right on Governor Stable Road. Park is several hundred yards on the left. Park in the lot by the pavilion.

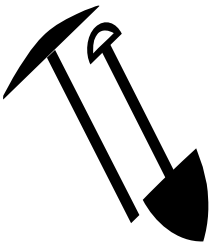


#### Schedule:

- 9:00 AM: Optional meeting at Fisher Plaza for carpooling to Governor Stable Park.
- 9:30 AM: Meet at Gov. Stable Park parking lot for hike along the Conoy Canal Trail.
- 12:30 PM: Meet at the pavilion for the picnic.

Contact: Barb Harvey, 766-7868 or Kris Kyler 986-3114

## TRAILMASTER'S REPORT



A good turnout of energetic and enthusiastic volunteers for the last quarter's club work trips allowed us to work on a number of projects.

In January, on a call-up work trip, we started working on the previously approved Appalachian Trail relocation around the Fumitory Rocks. Fumitory Rocks is located 1.4 miles north on the trail from the Rte. 225 trailhead parking area on Peter's Mountain. The new linear, parallel relocation on the ridge top will bypass the rocky, unstable footing over Fumitory Rocks that is said to be the only place along the A.T. where the climbing fumitory plant is found. The rocks are better known to trail maintainers for their abundant growth of poison ivy. This short, 800 foot long relocation should be open by this summer.

Another call-up work trip in February on a cold, but sunny day saw us on our very first club work trip on our newly assigned section of the A.T. on Stony & Sharp Mountains. We cut and cleared countless tree blow downs off the trail between Rte. 325 in Clark's Valley to the Yellow Springs Trail. Assigned trail maintainers did the same north of Yellow Springs over to the Rausch Gap area on two subsequent outings.

In March and April, we did some drainage work on the newly relocated A.T. section just south of Rte. 325 on Peter's Mountain. This section was just opened last fall but the wet conditions of early spring pointed out the need for additional water diversion structures and trail hardening techniques through muddy wet areas. In addition, in early April we did some work near Peter's Mountain Shelter. Privy maintenance was done; check dams were built to curb erosion on a section of trail south of the shelter; and about a mile away at the Table Rock View, rock steps were installed to narrow and stabilize the short blue-blazed trail to the view point.

As noted above, we sometimes have "call-up" work trips in addition to ones scheduled in our newsletter for emergency trail work or when weather conditions are favorable for some types of work. I contact potential volunteers through an E-mail list I maintain of those who expressed interest in being notified for such trips (Such trips are also included on our website if I can give enough advance notice to our club webmaster). If you would like to be added to this list for future notification of non-scheduled work trips, please contact me. Thanks to all club work trip volunteers and trail maintainers for your hard work.

Jeff Buehler, SATC Trailmaster

## 2004 Volunteer Hours Report

The following is a breakdown of the number of volunteers and hours they spent working on trails maintained by SATC. This information is requested by the Keystone Trails Association on a calendar year basis who combines the same information from other trail maintaining organizations and individuals and forwards the totals to the various state agencies to let them know how much volunteer time is spent on maintaining trails in Pennsylvania.

Trail	Miles	# Volunteers	Hours Field	Hours Travel
Appalachian Trail	20.5	44	736	224
Darlington Trail	7.5	7	105	31
Whitetail Trail	1.2	6	325	75

Jeff Buehler,  
SATC Trailmaster

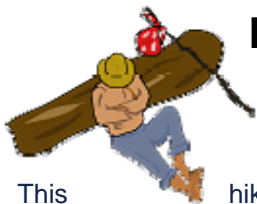
## "My Favorite Hike" articles In the Bushwack Bulletin

To SATC members,

If you're eager to see a new "My Favorite Hike" article in the Bushwack, you might consider writing one. We will not have articles unless we have authors.

Think back about your neatest, most memorable hike, compose something and e-mail your articles to [ForestCoalition@aol.com](mailto:ForestCoalition@aol.com)

You might become a published author.



## MY FAVORITE HIKES

### My Favorite (First) Hike with SATC

This hike might not have been "my favorite", but to me it was! It probably was my most memorable one because I was out hiking with SATC for the first time! I remember calling the leader, Susanne Donmoyer, to ask if I could wear sneakers and she said "okay." I had never actually hiked before but I was a good walker, having walked about 3 to 4 miles a day with my dog. I do know that I watched the Patriot and would read about the hikes but never went. It was the Sunday after Thanksgiving and I was not going to sit at home! That particular hike was outside of Tower City and had a history of strip mining with it and



remnants of mining communities in the mountains. However, the nicest part of the hike was meeting a very friendly organization that became my weekend scene. I became a hikaholic, going almost every weekend to a hike. Eventually, I came to lead a hike the following fall/winter—not exactly by my wish. I had met a woman on a hike and became friends with her and she put her hand up at a hiking meeting to say she would lead a hike along with myself. We scouted our hike, etc. but when the time it came to do it, she had taken a job with a national park out west for the winter season, so it was up to me to do it alone. Anyway, the rest is a long story. Since my first hike, I have been on many hikes and lead some each year. Pat Zinn



Pat Zinn leads dog hike on March 19



Louise Sis points to the Caribbean from Table Rock

## The Membership Form Has Been Revised

The Membership Form is used for multiple purposes:

- (1) Providing data and the payment of dues for new members
- (2) Processing payment of renewal dues
- (3) Ordering trail maps and books
- (4) Recording corrections for names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.

The primary revisions involve:

- (a) Requesting more information from new members so we can better provide a hike and backpack program that meets their interests;
- (b) Specifying that, when there is no change in data (address etc.), it is only necessary in connection with a renewal of dues payment to print names in the space provided, complete dues payment information and sign the form. Printing of the name is requested so we can be sure the dues payment is being recorded for the correct member.

Present members are invited to complete the hike/backpack and volunteer questions when making a dues renewal payment; the information will be recorded in the database for future program planning use. In particular, members are requested to indicate their willingness to become hike and/or backpack leaders. The new form is on the inside of the back cover page.

Fred Cox, Database Manager



## Club Historian Needed

SATC needs a club historian. This involves caring for the archives. We are seeking someone to organize the archives and keep them up to date. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Barbara Harvey [bjaneharvey@aol.com](mailto:bjaneharvey@aol.com) or (717) 766-7868.